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ICELAND QUEER TRIP

Dates:

15th June - 20th June 2026 (6 days)

Price

£1,331 (Secure your spot with just a **£199 deposit**)

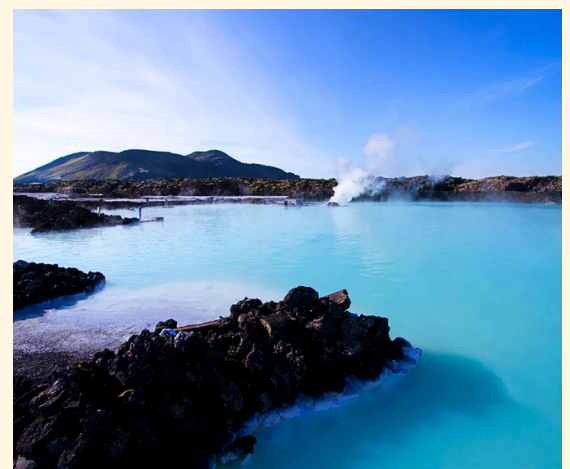
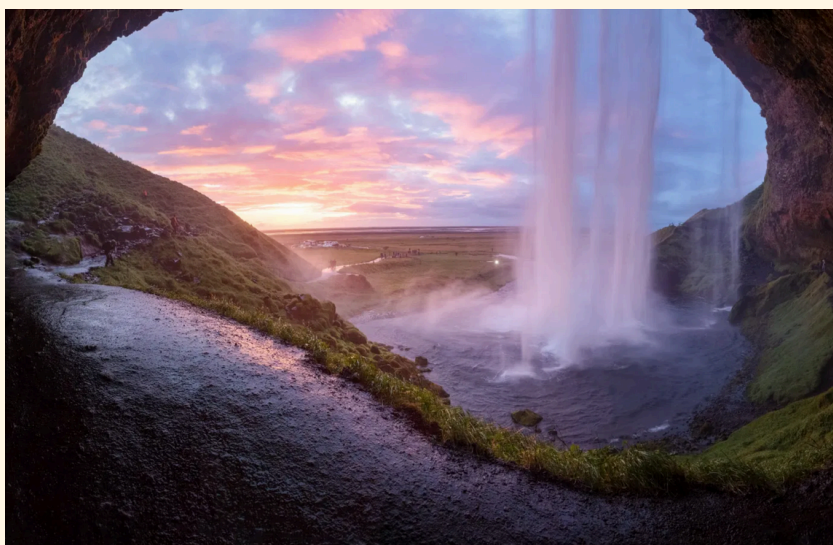
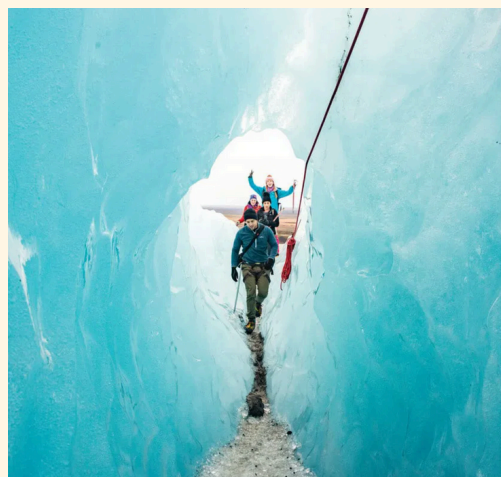
Operator

The trip will be run by @gap360official, the UK's leading independent specialist travel company for 18-30s.



Trip Highlights

- Explore the Golden Circle including the epic Thingvellir National Park and Game of Thrones filming locations
- See Strokkir geyser erupt with impressive geo-thermal force in the fields of Geysir
- Uncover the magic of Vatnajökull – the largest glacier in Europe
- Discover the black sands and unique rock formations of Reynisfjara beach
- Tuck into an Icelandic feast in Reykjavik, ahead of some of the best nightlife in the Northern Hemisphere



What is Included in the price

- 5 nights accommodation
- 5 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- Group leader, driver and local guides
- See filming locations from the epic Game of Thrones
- Visit an Icelandic Farm
- Visit Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls
- Geothermal fields of Geysir, Midgard
- Visit black sands of Reynisfjara Beach
- Drive through Kirkjubæjarklaustur
- 24 hour emergency support
- Many more activities included in Itinerary!



