



It is small tragedy of everyday life that 4x4s exist for most their usable lives languishing in the city; a classic case fo 'Chelsea Tractor Syndrome'. 4x4s were born for the roughest of tracks, not the city. To get up and through the dirt, hills, mountains, canyons, valleys and lava fields.

Over Iceland proposes to change all of that. For years we have been exploring and pounding our Defenders hard on some of the toughest tracks in Iceland, and we want to give you the same chance. Join us and put your 4x4 through its paces. Unleash the power under your bonnet and go for the drive of your life, over Iceland.

Your Guides

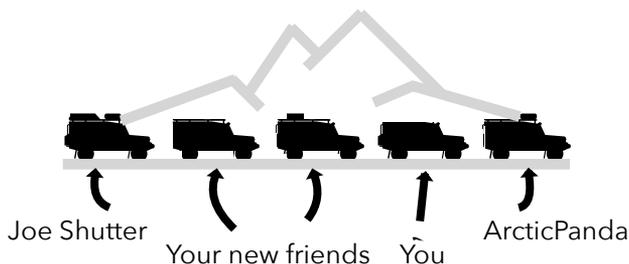
ArcticPanda

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A Londoner born-and-raised, one glorious day some time ago Joe traded in the London life or a life of multi-directional wind & rain, long blue light, midnight sun, highlands, mountains, volcanos, glaciers and canyons. With his trusty Defender he spends all summer in the highlands and finds the craziest roads, tracks, locations and conditions for his photography.

Be part of this exclusive small group of crazy people who fight their way through the most exciting, beautiful and remote tracks of the Icelandic highlands for ten days in their 4x4s.



Our Journey

Start date: 28.07 Egilstadir, Iceland

End Date: 07.08 Kirkjubæjarklaustur, Iceland

After taking the ferry from Denmark on 26.07, you will arrive in Seyðisfjörður on 28.07. From here you drive about 30 kilometres over a wonderful mountain pass to Egilstadir.

Here, you gather up your supplies and chill out on the campsite. We will greet you there and we will get to know each other personally. We will prepare you for the upcoming expedition in a relaxed atmosphere and answer your questions.

We have a huge but manageable itinerary ahead of us, plenty of ground covered but enough time to stop and take it all in as we go.

The next day sharp and early, we begin our expedition:

Day 1 - Into the Highlands

The first day is the biggest shock of all as we transition from civilisation to a mystical realm of black sands and powerful formations.

Day 2 - Caldera

On Day two, we visit Askja, which is arguably one of the most special places in all of Iceland. Only accessible for two/three months of the year, we will have the chance to stand in awe of its magnificence.

Day 3 - On the Edge of the Arctic Circle

We briefly return north, only to dive immediately straight back in to the shadow realms. here, we will be crossing the epic Sprengisandur (sand blast), an ancient thoroughfare through the highlands historically used by the vikings.

Day 4 - Waterfalls and Gravel Roads

We continue down Sprengisandur and there are various stunning and secluded natural beauty spots.

Day 5 - Heart of the Highlands

Black sands and glaciers await us on this day all around us as we head down the unpaved roads to the remarkable Landmannalaugar

Day 6 - The Colorful Mountains

Day 7 - By the Lake

On this day we will take a special, little-known track that will take us to the edge of one of the most beautiful lakes in Iceland, Langisjör, within Vatnajökull National Park, where we will spend the night.

Day 8 - Black Sands, Glaciers and Moss

An improbable green hill awaits us on this day, standing brilliantly in the midst of endless black sands. This is possibly one of the most fun highland roads to drive in Iceland!

Day 9 - The South

We emerge on the south coast of Iceland after having a really beautiful time in the Highlands, but there is more to come.

Day 10 - Out to Sea

If time allows, we have a special, sea-level excursion to a remote spot tucked away across great wetlands and plains on the south of Iceland which leads us to a remote lighthouse and shelter.

Our shared story ends at the town of Kirkjubæjarklaustur and you decide how your journey continues. From here, either you drive east back to towards Seyðisfjörður, west towards Reykjavík, or you drive back into the highlands on your own, just as your schedule allows and your expedition fever demands.

Q&A

Here are some answers to some common questions that you may have about the trip:



Do I have the right car for the journey?

