

# CHRISTMAS & NORTHERN LIGHTS

## ITINERARY

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### DAY 1: WELCOME TO REYKJAVÍK & NORTHERN LIGHTS

On arrival to Keflavik International Airport, you will be greeted by a professional driver who will take you to your accommodation in Reykjavík. After settling in, the rest of the day is free for you to explore Reykjavik. You can stroll the charming capital city, visit museums, and explore landmarks. Downtown Reykjavik offers numerous excellent restaurants and cafés, as well as bars, for those who want to experience the renowned Reykjavík nightlife.

In the evening, get ready to search for the otherworldly northern lights. You will join a guided small group bus tour with a knowledgeable driver that will find a great spot to view the white, green and sometimes red lights dancing and flickering in the sky. *Please note that northern lights are a natural phenomenon and we cannot guarantee sightings.*

Spend the next five nights in Reykjavik.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Reykjavík

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### DAY 2: THE GOLDEN CIRCLE - GEYSERS & WATERFALLS

Today you will visit some of Iceland's most famous attractions with a personal guided small group tour of the classic Golden Circle route in South Iceland. One of the many highlights on this journey is Þingvellir National Park, a place of great historical and geological significance that is also listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Þingvellir is the site of the country's first parliament and is located along the edge of the great rift created by the drifting of the Eurasian and American tectonic plates. Other attractions include the beautiful two-tiered Gullfoss waterfall and the spouting hot springs of Geysir. While Geysir lies dormant, its neighbour Strokkur erupts every few minutes, gushing steam and water from the bowels of the earth. A taste of Icelandic food and drink is included during the tour.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Geysir - Gullfoss - Þingvellir

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### DAY 3: THE SOUTH COAST - GLACIERS AND BLACK SAND BEACHES

Enjoy a guided small group tour along the striking south coast of Iceland. The tour starts with a visit to the picturesque Seljalandsfoss waterfall, which is 40-metres high and its main attraction, besides the scenery, is the pathway leading behind the waterfall, giving visitors a chance to view the falls from within. Next up is a view of the vast glacier Sólheimajökull before continuing to Reynisfjara, a hauntingly beautiful black sand beach. The last stop before heading back to Reykjavik is the graceful, 60-metre high Skógafoss waterfall to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and pose for the perfect picture.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Mýrdalsjökull, Katla & Sólheimajökull - Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar - Seljalandsfoss - Skógafoss

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### DAY 4: CHRISTMAS WALK & DINNER CELEBRATION

Start the day with a cultural, culinary walking tour led by a local guide dressed in Iceland's intricate national costume. This leisurely stroll through downtown Reykjavík, which will be lit up with Christmas lights and decorations, gives you insight into unique Icelandic Christmas traditions as well as the city's history,

architecture and culture. You will get to enjoy a taste of Iceland's culinary secrets at various stops including the uniquely-prepared fermented shark, as well as dried fish and malt ale.

You will also visit the Settler's exhibition that houses the oldest ruins of a Viking farm in Iceland and Reykjavik oldest cemetery to read some runes. Before the tour ends you will receive a lovely souvenir to remember your time in Iceland.

At 18:00, the church bells ring throughout Reykjavik as Icelanders begin their Christmas celebrations with their families at home. This evening you will head to a charming restaurant in downtown Reykjavik where you will enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner.

*Please note: the itinerary for this day is set on the 24th of December.*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Reykjavik

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## DAY 5: RELAX AT THE BLUE LAGOON & ENJOY LEISURE TIME IN REYKJAVIK

Today, you will be picked up for a visit to the famous Blue Lagoon. You will have a chance to bathe in the heated geothermal pool, which is rich with silica and soothing for your skin, and enjoy the unique surroundings. You can also visit a sauna or steambath and choose from an array of spa services (which must be booked in advance).

After your time at the Blue Lagoon, you will board a transfer back to Reykjavik, where you can spend the late afternoon, and evening, at your leisure. If you are up for some adventure, you can book a northern lights excursion. For instance, you could take a northern lights boat tour, where you could see the majestic lights, far from the bright city lights of Reykjavik.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Blue Lagoon

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## DAY 6: DEPARTURE FROM ICELAND

Your winter getaway to Iceland has come to an end, and you will have a semi-private transfer from your accommodation to Keflavik International Airport. If you are departing in the afternoon and are interested in adding an optional activity, please arrange with your travel consultant in advance, as there are a limited number of activities available due to the holiday.

*Please note: the itinerary is set based on arrival on the 21st of December. If you are arriving on the 20th, 22nd or 23rd your travel consultant will rearrange the itinerary accordingly with the Christmas celebration set on the 24th of December.*

*Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

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