WHATS NOT INCLUDED: INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS, TRAVEL INSURANCE, VISAS, AIRPORT TRANSFERS, SOME MEALS, OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Coming Solo?

Awesome! All Gap 360 trips are designed for travellers to meet and make new travel friends. A dedicated group leader will accompany you throughout the entire trip, ensuring everyone is mixing and having a fun time. Plus, Gap 360 will create a WhatsApp group a month before the trip so you can break the ice before you even arrive! On both our trips to Thailand and the Philippines, several travellers ended up getting matching tattoos - which really shows just how close you can expect to become by the end of the trip!

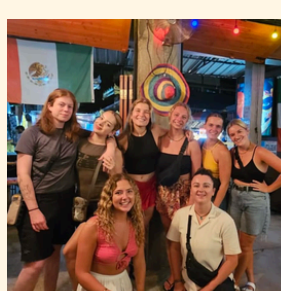
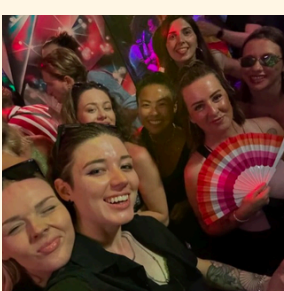
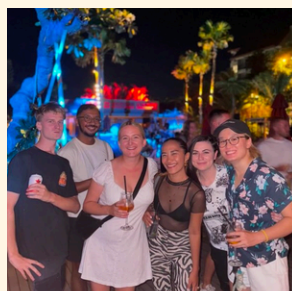
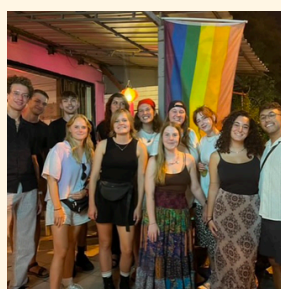
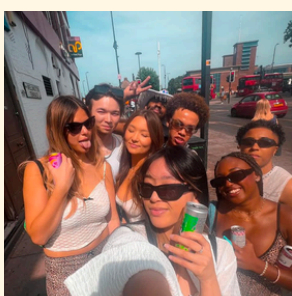


Tattoo time on the Thailand Trip!



Who is the trip open to?

Anyone who is a LGBTQ+ Backpacker and aged 18 or over! With the trip open to so many spots (30-45 places), nearly double our usual capacity, you're sure to find your crowd and have an unforgettable experience travelling Iceland surrounded by fellow LGBTQ+



Reviews

As all our trips are operated by trusted partners, we don't collect direct reviews ourselves, and this is our first ever Iceland trip! However, below you'll find reviews from travellers who joined the queer Thailand & Philippines trip operated by Gap 360!

MJ ★★★★★

I had an incredible time on the LGBTQ Backpackers Thailand trip. Everything was very well organized and planned, and I loved the group activities we did as well as the freedom to go off and explore a bit on my own, which I had a great time doing. I loved the hill trek and the night in the jungle village as well. I do wish we could have spent more time in Bangkok and Chiang Mai, though- it would have been nice to get to explore the city and learn about the culture. As a vegan, I was amazed at how well gap360 accommodated my dietary needs for all of the included meals. I never found myself in a situation where I felt like there wasn't anything I could eat; and often, a separate vegan meal was prepared for me without even having to ask! Our tour guide Mr Patrick was an absolute delight. He did an amazing job and made the trip so fun. He helped us so much on the trip and it wouldn't have been the same without him!



W8468CWsamantha

★★★★★ Reviewed 2 May 2025

Perfect trip

An amazing experience with such a wonderful group. I joined the LGBTQ+ backpackers group and had Sheena as our tour guide. Sheena was just a joy to be around. She made us all feel safe and welcome in the beautiful Philippines. Sheena has amazing knowledge regarding the areas we travelled to and made every minute very special. I recommend this trip so much and want to send all my thanks to Sheena for such a special and memorable trip.

Date of experience: April 2025



Aisling H ★★★★★

I was very nervous leading up to the queer trip to Thailand but once I got there, I felt so at ease. Travelling around Thailand with a beautiful bunch of people was an unforgettable experience. I have made some lifelong friends and will always be grateful for this trip. Mr. Patrick was amazing. He knew everyone's names from the start and joined in on our fun when he was able to. His communication was excellent, we always knew what the plan was and timings etc, he was always there with the anti-sickness tablets too. Mr. Patrick was the perfect person to show a bunch of queers around Thailand. Would do it all again in a heartbeat.

