

Iceland Volcano Marathon 2024

Run through one of Earth's geological hot spots, on the rim of a volcanic crater and over black lava rock

The Iceland Volcano Marathon takes place in Mývatn in northern Iceland, where the North Volcanic Zone splits the American and Eurasian continental plates. Still an active volcano area, this area is replete with volcano craters and steaming geysers.

Entry is in combination with a package offering one night in Reykjavík and four nights in Mývatn, giving you ample opportunity to explore this otherworldly landscape - you can visit Europe's largest waterfall, embark on a whale safari, hike through the castle-like lava formations of Dimmuborgir, and relax in an geothermally heated lagoon.

6-DAY PACKAGE



21-26 AUG



6 DAYS



from 2495 €

21 August 2024 | Welcome to Iceland

Arrival at Keflavík International Airport (KEF) in Reykjavík. There is no set arrival time, so you can book the flight that is most suitable for you. Note that transfer from Keflavík to Reykjavík is not included in the package. Once you've reached the arrivals hall, please make your way to the airport shuttle desk or take a taxi to reach your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure. Participants arriving in the morning or afternoon have the opportunity to book a tour to the Golden Circle with Thingvellir, Geysir and Gullfoss. Please see Package Add-ons for more details. Kindly note that we also offer a pre-night in Reykjavik if you would like a little more time to explore this northern capital. Meals: Not included.

22 August 2024 | Iceland's Scenic West Coast & Race Briefing

After an early breakfast, we will board our bus and begin a scenic drive up along the west coast of Iceland. Along the way, our guide will tell us about Iceland. In the afternoon, we reach Akureyri, known as "The Capital of the North," which lies just 100 km (62 miles) away from the Arctic Circle. Here, race officials will provide a race briefing and distribute your goodie bags while we enjoy a snack meal. After the briefing, our journey will continue to Mývatn, where you will get settled into your hotel. Meals: Breakfast, lunch box, and a stand up snack meal included.

23 August 2024 | Myvatn Route Highlights

On today's tour you will visit some of the places that are on the marathon route: Dimmuborgir (Dark Castles), a spectacular maze of strange lava structures covered with surprisingly lush vegetation. The area is composed of various volcanic caves and rock formations. Hverfjall – a tephra cone which erupted 2500 years ago in the southern part of the Krafla fissure swarm. The crater is approximately 1 km in diameter. Hverir solfataras (boiling sulphur mud pits) at Námaskarð, these being some of the most spectacular in the country. Stroll around the bubbling gray puddles and the ethereal steam loudly escaping from the conical fumaroles. If you have never smelled a rotten egg before, this is a good chance to cross that off your bucket list! But please - mind your steps! In the evening we can carbo load from the pasta dinner served by our hotel. Meals: Breakfast, lunch and pasta dinner.

24 August 2024 | Race Day

Today is the big day - the Iceland Volcano Marathon is on! Runners will have the rare opportunity to run in the volcanic sand and gravel roads around the majestic Hverfjall crater. While the route will be demanding, the weather is likely to pose the biggest challenge. Although this event is held in August during the Icelandic summer, it's unlikely temperatures will rise above 15 degrees Celsius (59 degrees Fahrenheit) and rain is not uncommon in this country. The scenery, however, is equally dramatic in both sun and rain!

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At the finish line, a pizza lunch will be served to participants. Shuttle busses will then take all participants back to their hotels. After dinner at your hotel or nearby restaurants you have the chance to join our optional excursion to Jarðböðin Nature Baths in Mývatn. The perfect way to give your muscles a treat and take a soak in the restorative natural waters. Meals: Breakfast and pizza lunch included.

25 August 2024 | Relaxation, Optional Excursions & Celebration Dinner

Spend the day on an excursion or take in the stunning nature surrounding Mývatn at your own pace. In the late afternoon, we will meet to celebrate yesterday's achievements with a festive dinner. Meals: Breakfast and dinner.

26 August 2024 | Farewell Iceland or Hello Extension

After an early breakfast, we will board shuttle busses that will drive us back south through Reykjavík to Keflavik International Airport (KEF). Expected arrival at Keflavik Airport is 14:30. Knowing this, it is not advisable to book your flight out of Iceland earlier than 16:30 on this day. It is also possible to book a post-night in Reykjavik if you want to have more time in the Icelandic capital or your flight connection doesn't match today. If you have booked a post-night the bus will drop you off in Reykjavík. Meals: Breakfast and lunch box included.

Possible Excursions:

➤ Golden Circle Tour	21 Aug	6 hours	175 EUR
➤ Geotherman Nature Baths	24 Aug	3-4 hours	115 EUR
➤ Majestic Waterfalls	25 Aug	5 hours	160 EUR
➤ Whale Safari	25 Aug	7 hours	175 EUR
➤ Lofthellir Ice Cave	25 Aug	5 hours	325 EUR
➤ Gems of Myvatn – Buggy Adventure	25 Aug	2 hours	250 EUR

Inclusions

- 1 night accommodation in Reykjavik
- 4 nights accommodation in Mývatn
- Transportation Reykjavik - Mývatn - Reykjavik/airport
- Mývatn Highlights excursion
- Meals as stated in the itinerary
- Transportation to/from start and finish area
- Celebration dinner incl. transportation
- English speaking tour leader

Exclusions

- Flights to/from Iceland
- Arrival transport from Keflavik-Reykjavik
- Race entry (Marathon or Half Marathon – 275 EUR | Quarter Marathon – 150 EUR)
- Optional excursions
- Travel insurance
- Meals not stated in the itinerary
- Beverages
- Personal expenses
- Anything not mentioned under "Inclusions"

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