



Iceland - The Land of Ice, Fire and Aurora Borealis



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group

VISITING: Iceland

BROCHURE CODE: 20920

DURATION: 4 nights

In Brief

In this short tour, we have included some of the most famous attractions including a tour of the famous Golden Circle, featuring geysers, waterfalls and Pingvellir National Park - a UNESCO world heritage site, Sky Lagoon visit, Northern Lights hunt and lava tunnel tour.

Our Opinion

“ This short trip was so much fun, we haven't stopped talking about it since we got back! There was so much to see and do that it felt like we were away much longer. Taking in some highlights and having time to wander around stunning Reykjavik was perfect. ”

Jono Archer



What's included?

- **Transfers:** return scheduled Flybus airport shuttle transfers and all activity transfers
- **Meals:** 4 breakfasts and 1 dinner at Seafood Grill
- **Accommodation:** 4 nights standard double/twin room at Hotel Frón (or similar) (upgrades available subject to availability; supplements may apply)
- **The following activities and equipment are included:** Golden Circle tour with a stop to bathe in a secret lagoon, Sky Lagoon visit, Northern Lights hunt, lava tunnel tour at Raufarhólshellir (order subject to change)
- Emergency contact during your time in Iceland
- **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

There is nowhere else quite like Iceland. It is a country with many firsts and a country of many extremes in both historical milestones and geological attractions.

During the late ninth century, Iceland was officially first claimed by the Vikings who settled there. The world's first parliament was recorded in 930 in the Þingvellir National Park. Iceland has continued to be very progressive politically and socially and had the first female democratically voted president in the world, the first openly gay prime minister and was also among the first countries to make it a legal requirement to pay both men and women equally.

Even for those who have not previously been particularly interested in physical geography, you will soon remember your school textbooks as you explore some of the dramatic landscapes Iceland has to offer. The island's position in the middle of the Mid-Atlantic Rift is geologically significant because it marks the boundary between where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet and separate. This is the reason why Iceland boasts over 200 different volcanoes, geysers and volcanic fissures.

During your trip, you will visit some of the most spectacular natural attractions Iceland has to offer.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

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ARRIVAL

When you land at Keflavik Airport and collect your luggage you will head to the meeting point for the Flybus. This regularly scheduled service makes frequent trips to Reykjavik and will drop off at all the major hotels. If you would prefer to upgrade to private taxi transfers, please speak to your Travel Expert.

Once you have arrived and settled into your room, we recommend making use of its central location to explore Reykjavik's buzzing atmosphere. We would recommend the FlyOver Iceland experience. The ride commences every 15 to 20 minutes and the whole experience is a great introduction to this remarkable country. It takes around 35 minutes in total, you can see the price and more information in the '[Personalise](#)' section of the website. Finally this evening, we would recommend sampling one of the local restaurants close to your hotel – there are several on the same street as well as the hotel restaurant also.

Included Meals: None

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GOLDEN CIRCLE TOUR AND HOT SPRING VISIT

After breakfast, you will be picked up for a tour of the famous 'Golden Circle'. This will be a small group tour with a maximum of 20 people.

The golden circle combines some of Iceland's most popular natural attractions. You will travel to the southern highlands visiting Pingvellir National Park, geyser geothermal area and Gullfoss waterfall.

Pingvellir National Park was Iceland's first National Park and is a UNESCO world heritage site. It was the first area of Iceland to be inhabited and later became the sight of the world's first parliament. Geology enthusiasts may already be familiar with this area as it is the meeting point of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates, which creates some stunning geological sights.

The Geyser geothermal area is located in the Haukadalur Valley and at this site, you will find two remarkable geysers which have been active for around 10,000 years. Great Geysir only erupts every few months at most, so you will need to be exceptionally lucky to catch that one, but nearby Strokkur geyser erupts every 6-10 minutes and can shoot hot water as high as 40 metres into the air.

Finally, on your tour, you will visit Gullfoss waterfall. This is one of Iceland's most iconic and most photographed attractions. The waterfall has two 'drops' which together total 32 metres. The power of the water is mesmerising and on sunny days it is possible to view rainbows shooting from the spray.