Daisy ★★★★★

Solo travel is always an exciting yet intimidating prospect and sometimes, as someone who is a part of the LGBTQ community, it can feel more intimidating than exciting. That's why I was so excited to be able to go on a fully queer trip and I have never been so glad that I did. What a fantastic, vibrant and beautiful group of people I got to spend time with, all while discovering a new country. We really got to see the wide variety that Thailand has to offer: from beautiful beaches, expansive jungle and bustling cities. Throughout the trip, the organised experiences gave us the chance to become extremely close as a group and there really was something for everyone. There was also the chance for additional activities such as rock climbing. It is impossible to leave a review for this trip and not mention the incredible Mr Patrick. It's safe to say that we would have been lost without him and that he made this trip the best it could possibly be for all of us. Mr Patrick led us all through the experience with jokes, hugs and anti-sea sickness medications and we never were unsure about our next move. I cannot recommend him more highly as a guide and fully express what a wonderful person he is. Everyone in their life needs a Mr Patrick ❤️ thank you for making such an inclusive and safe trip possible for all of us.

Samantha ★★★★★

What a life changing experience. I had the absolute pleasure joining the LGBTQ+ backpackers trip and had the most heartwarming experience. This was my first time traveling solo which going with Gap360 allowed the comfort of traveling with a group alongside gaining the feel of backpacking. We saw the most beautiful locations with a mix between chilled beach time, adrenaline pumping activities and learning a lot about the culture! Highlights were definitely the elephant sanctuary and the hill village stay. I have came out of this trip with so many beautiful new friends and memories that I will cherish forever. I was very worried about going to Thailand with a peanut allergy but the tour provided safe meals and our amazing tour guide helped every step of the way with communicating and pointing me in the right direction of safe alternatives. We had the absolute delight of Mr Patrick's company on our tour. Patrick was the perfect tour guide for our LGBTQ+ tour. He has a strong knowledge of cultural history and had many suggestions for places/activities for us to do in each location during free time which were always welcomed. Mr Patrick deserves a full five stars. He is such an inspiration and joy to have met! For a diverse group who struggle to sometimes feel safe in different locations, Mr Patrick made us all feel safe every step of the way. Thank you Mr Patrick ❤️



ellie m
★★★★★ Reviewed 2 May 2025

INCREDIBLE

We've all had the most incredible 2 weeks in the Philippines!! Jam packed trip seeing so many cool things, making so many friends and most importantly - our queen SHEENA!!!!!! She MADE the trip, so much fun!!! We won with our tour guide ❤️

Date of experience: April 2025



Jen ★★★★★

Wow - what an incredible experience! I haven't got a single bad word to say about this tour and our wonderful, caring and fun guide Patrick! From day one he helped bring our group together ready to see his country not with strangers, but with new friends. This activity packed tour was so well organised: I always felt safe, knew what our plan was and could easily ask for suggestions for our free time. Patrick put so much work into making our time together memorable and worry free, it really wouldn't have been anywhere near as good without him and I am so grateful for him! I couldn't recommend doing a Gap360 tour as part of the LGBTQ+ backpackers group enough! It was so special and I now have a group of queer people from all around the world that I can call family - I will definitely be doing it again!



Maddy R

★★★★★ Reviewed 2 May 2025

Someone give Sheena a raise!

A wonderful jam packed trip with enough time to relax in between :) Sheena was more than incredible, she made us feel a part of each place we visited, be that at the town level or a bar level. I didn't have to think about anything other than what I wanted for dinner - 12/10 recommend

Date of experience: April 2025



eringm9

★★★★★ Reviewed 2 May 2025

Best trip ever

We've just finished the best holiday to the Philippines with the most amazing destinations and wonderful organisation. Had the best time ever and I cannot thank our tour guide Sheena enough for making the trip as perfect as it was, she was genuinely the best ever - 20/10. Cannot recommend enough!!!

Date of experience: April 2025



Rachel L

★★★★★ Reviewed 2 May 2025

Out of this world experience!

This trip was amazing! One of the best experiences I've ever had. It was full of so many different activities and everyone got on so well. I especially loved the cultural day, it was so informative and fun! I don't think this trip would've been as successful without Sheena (our tour guide). Sheena was absolutely fantastic! She made us all excited for everything, she was enthusiastic, planned really well and kept us safe and happy over 2 weeks especially with 22 people! It was honestly so great, highly recommend!! ❤️

Date of experience: May 2025

Post-Trip Chat Vibes

We believe there's no better way to get a sense of how incredible the trips are than by taking a sneak peek into the post-trip group chat messages!



