

Useful travel information

To help you travel safely we have listed a few web links to help you find useful travel information.

<http://www.safetravel.is/>

Webpage that was created by the Icelandic Association for Search and Rescue. Has useful information about travelling whether you are driving, hiking or by other means.

<http://www.road.is/>

General information about road conditions and weather in Iceland. If you are travelling into the highlands we strongly recommend that you visit this website.

<http://en.vedur.is/>

Official website of the Icelandic Met Office (Weather office). Here you can find everything about the weather in Iceland along with information about seismicity, avalanches, pollution and more.

<http://vegasja.vegagerdin.is/eng/>

A special road viewer website from the Road Administration for information on road conditions and weather. We strongly recommend that you visit this website for current information.

Hertz contact information

If your vehicle breaks down, please call: **+354 858 04 99**

In case of an emergency call: **112**

If you ever need our services during your travel don't hesitate to call or visit any of our rental locations, we will gladly assist you! Our main number is **+354 522 44 00**

Car Rental Locations

	Tel
Keflavík	+354 522 44 30
Reykjavík	+354 522 44 20
Ísafjörður	+354 522 44 90
Stykkishólmur	+354 522 44 00
Bíldudalur	+354 522 44 00
Skagaströnd	+354 522 44 00
Sauðárkrókur	+354 522 44 88
Akureyri	+354 522 44 40
Þórshöfn	+354 522 44 80
Egilsstaðir	+354 522 44 50
Höfn í Hornafirði	+354 522 44 70
Þorlákshöfn	+354 522 44 00
Vestmannaeyjar	+354 522 44 75
Bakki/Landeyjahöfn	+354 522 44 00

I'm aware that...

- My insurance does not cover damages when driving off road or in water/river
- My insurance does not cover damages to tires and underbody of the vehicle
- I need special insurance to reduce excess liability in case of damages caused by ash/sandstorm.
- I need special insurance to cover damages to front windshield, headlights and foglights
- I need to use the right fuel type for the car I am renting

Safetravel.is

safetravel.is
The official website for safe-transportation.com

Conditions in Iceland are in many ways unusual and often quite unlike what foreign drivers are accustomed to. It is therefore very important to find out how to drive in this country. We know that the landscapes are beautiful, which naturally draws the driver's attention away from the road. But in order to reach your destination safely, you must keep your full attention on driving.

The right fuel type



When renting a car you might get car that is either made for diesel or unleaded gasoline. Gasoline pumps in Iceland can be different color than you are used to from your home. Please make sure to pump the right fuel in your car. All our Diesel cars are specially marked with a sticker on the key-ring, in the dashboard and on the fuel lid. Unleaded 95 oktan cars are clearly marked inside the fuel lid. No insurance covers damages caused by misfueling.

ARE YOU USING THE RIGHT FUEL TYPE?

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How to drive in Iceland

For a better journey!

Practical information on driving in Iceland

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Dear Customer - We welcome you to Iceland!

Iceland is unique and no other country in the world can give you the opportunities to enjoy the extremes of Mother Nature like our beautiful little island. We really hope that your exploration of Iceland will be both eventful and enjoyable and if you ever need our services during your travel don't hesitate to call or visit any of our rental locations, we will gladly assist you!

Although Iceland is considered to be one of the safest countries in the world some conditions are most likely different from what you are accustomed to. In order to make your holiday as safe and enjoyable as possible we would like you to take a moment and review this brochure closely.

Here are some points I would like you to take special notice of:

- **Sightseeing while driving** is one of the main causes of rollovers and other accidents - please stop the vehicle when viewing our beautiful country.
- **Great care must be taking when leaving asphalt roads** and driving on to gravel roads. The different surfaces can make the vehicle slide please slow down!
- **Blind summits (Blind hill)** are common in Iceland - please slow down and keep to the right as you will not see the approaching vehicle until very late.
- **Please be prepared for farm animals** grazing by the roadside and straying into or crossing the road.
- **There are many one-way bridges on the highways**, only one vehicle can cross at a time.
- **Avoid driving when you are tired.** During summertime you can experience 24 hour sunlight, this confuses many people. We recommend not driving in to long hauls. Take brakes, enjoy nature and if you are really tired take a 15 minute nap ;)
- **Please be aware that:**
Your insurances do not cover damages when driving off road.
Your insurances do not cover damages when driving in water/river.
Your insurances do not cover damages to tires and underbody of the vehicle.
You will need special insurance to reduce excess liability in case of damages caused by ash/sandstorm.

2WD vehicles are not allowed in the highlands and they are not insured on roads marked with "F" (All highland roads signs marked with an F, i.e. F26). This includes the roads marked: **Kaldidalur #550, Kjölur #35 and Landmannalaugar #208**. Driving these roads on a 2WD vehicle will incur a fee. For more information please refer to the rental terms and conditions.

I wish you a pleasant stay in Iceland and a safe journey home.

With kind regards
Sigfús B. Sigfússon
Managing Director



Gravel Roads

Many rural roads in Iceland are gravel roads and not suited to fast driving. Please drive carefully and show other road-users consideration at all times. When you meet another car, slow down, and pull safely to the side of the road.

General speed limit is 50 km/h in urban areas, 80 km/h on gravel roads in rural areas and 90 km/h on hard-surfaced roads. Please note: Special warning signs indicate danger ahead, such as sharp bends and there is generally a separate sign to indicate the recommended speed.

Highland roads are for special cars. They are not meant for ordinary passenger vehicles. Insurance is limited on these roads.

Driving off marked roads is prohibited. It results in irreparable damage to the land and the plant cover which may remain visible for centuries. This can cause claims for compensation. Your insurance does not cover damages when driving off road.

Blind summits (blind hill/rise) are common in Iceland. They are marked with the sign (Blindhæð). Slow down and keep to the right as you will not see the approaching vehicle until very late.

There are many **narrow one-lane bridges** on the roads. They are marked with a sign. (Einbreið brú). Only one vehicle can cross at a time.

Tel 1777 for **information on conditions of Highland roads**, they can be impassable. Strong winds can blow the car off the road. Be careful opening and closing doors in such high wind conditions. This is a common cause for damage to the cars. Caution is needed.

Driving in snow or ice is difficult, drive slowly, no quick turns of the steering wheel and use brakes with care.



Pay attention to **road signs**. Icelandic roads are very narrow and their condition is often unpredictable. Please use caution while driving

Unbridged rivers in highland can be dangerous. Never cross it alone, check it first. Insurance does not cover damages caused in this situation.

Animals are often on the road or near it. They can easily run across the road when your car approaches.

Driving under influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited by law.

Seat-belt use is obliged in all seats of the car by law. Please make sure all your passengers and driver have their seatbelt on.

Never drive tired. During summertime you can experience 24 hour sunlight, this confuses many people. We recommend not driving in to long hauls. Take breaks, enjoy nature and if you are really tired drive to a safe area, away from traffic, and take a 15 minute nap.

Headlights are obliged 24 hours by law. Please make sure that your car has the main headlights on at all times. Fog lights in front as headlights is not enough to fulfill this requirement.

Driving in ash/sandstorm can be dangerous, it can be slippery and soft, please drive carefully. Damages to the vehicle caused by ash or sandstorm is not covered by insurance. It is important to check the weather forecast before you go on your trip.