



The Land of Northern Lights - 5 days / 4 nights

BUDGET TOUR - EXCELLENT VALUE FOR MONEY

Comfort option available for hotel upgrade. Tour also available for Christmas and New Years!

This short getaway offers insight into Iceland's nature and cultural life, with two nights in Iceland's capital and two nights in South Iceland, an ideal location for the search for the Northern Lights. Visit Reykjavík, the Blue Lagoon, the Black lava beach, Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfall, the Golden Circle, meet Icelandic horses on a farm and see the Northern Lights. Optional Glacier Hike on Sólheimajökull and optional Northern Lights cruise by boat from Reykjavík. Excellent value for money and a short winter trip to the Icelandic countryside.

Duration: 5 days / 4 nights
Availability: September - April
From/to: Keflavik international airport

Minimum age: 8 years
Maximum group size: 40 people

Highlights & Experiences

- Budget holiday offering excellent value for money
- Must-see nature: the Golden Circle, the South Coast and the Blue Lagoon
- Visit to Skógar folk museum with turf houses
- 2-night stay in South Iceland, ideal for Northern Lights hunting
- 2 evenings with a combination of lectures, presentations, film and guided searches for Aurora Borealis
- Optional Northern Lights fjord cruise (day 1 and 4)
- Optional glacier hike (day 3)
- Option for hotel upgrade

INCLUDED:

- 4 nights accommodation, in rooms with shower/wc
- 3 days escorted bus tour with English-speaking guide/driver-guide
- Arrival & departure airport transfer by FLYBUS shuttle (no guide)
- 4x breakfast
- Blue Lagoon, including use of towel
- Skógar Folk Museum on early Modern Iceland with its turf houses
- Visit Icelandic horse stables & a geothermal greenhouse
- Northern Lights program during two evenings

NOT included:

- Any private expenses
- All meals not listed under "included"
- Any additional services
- Single supplement (mandatory when in single room)

Complementary

- Free Wi-Fi on the bus



- Entrance fees
- Use of flashlight
- Use of ice grippers spikes for shoes

Additional services

- Extra night in Reykjavik before/after the tour – on request
- Optional glacier hike on day 3 (pay on the spot)
- Optional Northern Lights cruise
- Optional hotel upgrade

**Prices per person: September 2019 – April 2020
Budget Category (Hotel Cabin in Reykjavík + Arhus Cottages in Hella)**

	Double room	Single room	Triple room
Sep 2019 – Apr 2020	745 EUR	875 EUR	745 EUR

Comfort category (Hotel Klettur in Reykjavik + Stracta Hotel in Hella)

	Double room	Single room	Triple room
Sep 2019 – Apr 2020	955 EUR	1350 EUR	955 EUR

**Christmas departure 23 December 2019 Budget Category
Hotel Cabin in Reykjavík + Árhús Cottages, Hella**

	Double room	Single room	Triple room
Sep 2019 – Apr 2020	1165 EUR	1310 EUR	1165 EUR

**New Year's departure 29 Dec 2019 Budget Category
Hotel Cabin in Reykjavík + Árhús Cottages, Hella**

	Double room	Single room	Triple room
Sep 2019 – Apr 2020	1210 EUR	1370 EUR	1210 EUR

CHILDREN DISCOUNT: 25 % discount for children 8-11 years of age if sharing room with parents. Tour is not recommended for children younger than 8 years of age. Triple rooms are actually double rooms with extra bed and ideal for 2 adults and 1 child.

DEPARTURES:

September 2019: ~~12, 17, 19, 24, 26~~

October 2019: ~~01, 03, 08, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31~~

November 2019: ~~05, 07, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28~~

December 2019: 03, 05, 12

January 2020: 02, 07, 09, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

February 2020: 04, 06, 11, 13, 18, 20, 20, 25, 27

March 2020: 03, 05, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31

April 2020: 02, 07, 09

23 & 29 Dec 2019 Christmas and New Years Departure

Start & End Location

Keflavik International Airport (with Flybus shuttle)

Departure Time: 09:00 on day 2 from Hotel Cabin (subject to change)

Optional glacier hike

Duration of this activity is approximately 3 hours in total, about 90 minutes on the ice and about 30-40 min walk (one-way) from the car park to the glacier edge itself. Minimum age for the glacier hike is 10 years. You need to bring warm clothing, rain gear and hiking boots. The glacier hike can only be booked with the guide on day 2. You will have to fill in and sign an order form, once done a cancellation is not possible. Glacier hike bookings have to be finalized with the guide by noon on day 2 of the tour. Bookings afterwards cannot be accommodated as we need to order the glacier guides 24 hours prior to the tour. The special price for the Land of Northern Lights group members is ISK 14.500 (about EUR 105 per person). Payment is due with the glacier hike company on day 3.