Finally, you will make a stop at a tiny village in the countryside where the farms use the heat generated beneath the earth's surface to power their greenhouses. After a short tour, you will head to a local secret spot to bathe in a hot spring (don't forget your swimming costume!) before heading back to the city.

Included Meals: Breakfast

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3

SKY LAGOON AND NORTHERN LIGHTS HUNT

Today you will be transferred to the brand-new Sky Lagoon which opened in 2021 just a few kilometres from downtown Reykjavik. Sky Lagoon has been designed to draw inspiration from the local nature and heritage but with a modern, luxurious twist.

The awesome new spa experience has a huge (264ft long!) natural geothermal infinity pool overlooking the dramatic North Atlantic Ocean. It is home to a great sauna which, thanks to the largest window in Iceland, boasts some epic views of the wild landscape outside.

Once you have checked in, you will be invited to start on the 7-step spa experience which is based on Icelandic traditions designed as a *"rejuvenating journey that awakens your senses and leaves your skin healthy and glowing. It combines warm and cold waters, warm steam, dry heat and fresh air."*

After you are fully refreshed and glowing from your time in the spa, you will be transferred back to Reykjavik.

Later this evening, around 21.30, you will be picked up to set off on a small group Northern Lights tour away from the artificial lights in the city. Your driver-guide will take you to some of the most successful viewing locations to enjoy an Aurora display if the conditions are in your favour. Viewing the Northern Lights can never be guaranteed, but that is all part of their charm. Your guide will also be able to answer any questions you have about the Aurora and will give you an introduction to the science behind their magical appearance.

Included Meals: Breakfast

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LAVA TUNNEL

After breakfast, you will be picked up and driven 30 minutes or so to the Raufarhólshellir cave, which is one of the longest lava tunnels in Iceland.

The total length of the tunnel is an impressive 1360 meters, and it is up to 30 metres wide and 10 tall in places. This makes it one of the most expansive lava tunnels in Iceland. Near the entrance of the tunnel, the ceiling has caved in creating three beautiful columns of light inside the tunnel. At the end

of Raufarhólshellir, the tunnel branches into three smaller tunnels where magnificent lava falls and formations are clearly visible.

After returning to Reykjavik, we have included a three-course dinner for you this evening at the Seafood Grill (drinks not included). Please advise us of any dietary requirements when making a booking.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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DEPARTURE

Today it is time to head home from Iceland! If you would like to extend your stay then please speak to one of our Travel Experts who would be happy to accommodate any requests.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Northern Lights Boat Tour

If you really wish to maximise your chances of viewing the Northern Lights whilst in Iceland you have the option to add in one of our favourite tours. The best way to get away from all the artificial light of the city is to head out to sea. This voyage takes between 1.5 – 2.5 hours and you will travel far away from the bright lights of Reykjavik to, hopefully, catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights whilst out at sea. Even if you are not successful in your quest this is a great adventure to share with your travelling companions.

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Other options

ACTIVITIES



Visit to the Blue Lagoon

Since the Blue Lagoon opened almost 35 years ago it has become famous around the world as one of the most unique spas anywhere! Much renovation and development has happened during its lifetime, but the essence of relaxing in the natural hot springs surrounded by the moon-like lava fields is still as memorable now as it was then. This tour includes return transfers from Reykjavik, entry to the lagoon, a welcome drink and a towel.

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Reykjavik Food Tour

Why not experience Reykjavik in the tastiest way possible? On this 3-4 hour tour, which starts just 700 metres from your hotel, you will not only get an introduction to the city, but also the delicious local foods and produce on offer. Your knowledgeable guide will highlight points of interest as they escort you to 5-6 local restaurants, some of which you would probably never discover by yourself. The delicious dishes you will sample are all made according to Icelandic tradition and family recipes, but please do not worry – fermented shark will not feature on the menu!

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FlyOver Iceland

Around the world, Iceland is known for its incredible landscapes and dramatic views. Due to the remote location of some of these incredible settings, the FlyOver Iceland experience has opened in the harbour area of Reykjavik. Using state of the art technology, from your seat suspended before a 20-metre spherical screen, you will feel as if you are literally 'flying over Iceland' as you explore the vast glaciers, majestic fjords, dramatic ravines and many other attractions.

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Included Accommodation

Hotel Frón (Nights: 1-4)



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.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 2 persons; maximum 25 (approximately)

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

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