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The Defender Expedition

Beyond the tarmac. Into the extraordinary.



Duration on enquiry | Road adventures

An expedition through Iceland’s volcanic highlands, black-sand coast, glacier country and northern landscapes. Travel by Defender, with off-road sections where conditions allow, and a programme of glacier, geothermal and coastal experiences.

Departure: Enquire for the next departure

This is a sample itinerary summary. Your final quotation confirms dates, accommodation, services, current pricing and booking terms.

The journey, day by day

Route: Reykjavík → Golden Circle → Landmannalaugar → South Coast → Eastfjords → Akureyri → Snæfellsnes

Day 01 — Reykjavík beginnings

Arrive and settle into Reykjavík before the expedition begins.

Day 02 — Golden Circle

Explore the Golden Circle and continue toward Hella.

Day 03 — Into the highlands

Head toward Landmannalaugar for highland off-roading, subject to road access. Continue toward the South Coast waterfalls.

Day 04 — Black sands & ice

Explore South Coast waterfalls and black-sand beaches. Join a 4×4 quad-bike ride to the plane wreck and a Katla ice-cave experience.

Day 05 — Canyon & glacier country

Travel through the Vík region toward Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon and the glacier landscapes, with off-road sections subject to conditions.

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Day 06 — Glaciers to geothermal waters

A glacier hike and lagoon boat experience lead into the Viking Village, Hengifoss and Vök Baths programme.

Day 07 — The north calls

Discover the Diamond Circle, go whale watching in Húsavík and continue toward Akureyri.

Day 08 — North to west

Continue across North and West Iceland, with the exact route shaped by conditions.

Day 09 — Snæfellsnes & the return

Explore the Snæfellsnes Peninsula and Kirkjufell before returning toward Reykjavík and Keflavík. Final overnight and departure timings are confirmed separately.

The practical things

Accommodation

Hotel-based expedition across the south, east, north and west. Properties and the final number of nights are confirmed for each departure.

What's included

- Golden Circle exploration
- Highlands and off-road experiences, subject to route access
- South Coast waterfalls and black-sand beaches
- Glacier hike and ice-cave experience
- Zodiac boat on the glacier lagoon
- 4×4 quad bikes to the DC-3 plane wreck
- Vök geothermal baths
- Húsavík whale watching
- Snæfellsnes Peninsula and Kirkjufell

What's extra / to confirm

- Flights, meals, hotel inclusions and vehicle terms to be confirmed in the quotation
- Services not expressly confirmed for your departure

Good to know

- The supplied September 2026 departure has passed; enquire about the next expedition.
- Cover dates and day numbering differ in the brochure. Final duration will be confirmed before booking.
- Highlands, off-road routes and activities depend on road openings and weather.

For current departures and a confirmed quotation, contact SoulSteps.