

HIGHLAND BASE

KERLINGARFJÖLL

Winter activities



Winter activities

Tours	Highlights	Season		Price
Super jeep transfer to Highland Base	Winter super jeep transfer from Reykjavík or Skjól to Highland Base Kerlingarfjöll	Oct 1 - June 14	Thursdays and Fridays	24,900 pp one way from Reykjavík 19,900 pp one way from Skjól
Super jeep transfer from Highland Base	Winter super jeep transfer from Highland Base Kerlingarfjöll to Reykjavík or Skjól	Oct 1 - June 14	Saturdays and Sundays	24,900 pp one way to Reykjavík 19,900 pp one way to Skjól
Guided buggy tour	Buckle up for an epic buggy tour as you cruise through the wild beauty of Kerlingarfjöll mountains	Oct 1 to Dec 1	Thursdays to Sundays	29,990 pp 2 riders 41,990 pp solo rider
Guided snowmobile adventure	An adrenaline-fueled journey into the heart of the highland wilderness	Dec 1 - May 1	Thursdays to Sundays	29,990 pp 2 riders 41,990 pp solo rider
Private guide services	Experience the great outdoors with our private guide service, offering both hiking and skiing experiences	Oct 1 - June 14	On demand	2 days 240,000 per group
Options for ski tours led by a private guide				
Adventure skiing	Backcountry ski tour up and over the highest mountains in the range, around hot springs and stunning views	All year	On demand	N/A
Scenic Nordic ski tour	An expedition-style adventure in and around the mountains, to the iconic, pyramidal Loðmundur mountain	Feb - June and Oct - Nov	On demand	N/A
Backcountry ski course	Backcountry skiing 101. The basics, the do's and don'ts in a safe and fun one-day course	All year	On demand	N/A
Nordic ski course	Learning the traveling style of the early polar explorers	Feb - June and Oct - Nov	On demand	N/A

Prices are in Icelandic krona (ISK)
All tours are subject to weather and conditions

Winter super jeep transfer

to/from Highland Base Kerlingarfjöll

Reykjavík | ISK 24,900 | One way

Skjól | ISK 19,900 | One way

Unpredictable conditions. Unbelievable landscapes. Unstoppable super jeeps. Fearless drivers who love to share their knowledge about this epic adventure. Prepare for the ride of your life. Whether it takes two hours or five hours, the thrill is timeless.

Departures: Thursdays and Fridays: 09:00 from Reykjavík // 10:45 from Skjól Basecamp

Saturdays and Sundays: 13:00 from Highland Base Kerlingarfjöll

Minimum age: 8 years

Duration: 2-5 hours

Meeting point: Skógarhlíð 10, Reykjavík [Google map](#)
or Amazing basecamp Skjól, Kjóastaðir 801 [Google map](#)

What's included?

- One way super jeep transfer to or from Highland Base
- English speaking driver guide

What do I need to bring?

- Snacks and water. You can expect the journey to take a few hours, so bring some fuel for the road.
- Warm and comfortable clothing. We recommend wearing layered clothing, rugged boots, and an insulated and waterproof outer layer.

Please note

- Duration of the transfer is dependent on weather and road conditions (may exceed 2 hours)
- The highland routes are not serviced during wintertime
- Expect bumpy roads

Private transfer options available. Please contact sales@highlandbase.is for more information.

Guided buggy tour

ISK 29,990 per person (2 riders)

ISK 41,990 per person (solo rider)

Ride into the untamed

Buckle up for an epic buggy tour as you cruise through the wild beauty of Kerlingarfjöll mountains. Adventure and nature, all in one unforgettable ride!

Season: Oct 1 to Dec 1, Thursdays to Sundays (subject to conditions)

Duration: 1 hour

Minimum age: 8 years

Daily tour itinerary

Meet at the reception 15 minutes prior to departure for a 1 hour tour.

Inclusions

- Guided buggy ride
- Gear (overalls, gloves, safety gear)

What do I need to bring?

Warm clothes, socks, gloves, scarf, headwear, waterproof coat, hiking or snow boots, thermals (top and bottom), sunglasses, camera.

Terms and conditions

- A valid driver's license is required.
- Scheduled tours may be delayed or canceled due to weather and road conditions.
- Only one child is permitted per adult.
- Dress according to the weather. In Iceland it is always smart to wear warm, waterproof clothes. Sudden changes in weather are the norm.

For private tours on weekdays, please contact sales@highlandbase.is





Guided snowmobile adventure

ISK 29,990 per person (2 riders)

ISK 41,990 per person (solo rider)

Zoom into the wild

Glide across sprawling snowscapes. Ascend Fannborg mountain. Motor through icy plains towards the mammoth Hofsjökull glacier.

The adventure is always thrilling and never the same.

