



KEY TRIP NOTES

REGION/LOCATION(S):

East-west traverse of Iceland. Starting at the most easterly point, Dalatangi, and finishing at the most westerly, Bjargtangar

CATEGORY:

Multiday, epic

DISTANCE:

971 km (603 mi), potentially longer depending on how passable rivers are

TERRAIN:

Gravel tracks, deep sand, and volcanic rock

SKILL LEVEL:

Advanced. A highly committing route, with limited to zero bail-out options. Potential for extreme weather. The team consulted with river guides, farmers, and search and rescue, and recruited an Icelandic production team to help build the route to ensure safety and compliance with environmental standards.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The unique landscape of Iceland's interior and the sense of extreme isolation and relaxing in a hot spring after a hard day of riding.

ESSENTIAL GEAR/EQUIPMENT:

Warm clothing and sleep kit, camp and survival gear, sufficient food, and other supplies for seven to ten days of riding.

RESUPPLY INFO:

No resupply until you hit the road in the Westfjords, which is over 600 km (373 mi) into the route. Gas station resupply options thereafter.

RIDE SEASON:

Summer

CONTRIBUTOR / RIDER INFO

Emily Batty, Adam Morka, Chris Burkard, and Eric Batty completed the traverse in August 2020. Emily is a two-time Olympic mountain bike racer and multiple Canadian national champion. Her husband, Adam, is a former professional racer. Chris Burkard is a world-renowned professional photographer. Eric Batty is an arborist and adventure sports photographer. He has completed and documented multiple bike and ski expeditions.