



What to bring on your rafting trip?

The first thing you need to know about your rafting trip is that you are probably going to get wet, so don't be too surprised! The second thing is that there is nothing tropical about Iceland, and even though you are on summer vacation, your speedos will do you no good here. All of our rafting trips run on glacial rivers, which means that the water we paddle in is recently melted ice. As the environment and the elements we face are unpredictable (often cold and always wet) overexposure will not only leave you shivering and miserable, but it can easily become a serious safety concern if you manage to sneak in unprepared. It is your responsibility as participants (yes, you!) to arrive for your rafting trip with adequate warm clothing. What do we mean? Let us explain...

WHAT TO WEAR ON THE RIVER

- Thermal underwear / base layers
- Warm fleece top / wool sweater
- Fleece pants / extra long johns
- Thick wool socks / hiking socks (at least 1 pair)

Be prepared to get wet! All clothing worn on the river should be of a material that keeps its insulating ability when wet. We highly recommend fleece, wool, and synthetic materials. **DO NOT WEAR**

COTTON, so NOT your jeans and favorite hoodie!

WHAT ELSE TO BRING

- Dry clothes for after the river
- Any necessary medications (asthma inhalers, etc.)
- Waterproof camera (optional)
- Thirst for adventure & sense of humor!

Please trust us when we say that the river can be the worst of all thieves, and that any valuables you bring with you on the raft (cameras, sunglasses, laptops, etc.), are likely to disappear to the bottom of the rapids when you are fully distracted and least expecting it. Trust us, we've learned our lesson too many times, and we'll do our very best to avoid saying "I told you so"! Hide your valuables somewhere that you can find them safe and dry after your trip.

What we supply?

- All rafting equipment: drysuit, PFD, helmet, booties, gloves
- Qualified, professional raft guides and safety kayakers
- Transportation between our rafting base and the river
- Riverside refreshments (food and hot drinks for East River trips, hot drinks for West River trips)
- Iceland's ultimate rafting experience!

How to find us?

The Viking Rafting base at Hafgrímsstaðir is located on Road #752, 15km from its junction with Hwy #1 at the west end of Varmahlíð. Simply follow Road #752 up the valley for about 10-15 minutes until you see us on the left-hand side of the road!

FROM REYKJAVÍK: 305km/190mi (4-hour drive). Follow Highway #1 (Ringroad) towards the North.

Just after you descend a long hill into the Skagafjörður valley, Road #752 is on your RIGHT, about 500m before the centre of Varmahlíð (where the Tourist Info & N1 fuel station are located).

FROM AKUREYRI: 110km/68mi (1.5-hour drive). Follow Highway #1 (Ringroad) towards the West.

Continue along about 500m past the left turn in the centre of Varmahlíð (where the Tourist Info & N1 fuel station are located) until you reach Road #752 on your LEFT.