Our tour hinges around your off-road vehicle like a Defender, G-Class, Land Cruiser etc. This means that your off-roader should have permanent all-wheel drive, at least one lock and good, all-terrain tires. A snorkel for water crossings is preferable but not strictly required. Further modifications can make your life in the field easier, but are of course not necessary. Your vehicle should be in top technical condition. We can offer guidance about how to prepare your vehicle for a journey like this, should you decide to join us.

Do I have to be experienced off-road?

You should know your vehicle and be able to move it safely through the terrain. It is important that you know the special features of your car: When and how do I put the locks on, turn off any electronic helpers and so on. We will discuss things specific to Iceland on site. Having said this, everyone has to start somewhere, Iceland is the sort of place where you learn how to drive in off road conditions very quickly.

Which accessories do I have to bring with me?

Since there are no petrol stations in the highlands, you should be able to carry enough fuel with you, topping up wherever possible. Please bring at least one standard 20L jerry can with you (amzn.to/2SM5GgK). During the tour we communicate using CB radio. If you don't have a CB radio system in your off-roader, please bring a CB handheld radio with you (amzn.to/3wd70N2).

What clothes do I need in Iceland?

The weather can be very changeable, so you should have clothing for every imaginable weather condition and plenty of warm clothing, especially for when we stop to camp at night. One thing is always at the start in Iceland: wind! ... and pack your swimming trunks, we will dive into various hot pots along the way.

What camping stuff should I have with me?

Bring your usual camping gear. Remember that you will be preparing your own meals, so you should think of things like gas cookers, fuel, practical food solutions etc...

We will be providing a thorough and detailed packing list to all members of the trip.



Roof tent? Lifting roof? Igloo?

If you don't have one already, don't buy one.

You can spend the night as you like and whatever your set-up has to offer. In some places the ground is stony and makes it difficult to pitch the tent, a mallet comes in handy here. In wind and rain it is best to stay in the vehicle where possible.

Shopping and supplies?

You can bring in two kilos of food per person. That is not much. It is best to use this for "your specials" that you cannot or do not want to do without. You can buy everything else on site and there is generally a good selection of wares in grocery stores.

Refuel?

There is a rule in Iceland about this: fill up when the opportunity arises. Although distances in the highlands are small in the grand scheme of things, the distances do add up. Bring a spare jerry can, perhaps even two for total fuel security (see accessories). Otherwise there are petrol stations at smaller and larger intervals along the ring road.

How can I pay for stuff in Iceland?

In Iceland you can pay with card / smartphone / ApplePay etc. everywhere. Even small amounts. Cash is not common, but usually accepted. So bring your MasterCard, Visa or other payment card.

Insurance?

Iceland is not part of the EU, but is within the EEA. This means that Iceland is generally afforded the same privileges as EU countries. You will need a green travel card for the vehicle insurance at a nominal extra cost. Take a look at your insurance documents or ask your insurance company whether you also have coverage in Iceland. Most insurance companies cover that.



Wasn't there something about Corona?

If you are coming from Europe and you are vaccinated, there should be no problem.

If you are coming from Europe and you are not vaccinated, you will need to quarantine for 5 days.

With regard to staying up to date. It is best to have a look at the [official information resource from the Icelandic government](#).

Offroad in Iceland?

Everywhere we drive in Iceland is a road. A legal road. They don't feel like roads, they feel like some of the roughest tracks you have ever driven. Driving literally off road, i.e. really off-piste, is strictly prohibited in Iceland. Nature is very sensitive here and erosion happens very quickly and easily and takes a long time to heal and recover.

What is the cost fo the trip?

The trip costs 2,200 EUR for the first person and 1,250 for the second person and 1,250 for each other additional person.

What is included in this price?

Access to the some of the best tracks and roads ever committed to 4 wheels. Put your 4x4 through its paces and learn how to get the most out of it. All campsite fees and taxes.

What is not included in this price?

Your return ferry journey if you decide to bring your car to Iceland
Your rental if you decide to rent a car in order to do the trip, rather than bring your own. Additional insurance you may require if you decide to bring your car to Iceland. Fuel and other provisions.

How can you join us?

1. Drive Drive

Take your 4x4 on the ferry from Denmark to Iceland

2. Fly Drive

Fly in to Reykjavik and pick up a 4x4, join us on the trip, and return the car at the end, and then fly out. This is by far the quickest way to get involved.

