



# Iceland: Reykjavik & the Northern Lights

6 days | 8 days with West Iceland & Reykjavik extension

Iceland develops a completely different appeal during the winter months. Occasional snowfalls make the landscape even more otherworldly, roaring waterfalls freeze into icicles, and the night sky often lights up with one of nature's most staggering phenomena: the northern lights. Discover the sites of Reykjavik's city center before setting off to admire glaciers, geothermal marvels, and the ethereal beauty of the aurora borealis.



## Your tour package includes

- 4 nights in handpicked hotels
- 4 breakfasts
- 2 lunches
- 1 dinner with beer or wine
- 4 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

## Included highlights

- Reykjavik
- the Golden Circle
- Great Geysir geothermal area
- Gullfoss
- Eyjafjallajökull volcano
- Seljalandsfoss
- northern lights excursions

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including wet, slippery gravel, and paved paths with some uphill climbs.

## Group size

15-38

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Reykjavik today.

## Reykjavik → 4 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Reykjavik & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: welcome lunch*

Welcome to Iceland! Meet your fellow travelers at a welcome lunch. Then, get a feel for Reykjavik, often called "the greenest city on Earth," with your Tour Director leading the way.

- Soak in views of the city from the Perlan Observation Deck
- See the iconic Höfði House and the presidential residence at Bessastadir
- Visit Hallgrim's Church and the University District
- Pass the Old Town Center, Parliament House, and modern City Hall
- Glimpse the artwork of Ásmundur Sveinsson and Einar Jónsson, both famous Icelandic artists

### Day 3: The Golden Circle & northern lights excursion

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Leave the bustle of Reykjavik behind as you travel along the Golden Circle, a ring of some of Iceland's most magnificent natural wonders.

- Stop at Thingvellir National Park to see the Althing, an open-air governmental assembly that was established in 930 and continued to meet until 1798
- Sit down for an included lunch at Fridheimar Farm, where fresh produce is grown in a greenhouse heated by geothermal energy
- Explore the Great Geysir geothermal area, located in the Haukadalur Valley
- Discover Gullfoss, or "the Golden Waterfall," a natural wonder and one of the most powerful waterfalls in Europe

Tonight, set off in search of the famous northern lights, also known as the aurora borealis. You'll transfer one hour outside of Reykjavik, where less artificial light pollution makes for clearer night skies.

*Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent and seeing the aurora borealis is not guaranteed.*

### Day 4: The South Coast & northern lights search

*Included meals: breakfast*

Embark on an excursion to the South Coast, a lowland region of lush farmland, striking waterfalls, beaches, glaciers, and picturesque villages.

- View the Eyjafjallajökull volcano
- View the South Coast's black sand beaches
- Stand behind the impressive Seljalandsfoss waterfall
- Marvel at the beauty of the Sólheimajökull glacier (*weather permitting*)

Then, head out of the city to "chase the lights" as you search the sky for the aurora borealis.

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### Day 5: The Blue Lagoon

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

Travel to the Blue Lagoon, a famed geothermal spa known for its restorative properties and ethereal water.

- Float weightlessly in the lagoon's light blue water, which is a mix of freshwater and seawater that's warmed deep in the Earth
- Relax with therapeutic spa treatments and massages (*at additional cost*)

Celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner this evening.

## Flight Home

### Day 6: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to continue exploring Iceland.

## + West Iceland & Reykjavik extension

Just when you think things can't get any more impressive, you can extend your stay alongside your Tour Director to see the wonder that is West Iceland. With its lava fields, cascading waterfalls, and abundant animal life, the region is

an out-of-this-world gem worth writing home about.

## West Iceland → 1 night

### Day 6: West Iceland & Langjökull Glacier

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Travel to Husafell this morning, stopping en route to admire West Iceland's dramatically varied landscapes.

- Marvel at Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring
- Admire Hraunfossar, clear falls that stream over a lava field, and see the nearby cascades of Barnafoss
- Visit Reykholt, a historic village that was home to medieval writer and chieftain Snorri Sturluson
- Drive in a specially modified snow truck on the Langjökull Glacier, Iceland's second largest, and walk through the glacier's interior ice tunnels

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

## Reykjavik → 1 night

### Day 7: Reykjavik via Borgarnes

*Included meals: breakfast*

On your way back to Reykjavik, stop in the town of Borgarnes to visit an Icelandic settlement exhibition and learn more about Viking history.

## Flight Home

### Day 8: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport to board your flight home.