

PREPARE FOR YOUR JOURNEY

Planning & packing



Iceland rewards preparation: layers for changing conditions, dependable footwear and a camera kit you can carry comfortably. Keep this guide with your departure-specific Welcome document and brochure.

MANOR DATES

June 22-27, 2027 | Skálakot Manor

Travel arrangements

Plan for arrival in Iceland on June 21, a separately arranged airport-hotel night, and the included transfer to Skálakot on June 22. The manor program ends with checkout and the group airport transfer on June 27.

International airfare and accommodation outside the five-night manor stay are not included. Keep enough flexibility for the confirmed transfer schedule. Check airline baggage limits, particularly for camera equipment and batteries, directly with your carrier.

Documents and practical preparations

Check current passport, entry and transit requirements for your citizenship using official government guidance. Travel insurance covering trip cancellations is required. Arrange cover suitable for your trip and activities, including emergency medical and interruption protection. Carry copies of your itinerary, insurance details and emergency contact information; keep essential items accessible during travel.

READY FOR CHANGING CONDITIONS

Your packing checklist

Clothing and everyday essentials

- ☐ Waterproof, wind-resistant jacket with hood; waterproof over-trousers.
- ☐ Warm mid-layer, fleece or light insulated jacket; comfortable base layers.
- ☐ Sturdy, already broken-in walking boots with good grip; spare socks.
- ☐ Warm hat, lightweight gloves and neck gaiter; sun hat and sunglasses; insect repellent or a fly net.
- ☐ Comfortable travel/manor clothing and indoor footwear.
- ☐ Daypack, waterproof liner or dry bags; reusable water bottle.
- ☐ Sunscreen and lip balm; personal toiletries and essential medication.
- ☐ Swimwear for spa use; eye mask for sleeping during long summer daylight.

Photography kit

- ☐ Mirrorless or DSLR camera; a telephoto lens such as 70-200 mm or 100-400 mm, plus a wide-angle lens if available.
- ☐ Spare batteries, chargers, ample memory cards and a backup/storage plan.
- ☐ Rain protection for camera and lenses; lens cloths and a blower for spray and sand.
- ☐ Comfortable camera strap or harness and a practical weather-resistant bag.
- ☐ Tripod or monopod if you use one; consider weight and airline allowances.
- ☐ Charging adapter appropriate for Iceland; check each device's voltage compatibility.

You do not need to buy a specialist kit for this trip. Ask Kattuk or Sandy if you would like advice on what to bring, and practise using your equipment before travelling.

CARE FOR HORSES AND WILD PLACES

Prepare with confidence

Protect Iceland's horses

Iceland has strict measures to protect horse health. Do not bring used riding equipment or used riding gloves. If you plan to bring riding clothing, boots or a helmet previously used abroad, follow MAST's current cleaning and disinfection instructions before entering Iceland. Check the rules early enough to complete any required preparation. Tell Kattuk if your clothing or footwear has recently been used around horses.

MAST: official riding-equipment and clothing requirements

Photograph safely and respectfully

Follow Sandy, Fred and the local team's instructions around horses. Give animals space; do not feed, approach or reposition them without direction. Stay on permitted routes and protect sensitive vegetation. At black-sand beaches, stay well back from the sea, follow warning signs and closures, and never turn your back on the water. A photograph is never worth entering an unsafe area.

Weather, access and daily plans

Conditions can change quickly. Your guides may adjust the timing, order or location of outings for safety, weather, road access and horse welfare. Pack warm and waterproof layers even in summer. Read Kattuk's final travel briefing for pickup times and any updated instructions before departure.

Useful official resources

Government of Canada: Iceland travel advice and entry information

SafeTravel Iceland: black-beach safety

SafeTravel Iceland: current travel conditions

Keep medication in your hand luggage, following airline and destination rules. Tell Kattuk about dietary requirements and any support needs before departure. Carry a payment card for personal purchases and optional activities.

Questions before you go?

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