

## **VOLCANOES AND GLACIERS**

5 NIGHTS / 6 DAYS

Discover the natural wonders of Iceland, geologically one of the world's youngest – and most volcanic—lands.

Volcanoes and glaciers are plentiful in Iceland. Join this tour and discover the magic of these wonders and the magnificent natural landscape surrounding them. Explore the major attractions of the south, including the infamous Eyjafjallajökull volcano, glaciers, geysers and waterfalls. A tour highlight is a visit to the beautiful and volcanic Westman Islands.

### **Get the most out of your holiday in Iceland!**

- All departures are guaranteed with minimum of 2 participants
- Maximum group size: 36 people
- Excellent locally-based guides who know and are passionate about Iceland
- Stay in the best available hotels in each area (quality three-star hotels)

**Important:** This tour does not include hotel nights in Reykjavik. We'll be very happy to help you with booking hotel nights before or after the tour— just let us know at booking time!

### **Highlights:**

- Many of the classic natural wonders, including the Golden Circle, the South Shore and the Glacier Lagoon
- See how the powers of hot volcanoes and cold glaciers have shaped Iceland's landscape
- A good first-time tour to discover the essence of Iceland
- Opportunities to enhance your experience with optional tours and activities
- One night in the Westman Islands, a unique volcanic island perfect for geologists and bird watchers

### **INCLUDED**

- 4-day guided tour as per itinerary from/to Reykjavik
- Return transfers from pre-arranged bus stops in Reykjavík to meeting point prior to and after tour
- Accommodation 3 nights w/ private facilities in the countryside
- Breakfast daily (except arrival day)
- 2 two-course dinners in the countryside (day 2 and 3)
- Entrance to Eldheimar Museum (day 1)
- Roundtrip ferry fare to Westman Islands (day 1)
- Iceberg Lagoon Boat Tour (day 3)
- Exhibition and cinema at Lava Centre (day 4)



**Not included:**

- International airfare
- Round-trip transfers between Keflavik airport and Reykjavik
- Accommodations in Reykjavik before or after the tour
- Dinner in the Westman Islands (day 1)
- Lunches
- Beverages with meals other than coffee/tea and fresh tap water
- Porterage at airport and hotels
- Guaranteed early check-in or late check-out
- Optional tours and activities
- Any service not specifically listed under “included”

**Accommodation**

- This tour stays in hotels with private bathrooms, generally quality 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- Hotel Vestmannaeyjar

Day 2 & 3- Icelandair Hotel Vik

**Important**

- Note: We reserve the right to alter routes without prior notice, due to road conditions
- This tour does not include hotel nights in Reykjavik, but we can add these in for you upon request

**PRICE PER PERSON (EUR):**

	Double	Single
May 2019	1080	1225
June to August 2019	1220	1590
September 2019	1195	1480



## ITINERARY:

### DAY 1 - Westman Islands



Transfer from pre-arranged bus stops in Reykjavík to the tour's meeting point. Please check your confirmation for your pre-arranged bus stop in Reykjavík. Please be at the pre-arranged bus stop no later than 15 minutes before the pick-up time.

Make sure that your phone number and e-mail are listed so we can contact you if needed.

Start with a visit to Seljalandsfoss waterfall, where you can walk behind the waterfall.

Travel along the farmlands of the south coast to Landeyjahofn harbour. Take a 30-minute ferry ride to the Westman Islands, enjoying the view of islands and seabirds. The destination is Heimaey Island, the largest of the Westmans. It is also the only inhabited island. Visit windy Storhofdi Point with its fantastic views over the area. (Between mid-May and the beginning of August you might see puffins here.) Take a walk up to the crater of a volcano that erupted only three decades ago. Visit Eldheimar Museum and learn about the famous 1973 eruption that covered many homes in lava. You'll also see where vegetation has grown among the old lava flows. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore the island on your own.

Overnight in the Westman Islands. Dinner is on your own. The Westman Islands have some great restaurant choices, and we're sure you'll enjoy exploring the options.

Approximate travel distance: 180km / 112 miles

### DAY 2 - South Shore – Skógar – Vík



Powerful Volcanoes – Amazing Waterfall– Black sand beaches



Breakfast at your hotel. Take the ferry back from the Westman Islands and continue your South Coast exploration. Pass glacial rivers en route to Skogafoss waterfall. Continue on to the black sands of Reynisfjara beach. You'll certainly be amazed by the powerful waves and amazing basalt column features carved by the powerful ocean.

Dinner and overnight stay in the Vik area.

Approximate travel distance: 119 km / 74 miles

### DAY 3 - Vik- Skaftafell – Jökulsárlón



Skaftafell and Glacial beauty – Europe's largest Glacier – Glacial Lagoon with Icebergs

Breakfast at your hotel. Today you'll be in the area of Vatnajökull National Park, named after Europe's largest glacier. Cross Eldhraun, the largest mass of lava ever to flow on Earth. Visit the small town Kirkjubæjarklaustur, the former site of a 12th-century Catholic convent. Head onwards to Skaftafell, a beautiful glacier-ringed valley in Vatnajökull National Park. Continue to the stunning Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon to see floating icebergs and maybe a curious seal or two. Return to Vik for your overnight.

Dinner and overnight in the Vik area.

Approximate travel distance: 390km / 242 miles

### DAY 4 - Gullfoss – Geysir – Þingvellir – Reykjavík



Golden Falls - Lively Geysers and Golden Falls – National Park with Geological Wonders (UNESCO World Heritage Site)



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Breakfast at your hotel. Start with a visit to the new Lava Centre, an interactive, high-tech exhibition about volcanic activity and earthquakes. You'll see how Iceland was created over millions of years. Afterwards, head for the Geysir hot spring area to see the famous Strokkur, a hot spring that spouts every few minutes. Travel onwards to Gullfoss, one of Iceland's most impressive waterfalls. The next stop is Thingvellir National Park, where the Viking-age parliament met for centuries on the shores of Iceland's largest lake. This is also where you can see the where the European and North American tectonic plates meet. After some time to explore Thingvellir, head back to Reykjavik, where your tour ends. The tour bus will drop you off at Bus Hostel, where you will be transferred to a pre-arranged bus stop in Reykjavík.

Approximate travel distance: 331km / 206 miles