Season: Dec 1 to May 1, Thursdays to Sundays (subject to conditions)

Duration: 1 hour

Minimum age: 8 years

Daily tour itinerary

Meet at the reception 15 minutes prior to departure for a 1 hour tour.

Inclusions

- Guided snowmobile ride
- Snowmobiling gear (overalls, gloves, safety gear)

What do I need to bring?

Warm clothes, socks, gloves, scarf, headwear, waterproof coat, hiking or snow boots, thermals (top and bottom), sunglasses, camera.

Terms and conditions

- A valid driver's license is required.
- Scheduled tours may be delayed or canceled due to weather and road conditions.
- Only one child is permitted per adult.
- Dress according to the weather. In Iceland it is always smart to wear warm, waterproof clothes. Sudden changes in weather are the norm.

For private tours on weekdays, please contact sales@highlandbase.is

Private guide on demand

ISK 240,000 per group

Experience the great outdoors with our private guide service, offering both hiking and skiing experiences.

Your private guide is dedicated to crafting the perfect adventure, tailored to your wishes and the current conditions. During winter, private guide services are available for 2-night stays. Your guide will facilitate expeditions according to your preferences, whether it's hiking, skiing, or something else. The duration of the adventure depends on the chosen activity, the preferences of the group, and current weather conditions.

Season: On demand from Oct 1 to June 14

Duration: 2 nights/3 days

Transport: The guide joins the group either in Reykjavík/Skjól or we can arrange separate transportation for the guide at an additional cost.

For private tours on weekdays, contact sales@highlandbase.is.

Suggested hikes: We offer both family-friendly hikes and educational expeditions, as well as more challenging treks, tailored to your preferences. Contact us to plan your adventure.

Suggested ski tours: Adventure skiing, Scenic Nordic course, Nordic ski course, Backcountry ski course.

What do I need to bring?

Appropriate clothing; warm base layers, wind- and waterproof outer layers, sturdy shoes, sunglasses. Skiing equipment. Ski gear is not provided on site but can be rented for ISK 20,000 per person. It has to be transported from Reykjavík.





Adventure skiing

Backcountry ski tour up and over the highest mountains in the range.

Adventure skiing in Kerlingarfjöll mountains boasts a rich history dating back to the 1960s. This exceptional area features a variety of ski slopes, all accessible with our backcountry skis and skins.

We start our day by climbing to the peaks—a rewarding effort that sets us up for thrilling runs down the slopes, with the stunning landscapes of Kerlingarfjöll unfolding before us.

This tour ensures you experience the best slopes and conditions for an unforgettable adventure.

Season: Oct to July

Duration: 4 hours, depending on conditions

Distance: 5-7 km, depending on snow conditions and skill level

Elevation gain: 500-1000 meters, depending on snow, weather, and experience

Skill and fitness level: Tourer. Moderate to fit.

Transport: Meet your guide at the hotel. Arrange your own transport to access the hike departure site.

What do I need to bring?

Warm clothes and socks, wind- and waterproof jacket, gloves, buff, hat, and sunglasses. Water and snacks

Minimum age: 12 years

PRIVATE GUIDE TOUR

Scenic Nordic ski tour

An expedition-style adventure in and around the mountains, to the iconic, pyramidal Loðmundur mountain.

A sightseeing expedition that takes us over the plains north of the mountain range. The mission is to reach the towering Loðmundur summit in all its magnificent glory.

We will be heading east with Hofsjökull Glacier on our left and Kerlingarfjöll mountain range on our right. In front of us the tower of Loðmundur grows bigger by each step on our trusted skis.

We will set up camp below Loðmundur and enjoy our lunch with the robust appetite that only outdoor activities bring. After lunch break we head back along a different and a bit more challenging route towards the Highland Base, skiing along Asgarðsfjall, the mountain of the gods.

Season: Oct to June

Duration: 4-5 hours

Distance: 10-12 km depending on snow conditions

Elevation gain: Mostly flat but some moderate uphill and downhill

Skill and fitness level: Beginner to explorer. Moderate to fit.

Transport: Meet your guide at the hotel. No transport needed.

What do I need to bring?

Warm clothes and socks, wind- and waterproof jacket, gloves, buff, hat, and sunglasses. Water, snacks, and a light lunch.

Ski gear is not provided on site but can be rented for ISK 20,000 per person. It has to be transported from Reykjavík.

Minimum age: 12 years

This tour adapts to the current snow and ice conditions.





Backcountry ski course

Backcountry skiing 101. The basics, the do's and don'ts in a safe and fun one-day course.

Icelanders have learned to ski in the remote and beautiful mountain range of Kerlingarfjöll for decades and now you can too!

Learn the basics from the best. Our elite ski guides teach skiing at all levels and will also cover the main subjects of safe backcountry etiquette and avalanche awareness.

