

## Hidden Powers & Northern Lights Hunt



6 days / 5 nights

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.

### Highlights:

- Walk along the continental rift at Thingvellir National Park (UNESCO site)
- Visit a unique early 20th-century farmhouse built into a cave
- Discover the diverse nature along the South Coast of Iceland, with volcanoes, glaciers and waterfalls
- Walk along the banks of the awe-inspiring iceberg Glacial Lagoon
- Uncover the impact and power of recent volcanic eruptions near Eyjafjallajökull
- Hunting for northern lights in optimal rural locations
- Visit the world-renowned Blue Lagoon

All departures are guaranteed with minimum of 2 participants

Maximum group size: 36 participants.

### Important:

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

### Included

- 2 nights at a hotel in Reykjavik, including breakfast (except arrival day)
- 3 nights at countryside hotels, including breakfast
- Guided coach tour from day 2 to day 5
- 3 \* One-course dinners with coffee/tea (days 2, 3, 4)
- Entrance fee to the Northern Lights Centre in Reykjavik
- Entrance to Laugarvatnshellir, The Cave People
- Entrance to the new Lava Centre and volcano film at the Lava Centre's Cinema (day 3)
- Northern Lights hunt kit on day 3 or 4 (use of flashlight, blanket & hot drink)
- Northern Light guided hunt on foot one selected evening
- Blue Lagoon admission, including towel rental, silica mud mask and one drink (day 5)



**Not Included:**

- International airfare
- Airport transfer w. Hotel drop off/pick up both ways
- Baggage portorage at airport/hotel
- Personal travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Swimsuit at the Blue Lagoon (can be rented on site)
- Beverages, snacks, lunches, dinners unless otherwise noted in itinerary
- Guaranteed early check-in (check-in time for most hotels in Iceland is 14:00 (2:00pm))
- Guaranteed late check-out
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"

**Prices per person Winter 2018/2019**

Languages	Category	Departures	Double	Single
Spanish	Economy	19 Feb 2019	1.052 EUR	1.360 EUR
Spanish	Comfort	07 Feb, 14 Mar 2019	1.147 EUR	1.479 EUR
Dutch	Comfort	31 Jan, 21 Feb 2019	1.147 EUR	1.479 EUR
English	Economy	07 Feb, 07, 14 Mar 2019	1.052 EUR	1.360 EUR
English	Comfort	22 Jan; 05, 21, 28 Feb; 12, 19, 28 Mar; 04 Apr	1.147 EUR	1.479 EUR

**Supplement for two course dinner in the countryside 38 EUR per person.**

**Accommodation- Comfort Hotel Category**

This tour stays in hotels with private bathrooms, generally a mix of four and three star hotels. Most of the groups stay at the following hotels. Please note this is an advised hotel list and subject to change.

Day 1 – Icelandair Hotel Reykjavik Natura or Fosshotel Reykjavik

Day 2 - Icelandair Hotel Fludir or Stracta Hotel Hella

Day 3 - Hotel Klaustur

Day 4 - Hotel Klaustur

Day 5 – Icelandair Hotel Reykjavik Natura or Fosshotel Reykjavik

**Accommodation- Economy Hotel Category**

This tour stays in hotels with private bathrooms, in standard economy hotels. Most of the groups stay at the following hotels. Please note this is an advised hotel list and subject to change.

Day 1 – Fosshotel Raudara or Fosshotel Lind or Reykjavik Lights

Day 2 - Stracta Hotel Hella

Day 3 - Hotel Kria (Vik)

Day 4 - Hotel Kria (Vik)

Day 5 – Fosshotel Raudara or Fosshotel Lind or Reykjavik Lights



### Children rate

Children 6-11 years old travelling with 2 adults and sharing 1 DBL room: 25% discount (valid only per 1 child).

Children 12 years and older pay full price as adults.

It is not recommended that children 0-5 years old travel on scheduled tours.



## Itinerary:

### DAY 1: Arrival in Iceland



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

Overnight in Reykjavik.



## DAY 2: Þingvellir - Geysir - Gullfoss



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. Finally, 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 has been restored to show how the residents once lived.

Dinner and overnight in the south coast area.

## DAY 3: South Shore - Eyjafjallajökull Volcano



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



#### **DAY 4: Skaftafell National Park - Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon**



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 Vanajokull 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: Volcanoes - Hveragerði - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavik**



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



Airport transfer is not included, but we are happy to help you arrange shared or private transfers. We recommend you depart your hotel no later than three hours before your departure flight.

