

# Iceland Trek

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Öräfajökull is an ice-covered volcano in south-east Iceland. It's the largest active volcano in the country and on its north-western rim is Hvannadalshnúkur, the highest peak in Iceland. Geographically Öräfajökull is considered part of the Vatnajökull glacier and the area covered by glacier is inside the bounds of Skaftafell National Park.

The ascent is a challenge, but the rewards bring you breath taking views across Vatnajökull and southeast Iceland, and the experience of hiking through a glacial wilderness.

We ascend on the NW side of the crater up to the peak Hvannadalshnúkur with the aid of crampons and ice axe, which we will be fully briefed to use.

This is an incredible glacial experience and challenge!



# Detailed itinerary

## Day 1: Depart London to Keflavik

Afternoon flight from London to Keflavík. Upon arrival we will be met by our guides and transferred to Skaftafell National Park. We will stop for a picnic dinner (weather permitting) by Iceland's largest waterfall a 600ft magnificent cascade, here we will have a full trek briefing. Before arriving at our overnight accommodation near Skaftafell National Park. The park covers 1700 square kilometres of barren lowland sandurs, highland slopes brimming with wildflowers, sharp mountain ridges and spectacular glaciers.

## Day 2: Skaftafell Park Trek

We start our Iceland trekking challenge! A full days trek within Skaftafell park, to prepare us for the big climb tomorrow, with magnificent views of the glaciers.



## Day 3: Summit Öräfajökull, 12 to 15hrs

A tough and challenging day as we prepare to summit Iceland's highest peak. Its approximately a 12-15 hour climb with a 2000m ascent. There are no technical difficulties in the climb, but we are partly on a glacier and will need crampons to assist us. Everyone will be given a full briefing and training on how to use crampons and being on a glacier.

## Day 4: Short trek

Optional short trek or rest. Transport back to Reykjavík, where we will spend the night in a local guest house and enjoy a traditional Icelandic farewell and well deserved celebratory dinner.

## Day 5: Depart Reykjavík to London

Free morning in Reykjavík, before we transfer to the airport for our flight back to London.

## Challenge grade

Tough

## Best time of year

May to August

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*This itinerary is complex and subject to change*



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