

ICELAND SPRING BREAK TRIP 2023

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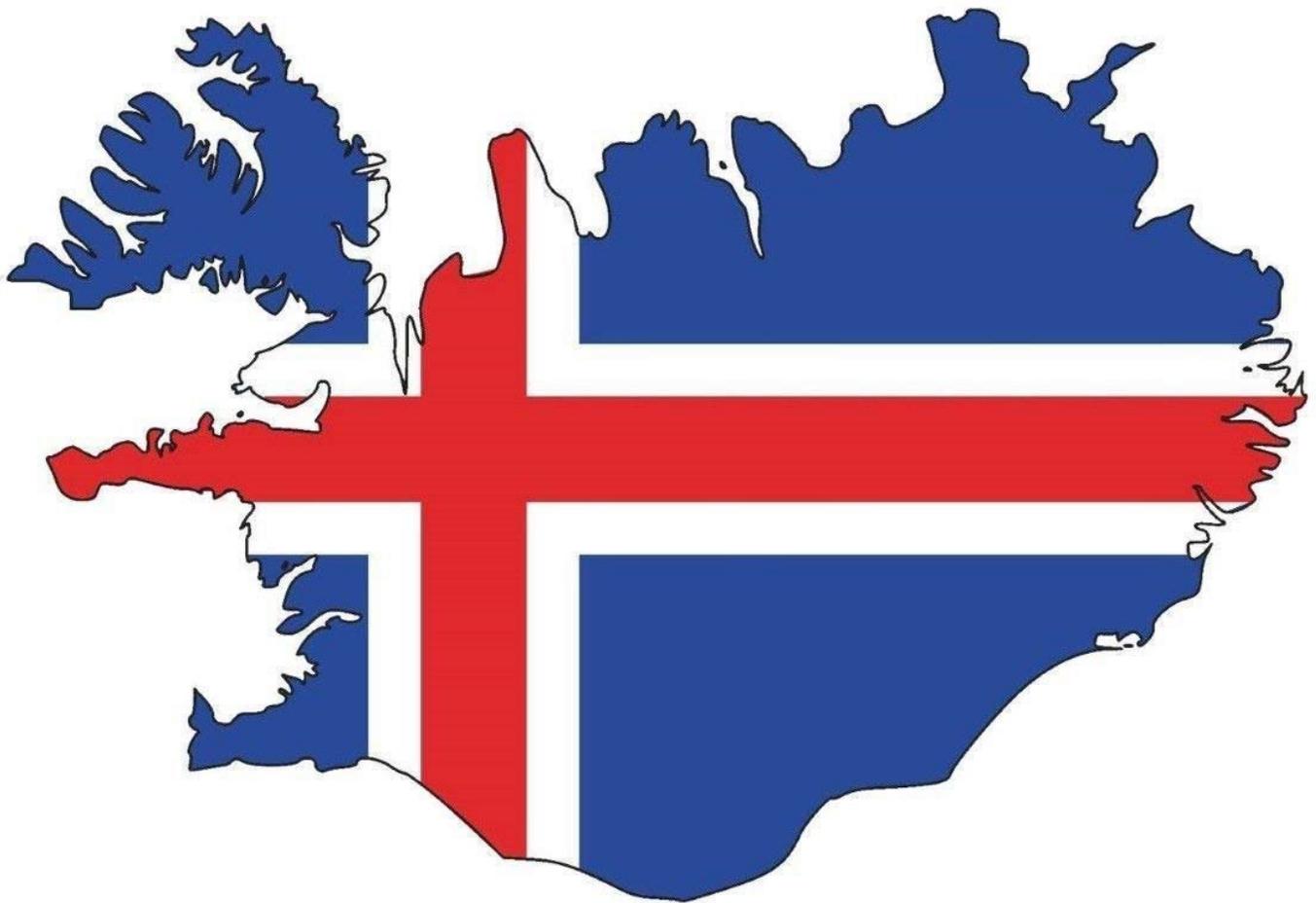


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BRIEF ITINERARY

Day 1: Saturday, March 4th, 2023 – Board flight

7:40 PM: Depart from Dulles, Washington, DC (IAD) Icelandair – Flight 644 (economy)

***YOU WILL NEED TO GET YOURSELF TO DULLES AIRPORT
PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 2 HOURS BEFORE THE FLIGHT***

Day 2: Sunday, March 5th, 2023 – Reykjanes Peninsula

6:35: Arrive in Keflavik, Iceland on the Reykjanes Peninsula (30 miles south of Reykjavik)

7:30: After clearing customs, we'll meet by the café.

