

Travel to Iceland - Practical Advice

When planning a trip to Iceland, apply well in advance for a visa. Under the Schengen co-operation agreement, the Embassy of Denmark is authorized to issue visas on behalf of the Embassy of Iceland. Processing of a visa application may take up to three to four weeks.

The currency of Iceland is the Krona but the Euro and the US Dollar are accepted in most business establishments. Exchange facilities are to be found at airports and main shopping centres. ATMs are also available in most parts of Iceland. Credit cards are widely accepted.

Travellers can take the airport bus, Fly Bus, from Keflavik Airport and inform the driver of their hotel destination. Taxis are available at the airport, but are significantly more expensive. Reykjavik has an excellent public transport system, with buses running to all areas of the city. Local cabs are readily available at taxi stands throughout downtown or by phone.

Iceland is a relatively safe country for foreign visitors. Reykjavik is safer than most European capitals.

Reykjavik offers a variety of hotel and guesthouse accommodations. However, hotel rooms can be difficult to find during summer tourist season, hence it is better to book in advance.

Restaurants are rather expensive but the quality of food, especially seafood, is of the highest standard. Vegetarians have limited options but good Indian food is available in Indian restaurants in Reykjavik. Indians may wish to check the ingredients should they want to avoid beef products. Tap water is safe to drink in Iceland.

Tipping is not expected in Iceland.

A visitor to Iceland need not be concerned about any particular health risks. Tourists are expected to pay for medical services, in case they need them.

The weather is unpredictable in Iceland but cold all year round by Indian standards. Houses in Iceland are centrally heated.

In case of emergency, ask the hotel staff for immediate assistance. Emergency services can be reached by dialling 112. You can contact the Embassy of India in Reykjavik, phone number 534-9955.