



Reykjavik, the Golden Circle and the Northern Lights Inn



HOLIDAY TYPE: Flexible Dates
VISITING: Iceland

BROCHURE CODE: 29017
DURATION: 4 nights

In Brief

This four-night getaway to Iceland shows off the country's highlights. See the 'Golden Circle' and the famous geysers; experience the relaxing geothermal waters of the Blue Lagoon and explore the country by nightfall as you search for the Northern Lights.

Our Opinion

“ There is so much beauty to appreciate in Iceland, so it's great that this holiday gets all the highlights covered. The Golden Circle Tour is definitely one to look forward to, as you will be shown some truly amazing natural sights. It's very exciting waiting for the geysers to erupt! And of course, there's nothing quite like seeking out the Northern lights and this trip offers some extensive Northern Lights hunting improving your chances of witnessing this truly magical spectacle. ”

Dawn Kitson



What's included?

ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES LISTED BELOW ARE INCLUDED IN THE HOLIDAY PRICE

- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Meals:** 4 breakfasts and 1 dinner at Seafood Grill
- **Accommodation:** 3 nights standard double/twin room at the Hotel Frón (or similar), 1 night in a standard double/twin room at the Northern Lights Inn
- **The following activities and equipment are included:** full-day excursion to the Golden Circle, Northern Lights hunt by boat, Northern Lights coach tour, entrance to Blue Lagoon (**order subject to change**)
- Services of expert guides during activities
- **A note on flights:** flights are not included in the holiday price so that the best possible fares and schedule can be found at the time of booking. There are low cost and scheduled flights operating this route and our travel experts will happily provide a quotation and arrange the flights as part of the package

Trip Overview

This four-night Reykjavik holiday offers the perfect introduction to Iceland's capital and some of the country's much-loved natural attractions. In addition, there are extensive opportunities to seek out the Aurora and hopefully catch a glimpse of this natural phenomenon as it dances in the dark skies.

A tour of the 'Golden Circle' will take you to the lovely Thingvellir National Park, which has been labelled by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Here, you can see the amazing Silfra Fissure, a separation point between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates, which has some of the clearest water on the planet. Stand in awe watching the iconic geysers of the Haukadalur Geothermal Area, and take photos by the mighty Gullfoss Waterfall. You will also have the chance to spend time in the relaxing Blue Lagoon, soaking in mineral-rich waters and getting completely refreshed.

Two nights of dedicated Northern Lights hunting are included in this trip, in addition to a third night at the Northern Lights Inn which is located in an area away from artificial light, considerably enhancing your opportunities of gazing upon the lights from the comfort of your accommodation. An extensive

hunt is undertaken on day 3 as you are taken from viewpoint to viewpoint, from the luxury of a comfortable coach, away from the city lights, and into the surrounding countryside. You will also take a unique Northern Lights tour by boat, travelling out to sea and away from any light pollution.

We have left a day free for you to enjoy Reykjavik's highlights at your own pace, or to book some superb optional activities. These include a subterranean adventure inside an old volcano and an epic journey inside the tunnels of Langjökull Glacier.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

Landing at Keflavik International Airport, you will be greeted by a driver and transferred to your accommodation, Hotel Frón. Should time allow during your journey, your transfer will be made through the incredible Krysuvik Geothermal Area. Here, hot springs and vents bubble and steam away, with the land vibrantly coloured in red, green, and yellow by mineral deposits and algae. What better way to be introduced to Iceland than to get a sense of its volcanic landscape?

Tonight, we have included a 3-course dinner at Seafood Grill, which is particularly famed for its seafood and is only a short walk from your hotel.

A note on flights: while flights are not included in the holiday price, our team will happily provide a quote and arrange them for you. Simply ask one of our Travel Experts for details of the available options.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAY
2

GOLDEN CIRCLE TOUR AND NORTHERN LIGHTS HUNT BY BOAT

Following a filling breakfast buffet, you will be taken out on a scheduled day tour of Iceland's Golden Circle via minibus or coach, made up of some of the country's most well-known sights.

You will begin with a trip to the Geysir Geothermal Area, named after the now mainly dormant geyser called 'Geysir', which has lent its name to all such exploding hot springs around the world. The biggest geyser here is Strokkur, which erupts every few minutes, shooting water 30 metres into the air.

You will then be taken to see the 'Golden Waterfall' of Gullfoss, which rushes down from a height of 32 metres. Great sections of ice cover parts of Gullfoss during the winter, giving a wonderful display of ice formations.

Lastly, you will head to the beautiful Thingvellir National Park, recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, you can see the Mid-Atlantic Ridge above ground and get a sense of the power of Nature at work. The Eurasian and North American tectonic plates are pulling the island apart by a couple of centimetres each year. Iceland's 'Althingi', one of the world's oldest existing national parliaments, was founded at Thingvellir in 930 AD, making it a place of much historical significance. You will also make a stop at the Secret Lagoon, so bring your swimming costumes and towels along, should there be time for a dip. You will be out for approximately 8 hours today.

Finally, following this, you will return to your hotel, where you can relax before enjoying a thrilling evening of Aurora hunting by boat.

You'll set sail from the Old Harbour in Reykjavik (a short walk from the hotel), travelling out to sea in search of the Northern Lights and away from any light pollution. The boat has plenty of seating on deck and inside, should you want to warm up with a hot drink from the bar. The guides on board will discuss the science behind the Aurora and hopefully you'll get to witness a display for yourself. You will be out for approximately two to three hours tonight.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
3

LEISURE TIME AND NORTHERN LIGHTS COACH TOUR

After breakfast, you will have the day to explore at your leisure with a unique opportunity to customise your Reykjavik visit. We have a range of unmissable excursions which you can book today, including an underground lava cave tour in what was once a volcano, and a trip through the man-made tunnels of Langjökull Glacier. Please see the '[Personalise](#)' section for more details.