8:00: Grab breakfast at the airport

8:30: Load into the bus. Here is the info for the bus company:

SBA - Norðurleið (<https://www.sba.is/en>)

Hjallahraun 2, 220 Hafnarfjörður, Iceland

Email: sba@sba.is, Phone number: +354 5 500 770

Emergency number: +354 858 0720

9:00: Stop at Bridge between Two Continents near Sandvik. We'll talk about Mid Atlantic Ridge, the boundary between the North American Plate and the Eurasian Plate.

10:00: Valahnúkamöl cliff. See the contact between tuff and pillow lava.

11:00: Gunnuhver hot spring and an introduction to geothermal activity.

12:30: Lunch in Grindavik – There is a café called Café Bryggjan (<https://www.bryggjan.com/>) that should be fine....

2:00 PM: Check into the guesthouse in Grindavik

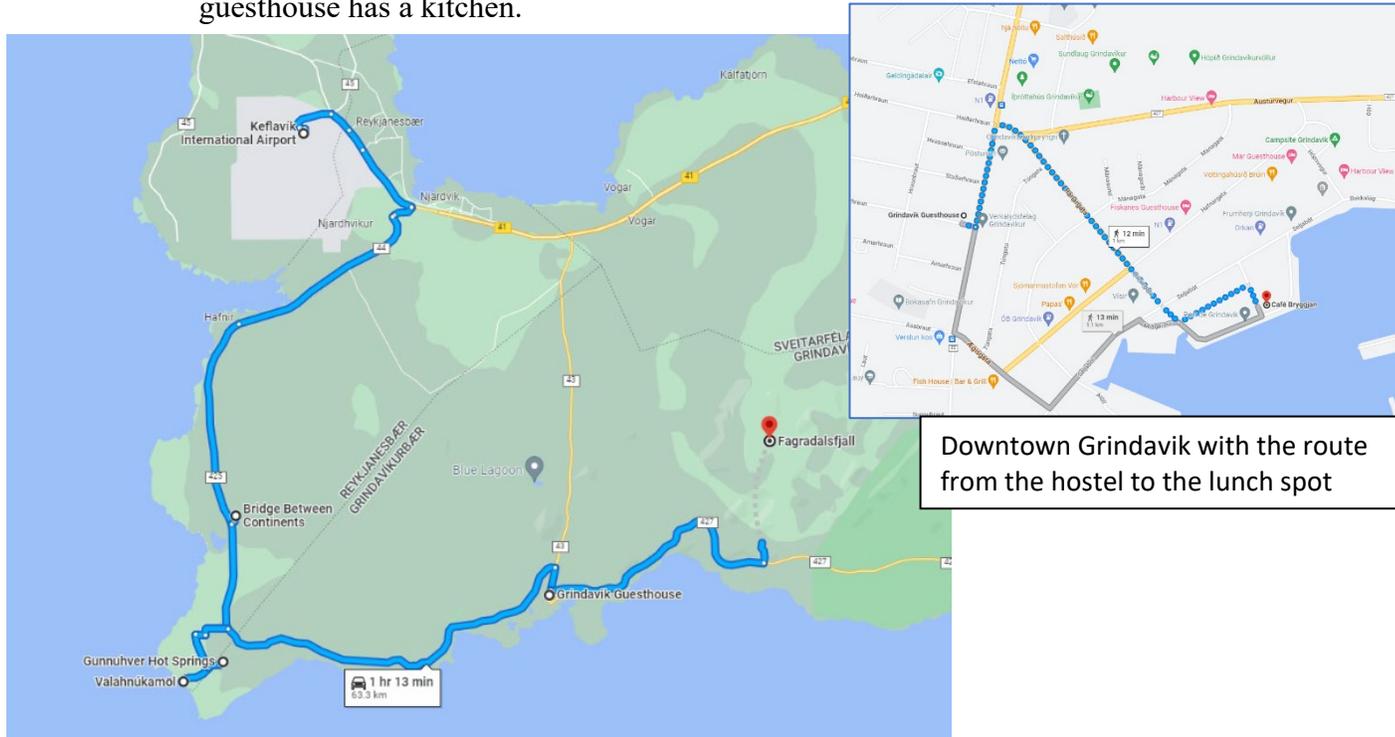
Grindavik Guesthouse (<https://www.grindavikguesthouse.is/>)

