

Eyjafjallajökull

Southern Region · Iceland

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Eyjafjallajökull is an ice cap on top of a volcano in south Iceland. It rises to about 1,650 m, close to the Ring Road. Its eruption in 2010 sent ash across Europe and stopped much air travel for days.

Most visitors see it from the road or from Skógar. Hikers cross the pass beside it between Skógar and Þórsmörk.

When to visit

Summer is the season for hiking and for the highland roads. Weather changes fast on the ice, and winter conditions are for experienced mountain travellers with a guide.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for hiking	-7° / -3° Feels like -15°	-10° / -18°	24 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for hiking	-6° / -3° Feels like -15°	-10° / -19°	22 rainy days · Dry air · Windy
March	Poor Poor for hiking	-6° / -3° Feels like -14°	-10° / -18°	23 rainy days · Dry air
April	Poor Poor for hiking	-5° / -2° Feels like -12°	-8° / -16°	21 rainy days · Dry air
May	Poor Poor for hiking	-2° / 1° Feels like -9°	-5° / -10°	20 rainy days · Dry air
June	Poor Poor for hiking	1° / 4° Feels like -5°	-2° / -6°	20 rainy days · Dry air
July	Poor Poor for hiking	3° / 6° Feels like -2°	0° / -3°	21 rainy days · Dry air
August	Poor Poor for hiking	3° / 6° Feels like -3°	-1° / -3°	21 rainy days · Dry air
September	Poor Poor for hiking	0° / 3° Feels like -6°	-3° / -7°	23 rainy days · Dry air
October	Poor Poor for hiking	-3° / 1° Feels like -10°	-6° / -12°	22 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for hiking	-5° / -1° Feels like -13°	-9° / -16°	22 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for hiking	-6° / -2° Feels like -15°	-10° / -18°	24 rainy days · Dry air

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Eyjafjallajökull is the volcano and glacier itself. It is best seen from the Ring Road, from Skógar and from the road to Þórsmörk.
- Gígjökull is a glacier tongue on the north side, reached by a road into the valley of Þórsmörk.
- Fimmvörðuháls is a well-known day hike or two-day hike over the pass between Skógar and Þórsmörk. Check weather and daylight first.



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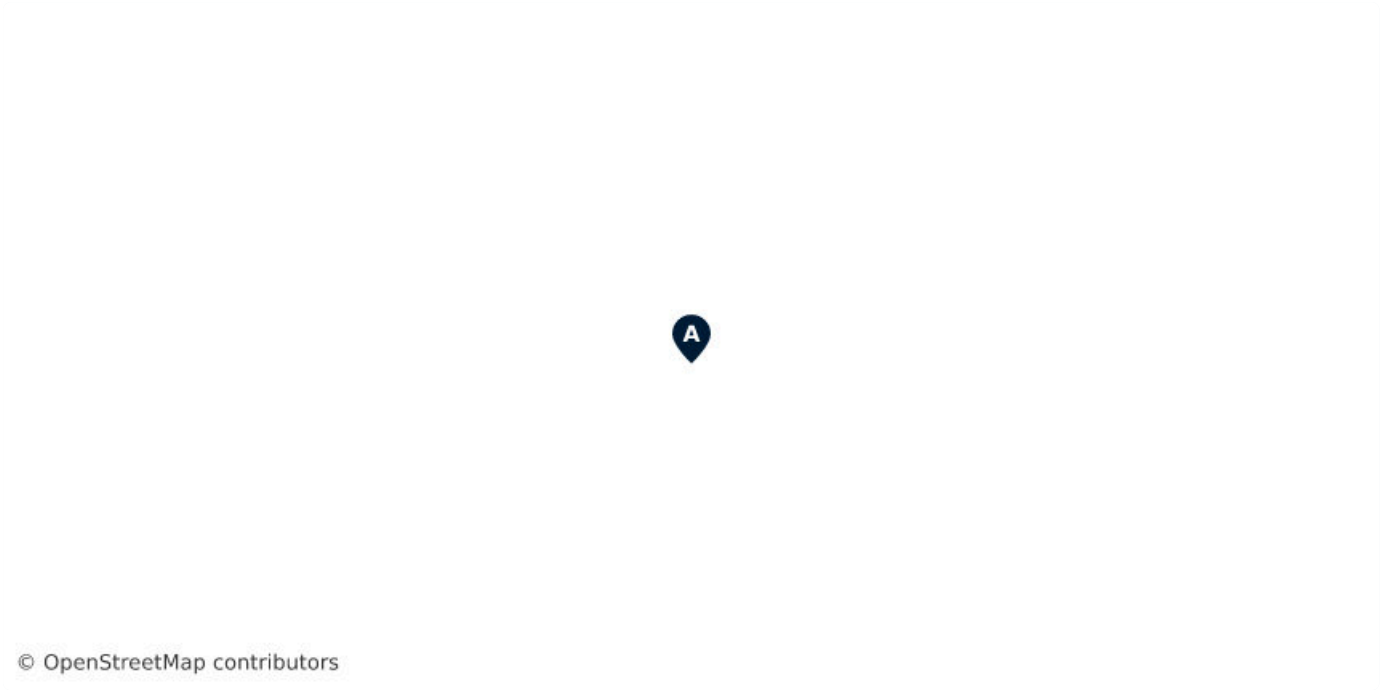
Getting there

- **By car**: The Ring Road passes the south side of the volcano. Reykjavík is about 150 km west, a drive of around 2 hours.
- **Nearby**: Skógar is the nearest village.
- **To Þórsmörk**: The road is for 4x4 vehicles and crosses rivers. Check road conditions first.

Top sights





A Eyjafjallajökul

Eyjafjallajökull, sometimes referred to by the numeronym E15, is one of the smaller ice caps of Iceland, north of Skógar and west of...

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