We will start by going over the basics of backcountry skiing, before heading up the slopes for a fun ride down. After a couple of runs we will return to Highland Base for a hearty lunch break before heading out again to show those slopes what we are made of.

Season: Oct to June

Duration: 8 hours w/lunch break at Highland Base (lunch not included)

Distance: 1-3 km depending on snow conditions and skill level

Elevation gain: 3-500 meters depending on snow, weather, and experience

Skill and fitness level: Beginner to explorer. Adjusted to participant fitness level.

Transport: Meet your guide at the hotel. Arrange your own transport to access the hike departure site.

What do I need to bring?

Warm clothes and socks, wind- and waterproof jacket, gloves, buff, hat, and sunglasses. Water and snacks.

Minimum age: 12 years

Nordic ski course

Learning the traveling style of the early polar explorers

We love Nordic skiing! There is absolutely no better way to explore Icelandic nature during winter than on Nordic skis. This is how the early explorers navigated to both poles and is still the preferred method of travel for all polar and glacier expeditions.

Nordic skis are similar to Cross Country skis, only slightly broader and thus better suited for venturing into the wild. In this course you will learn from our expert guides the basics of the time-honored tradition of nordic skiing and enjoy exploring the magnificent highland landscape of Kerlingarfjöll mountains.

Season: Oct to June

Duration: 6 hours w/lunch break at Highland Base (lunch not included)

Distance: 3-5 km depending on snow conditions

Elevation gain: Mostly flat

Skill and fitness level: Novice to explorer. Adjusted to participant fitness level.

Transport: Meet your guide at the hotel. No transport needed.

What do I need to bring?

Warm clothes and socks, wind- and waterproof jacket, gloves, buff, hat, and sunglasses. Water and snacks.

Ski gear is not provided on site but can be rented for ISK 20,000 per person. It has to be transported from Reykjavik.

Minimum age: 12 years

This course adapts to the current snow and ice conditions.



HIKING AND SKIING

The bare basics

Meeting point

All tours start from Highland Base Kerlingarfjöll.

Find your guide at the reception 15 minutes before departure. Let's head outside for an adventure!

What to bring

We recommend wearing warm and comfortable clothing, a waterproof outer layer and good shoes, since conditions in the Icelandic highlands can change suddenly. On a good summer day, you might be able to wear only a thin shirt and stuff the rest in a small backpack, but usually only for a short while. Bring a warm hat and gloves, buff or scarf, in summer and winter, and sunglasses and hiking poles if you've got them. We recommend opting for woolen garments, which don't lose their insulation qualities if wet.

Good and sturdy hiking boots or trail shoes and good hiking socks are a must. On most tours we will encounter the multicolored mud of Kerlingarfjöll that tends to stick to the bottom of shoes.

Lastly, fill your water bottle with the pure Icelandic tap water and slip it into your backpack along with some snacks. If the tour lasts more than 3 hours, you should also pack a light lunch.

Minimum age

We have a lot of experience hiking, skiing, and scrambling with children and teenagers, and we know that they are usually far more capable and fit than their parents give them credit for! However, because of the technicality and skill level required on some of our tours, we have set age limits that reflect the difficulty involved.

But there is always a but! We are more than happy to reconsider this age limit for children who are fit and accustomed to outdoor adventures.

Skill levels

Novice:

No previous experience

Beginner:

Have tried the activity couple of times

Tourer:

Knowledge of the activity and ability to participate without much assistance

Explorer:

Experience and knowledge of the activity and readiness to explore

General terms and conditions

All tours and transfers are operated through third parties.

Guests assume all risks associated with activities organized by Highland Base as well as activities involving third party providers. Please note that activities organized involving third party providers are subject to the relevant providers' terms and conditions.

Highland Base cannot be held responsible for delays, cancellations, or accidents arising from tours or transfers booked through and/or organized by a third party.

The reseller is responsible for informing their relevant staff members (tour guides, etc.) and guests about the relevant terms and conditions relating to Safety Standards and Liability.

Cancellations and booking modifications

All cancellations or changes must be communicated in writing to:
sales@highlandbase.is

Scheduled activities

Cancellations or changes must be made 72 hours prior to arrival. After that, the tour is non-refundable.

On demand activities

If a cancellation is received more than 10 days prior to arrival, you will get a 100% refund. After that the tour is non-refundable.

Rate information

Rates are in ISK and per person, unless stated otherwise. All rates are subject to change.

[Terms and conditions](#)



HIGHLAND BASE

KERLINGARFJÖLL

Get in touch

- If you are a travel professional, contact our sales representatives at sales@highlandbase.is
- If you are an individual wishing to make a direct booking, contact us at info@highlandbase.is