



Top 5 Westfjords Roads for Your 4x4 Rental

The Westfjords are hands down some of Iceland's most challenging but incredible drives. You'll need a proper 4x4 and some serious planning to tackle these remote roads. Even in summer, they're pretty demanding, but that's exactly what makes them perfect if you're after those untouched, wild landscapes.

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Route 60 - Your Gateway In

Route 60 is basically your connection between the Westfjords and the rest of Iceland. This paved highway becomes your lifeline when you're out exploring the really remote stuff.

The road winds through mountain passes and follows the coast in places. Weather here can flip on you fast, especially in spring and fall. Here's the thing stock up on everything you need before you head deeper into the peninsula.

Gas Stations in Iceland become pretty scarce once you leave the bigger towns. Make sure you fill up in Búðardalur or Reykhólar before heading west.

Route 61 - Stunning Coastal Drive to Patreksfjörður

Route 61 hugs the southern coast and wow - the ocean views are something else. It's partly gravel, so you'll get those authentic Westfjords vibes.

You'll drive through tiny fishing villages and past some seriously dramatic cliffs. The road switches between paved sections near towns and rougher gravel bits in the middle of nowhere.

Don't rush this one. The scenery's so good you'll want to stop constantly, and you can't go fast on those unpaved stretches anyway.

Route 63 - Getting to Dynjandi Waterfall

Route 63 takes you to one of Iceland's most jaw-dropping waterfalls. It starts out paved but turns to gravel as you get closer to Dynjandi.

This route really shows off the Westfjords' wild side. You've got steep climbs and narrow spots where you need to be careful if another car's coming the other way.

But man, that waterfall makes every bump worth it. Multiple tiers cascade down the mountain, creating this natural amphitheater of rushing water that's just incredible.

Route 612 - Látrabjarg Bird Cliffs

Route 612 gets you to Europe's westernmost point and these massive bird cliffs. It's gravel all the way, so bring your patience and make sure your vehicle's ready.

The **Puffins in Iceland** here during summer are amazing - thousands of these colorful little birds nesting in clifftop burrows. They're not scared of people at all, so you can get pretty close.

The road ends at a lighthouse with parking. From there, you can walk along the cliff tops where all these seabirds are nesting and feeding.

Weather can change crazy fast out here since it's so exposed. Even in summer, bring warm clothes.

