

ICELAND 2026 RING ROAD

JUL 28 - AUG 11
4 adults | FWD camper
| no F-roads

Road rules

BEFORE EACH LEG	Check safetravel.is, umferdin.is/en and en.vedur.is. Weather overrides the schedule.
MAPS	Use the separate daily Google Maps links. Long all-trip routes can exceed mobile waypoint limits.
PARKING	Photograph the rental plate, enter it exactly, screenshot payment and never sleep in day-use lots.
EMERGENCY	Call 112. Keep the mobile HTML roadbook and KML map stored on every phone.

Camping Card verdict

Skip it for this exact itinerary. The route-first plan uses only two covered nights (Grundarfjordur and Sandgerdi); one card covers only two of four adults and needs roughly 6-8 covered nights to break even. Pay as you go and choose camps for route position.

Day-by-day roadbook

DAY 01 / JUL 29	95 km 1h45 + 30-60m
KEF - Bonus Fitjar - Thingvellir	
Land, inspect camper, four-day shop, fuel, camp early.	Open route search
DAY 02 / JUL 30	210 km 3h15 + 45-75m
Thingvellir - Geysir - Gullfoss - Hella	
Golden Circle. Keep Kerid optional.	Open route search
DAY 03 / JUL 31	165 km 2h45 + 60-90m
Hella - Seljalandsfoss - Skogafoss - Dyrholaey - Reynisfjara - Vik	
Use Reynisfjara Beach Parking P1/P2. Obey warning lights and stay above wet sand.	Open route search
DAY 04 / AUG 1	200 km 2h50 + 45-75m
Vik - Fjadrargljufur - Skaftafell	
Sleep at Skaftafell to protect the 09:00 glacier check-in.	Open route search
DAY 05 / AUG 2	140 km 2h15 + 45-75m
Skaftafell - Jokulsarlon - Diamond Beach - Hofn	
Glacier hike is the priority booking. Shoreline lagoon visit is enough if late.	Open route search
DAY 06 / AUG 3	300 km 4h45 + 60-120m
Hofn - Vestrahorn - Djupivogur - Egilsstadir	
Scenic mileage. Skip Seydisfjordur in fog, wind or low cloud.	Open route search

DAY 07 / AUG 4	300 km 4h30 + 60-120m
Egilsstadir - Studlagil - Dettifoss west - Hverir - Myvatn	
Use paved Road 862 when open. Do not take rough Road 864 in the FWD camper.	Open route search
DAY 08 / AUG 5	120 km 2h10 + 45-75m
Myvatn - Dimmuborgir - Godafoss - Akureyri	
Recovery day and main northern grocery restock.	Open route search
DAY 09 / AUG 6	260 km 4h20 + 60-100m
Akureyri - Olafsfjordur - Siglufjordur - Saudarkrokur - Blonduos	
In poor wind take Route 1 via Oxnadalur and save about two hours.	Open route search
DAY 10 / AUG 7	330 km 4h45 + 60-100m
Blonduos - Kolugljufur - Kirkjufell - Grundarfjordur	
Longest driving day. Skip Hvitserkur unless timing is exceptional.	Open route search
DAY 11 / AUG 8	250 km 4h + 60-100m
Kirkjufell - Djupalonssandur - Londrangar - Arnarstapi - Budir - Borgarnes	
Finish south to protect tomorrow's fixed Blue Lagoon time.	Open route search
DAY 12 / AUG 9	190 km 3h + 45-75m
Borgarnes - Reykjavik - Blue Lagoon - Sandgerdi	
Blue Lagoon confirmed at 18:00. Arrive 30-45 minutes early.	Open route search
DAY 13 / AUG 10	30 km 40m + 60-90m
Sandgerdi - Keflavik - KEF	
Best: approved camper extension through Aug 11. Fallback: noon return, Keflavik afternoon and overnight wait at KEF.	Open route search

Parking playbook

PLACE	WHAT TO DO
Thingvellir	1,000 ISK <=5 seats; 1,200 ISK 6-9 seats. One payment covers P1, P2 and P5 that day.
Reynisfjara	Official P1/P2 only. Camera controlled, Parka, 3-hour blocks, no overnight parking.
Skaftafell	Daily Parka service fee valid until midnight. Campsite payment is separate.
Jokulsarlon / Diamond Beach	Use marked lots and confirm whether payment transfers before moving.
Cities	Check zone, vehicle plate and end time. Screenshot each payment.

Four-day grocery load

GROUP	QUANTITY FOR FOUR ADULTS
Breakfast	16 skyr servings; 1 kg oats; 2 L milk; 12 bananas; fruit; coffee / tea
Lunch	24 wraps; 8 tuna cans; 2 hummus tubs; 600 g cheese; vegetables; 12 apples
Dinner	1 kg pasta; 3 sauces; 1 kg vegetables; sausages; 4 soups; 2 bread loaves
Road reserve	800 g nuts; 8 bars; chocolate; instant soup; electrolytes; sealed meal for four
Camper	8 L water; paper towels; dish soap; sponge; trash bags; reusable food bags

Restock: Bonus Fitjar Jul 29 - Bonus Egilsstadir Aug 3 - Bonus Nordurtorg Akureyri Aug 5 - Bonus Borgarnes Aug 8/9.

Connectivity + downloads

Recommended: Siminn 10 GB (3,000 ISK) for each navigation phone when offline maps are downloaded. Siminn Unlimited is 7,000 ISK for 14 days. Nova offers flexible unlimited travel eSIM durations at live checkout. Verify compatibility and carrier lock first.

Mobile HTML

Open directly on a phone; it contains daily routes, parking, groceries and checkboxes.

KML

Import once into Google My Maps, then open under Saved - Maps in Google Maps.

PDF

Fixed, printable backup. This file does not depend on a browser print dialog.

Final night: Aug 10-11

OPTION 1 - RECOMMENDED	OPTION 2 - ZERO HOTEL COST
Extend the same camper	Return camper and wait at KEF
Ask for the complete extra-day price, same-vehicle availability, earliest Aug 11 return and immediate airport shuttle. Sleep at Airport Camping Sandgerdi only after written approval. This works only if you can reach KEF by 05:45.	Return at 12:00, spend the afternoon in Keflavik, eat an early dinner and enter KEF around 20:00. KEF operates 24/7, but a quiet or comfortable sleeping area is not guaranteed. Plan luggage and keep one small overnight bag.

EMAIL REQUEST

We would like the total cost of extending our current campervan until early August 11, 2026 instead of returning it August 10 at 12:00. Our flight departs KEF at 08:45 and we need to arrive around 05:45. Please confirm same-vehicle availability, complete extra cost, earliest return time, immediate airport shuttle, and whether we may use Airport Camping Sandgerdi.

A stationary sleeping van near KEF was not verified. A second van normally means a full rental, insurance, handover and an approved campsite; some operators have multi-day minimums. Extend the current camper first.

Critical booking

Aug 2 beginner glacier hike at 09:00 - confirm four seats. Blue Lagoon Comfort is confirmed Aug 9 at 18:00; arrive 30-45 minutes early.

Emergency 112