

Hidden Powers & Northern Lights**6 days – 5 nights****Reykjavik, Thingvellir, Geysir, Gullfoss, South Shore, Eyjafjallajökull Volcano, Skaftafell National Park, Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon, Volcanic Areas, Hveragerdi, Blue Lagoon
Ecology, Nature, Discovery, Relaxation**

Icebergs, hot springs and volcanoes dominate Iceland's beautiful yet rugged landscape. On a guided coach tour, experience the hidden powers of the island including dramatic vistas of the notorious Eyjafjallajökull volcano and the breathtaking Glacial Lagoon. With several overnights in stunning rural locations, you'll be perfectly situated to hunt for the magical Northern Lights. Iceland is one of the best places in the world to experience this majestic phenomenon.

Day 1: Reykjavik

After clearing customs and immigration you'll be transferred to your hotel in Reykjavik. Overnight stay in Reykjavik.

Highlights: Reykjavik | Hallgrímskirkja | Tjornin | National Gallery | The Sun Voyager | Perlan | Parliament House

Day 2: Thingvellir, Geysir, Gullfoss (Northern Lights Centre - National Park with Geological Wonders (UNESCO) - Exploding Geysers - The Famous Golden Falls)

Start the day by visiting the recently opened and fascinating Northern Lights Centre in Reykjavik for an exciting and informative presentation on the Northern Lights. Onwards to Thingvellir National Park (UNESCO World Heritage site) where the world's oldest parliament met for centuries on the shores of Iceland's largest lake. Drive to Laugarvatn Fontana where your group experiences a geothermal bakery first-hand and digs up bread that has been cooked underground. Sample the delicious bread, served hot from the ground and slathered with fresh Icelandic butter. Continue through farmland areas to the geothermal fields of Geysir with bubbling mud pools and the high-spouting Strokkur hot spring. Last but not least, visit the dramatic two-tiered Gullfoss waterfall, a spectacular sight in winter when frozen mid-cascade. Stop at Skalholt, Iceland's capital during the Middle-Ages and now a culture center with a beautiful church. Overnight in the south coast area. [B]

Highlights: Gullfoss | Geysir

Day 3: South Shore, Eyjafjallajökull Volcano (Waterfalls - Glacial Views - Black-Sand Beaches - Lava Centre)

Drive along the south shore, an area of Iceland that is beautiful to view in the winter. This is one of the main farm regions of the country, and the road will pass by typical Icelandic farms, often with Icelandic horses in the fields. This part of Iceland is home to the new Lava Centre, an interactive, high-tech educational exhibition depicting volcanic activity, earthquakes and the creation of Iceland over millions of years. Enjoy both the exhibit and viewing an interesting film about Icelandic volcanoes at the center's cinema. Stop at the spectacular waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss. Head onwards, passing by Myrdalsjökull Glacier, to visit Reynisfjara beach. Take a walk on the black sands, and admire the extraordinary rock formations and thundering waves of the Atlantic Ocean. Dinner and overnight stay in Kirkjubæjarklaustur area. [B/D]

Highlights: Eyjafjallajökull | Seljalandsfoss | Skogafoss | Vík

Day 4: Skaftafell National Park, Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon (Europe's Largest National Park - Glacial Lagoon with Icebergs - Europe's Largest Glacier)

Today enter the area of Vatnajökull National Park, named after Europe's largest glacier. This national park is also the largest one in Western Europe. The park's Skaftafell region is a site of outstanding natural beauty, dominated by Vatnajökull glacier. View Svinafellsjökull, one of the most beautiful of the glacial outlets emerging from Vatnajökull. Continue to Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon where you can enjoy a breathtaking sight of icebergs floating in the fantastic 591 ft. deep glacial lagoon. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

Highlights: Skaftafell National Park |Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon

Day 5: Volcanic Areas, Hveragerdi, Blue Lagoon, Reykjavik (Greenhouse Village - Thundering Waves - Geothermal Lagoon)

Head towards the village of Hveragerdi, which is one of the few sites in the world located directly in the middle of a geothermal area. Hveragerdi is often called "The Flower Village" because of its many greenhouses heated by hot water from nearby springs. Follow along the coastline with its breathtaking waves and through a deserted community that once was a flourishing centre for the region. On to the Reykjanes peninsula, where you can enjoy a dip in the famous Blue Lagoon, a unique wonder of nature with pleasantly warm, mineral-rich water in the middle of a black lava field. Return to Reykjavik, where the evening is at your leisure. Dinner is on your own. Overnight in Reykjavik. [B]

Highlights: Hveragerdi |The Blue Lagoon |Reykjanes

Day 6: Reykiavik, USA

Depending on your flight you may have some time free. At the appointed time you'll be transferred to the international airport to board your flight back to the USA.

Highlights: Reykjavik |Reykjavik City Museum |Kjarvalsstadir |National Museum |Laugardalur

Important: Please note that northern lights are dependent on weather conditions. Sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip transfers between airports and hotels
- 2 nights at a hotel in Reykjavik,
- 3 nights at countryside hotels, including breakfast
- Breakfast daily except on arrival day
- 3 one-course dinners with coffee/tea (days 2, 3, 4)
- Entrance fee to the Northern Lights Center in Reykjavik
- Geothermal bakery experience at Laugarvatn Fontana
- Entrance to the new Lava Centre and volcano film at the Lava Center's Cinema (day 3)
- Northern Lights hunt kit on day 3 or 4 (flashlight & blanket)
- Northern Light guided hunt on foot one selected evening
- Northern Lights "wake up call" option during the night (available at countryside hotels)
- Blue Lagoon bathing fee + towel
- Guided coach tour from day 2 to day 5

Tour does not Include:

- International or Domestic airfares
- Any taxes and surcharges relating to airfares
- Travel insurance
- Wi-Fi at hotels
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature
- Porterage at airport and hotels
- Optional tours and activities
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"
- Swimsuit at the Blue Lagoon (can be rented on site)

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel
In Reykjavik	First Class
In the countryside	Superior Tourist Class

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

Departure Date	Double	Single
2018 Departures		
14-Feb	\$1,715	\$2,055
21-Mar		
28-Mar		

Prices are person and change without notice

Options:

Description	Cost
Supplement for starter and dessert during stay in the countryside	\$89

Price is per person

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