

WINTER HIGHLIGHTS & NORTHERN LIGHTS

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DAY 1: ARRIVAL & SIGHTSEEING IN REYKJAVÍK

On arrival at Keflavik International Airport, you will be greeted by a driver who will transfer you to your hotel in the city centre of Reykjavík. After settling in, the rest of the day is free for you to explore the vibrant capital city with its abundance of museums, restaurants and bars to suit 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, and enjoy its various shops and cosy cafes.

Spend the night at the **Icelandair Hotel Reykjavik Marina** or similar.

For those arriving early today you have the option to upgrade your journey from the airport with a visit to the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa before heading to Reykjavik. It's the perfect way to start your Iceland adventure!

Included:

- Private meet & greet airport transfer on arrival

Average Driving Distance: 49 km / 30 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 50 Minutes

HIGHLIGHTS: Reykjavík

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DAY 2: WATERFALLS & BLACK SAND BEACHES

Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel before being picked up by your guide. The first leg of our journey is travelling along the south coast toward Kirkjubæjarklaustur. We will visit sights including the Seljalandsfoss waterfall—the only of its kind in Iceland where you can walk behind the roaring cascade on a footpath, followed by the magnificent 60-metre free-falling Skógafoss waterfall.

From there, the journey takes you past the beautiful Eyjafjöll mountain range, including Eyjafjallajökull, a volcano completely covered by an ice cap, towards the volcanic black sand beaches near the village of Vík í Mýrdal. One of the highlights is visiting Reynisfjara, one of the most famous beaches in Iceland. You can also get some great photos with the unique Reynisdrangar basalt columns jutting out of the ocean.

Next, you will travel to your carefully selected charming boutique hotel, situated far away from the city lights to give you the best chance of seeing the northern lights.

Spend the night at the **Magma Hotel**.

Included:

- Breakfast: Continental Breakfast Buffet at the Hotel
- Dinner at Magma Hotel

Average Driving Distance: 285 km / 176 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 9 - 10 Hours

**Please note that the northern lights are a natural phenomenon. If weather conditions and visibility are not favourable, the guide will inform you about the matter.*

HIGHLIGHTS: Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar - Seljalandsfoss - Skógafoss

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DAY 3: THE ICE CAVE, THE GLACIER LAGOON & NORTHERN LIGHTS

Start the day bright and early as you have a full day of exciting highlights ahead of you. Today, you and fellow travellers will join an ice cave and glacier walking tour to Vatnajökull Glacier, the largest glacier in Europe! It's truly a once in a lifetime experience exploring an ice cave, and it is suitable for travellers that can comfortably walk on uneven surfaces*.

Also on the agenda, is heading to the spectacular Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, famous for its floating icebergs in shades of milky white and bright blue. Next to the glacier lagoon we will stop at the Diamond Beach where you will see big chunks of ice that have washed up on shore after being polished in the surf of the glacier lagoon.

After our exploration we will be heading back to our accommodation for the night. Local dinner will be served and afterwards you can end the evening by putting on some warm clothes for going out to gaze at the sky waiting for the northern lights to appear.

Spend the night at the **Magma Hotel**.

Included:

- Ice Cave and Glacier Walking Tour (3.5-4 hours)
- Breakfast: Continental Breakfast Buffet at the Hotel
- Dinner at Magma Hotel

Average Driving Distance: 260 km / 161 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 9 - 10 Hours

**The ice cave and glacier walking tour is a natural experience and dependant on weather conditions. Please find more details about the ice caves in the tour information section below*

HIGHLIGHTS: Ice Cave - Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon - Vatnajökull National Park

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DAY 4: THE CLASSIC GOLDEN CIRCLE

Today the group will explore the world famous Golden Circle, a popular route for viewing some of the best-known natural sites in Iceland. Your first stop is the picture perfect two-tiered Gullfoss waterfall, where you can see the water thrash and tumble before falling metres below. Next, you will be driven to the Geysir area and explore the bubbling mud pots and spouting Strokkur geyser, which erupts steam and boiling water metres into the air every few minutes. Our guide will be sharing stories of this beautiful sight and why it is a favourite among locals and travellers!

We end the day with a visit to Þingvellir National Park before heading back to Reykjavik. Þingvellir was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site for being historically significant to the founding of Icelandic democracy and a place of immense natural beauty. The park is also home to the north Atlantic ridge, where visitors can dive the fissure, between continental plates.

Spend the night at the **Icelandair Hotel Reykjavik Marina** or similar.

Included:

- Breakfast: Continental Breakfast Buffet at the Hotel

Average Driving Distance: 385 km / 239 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8 - 10 Hours

HIGHLIGHTS: Geysir - Gullfoss - Þingvellir

DAY 5: DEPARTURE FROM ICELAND

When it's time for your Iceland adventure to end, you will be picked up from the hotel for your airport transfer by a shuttle bus about three hours before your flight. If you're flying in the afternoon, you have the option to visit the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa to relax in the warm mineral waters before continuing to the airport (optional: not included).

If you are interested in extending your stay, we can book extra nights and activities in the Reykjavík area or even combine this tour with a visit to one of our other Nordic destinations.

Included:

- Breakfast: Continental Breakfast Buffet at the Hotel
- Shuttle Transfer to Keflavík International Airport on Departure

Average Driving Distance: 49 km / 30 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 50 Minutes

HIGHLIGHTS: Reykjavík

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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