

# NORTHERN LIGHTS ADVENTURE IN THE WESTFJORDS

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### DAY 1: WELCOME TO ICELAND & EXPLORE THE CAPITAL

On arrival to Keflavik Airport, you will be greeted by a driver who will take you to your accommodation in Reykjavik. After settling in, the rest of the day is free for you to explore the vibrant city centre and its many museums, restaurants and bars for all tastes. If you're interested in checking out Icelandic design or experiencing the city's thriving coffee culture, head to the main street, Laugavegur, to enjoy its various shops and cosy cafes.

Spend the night in Reykjavik.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Reykjavik

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### DAY 2: JOURNEY THROUGH WEST ICELAND

Today your journey to the Westfjords begins! This region of Iceland is remote, far from bustling towns, allowing you to be close to nature in an area that few tourists get to experience. After your morning pick-up, you'll travel with your guide and fellow travellers through beautiful west Iceland. Along the way, there will be a stop in Borgarnes at the Settlement Centre, where you can enjoy the exhibitions about Iceland's first settlers. After lunch at the museum restaurant, you will then get to see the largest (by volume) hot spring in the world, Deildartunguhver, followed by the beautiful twin waterfalls, Barnafoss and Hraunfossar, that flow over a lava field. This drive also takes you through Reykholt, an important site from the Icelandic Sagas.

After driving through more impressive landscapes, you will arrive to Heydalur guesthouse and enjoy a three-course dinner in the evening followed by some optional relaxation in the hot tubs outside. The night ends with a leisurely search outside for the northern lights with the guide and others in your group.\*

Spend the next four nights at the Heydalur Guesthouse.

*\*Please note that the northern lights are a natural phenomenon, so sightings cannot be guaranteed.*

*Heydalur is a beautiful area to visit and spend time hiking, but it is quite isolated during the winter months as it is far from other towns and villages and the weather and roads can be challenging. The only services available in the region are at Heydalur.*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Westfjords

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### DAY 3: ADVENTURES IN THE WEST FJORDS

The next three days are dependent on the weather conditions and guests' interests. Excursions typically included in the program are:

- Guided hike to the Drangajökull glacier (weather permitting) or else a snowshoe walk in Heydalur valley
- Guided ice fishing tour (winter) or horse riding or kayaking (autumn), followed by visits to the salt factory in Reykjanes, the old Viking ruins at Vatnsfjörður and the Þrandur "troll"

• Guided tour in Ísafjörður, the “Capital of the West Fjords”, with stops at the church, library and the historical old town followed by photo breaks at scenic viewpoints such as the seal colony at Hvítanes. Also includes visits to the Osvör Museum, the Fox Museum in Suðavík and Litli Bær for waffles with the locals.

Each evening, you'll head back to the guesthouse to enjoy dinner with the group and go out on more northern lights excursions led by your knowledgeable local guide.

Spend the night at Heydalur Guesthouse.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Drangajökull - Ísafjörður

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## DAY 4: MORE ADVENTURES IN THE WEST FJORDS

Enjoy more activities with the group today, depending on interests and weather conditions. In the evening, you'll head back to the guesthouse to enjoy dinner with the group and go out on another northern lights excursion with your guide.

Spend the night at Heydalur Guesthouse.

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## DAY 5: MORE ADVENTURES IN THE WEST FJORDS

Enjoy more activities with the group today, depending on interests and weather conditions. In the evening, you'll head back to the guesthouse to enjoy dinner with the group and go out on another northern lights excursion with your guide.

Spend the night at Heydalur Guesthouse.

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## DAY 6: RETURN TO THE CAPITAL CITY

After your adventure in the West Fjords, it's time to head back to the capital city in the morning after breakfast. On the way there will be a stop at the Witchcraft Museum in Hólmavík for one last cultural experience of this unique region. Back in Reykjavik you will be dropped off at your hotel, and then you can enjoy the rest of the afternoon and evening at your leisure.

Spend the night in Reykjavik.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Museum of Icelandic Sorcery and Witchcraft - Reykjavík

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## DAY 7: THE CLASSIC GOLDEN CIRCLE

Today you will visit some of Iceland's most famous attractions with a guided personal 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. On return to Reykjavik, you will see the beautiful waterfall Faxi.

Spend the night in Reykjavik

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Geysir - Gullfoss - Þingvellir

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## DAY 8: DEPARTURE FROM ICELAND

Depart to Keflavik International Airport via a semi-private transfer. If your flight is in the afternoon, you will have time to visit some of Reykjavik's boutiques or museums. You may also opt to take an exciting optional activity (not included), like whale watching or a relaxing visit to the Blue Lagoon.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Blue Lagoon

*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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