Borgarhraun 2, 240 Grindavík, Iceland

Email: info@grindavikguesthouse.is, Phone: +3545114646

3:00 PM: Hike to Fagradalsfjall Volcano (Sunset is at 6:58 PM)

6:30 PM: Return to guesthouse, fend for yourself for dinner. You could go out or cook, the guesthouse has a kitchen.



Day 3: Monday, March 6th, 2023 – Grindavik to Vestmannaeyjar

7:00AM: Wake up, pack up, breakfast is provided at the guesthouse.

8:00AM: Load the bus and leave the guesthouse

10:00AM: Arrive at LAVA Centre (<https://lavacentre.is/>) and tour the museum, people can buy lunch here or on the ferry to Vestmannaeyjar

12:30PM: Depart from the LAVA Centre

1:00PM: Board the ferry and depart for Vestmannaeyjar

2:00PM: Arrive Vestmannaeyjar, check-in to the guesthouse

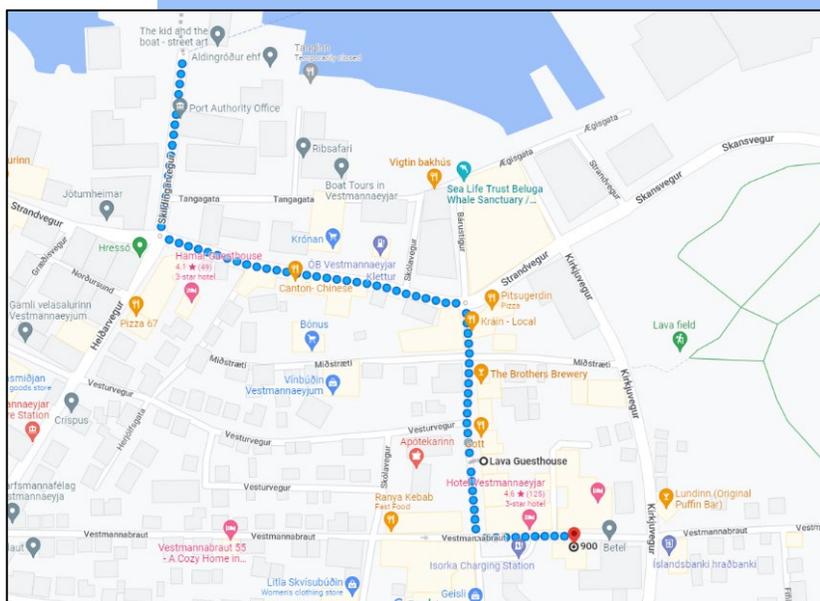
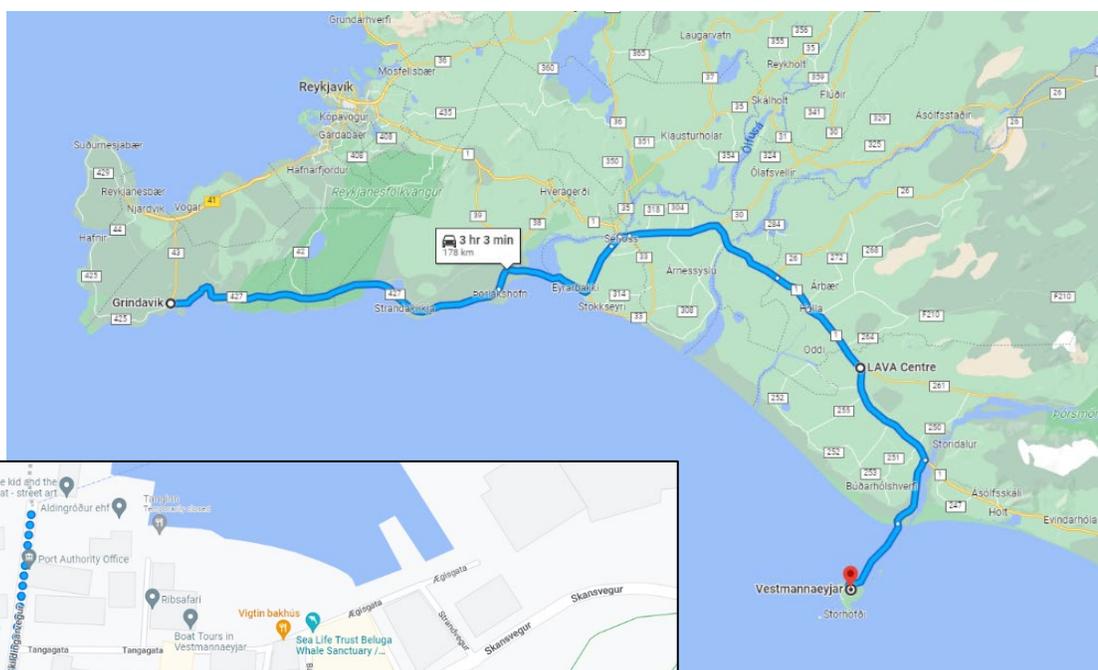
Lava Guesthouse (<https://lavaguesthouse.com/>)

