

Iceland Raid 2009



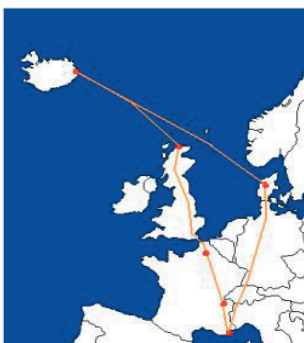
Duration: 15 Days

Distance: 4930km (from St Raphaël - 83 - France)

Day 8 : Leaving the coast and the circular road some of the highlights of Iceland will be visited. On the right hand side the Hekla volcano (still active - 2000 is the last recorded eruption). One of the most visited natural sites in Iceland comes next: the Gullfoss waterfall, also called the «Golden fall». Falling from a height of 32m the water hits the basaltic «organs». Right after comes the Geysir site famous for its geysers (by the way the word geyser comes from this place). The Big Geysir is no more that active but his «little» brother (up to 20m) «Strokkur» springs every 5 minutes or so.

Before reaching Reykjavik the tour will ride through the town of Pingvellir where the Viking set the first parliament in the world, the Alfling, in 930 A.D. The rest of the day is free to pay Reykjavik a first visit.

Map:



Day 9 : Rest day in Reykjavik. Enjoy the city, go for a swim in the Blue Lagoon or get on a whale sighting boat ride or just chill out!

Day 10 : Time to go north! Passing by the Hrnaufossar (coming out of a lava field) and Barnafoss «the kids fall» waterfalls and the sea town of Borgarnes before reaching Stykkisholmur at the entry of the Hvammsfjörður fjord.

Day 11 : With the fjord on the left hand the road follows the coast until it goes inland at the feet of the west fjords to reach the town of Brú entry point to one of the most fertile parts of the country. In Blönduós, important fishing place (1.000 inhabitants), a sulphur smell signals the presence of a warm water spring. The Skagi peninsula has a special ambiance thanks to its lonely scenery made of high cliffs. On the east side of the peninsula the road follows the Skagafjörður fjord before it gets inland and rides by the most famous farm in Iceland: Glaumbær (now a museum for local culture). After riding through the impressive Oksnadalshéidi pass (550m) the tour will reach the town of Akureyri. Second biggest town in Iceland (15.000 inhabitants) will welcome the tour for the night.

Day 12 : On the way to the east the Godafoss (The gods waterfall) , will help to wake up before getting on the road 87 and its moon like scenery (the NASA sent the Apollo 11 astronauts there to get them trained for the moon flight!) reaching lake Myvatn. Due to its geographical position between America and Europe many birds stop over to breed. In Grimsstaðir the tour will go north close to the Jökulsargljúfur national park where one can see the Dettifoss, Selfoss and Hafragilsfoss waterfalls. But time to let the touristy places and ride north along the coast towards the small village (184 inhabitants) of Kospaker. The most northern point of Iceland (only 2,5 km from the arctic circle) is on the Hraunhafnartangi flatland. If the wind feels cold is is quite normal: it comes directly from the north pole area. Finally going south here comes Egilsstaðir and a good night of rest!

Day 13&14&15 : No hurry in the morning, a good late breakfast and a short ride to Seydisfjörður to catch the ferry! Day 14&15 The Boat will arrive in the morning in the port of Thorshaven on the Faroe Island for a short stop to pick-up passengers. By noon it will be sailing towards the danish coast!. The ferry will reach the Danish coast by the evening. A short ride eastwards towards Aalborg and it is time to get a good dinner and some sleep!

Prices:

Start from	Pilot	Passenger
St Raphaël (F - 83)	5.200	3.750
Annecy (F - 74)	5.000	3.625
Arras (F - 62)	4.800	3.500
Scrabster (UK)	4.500	3.275

2009 tour prices per person, in Euros.

Dates: 2009

June	13th(*) to 27th
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(*) June 13th from St Raphaël, June 14th from Annecy, June 15th from Arras and June 17th from Scrabster.