NOTE REGARDING DINNERS: In Reykjavik, the dinner is on your own. There are many restaurants for both fast food and a fine a la carte dining in Iceland's capital. The Árhús Cottages and Stracta Hotel in South Iceland offer a limited a la carte menu with a selection of fish, meat and vegetarian as main course. Lunch stops are made at small country restaurants or petrol station diners.

CHANGE OF PROGRAM: Itineraries may be subject to change at short notice during severe weather conditions and certain outdoor activities/day trips may be cancelled during the winter season in Iceland. In these rare cases, where situations of force majeure apply, excursions/activities cannot be refunded but the local guides will try their best to find reasonable alternatives where and whenever possible.

Cancellation & payment policy for this tour: A cancellation fee of 20% of the tour price and accommodation will be retained by us for cancellations made 4-8 weeks before departure. A cancellation fee of 50% will be charged for bookings cancelled 8-28 days prior to tour start. No refund is possible for cancellations less than 8 days before departure, or for no-shows, and a tour begun but not completed.



Itinerary

Day 1: Welcome to Iceland

Individual transfer by Flybus shuttle from Keflavik International airport to your accommodation in Reykjavik where you spend the night.

Overnight location:

Hotel Cabin (Standard room is 10m²) or Hótel Klettur (upgrade version), Reykjavík. Dinner is on your own. (50km / 31mls)



Tjörnin, the lake with view to downtown Reykjavik

Day 2: Reykjavik City Tour, Blue Lagoon & Reykjanes Peninsula

At 09:00 meet your tour guide who shows the group the highlights of Iceland's exciting capital. Then we head out to the Reykjanes Peninsula with its hot springs, mountains, moon-like landscape, bird cliffs, lighthouses and fishing villages. In the afternoon we bathe in the Blue Lagoon.

Drive along the south coast to arrive in the village of Hella where we stay for two nights in simple cottages. There is an option to upgrade to studio rooms at the Stracta Hotel in Hella.

In the evening, we hear about the Northern Lights from our tour guide at Árhús Cabins. Naturally, once darkness falls, you are out in the garden waiting for the Northern Lights.

Overnight location:

Arhus Cottages or Hotel Stracta (upgrade version), Hella. Breakfast included. Dinner is on your own. (220km / 137mls)



Skogafoss waterfall



Reynisfjara black sand beach

Day 3: South Iceland with Optional Glacier Hike

Today we travel along the south coast. We reach the area beneath the Eyjafjallajökull volcano and glacier. We stop at Seljalandsfoss waterfall and visit Skógar folk museum of early Modern Iceland with its turf houses. At lunch, we visit the Skógarfoss waterfall.

In the afternoon we offer an optional glacier walk on Sólheimarjökull's glacier tongue. If you book a trip without the glacier hike, the tour continues further south where you walk on the famous Black Lava Beach at Reynisfjara, observe the Cap of Dyrhólaey and the Reynisdrangar Sea Cliffs before visiting the charming village of Vík.

In the evening there is another presentation about the Northern Lights. If the night is clear, you might see the Northern Lights swirling in a wild and carefree dance across the heavens in dramatic shapes, colours, patterns and sizes.

Overnight location:

Arhus Cottages or Hotel Stracta (upgrade version), Hella. Breakfast included. Dinner is on your own. (200km / 124mls)



Gullfoss waterfall



Geysir hot spring

Day 4: Golden Circle & Visit Icelandic Horses

In the morning we learn about the Icelandic horse, its unique qualities and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse. Then we travel the Golden Circle route, see steam rising from the Geysir geothermal fields and admire the double waterfall of Gullfoss. We end the afternoon at Þingvellir National Park, the location of the ancient Viking Parliament and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

An optional Northern Lights evening cruise can be booked for this day if the weather conditions are right.

Overnight location:

Hotel Cabin (Standard room is 10m²) or Hotel Klettur (upgrade version), Reykjavík. Breakfast included. Dinner is on your own. (210km / 130mls)

Day 5: Departure home

Individual transfer by Flybus shuttle bus from your accommodation in Reykjavik to Keflavik International Airport.

Breakfast included. (50km / 31mls)

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NOTE: Accommodations are subject to change.

Aurora Statistics: Northern Lights sightings 2017 – 2019

