



# Iceland



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# The Country Life Iceland Tour

**7 Days around Iceland  
pre & post nights in Reykjavik  
2 National Parks**

**Nature Baths and Folk Museum  
Intro to the Icelandic Horse**

**Whale Watching and Glacial Lagoon  
Two hours of walking per day**

...2016

**An 8 day long coach tour that takes you around Iceland's ring road with its wildly varying landscapes. Glaciers, volcanos, waterfalls, hot springs, and highlands as well as a whale watching cruise and a boat trip amongst new born icebergs! With pre and post nights in Reykjavik, a good guide, comfortable coach and a chance to do some walking -- a lot of Iceland in a little time!**

### Friday:

Travelers from North America leave for Iceland for an early morning arrival at Keflavik Airport in Iceland.

### Saturday:

**Welcome to Iceland!  
Early morning arrival**

The Flybus shuttle will bring you from the airport into Reykjavik where your outfitter will take you to your guesthouse. You'll have the day to enjoy Iceland's capital, visit museums, shops, the big outdoor swimming pool nearby and some of the many fine coffee houses, and restaurants. Lunch and dinner are on your own. You'll be taken to your hotel where you can rest up and recover from your short night sleep on the flight.

### Sunday:

**Snaefellsnes - land of Sagas**

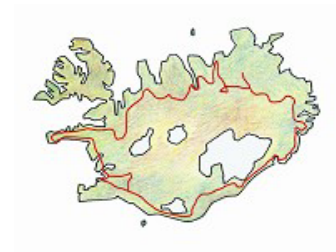
After a Reykjavik city tour you'll head north from Iceland's capital to West Iceland where we are introduced to the Icelandic sagas in the settlement center in Borgarnes. The afternoon is filled with impressive natural spots: Deildartunguhver, one of the most voluminous hot springs in Europe and Hraunfossar, the unique waterfall that drains from under vast lava fields into the river Hvítá. End the day with Icelandic history at the cultural site at Reykholt. Overnight is in West Iceland.

### Monday:

**Borgarfjörður - Þingjarsýsla  
from West to North**

The day starts with climbing a volcano crater within an old lava field in West

Iceland. Afterwards you will travel through the fertile farmlands and fjord landscapes of Northwest Iceland, with a visit to the beautiful town of Akureyri, Iceland's second largest city. Then a stop at Goðafoss, "the waterfall of the Gods," before reaching our accommodation in Northeast Iceland where you stay for the next two nights.



## Tuesday:

### Husavik -Lake Myvatn

If the sea allows, and it usually does, you'll start the day with a 3 hour whale watching cruise from the town of Húsavík, Iceland's whale watching capital. There's a very high percentage of whales and sea mammals sighted on these cruises. Back on dry land, you will head south to Lake Mývatn to visit the waterfall Goðafoss, waterfall of the Gods. Lake Mývatn is one of the most fertile areas in the world, so close to the Arctic Circle and full of interesting things - strange lava formations, attractive bays, pseudo craters and thousands of birds. We'll have a chance to explore and stroll through the bizarre formations in the lava fields of Dimmurborgir.

## Wednesday:

### Þingeyjarsýsla -Fljotsherad from North to East

The day starts off exploring the volcanic activity around Krafla and the geothermal area of Námaskarð. There's a stop at Europe's largest waterfall — Dettifoss and then you head through the uninhabited highlands of the east. We spend the night near Egilsstaðir, the capital of the east - and perhaps catch a glimpse of the "monster" said to live in the nearby lake.



## Thursday:

### Egilstaðir -Vatnajökull Skaftafell National Park-TheSouth

Driving south today, Vatnajökull - Europe's biggest glacier dominates the landscape. The glacial tongues come right down to the coast, you'll see it up close on a boat ride in Jokulsarlon, a glacial lagoon filled with new born ice bergs. You spend the night near Vatnajökull Glacier.

## Friday:

### Skaftafell National Park-The South

You have the morning to visit Skaftafell National Park which is nestled below Iceland's highest mountain, the 2110 meter tall Hvannadalshnjúkur. Then you head west through the sandy desert of the south coast, overlooked by mountainous cliffs, glaciers and waterfalls. Overnight in South Iceland.