Bárustígur 13, 900 Vestmannaeyjabær, Iceland

Email: info@lavaguesthouse.com Phone: +354 659 5400

3:00PM: Eldheimar Volcano Museum (<https://www.eldheimar.is/>)

6:00PM: Group dinner at 900 Grillhouse (<http://www.900grillhus.is/>)



Downtown Vestmannaeyjar with the route from the ferry terminal to the guesthouse and dinner location

Day 4: Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 – Vestmannaeyjar to the Rift Valley

7:00AM: Breakfast in the guesthouse, pack up, and load into the buses.

Breakfast is not included, so probably grab something at the store the night before...

8:00AM: Leave the hostel and drive around the island, first stop Elephant Rock

9:00AM: Pirate Cove & Storfhöfði - south edge of the island, hike around, good view of Surtsey

11:00AM: Climb Eldfell Volcano

1:00PM: Go into town, grab lunch on your own, and wait for ferry

2:00PM: Board the ferry and depart for the mainland

3:30PM: Reach Landeyjahöfn and drive to the guesthouse

5:30PM: Check-in at the guesthouse

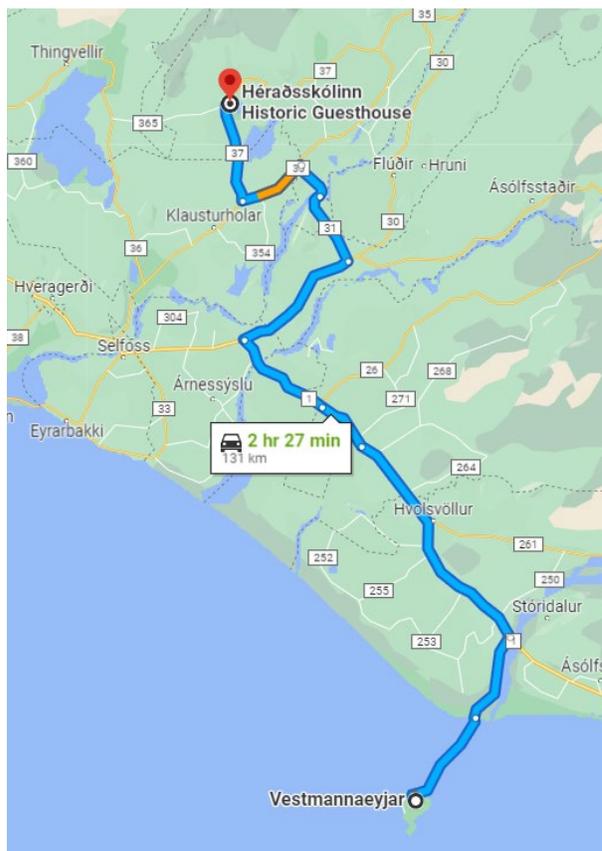
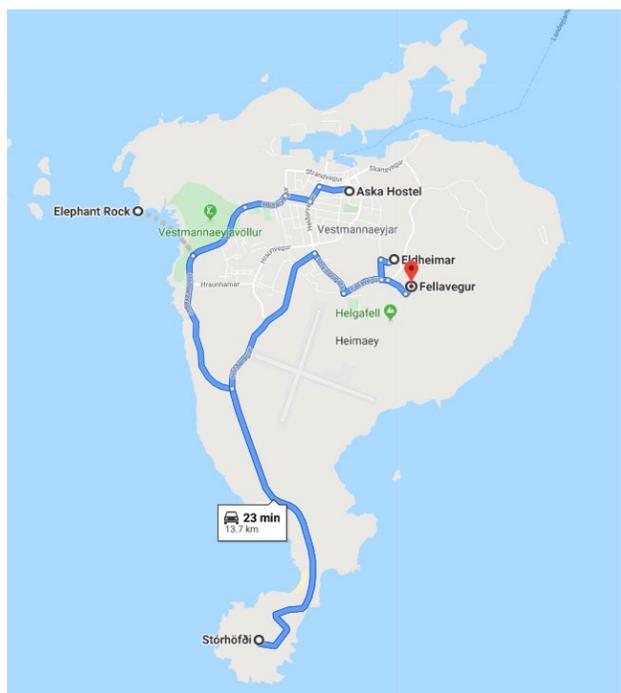
Héraðsskólinn Guesthouse (<https://heradsskolinn.is/contact/>)

840 Laugarvatn, Iceland

Email: booking@heradsskolinn.is, Phone: +354 537 8060

6:00PM: Group dinner at the guesthouse

That evening: I am hoping this location will give us a good shot at seeing the Aurora Borealis



Day 5: Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 – Waterfalls, Glaciers and Vik Beaches

7:00AM: Wake-up, breakfast is provided by the guesthouse.

8:30AM: Depart from the hostel

11:00AM: Arrive at Vik – Walk along the beach

12:00PM: Lunch at the beach! (Our guesthouse will be providing box lunches to take with us)

