ON THE ROAD
BLUE CAR RENTAL

WITH

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLING SAFELY AROUND ICELAND

The Icelandic Met Office provides you with information about the weather in Iceland and they publish their weather forecast on their website daily. There is a reason for the old Icelandic saying: “If you don’t like the weather – wait five minutes.”
http://en.vedur.is/
TEL: +354 522 6000

The Public Road Administration provides you with information about the road conditions on various roads and tracks all over Iceland as well as information about the weather.
www.road.is
TEL: 1778

Safe Travel: the official source for safe adventure in Iceland, publishes warnings and alerts regularly on the website.
www.safetravel.is.

WINTER DRIVING

It can be difficult to drive in Iceland during the winter, especially if you are not used to driving in snow or on icy roads. It is really important to drive carefully and according to weather- and road condition.

Stay alerted and reduce speed as the appropriate speed can be much lower than the speed limits.

ICY AND SNOWY ROADS

• We often experience “Black Ice” on the roads early in the morning or late at night so keep that in mind as it creates the most dangerous conditions.
• The roads can also be covered in snow. Although most of the paved roads are either scraped or salted it is usually isn’t enough.

*Please note: Pay close attention to the road conditions when the temperature is around 0-4 °C and when the weather is still.

STudded Winter Tires

• All cars from Blue Car Rental have studded winter tires from 1st of November until 15th of April. Although studded winter tires increase your safety, you must always drive carefully and according to weather- and road condition.

Reduced Speed

• The speed limit set at each point applies only during the best conditions. When driving on icy or snowy roads, reducing the speed is vital. It is more complicated to control the car under these circumstances and wrong reaction can cause the driver to lose control of the car.

*Please note: When you are driving on iced- or snowy roads the braking distance increases significantly, even if the car has studded winter tires.

Remove the Snow

• There are ice scrapers in all of our cars. During the winter it is highly important to remove snow and ice from the windshield, windows, mirrors and lights. Make sure that the wipers are also clean and fully functional.

• The wipers can be frozen to the windshield so make sure to pull them off before turning the wipers on to remove the snow. Otherwise it can damage the wipers and the motor.

*Please note: Damages caused by water or river crossing are not covered by insurances.

Summer Driving

River Crossing

• Before crossing a river or a water make sure that no other route is possible! Although studded winter tires increase your safety, you must always drive carefully and according to weather- and road conditions.

• As some of them may not be open during your trip, drive really slowly but without hesitation so that water doesn’t reach and damage the engine or electrical system of the car. Use 1st or 2nd gear only, never take your foot off the gas and never apply the clutch in the middle of the river.

*Please note: Damages caused by water or river crossing are not covered by insurances.

F-Roads

• Travelling on the F-Roads in the Highlands of Iceland requires a 4x4 rental car. The F-Roads should be driven very carefully and make sure to check weather- and road conditions before entering.

• F-Roads are only open during the summer time and are often impassable. Please remember that off-road driving (driving off the established roads and tracks) is forbidden in the Highlands as well as everywhere else.

For more information about the road conditions and openings of the F-Roads check www.road.is

*Please note: Damages caused to the underside of the car are not covered by insurance.

SUMMER DRIVING

BLUE CAR RENTAL EMERGENCY BREAKDOWN SERVICE

In case of a vehicle breakdown call our 24/7 emergency breakdown assistance.

+354 773 7070

Keep in mind that if an assistance is required because of a breakdown, trouble or damage that is the driver’s responsibility Blue Car Rental may charge the renter a service fee.

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Locations:
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• Blikavellir 3, 235 Keflavík Airport
• Reykjavík City Office
• Tískisloð 22, 101 Reykjavík

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SPEED LIMIT
The general speed limit in Iceland is 50 km/h in urban areas, 80 km/h on gravel roads and 90 km/h on paved roads outside urban areas.

*Please note: Special warning signs indicate danger ahead, such as sharp bends, narrow bridges, blind hill but there is generally no separate sign to reduce speed.

GRAVEL ROADS
Please drive extra carefully on gravel roads as they can easily cause you to lose grip or get a flat tire. Many roads outside urban areas in Iceland are gravel roads which are not suited for fast driving. Show other drivers consideration at all times. When you meet another car, slow down and pull out to the right side of the road.

PAVED ROAD CHANGES TO GRAVEL ROAD
While the ring road itself is fully paved, gravel roads are quite common in Iceland. Sometimes you can be driving on a paved road but you see a sign notifying “End of Tarred Road” or “New Road Surface”. The first sign indicates a gravel road ahead but the latter indicates that the paved road is covered with gravel due to constructions. Please exercise extreme caution when you pass these signs. Slow your car down significantly before entering the gravel road as the tires can easily lose grip.

NARROW ROADS AND BRIDGES
Many roads in Iceland, both gravel roads and paved roads, are really narrow. Make sure to watch out and slow down the speed when passing other vehicles from the opposite direction.

*Please note: Accidents commonly occur when driving on loose gravel on the side of narrow paved roads causing the vehicle to lose grip and end up on the side of the road.

Many bridges are too narrow to allow more than one car to cross at a time. Please approach them with caution!

OFF ROAD
Off-road driving is strictly forbidden in Iceland. The amazing Icelandic nature is sensitive so let’s treat it gently and with respect. F-road and Off-road driving is not the same.

*Please note: Damages caused by driving off road are not covered by insurances. Violators are subject to substantial fines!

THE CAR

DIESEL OR PETROL?
Make sure to put the correct fuel on the car. Check the key chain or the sticker on the fuel cap if you are not sure. It can be a really expensive and time consuming mistake if you pump the wrong fuel.

HEADLIGHTS
Drivers are obliged to drive with headlights on at all times all year round. If a passing car is flashing you, it means that you do not have your headlights on.

DON’T SIT OR STAND ON THE CAR
Although it makes a good picture it is totally forbidden to stand or sit on the car in any circumstances.

*Please note: Violators are subject to substantial fines!

WIND AND DOORS
Be really careful when opening doors because they can easily be blown up in the strong winds of Iceland.

*Please note: Damages caused by the wind blowing up the door are not covered by insurances!

SEAT BELTS
Seat belts are mandatory. All travelers are obliged to use safety seatbelts. This applies to those sitting in the seats as well.

*Please note: The driver is responsible for making sure that all passengers are wearing a seat belt. Violators are subject to substantial fines!

STOPPING THE CAR
Stopping the car on the side of the road can be dangerous and should be avoided unless there is an emergency. When such an emergency occurs make sure the “hazard lights” are on and place the warning triangle around 90 meters behind the car on the side of the road.

*Please note: Stopping the car in the middle of the road for photo shooting can be extremely dangerous. We know the Northern lights are beautiful but they are not to die for so choose your photo locations carefully and with safety in mind!

ANIMALS ON THE ROAD
Please be prepared for farm animals, sheeps in particular, grazing by the roadside and straying into or crossing the road. Drivers who cause injury or death to animals may be liable to claims for compensation.

TIRED DRIVERS
Iceland may look small on a map of the world but distances that seem short on the map may take a long time to cover. Please make sure to be well rested before taking long journeys. The 24 hour sunlight during summer and long dark days during winter can cause drivers to misjudge their fatigue.

DON’T LOOK BACK IN ANGER
FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE GUIDELINES FOR SAFER ICELANDIC EXPERIENCE

112 - National Emergency Assistance
112 is Iceland’s emergency phone number. Make sure to call 112 if you have an emergency which requires the assistance of Police or Ambulance, especially if there are potential injuries to people!