## Saturday:

### Gullfoss-Geysir-Þingvellir Park

The day starts with an introduction to the Icelandic horse at a well known horse farm, so you can see all the special gaits of this unique breed of horse. Then we'll drive on to Gullfoss which is known in Iceland as the "Golden Falls" and nearby is the fascinating geothermal area of Geysir. The most active geyser is Strokkur "the churn" which can spout up to seventy feet every five to seven minutes. From there it's an easy drive to the ancient Viking Parliament area of Þingvellir National Park before returning to Reykjavík. You'll have a last hotel night back in Reykjavík, and a chance to sample some of the city's great restaurants – and perhaps -if you dare- even it's night life.

## Sunday:

### Time to say good bye ...

Travelers on early flights can make an early departure to the airport., while those leaving late afternoon will have time to explore a bit of Reykjavík, do some shopping, or soak in the warm swimming pool in nearby Laugardalur, before being picked up for the airport between 1 and 2 PM.

## Highlights and experiences: of the Country Life Tour

- \*\* Whale watching, weather permitting
- \*\* Boat trip on Jokulsarlon glacial lagoon
- \*\* Intro to the Icelandic horse
- \*\* One - two hours easy walking per day
- \*\* Two National Parks
- \*\* Nature Baths at Lake Mývatn
- \*\* Skkógar folk museum and turf houses
- \*\* Icelandic sagas in the settlement center

## Dates for the Country Life Tour for 2016

The Country Life tour dates below include travel days from North America.

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#### Summer departures

Fri	3-Jun	Sun	12-Jun
Fri	17-Jun	Sun	26-Jun
Fri	1-Jul	Sun	10-Jul
Fri	15-Jul	Sun	24-Jul
Fri	29-Jul	Sun	7-Aug
Fri	12-Aug	Sun	21-Aug
Fri	26-Aug	Sun	4-Sep

#### Fall Departures

Fri	9-Sep	Sun	18-Sep
Fri	23-Sep	Sun	2-Oct

#### Summer prices

# in party	Price per person
1	<b>\$5178</b> single
2	<b>\$4329</b> double

#### Fall Prices

# in party	Price per person
1	<b>\$4932</b> single
2	<b>\$4131</b> double

**Finer Print: Price includes** international airfare from the US east coast\*, airport transfers and any pre and post tour accommodations needed. The tour itself includes 6 nights in rooms with private bath\*\* breakfast everyday. and 6 dinners, whale watching, boat tour on Jokulsarlon. settlement center in Borgarnes, 2 National parks, horse show, the Nature Baths in Lake Myvatn, Skogar folk museum, boat tour on Jokulsarlon. There is 1-2 hours of easy walking on most days.

**\*Flights Price includes** round trip airfare, including fuel surcharge and US departure taxes to Iceland, from Icelandairs east coast gateways - Boston, New York, Newark and Washington Dulles International. We can also book flights from Icelandairs other gateways: Minneapolis, Denver, Seattle, Portland, Anchorage, Toronto and Halifax, which may add to the price. Not all gateways have daily departures but we can arrange additional nights accommodations before or after your tour.

**\*\*Rooms and meals** During the tour, you'll spend all nights in double (or single) rooms in country hotels, guesthouses, & farms, all with private baths. Most hotels on this tour are simple tourist class hotels, set in stunning locations. You'll have Icelandic breakfast buffet every day, and there will be 3 course or buffet dinner at night.

**Not included** are Travel Insurance, lunch and dinner on pre-and post-tour days in Reykjavik, lunch while on the tour, (there will be a stop made every day to purchase this), and any additional expenses or travel you may choose.

**Finest print.** Please note that our tour prices are subject to revision until you book your tour by making a deposit. The prices listed on print material may not be the latest available price.

Our contract rates for air may be sold out as we get close to travel dates. While we make every effort to keep prices on our webpages and their PDFs up to the minute, things can change quickly. We welcome phone calls or email about prices and any other details.

**Nature fees:** There may be a new Nature Fee imposed by Iceland's government to support its many natural wonders. The fee will probably not be large but it will be an additional cost for travelers. Will know if/when details are settled!



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