

Iceland



Northern Lights Around Iceland 2018



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An Eight Day
Round the island
Tour

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Awe-inspiring, magical, breathtaking, spellbinding, mesmerizing”, these are a few of the words to describe the Aurora Borealis or - as they are more commonly called - the Northern Lights. In fact, no amount of words or, indeed, images could ever do real justice to the Aurora. It is one of Mother Nature’s most spectacular natural phenomena. This winter adventure goes to North, East and South Iceland. Join us for a group tour around the country in pursuit of Northern Lights.

Day 0, Saturday: Leave the US on an overnight flight to Iceland from one of Icelandairs’ many gateways

**Day 1, Sunday:
Welcome to Iceland**

The Flybus shuttle will take you from Keflavík International Airport to your hotel in Reykjavík - the Fosshotel Lind. We provide you with ideas how to explore Iceland’s capital on your own, dinner suggestions too! Food lovers will be pleased and perhaps even impressed by the number of diverse restaurants in Reykjavík. Many award winning chefs

create delicious Icelandic cuisine that is characterized by an imaginative use of local ingredients such as fresh seafood, organic lamb and wild game; but be sure to try the fabulous Icelandic hotdog and pizza too!

**Day 2, Monday:
The Capital of the North and Lake Myvatn**

You’ll meet your tour guide and take a short plane ride north to Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland. This charming town of 17,000 inhabitants will be explored before traveling to Goðafoss, the waterfalls of the Gods. Then onto Lake Mývatn known for its geological wonders, active bird life and being Iceland’s winter wonderland - it also has Iceland’s coldest temperatures.

There will be a stroll through the pseudo craters and the lava field at Dimmuborgir “the dark castles”. In the evening, join a lecture about Northern Lights, and a chance to relax at Mývatn Nature Baths. Then get ready to chase the elusive Northern Lights.

**Day 3, Tuesday:
Traveling to the East**

The day starts at the Mývatn bird museum and followed by a trip to the hot spring area of Námaskarð with bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras. Head through the uninhabited highlands and a moon like surrounding to East Iceland. With some luck you might spot an Arctic fox or see some reindeer. Overnight in remote East Iceland. After dinner, you can venture out to look for the magical auroras.



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Day 4, Wednesday:

Walk in the Woods, Visit Fishing Villages and Meet the Locals

You'll be able to see some trees, as you explore Hallormsstaður arboretum before heading you to Eskifjörður, a charming seaside village in the East Fjords. Here you'll visit the local maritime museum, take a private tour through a historic seaman's lodge and get the opportunity to taste locally produced shark meat, dried fish and Brennivín snaps. Visit the local Aurora Museum in Faskrudsfjörður with all of its interesting information about the Northern Lights. After dinner you'll go out to a secret Northern Lights viewing location -- if conditions look right.

Day 5, Thursday:

Fjords, A Glacier and Ice

The day starts with a visit to Petra's incredible collection of stones and minerals before heading out to admire the dramatic fjord landscape with its tiny fishing villages at the end of twisty roads in the East Fjords. Soon you'll see Vatnajökull, Europe's biggest glacier and enjoy a stop at the glacial lagoon, Jökulsárlón. Visit the tiny turf church at Hof and then through the largest national park in Europe. Be careful not to go to bed too soon in this remote and quiet location, or you may just miss out one more chance of seeing the Northern Lights shimmering and dancing across the night sky. Overnight in the region.

Day 6, Friday:

The South Coast

A beautiful drive filled many natural wonders awaits you today heading

across the Eldhraun lava field. There are sandy deserts, mountainous cliffs, glaciers and waterfalls, the black sand beach at Reynisfjara, the Skógafoss waterfall which is 60 meters high and one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. At the Eyjafjallajökull Information Center you will learn about living next to a glacier and an active volcano. Continue to the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall. After dinner there's a film presentation about Northern Lights which is part of the Northern Lights educational program. Then, of course, once darkness falls, head out to chase the Northern Lights and to soak in the hotel's outdoor hot tubs. Overnight in South Iceland.

Day 7, Saturday:

The Golden Circle

Explore the Golden Circle sights: Geysir geothermal fields, Gullfoss waterfall and Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. On

your return to Reykjavík, you'll see some of the highlights of the world's northernmost capital. Last night in Reykjavík.

Day 8, Sunday:

Farewell Iceland

You may have the morning free to relax, shop, enjoy the swimming pools or perhaps schedule a visit to the Blue Lagoon before heading to Keflavik Airport for your flight back home.

Daily travel: Total mileage without airport transfer is 1.310 km (814 miles) which is an average of 219 km (135 miles) per day. You spend about 3 hours per day on the bus, depending on road conditions, traffic and daily itinerary..



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Dates and Prices 2018

Leave US - Return US

Sat - Sun

Feb 17 - Feb 25

Mar 3 - Mar 11

Mar 10 - Mar 18

Mar 17 - Mar 25

Mar 24 - April 1

Price per person 2018

Double \$4226 per person

Single \$4782

Please note that late bookings may have increased prices because of Air.

It's Winter! In rare cases, a change of itinerary might be necessary during winter programs in Iceland, should snow, road and weather conditions not allow to follow the scheduled itinerary, and certain outdoor activities might be cancelled.

Price includes international airfare from Icelandair's east coast gateways: JFK, Newark, BOS, Washington Dulles, PHL, and Orlando, airport transfers on arrival and departure, flight to Akureyri on Day 2, 7 nights in comfortable hotels around the country, breakfast every day, 5 nights with 2-course meals at hotels, 1 light lunch and 5 midnight refreshments on northern lights hunts, 5 nights of the Northern Lights Academy with presentations, films and lectures and a guided search for the northern lights. Fully guided 6 day tour, including entry to Myvatn Nature Bath, Bird Museum, Maritime Museum in Eskifjörour, Petra's Stone collection, Aurora Museum, and the Eyjafjallajökull Center. You'll have the use of ice gripper spikes for your shoes, and a flashlight. There will be a stop each day to purchase lunch at a simple cafe or



road side shop.

Not Included are travel insurance, lunches, dinners in Reykjavik and other travel you may add.

Accommodations You'll stay in comfortable hotels, with private bath. The planned hotels are: Fosshotel Lind in Reykjavik, SelHotel Myvatn, Hotel Valaskjalf and Fosshotel Fáskrúðsfjörður, Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon and Hotel Grímsborgir All hotels subject to change.

Like many natural wonders, the Northern Lights are ephemeral – they may be visible, they may appear for a bit and then be gone. But it is worth the patience which is much required. It is best to dress very warmly, in layers, with good footwear, gloves, hats and whatever else makes you comfortable while you await patiently this truly outstanding event. For the best photos we recommend using a tripod.

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