

Hidden Powers and Northern Lights Hunt – Winter Escorted Tour



Languages: English, Dutch

Duration: 6 days/5 nights

Operation: 1 Oct 2019 - 30 Apr 2020

Discover South Iceland's raw natural wonders

Icebergs, hot springs and volcanoes dominate Iceland's beautiful yet rugged landscape. On a guided coach tour, experience the hidden powers of the island including dramatic vistas of the notorious Eyjafjallajökull volcano and the breathtaking Glacial Lagoon. With several overnights in stunning rural locations, you'll be perfectly situated to hunt for the magical Northern Lights. Iceland is one of the best places in the world to experience this majestic phenomenon.

All departures are guaranteed with minimum of 2 participants

Maximum group size: 36 participants.

Prices Winter 2019 – 2020, price per person

Languages	Category	Departures	Double	Single	Triple
English	Comfort	07 Nov 2019 06 Feb 2020 26 Mar 2020	980 EUR	1.280 EUR	942 EUR
		12 Dec 2019			
		03, 10, 17, 22, 31 Oct 2019			
English	Quality	12, 14, 21 , 28 Nov 2019, 05 Dec 2019 09, 16, 23, 30 Jan 2020 04, 11, 13, 18, 20 Feb 2020 03, 05, 10, 17, 19 Mar 2020 02 Apr 2020	1.109 EUR	1.452 EUR	1.042 EUR
		14 Nov 2019 30 Jan 2020 20 Feb 2020			
		05 Mar 2020			
Dutch	Quality	14 Nov 2019 30 Jan 2020 20 Feb 2020	1.109 EUR	1.452 EUR	1.042 EUR
Dutch	Comfort	05 Mar 2020	1.026 EUR	1.337 EUR	987 EUR

Children rate:

Child 6-11 years sharing a double room with 2 adults will receive a 25% discount from the listed package price. Children 12 years and older pay full price. It is not recommended that children 0-5 years old travel on scheduled tours.

Highlights

- Make great use of your time with this introductory tour of Iceland and its unique wonders
- View first-hand many of the classic natural wonders, including the Golden Circle area, the Glacier Lagoon and Reynisfjara Beach
- Walk between two continents at Thingvellir National Park
- Experience the amazing variety in Iceland's landscape, with volcanoes, glaciers, and waterfalls
- Discover the powers of earth, water and fire and how they created Iceland—and our planet
- Walk along the banks of the amazing, iceberg-filled Glacier Lagoon
- Take stunning photographs at the dramatic Diamond Beach
- Relax in the brilliant azure waters of the Blue Lagoon
- Learn how Icelanders use geothermal power, including for baking
- See famous Icelandic volcanoes and their impacts on the area around them
- Relax each evening in specially-selected, quality hotels with private facilities
- Discover and learn about Iceland from our hand-picked local guides, who are passionate and knowledgeable about Iceland
- Take advantage of great value with included meals and activities

Included

- Guided Coach Tour from day 2 to day 5
- Expert local English-speaking guide from day 2 to day 5
- Free Wi-Fi on board motor coach
- Accommodation 2 nights in a standard room with facilities in Reykjavik
- Accommodation 3 nights in a standard room with facilities in the countryside
- Icelandic breakfast (except arrival day)
- 3 One-course local-cuisine dinners in the countryside with coffee/tea (Day 2, 3, 4)
- Entrance fee to the Aurora Reykjavik Northern Lights Centre (day 2)
- Instructions and assistance with setting up your camera for photographing the northern lights (day 2)
- Visit to outdoor geothermal bakery and taste of steam-baked rye bread (day 2)
- Entrance fee to the LAVA Centre and volcano film at the LAVA Centre Cinema (day 3)
- Blue Lagoon admission, including towel rental, silica mud mask and one drink (day 5)
- Use of crampons/cleats (if needed) for walking on snow/ice covered surfaces
- Great photo stops
- Seat rotation during the tour
- Northern Lights guided hunt on foot one selected evening
- Northern Lights hunting kit (use of flashlight, blanket and a hot drink)
- Customer care service during office hours

Added Value:

- Northern Lights "wake-up call" option during the night on days 2-4 (please note: available at most countryside hotels)

Not Included

- Breakfast on arrival day
- International airfare
- Baggage portorage at airport/hotel
- Personal travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Swimsuit at the Blue Lagoon (rentals available)
- Round-trip transfers between airports and hotels
- Beverages, snacks, lunches, dinners unless otherwise noted in itinerary
- Guaranteed early check-in (check-in time for most hotels in Iceland starts between 14:00 and 16:00 (2:00pm and 4:00pm))
- Guaranteed late check-out
- Any service not specifically listed under “included”

Accommodation - Quality category:

These are quality hotels, guesthouses and farmhouse accommodation, all with private facilities and breakfast included.

In Reykjavik: 4-star hotel. In the Countryside: The most comfortable accommodation available in each area. Most of the groups stay at the following hotels. Please note this is an advised hotel list and subject to change.

Day 1 – Fosshotel Reykjavik

Day 2- Hotel Selfoss / Icelandair Hotel Fludir

Day 3- Hotel Klaustur

Day 4- Hotel Klaustur

Day 5- Fosshotel Reykjavik

Day 6 – Departure

Accommodation- Comfort Category

These are pleasant and economical standard hotels, guesthouses and farmhouse accommodation, all with private facilities and breakfast included. Generally, 3 star or equivalent both in Reykjavík and countryside. Most of the groups stay at the following hotels. Please note this is an advised hotel list and subject to change.

