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The 12-Month Map

Iceland

Every month in Iceland on one page: weather, crowds, price pressure and an honest verdict.

WHEN TO GO. NOT JUST WHERE.

HOW TO READ THE MAP

One page. Twelve rows. One decision.

Each row is one month. Read across and you get the four things that decide whether a month is right for you, and a one-line reason.

THE VERDICT

GO	The best months for most trips. Book early: everyone else knows too.
GOOD	Worth it, with a trade-off you can plan around.
THINK TWICE	Works for some trips. Read the reason before you book.
AVOID	Hard going for most travellers. Only with a specific reason.

CROWDS AND PRICE PRESSURE

● ○ ○	Low. Quiet sights, wide choice.
● ● ○	Moderate. Book the popular things.
● ● ●	High. Book early and expect to pay more.

Patterns, not forecasts. The map shows what each month is usually like. Weather varies year to year, and price pressure is relative, never a quoted price. Check entry rules and holiday dates for your own year.

Daylight swings from about four hours in midwinter to almost twenty-four in midsummer. The northern lights need dark, clear skies, roughly from September to March. Highland roads open only in summer.



GO GOOD THINK TWICE AVOID

When to go: Iceland

Month	Weather	Crowds	Prices	Verdict	Why
January	Cold, stormy, snow	● ○ ○	● ● ○	GOOD	Long aurora nights, ice caves and short blue days. Plan short drives.
February	Cold, stormy, snow	● ○ ○	● ● ○	GOOD	Aurora season in full swing with more daylight for driving.
March	Cold, snow lingering	● ○ ○	● ● ○	GOOD	Equal days and nights: some of the best aurora odds with time to explore.
April	Cool, changeable	● ○ ○	● ○ ○	GOOD	Quiet and good value between the aurora and the midnight sun.
May	Cool, drier, bright	● ● ○	● ● ○	GO	Long days, puffins and lupins before the summer crowds.
June	Mild, bright	● ● ○	● ● ●	GO	Midnight sun and open roads; highlands open late in the month.
July	Mildest, changeable	● ● ●	● ● ●	THINK TWICE	Highlands fully open, but peak crowds and peak price pressure.
August	Mild, changeable	● ● ●	● ● ●	GOOD	Summer access, easing late in the month as the first dark nights return.
September	Cool, autumn colour	● ● ○	● ● ○	GO	Autumn colour, fewer people and the northern lights back.
October	Cold, stormy	● ○ ○	● ● ○	GOOD	Good aurora month with autumn driving. Expect storms.
November	Cold, stormy, dark	● ○ ○	● ○ ○	THINK TWICE	Short days and storms. Good value for a short aurora trip.
December	Cold, dark, snow	● ● ○	● ● ●	GOOD	The darkest month: aurora, ice caves and festive traditions.

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From the right month to the right trip



This map is the short version. *When to Go: Iceland* is the full guide: every month in depth, region by region, with the weather, crowds and closures that matter for each kind of trip.

The Trip Timing Planner picks up from there: booking windows, a 90 / 60 / 30 / 7-day countdown and packing lists by season, for any destination.

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