From @saskf



From @jana_o4



From @lifeofrachel_x



From @danncannon



From @hfarris



Itinerary

Day 1

Trip Overview

Explore the land of fire and ice on this amazing group tour of Iceland's unique natural beauty. From explosive geysers and thundering waterfalls to vast glaciers and black sand beaches, it's a landscape like no other. Start in colourful, quirky Reykjavik, before exploring the wonders of the world famous Golden Circle. We've got rooftop hot tubs, gourmet Icelandic experiences and visits to Game of Thrones filming locations on the menu. You'll need to pinch yourself to check you're not dreaming.

Day 1: Reykjavik

Fly into Keflavik Airport at a time that suits you before making your way to your starting accommodation in the heart of Reykjavik. The world's most northerly capital is a delicious mix of colourful buildings, edgy art galleries, wild nightlife and eye-catching design, all set against a backdrop of snow-capped mountains. The downtown area is remarkably compact and easy to explore on foot, so check into your hostel and get exploring! This evening you'll get together with your travel gang over a Icelandic dinner. Iceland's food scene is all about fresh ingredients and unique dishes and even the most avid foodies will be excited by what's on offer. As well as tucking into some mouth-watering local delicacies, you'll have a chance to get to know your new friends and to get excited about the adventures that lay ahead!

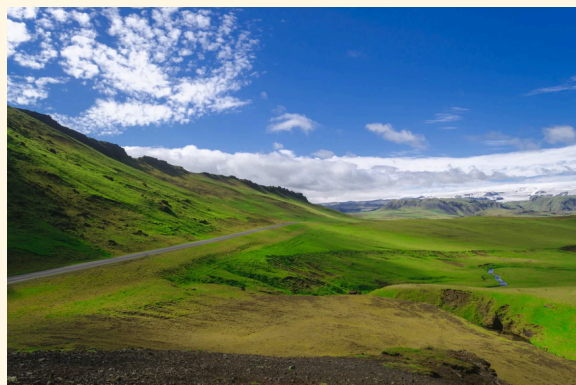


Day 2

Day 2: The Golden Circle

After a spot of breakfast, we're leaving the capital behind and heading to Midgard Base Camp. There's loads to see on the way though, as we make our way around the famous Golden Circle. Our first stop is the spectacular Thingvellir National Park. This amazing site is steeped in history and folklore and surrounded by some of the most incredible geology on Earth. When thick snow covers the lava fields in winter, the landscape has a surreal quality that you won't forget in a hurry. It's easy to see why it was used as one of the filming locations for Game of Thrones! Explore the Park fully before continuing on to Efstidalur, a dairy farm where you'll get a real insight into farm life in Iceland. We've got a 'farm to table' presentation lined up so you can really get to grips with the nature of agriculture in this unique landscape. Then we're off to the awe-inspiring geo-thermal fields of Geysir. The site is dotted with hot pools, fumaroles, and vividly coloured soils, but the main attractions here are the two geysers, one of which (Strokkir) erupts every ten minutes - you'll see the steam rising from miles away. After the most amazing day, we'll spend the evening relaxing in the rooftop sauna and hot tub at Midgard Base Camp!

- Take part in local reforestation program in the Haukadalur Valley by planting 5 trees and reducing your carbon footprint
- See filming locations from the epic Game of Thrones, including Thingvellir National Park
- See the geothermal fields of Geysir, Midgard
- Visit an Icelandic Farm to learn about farm-to-table eating & taste regional homemade specialities
- Relax in the rooftop sauna & hot tub at your Midgard Basecamp accommodation



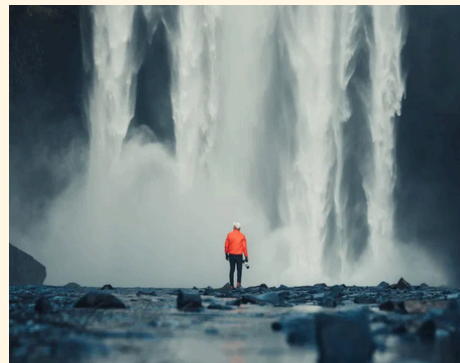
Day 3

Day 3: Waterfalls & Reynisfjara beach

We're up early, ready for another day packed full of wonder. Our first slice of Icelandic magic is the thundering majesty of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls. Soak up the spectacular views of the falls and their surroundings before heading on past the Mýrdalsjökull Glacier to the world famous black sands of Reynisfjara beach. With its enormous basalt stacks, crashing Atlantic waves and rocky sea stacks sitting just off shore (trolls that were turned to stone, according to Icelandic folklore), it's a totally unique coastal landscape. Wander down the black sands, check out the crazy rock formations, and remind yourself that you're not in a fairy-tale! Our final stop and home for the night is Skaftafell nature reserve.