Day 1 – Fosshotel Lind/ Fosshotel Raudaura / Hotel Skuggi

Day 2 - Hotel Selfoss

Day 3 - Fosshotel Nupur / Hotel Kria

Day 4 - Fosshotel Nupur / Hotel Kria

Day 5 – Fosshotel Lind/ Fosshotel Raudaura / Hotel Skuggi

Day 6 – Departure

Important

Please note that northern lights are dependent on weather conditions. Sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Time of cancellation:

More than 3 weeks (22+ days) prior to arrival deposit

3 weeks (21 days) and more than 1 week (8 days) 50%

1 week (7 days) and more than 72 hours 75%

72 hours' notice and less 100%



Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival

Highlights: Reykjavik, Hallgrímskirkja, Tjornin, National Gallery, The Sun Voyager, Perlan, Parliament House

Important: If you have added extra nights in Reykjavík before your tour, the guide will meet your group for the start of the tour on Day 2 according to the standard “Hidden Powers and Northern Lights” itinerary.

Overnight stay in Reykjavik. Airport transfer is NOT included, but we are happy to help you arrange shared or private transfers.

Please note that check-in at most hotels starts at 14:00 (2:00pm).

Day 2: Thingvellir - Geysir - Gullfoss

Highlights: Gullfoss, Geysir, Thingvellir, National Park

Approximate distance: ca150km / 93miles

Northern Lights Centre – National Park with Geological Wonders (UNESCO) – Exploding Geysers – The Famous Golden Falls

Start the day by visiting the fascinating Northern Lights Centre in Reykjavik for an exciting and informative presentation on the Northern Lights.

Then head onwards to Thingvellir National Park (UNESCO World Heritage site) where the world's oldest parliament met for centuries on the shores of Iceland's largest lake.

Continue through farmland areas to the geothermal fields of Geysir with bubbling mud pools and the high-spouting Strokkur hot spring. Last but not least, visit the dramatic two-tiered Gullfoss waterfall, a spectacular sight in winter when frozen mid-cascade. Stop at Skalholt, Iceland's capital during the Middle Ages and now a culture centre with a beautiful church. During the day you will also visit Laugarvatnshellir cave where two Icelandic families built a cozy homestead and farm during the early 20th century. The furnishings and buildings in the cave have been restored to show how the residents once lived.

Dinner and overnight in the south coast area.



Geysir



Þingvellir



Laugarvatnshellir

Day 3: South Shore - Eyjafjallajökull Volcano

Highlights: Eyjafjallajökull, Seljalandsfoss, Skogafoss, Vík, Reynisdrangar, Cliffs

Approximate distance: ca. 229km / 143miles

Waterfalls – Lava Centre – Glacial Views – Black Sand Beaches

Drive along the south shore, an area of Iceland that is beautiful to view in the winter. This is one of the main farm regions of the country, and the road will pass by typical Icelandic farms, often with Icelandic horses in the fields.

This part of Iceland is home to the new Lava Centre, an interactive, high-tech educational exhibition depicting volcanic activity, earthquakes and the creation of Iceland over millions of years. Enjoy both the exhibit and viewing an interesting film about Icelandic volcanoes at the center's cinema.

Stop at the spectacular waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss. Head onwards, passing by Myrdalsjökull Glacier, to visit Reynisfjara beach. Take a walk on the black sands and admire the extraordinary rock formations and thundering waves of the Atlantic Ocean.

Dinner and overnight stay in Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.



Seljalandsfoss



Reynisfjara



Glacier lagoon

Day 4: Skaftafell National Park - Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon

Highlights: Skaftafell National Park, Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon, Vatnajokull National Park

Approximate distance: ca. 255km / 158miles

Western Europe's Largest National Park – Glacial Lagoon with Icebergs – Europe's Largest Glacier

Today enter the southern area of Vatnajokull National Park, named after Europe's largest glacier. This national park is also the largest one in Western Europe. Drive through vast sand plains created by glacial outwashes as you head east en route to the Vatnajokull area. Visit Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon where you can enjoy a breath-taking sight of icebergs floating in the fantastic 180m (591 ft.) deep glacial lagoon. Then view Svinafellsjokull, one of the most beautiful of the glacial outlets emerging from Vatnajokull. Visit the national park's famous Skaftafell area, a site of outstanding natural beauty dominated by Vatnajokull glacier.

Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Volcanic Areas - Hveragerdi - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavik

Highlights: Hveragerdi, The Blue Lagoon

Approximate distance: ca. 348km / 217miles

Greenhouse Village – Thundering Waves – Geothermal Lagoon

Head towards the village of Hveragerdi, which is one of the few sites in the world located directly in the middle of a geothermal area. Hveragerdi is often called "The Flower Village" because of its many greenhouses heated by hot water from nearby springs. Follow along the coastline with its breathtaking waves and through a deserted community that once was a flourishing centre for the region.

On to the Reykjanes peninsula, where you can enjoy a dip in the famous Blue Lagoon, a unique wonder of nature with pleasantly warm, mineral-rich water in the middle of a black lava field. Return to Reykjavik, where the evening is at your own leisure. Dinner is on your own.

Day 6: Departure

Highlights: Reykjavik Reykjavik City Museum, Kjarvalsstadir, National Museum, Laugardalur

Breakfast at your hotel. Please note that this might be a light breakfast if you are taking an early morning departure flight. Transfer to the international airport for your departure flight. Airport transfer is not included, but we are happy to help you to arrange shared or private transfers. We recommend you depart your hotel no later than three hours before your departure flight.