

A Week in Iceland - Local Insider Diary

Monday

Dear Diary,

We arrived in Reykjavik this morning and checked into our cozy guesthouse. After a quick nap, we had breakfast at Café Aurora - fresh pastries and strong coffee for EUR 12. We spent the afternoon soaking in Laugardalslaug, the local thermal pool - EUR 10 well spent. For dinner, we tried fresh cod and fries at Fish & Fable - EUR 25. We ended the night watching the northern lights just outside town - free and magical.

Tuesday

Dear Diary,

I started the day with a walk along the Sun Voyager sculpture and the waterfront - free and so invigorating. We visited the Whales of Iceland Museum - EUR 20. Lunch was a lamb hot dog at Viking Bite - EUR 8. Later, we explored Hallgrimskirkja Church - free to visit, but we paid EUR 8 to go up the tower for city views. Drinks at Northern Bar - EUR 18.

Wednesday

Dear Diary,

Morning coffee at Café Loki near the church cost me EUR 5. We joined a free city walking tour through Reykjavik's colorful streets and learned so much local history. Lunch was a vegan bowl at Green Raven - EUR 15. In the afternoon, we visited Reykjavik Art Museum - EUR 12. We met other travellers at a free storytelling night at Saga House.

Thursday

Dear Diary,

We kicked off the day with fresh cinnamon buns at Brauð & Co. - EUR 6. Then we took a dip in the Secret Lagoon - EUR 25 entry but totally worth it. Lunch was homemade sandwiches by the lagoon - EUR 5. In the evening, we watched an indie film at Bio Paradis cinema - EUR 10.

Friday

Dear Diary,

Brunched at Café Mímir - EUR 20 for pancakes and Icelandic skyr with berries. Spent the afternoon at the National Museum of Iceland - EUR 15. Picked up souvenirs at Rainbow Street shops - spent about EUR 30 on wool mittens! We wrapped up the night with live folk music at Saga Sounds Pub - EUR 15.

Saturday

Dear Diary,

Rented a car with friends and drove to Thingvellir National Park - EUR 10 each for gas. Packed a picnic of cheese, bread, and smoked salmon - EUR 12. Explored geysers and waterfalls - all free. Dinner back in Reykjavik at Burger Joint - EUR 18 for a gourmet burger and craft beer.

Sunday

Dear Diary,

Breakfast pastries at Sandholt Bakery - EUR 8. Strolled through Kolaportið Flea Market - free to wander but I resisted buying anything. Lunch was fish soup and rye bread at Sea Shack - EUR 16. Ended the week with a blissful soak at Sky Lagoon - EUR 40 for entry and steam bath. Pure Icelandic bliss.