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Iceland City and Country Break



Hot spring at Hveravellir Nature Reserve on Kjölur Highland Route

Kjölur Highland Route, Akureyri, Myvatn and Whale watching Adventure

3 days / 2 nights - Valid 18th June – 04th September

Take the bus through the spectacular icelandic highlands along the Kjölur Route and visit the geothermal hot springs in Hveravellir Nature Reserve. Stay for 2 nights in the capital of the north, Akureyri, and visit the beautiful Mývatn lake and surroundings. Use one of the best spots in Iceland to see Humpback Whales. Fly back to Reykjavik and enjoy the view from above.

Highlights:

- Geysir hot springs
- Gullfoss waterfall
- Kjölur Highland Route
- Hveravellir Nature Reserve
- Akureyri
- Goðafoss waterfall
- Lake Mývatn
- Skútustaðir pseudo craters
- Dimmuborgir Lava formations
- Mt Namafjall – Hverir mud hot springs and fumaroles
- Game of Thrones filming locations by Lake Myvatn
- Mývatn Nature bath (entrance fee not included)
- Whale watching boat tour

Included:

- 2 night accommodation with private facilities and breakfast in Akureyri
- Transfer in Highlandbus from Reykjavik via Kjölur Highland Route to Akureyri, non guided
- Guided day tour to Lake Myvatn in SMALL GROUP with hotel pick up
- Whale watching boat tour
- Flight from Akureyri to Reykjavik incl. Taxes

NOT included:

- Accommodation in Reykjavik
- Meals besides breakfast
- Transfer to BSI Bus Terminal in Reykjavik
- Transfer from Bus Terminal in Akureyri to Hotel in Akureyri
- Transfer from hotel in Akureyri to domestic airport Akureyri
- Other tours, activities and entrance fees than mentioned in the itinerary
- Myvatn Nature bath entrance fee, price for 2020 is 5.500 ISK per adult

Price per person:

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| 3 Star Hotel | 4 Star Hotel | |
| 97.700 ISK | 107.500 ISK | per person in double room |
| 117.700 ISK | 133.300 ISK | per person in single room |

*Price are subject to hotel and flight availability

NOTES:

The Highlandbus departs Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri from 18th June to 04th September 2020. Scheduled stops are: Geysir 20 min, Gullfoss 20 min, Kerlingarfjöll Mountain Resort 15 min, Hveravellir Nature Reserve 1 h. Please note that stops can vary due to road conditions.

The bus departs Reykjavik at 08:00 and arrives in Akureyri at 18:30.

Did you know?

It is possible to lengthen your stay in Akureyri to add in nights for more tours and sightseeing.

We can arrange an overnight stay at the Highland Resort Kerlingarfjöll or Hveravellir. (One night only on Suynadays, Two nights on other days due to bus schedule)



Kjölur highland road

Description:

Day 1: Travel though the spectacular highlands of Iceland

The Highland route Kjölur has since the time of settlement in Iceland connected the north and south regions of Iceland. Take a photo opportunity at famous Geysir hot spring area and Gullfoss waterfall. Then continue to the highlands, passing the colourful Rhyolite mountains Kerlingafjöll located between the glaciers Hofsjökull and Langjökull.

Set between two glaciers the Hveravellir Nature Reserve is an oasis in the midst of Iceland's highland desert, with geothermal activity, smoking fumaroles and bubbling hot springs. From Hveravellir, the route continues north past Blönduvirkjun Hydro-electric Power Station and its huge reservoir on-wards through the sweeping grasslands of Skagafjörður valley and further on to the town of Akureyri.

Two night stay in Akureyri.



Pseudo craters at Skútustaðir – Lake Mývatn

Day 2: Day tour Mývatn Lake

The Lake Mývatn area is by many considered the most beautiful place in Iceland. This has been one of Iceland's most popular tourist destinations for years. An amazing journey through an area of extreme contrasts and nature's diversity. The lake area has been a filming location for major Hollywood films and TV shows, such as Game of Thrones, Fast & Furious and Star Wars.

Pickup is from 8:45-9:00 am, when we start our tour to Lake Mývatn. We drive east from Akureyri, cross Eyjafjörður fjord and enjoy the view of the town, the ocean and the mountains surrounding the fjord. After only a half hour drive we arrive at the picturesque Goðafoss Waterfall. there we make a stop before we travel for another half hour to the Lake Mývatn area.

The Mývatn Area

We explore the pseudo-craters of Skútustaðagígar where we enjoy the great panoramic view of the area. For the next hours we visit local nature highlights, such as Hverir Mud



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Pools, Mt. Námafjall, Dimmuborgir Lava Fields and Grjótagjá cave. There the rift between the Eurasian & American Continents is very visible.

Lake Mývatn Nature Baths

Before returning back to Akureyri we visit the Mývatn Nature Baths. The baths are located in the middle of lava fields where you can soak in a relaxing geothermal lagoon. The entry fee is not included in the tour price, but can be added upon booking the tour or paid on site. We stop for at least 1 hour at the Nature Baths.

Second night in Akureyri.

Day 3: Whale watching and domestic flight to Reykjavik

Here is your chance to see the incredible Eyjafjord Humpbacks in their natural habitat. The warmth of the summer sun brings vibrant life and plentitude of food to the fjord and following it, in a feeding frenzy, come the larger-than-life Humpbacks.

The specially trained whale watching guides are experts at spotting them and telling you all about their behaviour. The ship is the only high speed, specially modified, whale watching ship in Iceland with spectacular views from the “cinema styled” viewing platforms.

Sighting success is 99%, however the cetacean abundance is unpredictable and varies with the food availability of the shores. Most common species are Humpback whales. If no whales or dolphins are seen on your tour you receive a complimentary ticket for the classic whale watching tour, valid for two years in Reykjavik and Akureyri.

In the late afternoon make your own way to the domestic airport in Akureyri for your flight to Reykjavik.

