



# 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

*Included meals: welcome lunch*

Welcome to Iceland! Meet your fellow travelers during a welcome lunch.

Then enjoy free time for the rest of the day in Reykjavik, or add an excursion.

+ Blue Lagoon Spa Visit

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Reykjavik & northern lights excursion

*Included meals: breakfast*

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.

Spend a free afternoon in the city or add an excursion.

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.*

+ The Lava Tunnel

### Day 4: The Golden Circle & northern lights search

*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.

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 South Coast

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

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*).

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 West Iceland today, stopping to admire the region'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.

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.ca/ICL](https://goaheadtours.ca/ICL) | 1-800-754-5066

## Day 2: Blue Lagoon Spa Visit

\$219CAD (4.5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Travel to the Blue Lagoon, a famed geothermal spa known for its restorative properties. The lagoon's light-blue water is a mix of freshwater and seawater, and is warmed deep in the Earth before being sourced and pumped into the lagoon by a nearby geothermal plant. Relax in the lagoon's spa, admire the surrounding lava field, and soak in beneficial minerals as you float weightlessly in the ethereal water. Please Note: On some departures, travelers may visit the Sky Lagoon instead of the Blue Lagoon if it is closed or Go Ahead feels there is a safety risk due to seismic activity, dangerous air quality, or magma accumulating beneath the Blue Lagoon surface. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 45 days prior to departure.

## Day 3: The Lava Tunnel

\$215CAD (3 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Head outside of Reykjavik, to one of Iceland's longest and best-known lava tubes. Descend into the impressive inner tunnel, which was formed roughly 5,200 years ago as a result of the Leitahehraun eruption. Explore inside the tunnel, where impressive lighting showcases the powerful force of the eruption. In wintertime, water drips from the tunnel's ceiling and freezes in the form of beautiful ice sculptures. Please note: This activity involves 1 hour of walking through the cave on surfaces including some stairs and flat boardwalks. Warm layered clothing, gloves, sturdy shoes, and hats without brims are recommended due to unpredictable weather. Helmets and headlights will be provided. This excursion is not suitable for people with mobility challenges due to steep stairs and uneven surfaces. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.ca/terms](https://goaheadtours.ca/terms)