In the evening, you will again search for the Northern Lights. Relax in a warm coach as you are taken from viewpoint to viewpoint, searching the skies for the Aurora. This tour is approximately 3 hours in duration.

If you would like to improve your chances of spotting the Northern Lights, then you can upgrade to the Northern Lights deluxe coach tour, which longer and travels to more places. Please speak to one of our Travel Experts for further details.

Included Meals: Breakfast

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4

THE BLUE LAGOON AND THE NORTHERN LIGHT INN

With breakfast done, a transfer will be made to the enchanting Blue Lagoon*. Relaxing in this marvellous geothermal attraction is a must-do activity during any visit to Iceland and will leave you feeling fully rejuvenated. It is widely believed that the naturally occurring minerals in the water give it

therapeutic properties.

You will then take the shuttle to the Northern Light Inn, which sits close to the Lagoon. The open location of the inn makes it perfectly situated for spotting Aurora displays. With luck, the night sky will be lit up during your time here.

*Entrance includes: use of towel and one welcome drink

Included Meals: Breakfast

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DEPARTURE

Finishing breakfast, you will be transferred to Keflavik International Airport for your journey home.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Subterranean Iceland

Descend into an enchanting world of vibrant lava caves and craters as you look inside an age-old volcano on this tour. As you will be taking in the more familiar sights of Iceland back above ground, this makes an excellent contrast. Please note that while most of the caves are high and spacious enough with a generally even ground, you may have to crawl and squeeze your way through some areas.

Duration: 3 hours including transfers

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Other options

ACTIVITIES

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Secrets of Langjökull Glacier

Travel inside Langjökull Glacier for an experience like no other, making your way through some of the biggest man-made caverns of ice in the world. The cavern system has been formed out of a series of frozen tunnels and open areas that work their way 300 metres into the heart of the glacier, reaching a stunning, naturally formed ice cave at the centre.

Duration: 10-11 hours including transfers

Accommodation Notes

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A note on accommodation: Hotels around Iceland are in extremely high demand so if one of the hotels listed in this tour at the time of booking is not available you will be offered an alternative in the same location. The hotel will be as similar in standard as possible. We really recommend booking as far in advance as possible to avoid any disappointment.

Included Accommodation

Hotel Frón (Nights: 1-3)



Hotel Frón has a great location in downtown Reykjavik. It is located just a few minutes walk from the main shops, restaurants, cafes, galleries and museums that this vibrant city has to offer. The staff are really welcoming, friendly and knowledgeable and are more than happy to help with anything guests need during their stay.

There is a range of room types available at Hotel Frón. Our holiday is based in the double/ twin rooms but there are also apartments (both standard and deluxe, studio, one or two-bedroom) and also suites if you are looking for a little more luxury during your stay. Please ask our Travel Experts for more information and a quotation if you are interested.

Room Type

Double/Twin rooms: these rooms are a stylish and comfortable base for your time in Iceland. They are furnished in a modern design and offer a great bolthole from the vibrant city around you. All rooms are en-suite and have a shower, a minibar, satellite TV, free Wi-Fi, a hairdryer and a safe to store valuables.

Northern Light Inn (Nights: 4)



As the name may suggest, the Northern Light Inn is the ideal base for an Aurora-based trip in Iceland. Staying here puts you at a fantastic vantage point for a prospective display.

It enjoys an enviable position on the island, just a twenty-minute drive from Keflavik Airport and only a short distance from the world famous Blue Lagoon.

Whether your holiday includes a visit to the Blue Lagoon or you simply wish to visit again, then you can take the two-minute drive in the complimentary shuttle bus or a fifteen-minute walk through the picturesque moss-covered lava fields to reach it.

Hotel facilities

- The hotel operates an 'honesty bar' in its beautiful living room with fireplace. The perfect location to exchange experiences with fellow travellers
- In a panoramic setting, the restaurant serves buffet meals and is renowned for its 'Nordic soul'

food'. Meals include a varied selection of healthy contemporary cuisine coupled with the best of hearty Icelandic classics such as ocean-fresh fish, free-range lamb and home baked goods

Double/twin room

The hotel has 32 guest bedrooms in total. The rooms are geothermally heated and have en-suite shower rooms, tea and coffee making facilities, Wi-Fi and television. Their simple and bright decoration exudes a modern Icelandic charm and tranquil atmosphere.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Groups approximately between 2-25 persons, although some excursions may include between 10-70.

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

Minimum numbers required for a holiday to operate

Some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to operate (as listed in the 'Group Size' section). If your holiday departure has not yet reached the minimum number, you will be told at the time of booking. In the unlikely event that your chosen date is not guaranteed by nine weeks before your scheduled departure date, we will contact you to discuss the available options as per our [booking conditions](#).

Minimum and maximum age

If a specific minimum age applies to this holiday, it can be found in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page.

Unless otherwise stated in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Aurora Zone holiday is typically 12 years old (there may be younger children in some destinations who have booked with other companies). If an adult-only environment is important

to you, then please contact our Travel Experts and they will advise on the best dates and destinations for you. If you are looking for a holiday designed specifically for families then please see our sister company www.activitiesabroad.com.

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

Terms and Conditions

Our full booking terms and conditions can be found on our website: <https://www.theaurorazone.com/booking-conditions>