

Driving in Iceland, tips and information

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The roads in Iceland can be a scary place. The weather in Iceland is unpredictable and can change from good to bad in 5 minutes. Before you start your journey you can check this handy guide about driving in Iceland. Drive safe!

Websites to check every day

Especially when you are driving out in the country

Safetravel.is has a great site always updates with the dangers lurking around Iceland. If there are safety alerts, you will find them there.

Check [road conditions](#) on the very informative [Road.is](#) website. Information is updated by the hour and has information about wind speed, snow and icy roads in winter, if the road is closed and much more. Just click on the part you plan to be driving through.

Always check the weather forecast at the [Icelandic Met office](#). You can choose the area you are driving through and scroll the forecast for information by the hour. Please note that the information is not updated throughout the day.

Lastly, you can see actual road conditions on the [Road.is webcam site](#). Be a little patient with the site, it is sometimes a little slow to show footage.

Driving in Iceland with Elfis

Videos made by the [Icelandic Road Administration](#) are very informative about some of the dangers on the Icelandic roads.



Unfortunately, this is just a photo. Follow the link for the videos on YouTube.

Information sites about Driving safely

[Road.is - Driving safely in Iceland](#)

[How to drive in Iceland](#) by the Icelandic transport authority

[Blog about driving in Iceland](#) by SADcars car rental

[Drive.is](#) - A lot of videos about specific dangers on the Icelandic roads, for example speed limits, blind hills and blind curves

Information about [car seats for children](#)

[Apps for mobile phones](#) - Two helpful apps for your travel safety in Iceland; The 112 app and Icelandic Traffic signs

[Calculate distances between places in Iceland](#) (only in Icelandic)

[Compare fuel prices](#) at gas stations in Reykjavik

We urge you to take out insurance coverage, check out the [insurance options we offer](#).

And lastly, a good rule is to always check with the locals before you go ahead on your journey. Find the [local tourist information office](#), ask the people at your accommodation or the gas station. Local people often know the forecast by heart and can guide you through bad weather.

Top 10 tips from Driving in Iceland

by [Drive.is](#)

1. Everyone in the car needs to wear a seatbelt.
2. Do not stop or park the car on the road except in case of emergency.
3. Lower your speed when you approach and drive on a gravel road.
4. Choose the speed in accordance with the road surface.
5. Check the weather and road surface in advance on [road.is](#) and [safetravel.is](#).
6. Make sure you get enough sleep in summer when there's daylight 24 hours.
7. Be sure that you have the driving lights always on - night and day.
8. The car that approaches a single lane bridge first, crosses first.
9. Sheep and other livestock you see near the road can suddenly run across the road.
10. Don't risk your life and safety by driving on to a CLOSED road (marked Impassable or ÓFÆRT).