Inclusions:

- Gawp at the spectacular Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls in Skaftafell
- Walk the black sands of Reynisfjara Beach



Day 4

Day 4: Vatnajökull National Park

Fill your belly with some breakfast before heading to yet another incredible National Park. Vatnajökull is named after the enormous glacier found here (the largest in Europe). Have your cameras at the ready as we discover Svinafellsjökull, one of the most impressive glacial outlets coming out of the glacier. With caves and crevasses of a magical blue colour, it's clear to see why it was used as a filming location for Game of Thrones Season 2, when the characters went north of the Wall. If you fancy getting more up close and personal with the glacier, we've got an optional glacier hike on offer in Vatnajökull National Park as well. After you've taken your fill of the epic landscapes, we'll continue on to the remote seaside village of Vik. The journey to get there is pretty epic as well as we pass canyons, volcanoes and glaciers of the Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

Inclusions:

- Look out for pony-sized horses with teal blue eyes in Skaftafell
- Marvel at canyons, volcanoes & glaciers on a drive through Kirkjubæjarklaustur

Optional activities:

- Get up close to Iceland's wild nature on a glacier hike in Vatnajökull National Park (approx 76 euros)



Day 5 & 6

Day 5: Reykjanes Peninsula & Reykjavik

This morning we'll head towards the Reykjanes Peninsula, an area characterised by vast lava fields, volcanoes and constant geothermal activity. Explore the dramatic coastline, picturesque villages and incredible views over mythical Lake Kleifarvatn. You'll have the opportunity today to take a soak in the milky blue waters of the famous Blue Lagoon. Kept a toasty 39°C year round, the lagoon is surrounded by stark black lava fields and is a 'mustdo' on any trip to Iceland. This evening, we're back in Reykjavik where you can join an optional foodie activity as we sample modern Icelandic cuisine in a cosy harbour restaurant, or explore the capital's famously wild nightlife at your own pace.

Optional activities:

- Soak in the Blue Lagoon, a geothermal mineral wonder - approx 78 euros
- Enjoy modern Icelandic cuisine in a cosy harbour restaurant in Reykjavik - approx 59 euros

Day 6: Trip end

Pack your bags and say your goodbyes. It's time to travel home with a head filled with glaciers, geysers and folk-tales. Iceland, you've been amazing!

All activities, inclusions and itineraries are subject to change.



More Info

Arrival Info

Arrive in Reykjavik on day 1. The welcome meeting takes place at 4pm, so we recommend you arrive in the morning. The trip ends back in Reykjavik on day 6. You can depart at any time. Airport transfers are not included, however public shuttle bus transport from the airport is easily arranged. Please contact a travel advisor for more information.

Meals

5 breakfasts and 3 dinners are included. You'll need to buy the rest of your meals yourself. Iceland's food scene is having a bit of a moment, with dishes inspired by the ingredients the locals find around them (think free-range lamb, berries, seafood and wild herbs) so it's a great place for culinary exploration. Reykjavik in particular, is right up there as a foodie destination.

Accommodation

We have selected some unique places for you to stay during your trip. 5 nights' accommodation is included on this trip, and you will be staying in mixed-gender dorm rooms

Minimum age & eligibility

Anyone who is a LGBTQ+ Backpacker and aged 18 or over!

Group Size

30-45



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Interested?

To secure your space you just need to pay a £199 non-refundable deposit and then pay the rest 100 days before.

Cancellation terms

- More than 100 days = a loss of the deposit paid
- Between 100 - 50 days = 30% of the tour price
- Between 49 - 30 days = 50% of the tour price
- Less than 30 days = 100% of the tour price

As this trip is operated by Gap 360, all terms and conditions are with them.

To book, please visit <https://www.lgbtqbackpackers.com/group-trips>

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