

8 DAY ICELANDIC NORTHERN LIGHTS

DESTINATIONS

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REYKJAVÍK



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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Reykjavik
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Take your complimentary transfer from Keflavik airport to the hotel, and get settled before you meet your tour leader and fellow transfer at a welcome meeting at 6 pm. There are no activities planned for today, but if you arrive early we recommend getting out and exploring the world's northernmost capital. Perhaps take a trip to the National Museum, where you can see its permanent exhibition depicting the history of Iceland from the 9th century to the present. After the welcome meeting, the evening is yours to explore.

DAY 2

Destination	Reykjavik 🚗 Golden Circle 🚗 Hvalsvollur Area
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning head to the geologically and historically important Thingvellir (Parliament Plains), the original site of Iceland's old parliament from AD 930. You will also visit the geothermal geysers and witness the spouting hot springs of Geysir and Strokkur, before driving to Gullfoss (Golden Waterfall). Here at Iceland's largest waterfall, a rainbow is often visible on a sunny day. It's a beautiful sight amid the spray above the falls. Later this evening, you'll stay on a working family farm in the Icelandic country side. The accommodation is among the leading hotels in Iceland regarding environmental issues and the proud owner will show you around the estate to reveal more. Far away from the lights of the city, your hotel is also an ideal base from which to see the spectacular Northern Lights. Look to the skies tonight in search of them.

DAY 3

Destination	Hvalsvollur Area 🚗 Kirkjubæjarklaustur
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Begin the day by travelling through the lava fields of 1783's Laki volcanic eruption, and event that shaped Iceland's history and culture. Next is Skaftafell National Park which is where you will have the opportunity to get face-to-face with Vatnajökull, Europe's biggest glacier. From there, drive on to Jokulsarlon, also known as the Glacier Lagoon. Take a walk around this astounding glacial lake and learn a little more about its history, perhaps taking some photos along the way. Then continue to the village of Kirkjubæjarklaustur for your overnight stay.

DAY 4

Destination	Kirkjubæjarklaustur 🚗 South Coast 🚗 Reykjavik
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Drive through the beautiful scenery of Iceland's South Shore. Wander past the enormous basalt sea stacks at Reynisdrangar, marvel at the colours of the glaciers spilling down the mountains in the distance and admire the spectacular Skogafoss, a waterfall on the Skoga River. At 60 metres high and 25 metres wide, it's one of the largest – and most impressive – waterfalls in Iceland. It has been used as the setting of several popular films including The Secret Life of Walter Mitty and Thor: The Dark World. After spending some time taking in the glory of this stream continue to Seljalandsfoss waterfall. You can walk right behind the stream of rushing water to see it from another

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angle. Next, return to Reykjavik and enjoy an evening of free time. Perhaps try the famous lobster soup or the infamous fermented shark washed down with a shot of Brennivin (Icelandic schnapps) in the Old Harbour, or enjoy a beer in a cosy city bar.

DAY 5

Destination	Reykjavik 🚗 Snæfellsnes
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast leave the city behind and head to the Borgarfjordur area. See the lava-formed waterfalls of Hraunfossar and the folklore-heavy Barnafossar (Children's Falls). Continue to Deildartunguhver, where water bursts from the ground at a scalding 97°C. These are Europe's hottest springs. The highlight of today is a soak in the nearby geothermal pools of Krauma, where the mineral-rich waters from Deildartunguhver are mixed with glacial water so they are cooled to a more tolerable temperature. Krauma has a total of five hot pools, and a cold tub (5°C to 8°C) to get your blood circulation going. There are also two saunas and a relaxation room where you can rest by the fireplace while listening to soothing music. Finally, continue to your lodgings in the south of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Meet the group for dinner in the evening.

DAY 6

Destination	Snæfellsnes 🚗 Reykjavik
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today you will explore the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, beginning with the Snæfellsjokull glacier, an icecap that covers a dormant volcano. Visit the birders paradise of Arnarstapi, the black pebble beach Djupalonssandur, and the pretty fishing village of Grundarfjordur. Here you'll stop and meet a local artist by the name of Liston, who will show you his workshop. This is a great opportunity to have a look at his stone carving pieces and to interact with a local artisan. Continue to a horse ranch, where you'll watch a cooking demonstration and enjoy a hearty home-cooked meal of local fare. After dinner, return to the hotel. Depending on the weather, rug up in warm clothing and head out in search of the northern lights tonight.

DAY 7

Destination	Reykjavik
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Return to Reykjavik (approximately 3 hours). Upon arrival explore Reykjavik on a city tour with your leader, passing the old harbour, city centre, towering Hallgrímskirkja church and the dome-shaped Pearl. Spend the afternoon exploring the city at your own pace. Iceland's capital has an eclectic art and music scene, an abundance of quirky cafes and a laid-back vibe. Perhaps window-shop in the central city or browse some of the city's excellent art galleries and museums. If you feel like something more active, you can take a ride on an Icelandic horse, or see killer whales just offshore on a whale watching expedition. Alternatively, if you are after another look at the Northern Lights, you can head out of town to chase them again this evening.

Optional Activities Reykjavik - Settlement Exhibition - ISK1700 Reykjavik - Saga Museum - ISK2200 Reykjavik - Whales of Iceland Museum - ISK2900 Reykjavik - Maritime Museum - ISK1700 Reykjavik - Harpa Concert Hall - Free Reykjavik - Volcano House - ISK1790 Reykjavik - Perlan Museum - ISK3900

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DAY 8

Destination	Reykjavik
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Your Icelandic journey comes to an end after breakfast this morning. Those looking to extend their stay can arrange additional nights' accommodation at the time of booking the trip (subject to availability).

Optional Activities Keflavik - Blue Lagoon - ISK11000 Northern Lights Viewing Opportunity - ISK7000 Nauthólsvík - Thermal Beach - Free Fludir - Secret Lagoon - ISK3000 Reykjavik - Lava Tunnel Tour - ISK11400 Laugarvatn - Fontana Geothermal Baths - ISK3800

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED	7 breakfasts, 4 dinners Expert tour leader Private minibus Comfortable hotel (7 nights) In depth sightseeing
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Fine Print

EXCLUSIONS	International Airfares Personal Expenses Travel Insurance Optional activities Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional Tipping/Gratuities
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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$400 deposit per person.

Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$978 per person within 28 days.

You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)

Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected

Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests

Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab

Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)

Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking

Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra AUD \$785 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

HOTEL LIST

Reykjavik - Hotel Klettur (or similar)
Hvolsvollur Valley - Hotel Fljotshlid Smaratun Farm (or similar)
Kirkjubæjarklaustur - Hotel Klaustur (or similar)

OPTIONAL TOURS

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Optional tours are booked and paid on tour.

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