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### **anna says**

Excellent. Relied heavily on this book during our trip and it served us well. Directions and maps for the driving tours were extremely helpful and led us to sights and stops that it seemed most tourists and bus tours missed. The walking tour was helpful in getting oriented on our first day. It is clear that things are changing quickly due to the high number of tourists (some places now charge admission that this book has as free, some places the book identifies as having paid WCs are now free WCs . . .) but these changes are all very minor and to be expected.

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### **Emily says**

Counting the days til we leave!

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### **Andrew says**

áfram ísland! Our indispensable guidebook for our trip around Route 1. We were especially fortunate because the book was published just a couple months before our trip so all the information it contained was very current. The book is well organized and written in an approachable, conversational tone. Highly recommended for anyone planning a trip to Iceland, and if you are, do yourself a favor and don't spend your whole trip in Reykjavik - get out and see the rest of the country. The terrain changes so much as you travel that every day is a new adventure.

The suggested 10-day itinerary worked very well for us with a few modifications. Don't worry about sticking to the time schedules for each day, especially if you're visiting during the summer when you get basically 24 hours of sunlight. Do plan on spending a lot of money on...everything. Prices are substantially higher for food, fuel, etc than what is typical in the US. It's worth paying up for the zero deductible insurance policy with your car rental, even though it's very expensive. You'll do fine with a 2WD car, but there are plenty of ways to pick up dings and scratches over the course of ten days (in the end the insurance saved us money). Also be aware that the speed limit is enforced on the roads via traffic cameras, so don't be tempted by all the cars flying past you.

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### **Dhaivyd Hilgendorf says**

Although I can't say I read this cover-to-cover, like my fiancé did, I found it to be a well-researched primer for an initial trip to Iceland. Using it as a reference book worked well, with a good index and touching on the most commonly tourists areas of the country. As a traveler who generally focuses on long hikes in nature, this work was a little lacking for me, but I could have chosen a more specialised guide to better match my area of interest. The interior highlands and the northwest are essentially not covered.

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## **Kopeland says**

We tend to wing it on our vacations, but this is the first Rick Steves book I have actually read cover to cover! This was really important for this trip, we did the full Ring Road including Westman Islands in 9 days, so we were trying to be efficient. I would recommend taking a little more time, though, if you can! I think an extra chill out day about halfway would be nice, maybe in Akureyri or Seydisfjordur. Or party in Reykjavik after you get back around! Some thoughts:

1. There is some of the same information in the West Iceland and South Coast sections as is in the Ring Road section. But there are extra stops he mentions that might not be hard to add in, so if you're doing the whole Ring Road definitely read both. It's a little awkward, but I see why he organized it that way.

2. Driving in Iceland is no joke! Rick mentions a speed trap around Blonduos, and an oncoming driver honked to warn me that police were chasing me down...so I was ok! However, we may have also been speeding in some other spots, and we after the fact found a fun Reddit thread about speed monitoring by camera (Rick mentions this, too). We are expecting to receive some tickets in the coming weeks. Other main points: no right turns on red, and traffic circles are weird.

Consider buying the expensive insurance! We screwed up the bumper which would have been \$1600 USD, but at the last minute we decided to buy all the insurance, so we didn't have to give them anything extra!

3. Puffins: We made it to Westman Islands on day 7-8 of 9, because the weather was looking good enough that we thought we probably wouldn't get stuck over there. We kind of went on a wild puffin chase, not all that effective. We finally had to give up and just go hang out with Toti, the most famous puffin in the world, at Saeheimer Aquarium. Toti's handler told us that the best time to see them is actually in the evening, around 8 or 9 o'clock. Rick mentions the spots to view them in his book, but we felt like a little more information was needed - for viewing at Storhofoi, don't go all the way all the way up to the lighthouse! Excellent sheep viewing up there, but no, there's a turn off right before the top on the right where there's a little bird watching house where you can look out on the cliffs. Also, if you go to Herjolfsdalur, I think the puffin cliffs are on the other side of the golf course from the amphitheater (a bit of a walk from that end). And, finally, if you are serious about looking at puffins, bring some binoculars!!

4. Thanks for all your help, Rick Steves! We could not have done it without you.

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## **Miranda says**

Never have I used a travel book as my "guide". Yes, I pack them. I refer to the books. I read the history of the country, etc. But this time was different. I think I read this travel book almost cover to cover. I pulled the book out at almost ever stop before we explored. This book never left our car as we traveled 1100 miles on our week's road trip through Iceland. Steves was pretty spot on (except some of the times. I guess we are are faster walkers than he and his crew, and we stayed a bit longer at some of his recommended stops. ) Highly recommend.

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## **Sandy123 says**

While this book is filled with good information and tips, I felt that is was not as precisely written as some of

Rick Steves' other guidebooks. Overall, it is a good starting point to learn about travel to Iceland.

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## **Jemma Lund says**

Needs information on the Snafellsnes Peninsula

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