1:00PM: Arrive at Renisfjara Beach

2:00PM: Arrive at Dyrhólaey Viewpoint

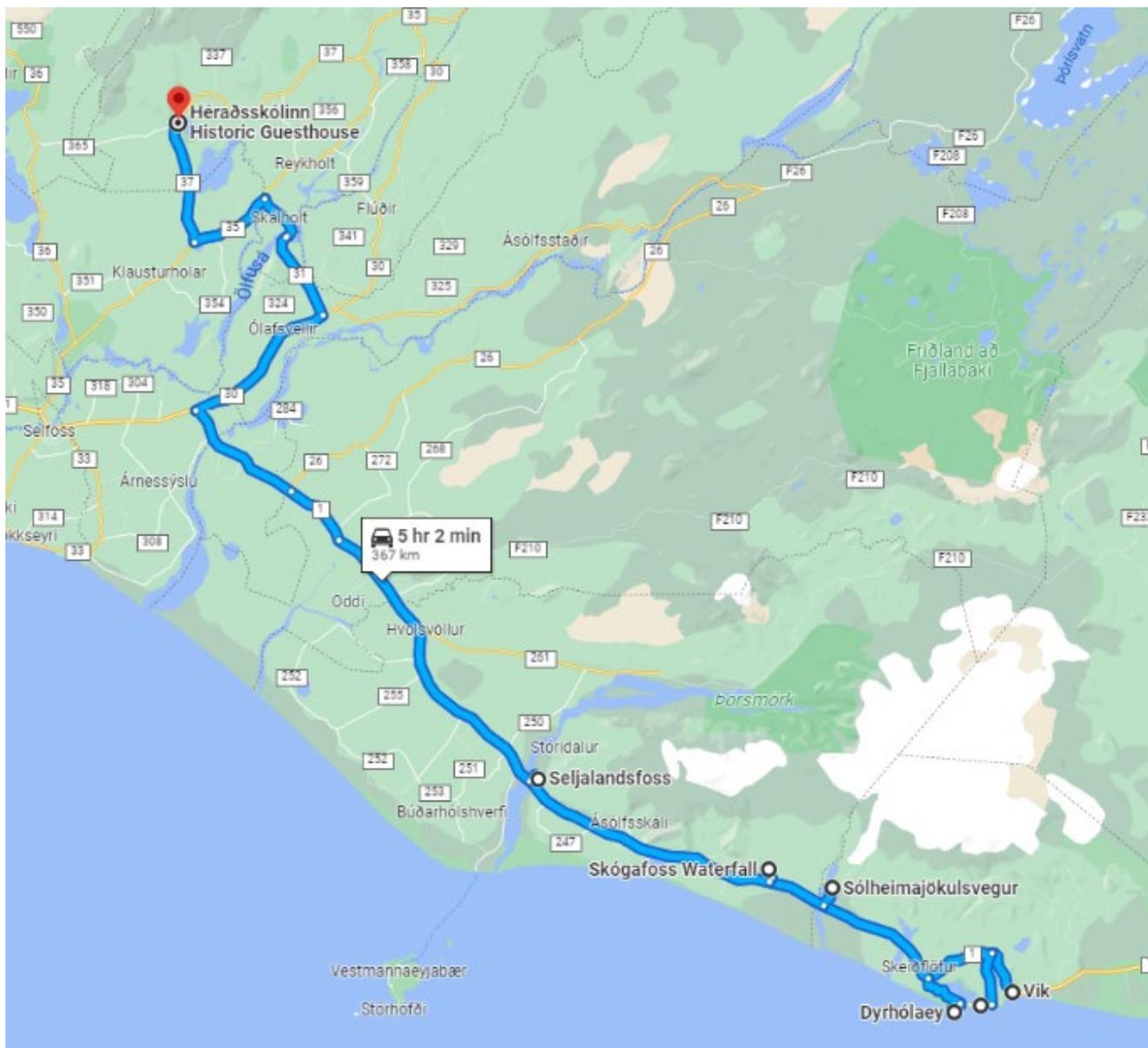
3:00PM: Sólheimajökulsvegur Glacier

4:30PM: Arrive at Skógafoss waterfall.

5:15PM: Arrive at Seljalandsfoss waterfall.

6:30PM: Arrive back at the guesthouse

7:00PM: Group meal at the guesthouse



Day 6: Thursday, March 9th, 2023 – Þingvellir, Geysir, Gullfoss, and Hot Springs

7:00AM: Wake-up, breakfast at the guesthouse

8:30AM: Depart for Þingvellir National Park

9:00AM: Arrived at Þingvellir National Park

9:30AM: Walk to the Law Rock and through the rift valley

11:00AM: Depart for Geysir

12:00PM: Arrive at Geysir, have lunch at the café (Our guesthouse will be providing box lunches to take with us)

1:00PM: Walk the hydrothermal spring and geyser trail

1:45PM: Leave for Gullfoss (Golden Waterfalls)

