



Spartan Ultra World Championship

TRAVEL GUIDE

Hveragerði, Iceland



WHERE TO STAY?

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Come for the race, stay for the natural wonders!

Near the Spartan Race venue

The town of Hveragerði known as the hot springs capitol of the world has a variety of great accomodations just minutes from the race venue. Some traveler favorites are Hotel Örk or Frost & Fire Hotel, but there are several unique options in the area.

Closer to the Keflavík airport

The capital city, Reykjavik, is where you will find the most restaurants, bars, museums and hotspots. Centrally located hotels with good breakfast and reasonable prices are the CenterHotel Plaza or FossHotel . Reykjavik is an easy 30-40 minute drive from the Keflavik airport.



HOW TO GET THERE



Rent a car! A rental car is a must to see the sights of Iceland and also gives you more freedom than a shuttle bus. Iceland is beautiful but with beauty come rough terrain, a 4-wheel drive vehicle is recommended as road conditions can change in an instant during shifting winter weather.

WHAT TO SEE

After conquering the Spartan Ultra World Championship there are endless natural wonders to explore while in the Land of Fire & Ice!

Glaciers



Water running underneath the glaciers will open up tunnels within them, allowing visitors to explore the unbelievable world inside of an ice cap. In very few places on earth is this possible, yet there are three glaciers in Iceland that allow for the opportunity in December.

Hot Springs



Iceland is full of spots with geothermal water, but if you want a more secluded place, you can hike a trail to hot springs in Reykjadalur (Smoke Valley) just north of the town of Hveragerði. The hot water streams gushing down the mountain range are ideal for relaxing. The valley offers a rich variety of hot pools and geothermal springs to explore.

Northern Lights



December is one of the best times for viewing the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) and lucky for you you're in the right place at the right time! If the weather cooperates there is a good chance you will see them on course, throughout the twenty hours of darkness each day.

GOOD TO KNOW!

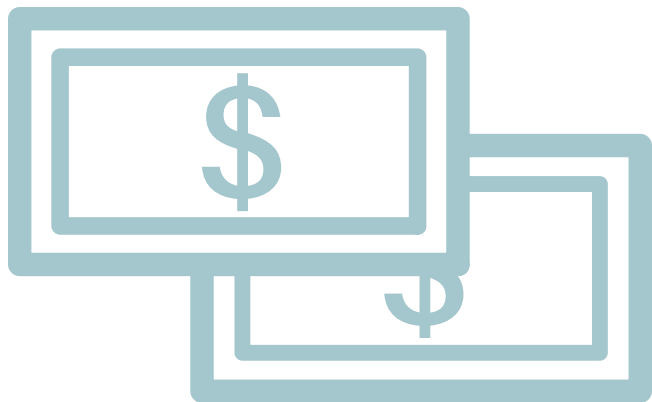
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It's always helpful to learn about the locals before you arrive!

- The currency in Iceland is Krona, but not to worry they take major credit cards like Visa and Mastercard.
- The Icelandic people are very kind, if you have questions they are happy to help & speak excellent English!
- In Iceland gratuity is always included in the bill therefore tipping is not required. However, if you do feel that you have received great service, Icelanders appreciate a tip and will gladly accept it.
- Don't make fun of the elves! For centuries Icelanders have believed in trolls, elves, and hidden people in their beautiful land!

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All non-Iceland residents are tax free eligible! Take advantage of this program to save money on your trip!

How it works:

If you purchase items in a local store and are going to export them from Iceland, then you should ask in the store for a Tax Free form. The form is filled in by the store and the original purchase receipts attached to it.

When you leave the country you take the goods purchased, the tax free forms and the receipts with a refund amount higher than ISK 5.000 to the customs office to have the form stamped and thereby export validated.

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