2:00PM: Arrive at Gullfoss visit the fall and visitor's center

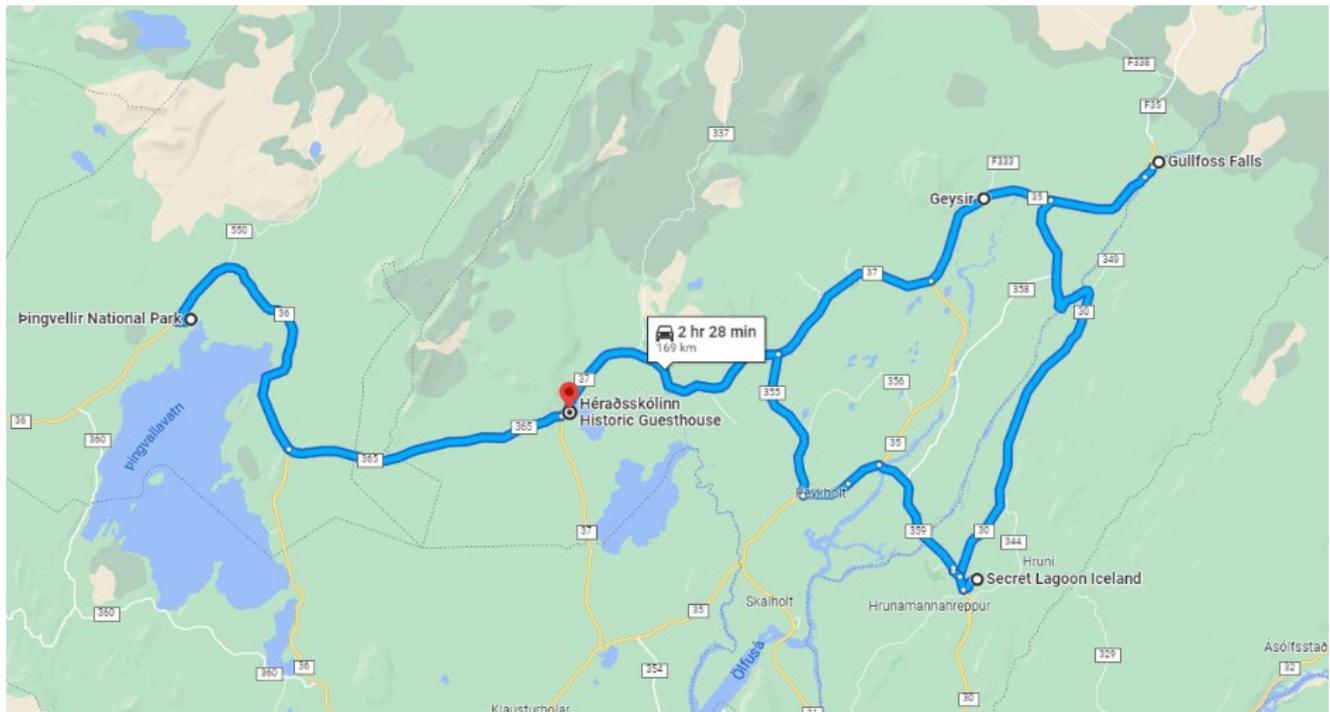
2:30PM: Depart for Secret Lagoon Hot Springs, Fludir (<https://secretlagoon.is/>)

3:00PM: Arrive at Secret Lagoon Hot Springs

5:00PM: Depart for the guesthouse or Dinner in Fludir? (<https://minilik.is/>)

6:00PM: Arrive at the guesthouse

6:30PM: Group dinner



Day 7: Friday, March 10th, 2023 – Raurfarholshellir Lava Tube, Hellisheiði Power Plant, and Reykjavik

7:00AM: Wake-up, have breakfast, pack our things, and load the vans.

8:00AM: Depart for Raurfarholshellir Lava Tube

9:00AM: Take a tour of the Raurfarholshellir Lava Tube (<http://thelavatunnel.is/>)

11:00AM: Take a tour of the Hellisheiði Power Plant geothermal museum and tour (<https://www.on.is/en/geothermal-exhibition/>)

12:30PM: Finished tour. Have lunch. (Our guesthouse will provide box lunches to take with us)

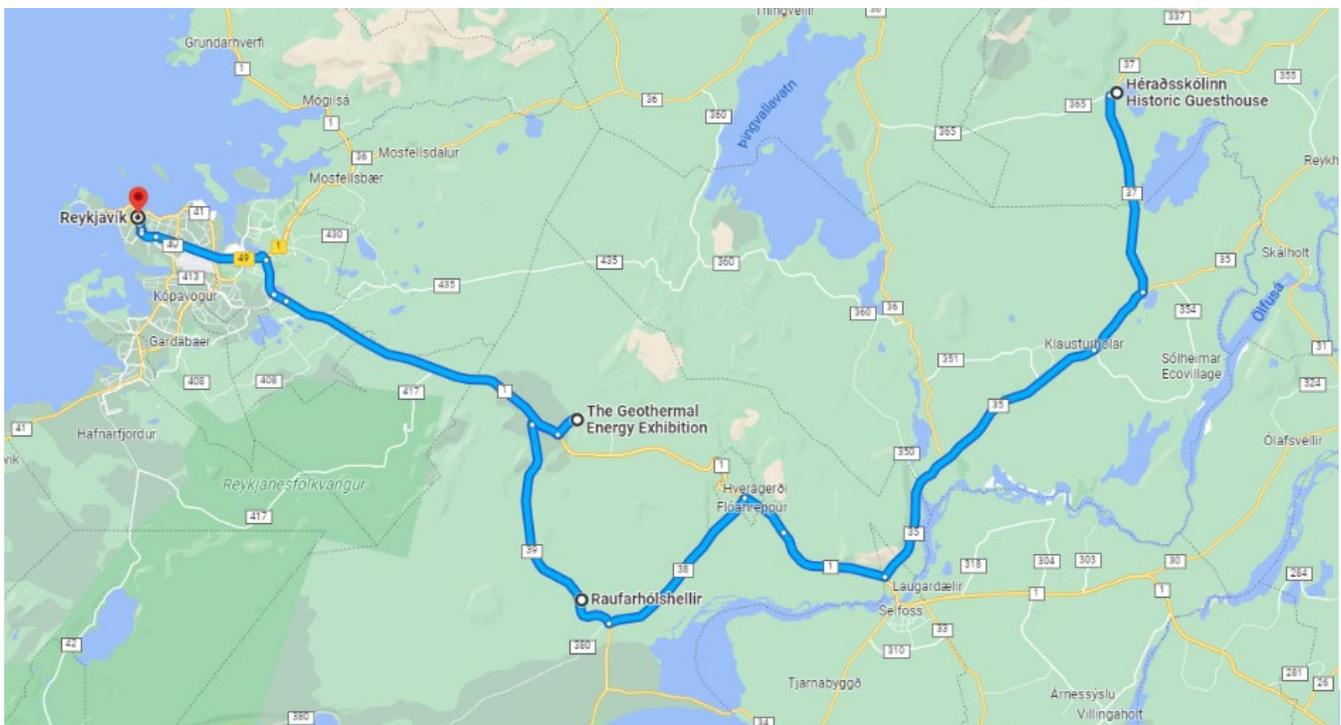
1:30PM: Arrive in Reykjavik. Check-in at the guesthouse

Guesthouse Aurora (<https://www.aurorahouse.is/>)

Freyjugata 24, 101 Reykjavik, Iceland

Email: book@aurorahouse.is, Phone: +354 899 1773

Rest of the Day: Enjoy Reykjavik, you are on your own.



**Downtown
Reykjavik**



Day 8: Saturday, March 11th, 2023 – Free Day in Reykjavik

All day – This is a free day, there is a lot to do in the city, enjoy!

6:00 PM: Group Dinner, location to be determined.

Day 9: Sunday, March 12th, 2023 – Reykjavik, Blue Lagoon, and return home

Morning: Wake-up and have breakfast (provided by the guesthouse), hang out in Reykjavik

11:00: Check out of the guesthouse, load the bus, head to Blue Lagoon

12:00: Lunch and spa at Blue Lagoon (you have to pay for this on your own, it's about \$55 each)

2:30PM: Into the bus and head to the airport

3:00PM: Arrive at the airport

4:50PM: Scheduled Departure Icelandair Flight 645

7:10PM: Scheduled Arrival in Dulles, Washington DC

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