

Mountains and Fjords

8 days – 7 nights

Reykjavik, Borgarfjordur, Stykkisholmur, Flokalundur, Raudisandur, Latrabjarg, Breidavik/Patreksfjordur, Bildudalur, Isafjordur, Hesteyri, Holmavik, Laugar Saelingsdal, Budardalur
Ecology, Nature, Discover, Relaxation

Weather and Hours of daylight

Month	Temp.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Average high	°F	36	37	40	44	50	54	57	57	52	45	37	36	45
Average low	°F	28	28	30	34	39	45	50	46	43	37	32	30	36.9
Hours of daylight		4	7	10	15	18	20-22	19	16	13	9	6	4	12
Northern lights intensity		None												

Day 1: Reykjavik

Welcome to the Land of Fire and Ice! Gen on board your shared transfer to Reykjavik. If your flight lands early in the day, a great suggestion is to explore Reykjavik, the largest municipality in Iceland. Ingolfur Arnarson, the first settler of Iceland, built his farm on the peninsula where Reykjavik stands today. The town got its name “Smoky Bay” after the columns of steam that rose from the hot springs in the area and made such a deep impression on the first settlers. Dinner is on your own. Reykjavik offers a multitude of restaurants and/or coffee-houses, making dinner a great way to get better acquainted with Iceland's capital. Overnight stay in Reykjavik (airport transfer not included). Dinner on own.

Day highlights: Reykjavik |Hallgrimskirkja |Tjornin |The Sun Voyager |Perlan |The Blue Lagoon

Signature option: [Blue Lagoon Entrance and Extras](#) |**Airport transfer:** [Arrival via Blue Lagoon](#)

Day 2: Reykjavik, Borgarfjordur, Stykkisholmur, Flokalundur (Unique Waterfalls, Europe's Most Powerful Hot Spring, Ferry Ride among 3,000 Islands)

Breakfast at your hotel. Start your adventure with a drive along the scenic coastline of Hvalfjordur Fjord (Whale Fjord), one of the longest and deepest fjords in Iceland. In West Iceland, explore Hraunfoss (Lava Falls) and Barnafoss (Children's Falls), known for their exceptional and intriguing beauty. Afterwards, stop at Deildartunguhver hot springs, which rushes out of algae-covered boulders at a steamy 97°C (200°F). In the afternoon, your group arrives in Stykkisholmur village for a lovely ferry ride (2,5 hours sail) across the spectacular Breidafjordur Bay dotted with 3,000 tiny islands. Encircled by mountains and the Snaefellsjökull volcano, the dramatic bay is home to 50 bird species, the rare white-tailed eagle, and grey seals who enjoy lounging about on the small islets. Dinner and overnight stay in the Flokalundur area. [B/D]

Day highlights: Stykkisholmur |Hraunfossar |Snaefellsjokull National Park |Deildartunguhver |Barnafoss

Day 3: Flokalundur, Raudisandur, Latrabjarg, Breidavik/Patreksfjordur (Remote Westfjords, Stunning Bird Cliffs, Red Sand Beach, Quirky Folk Museum)

Breakfast at your hotel. Today discover unique sights in one of the least visited places in Iceland, the Westfjords! Stroll along Raudisandur beach, which shifts in color from golden to orange and red depending on the daylight. In a setting of black cliffs, Raudisandur shelters a large lagoon where curious seals and Arctic skuas are regular visitors. Afterwards, switch your focus from natural wonders to unusual local treasures at a quirky folk museum in Hnjotur. Upon reaching Latrabjarg, Europe's largest bird cliff and westernmost point, your group will encounter an amazing wildlife spectacle, as the stunning cliffs host a mind-boggling number of sea birds. Protected from Arctic foxes, the birds are fearless, providing plenty of close-up photo opportunities. Keep an eye out for playful puffins. Dinner and overnight stay in Patreksfjordur area. [B/D]

Day highlights: Westfjords |Flokalundur |Latrabjarg |Raudisandur |Patreksfjordur

Day 4: Patreksfjordur, Bildudalur, Isafjordur (Capital of the Westfjords, Thundering Waterfall, Outdoor Nature Spa)

Breakfast at your hotel. Traveling along the winding coastline of magnificent fjords, you will reach the vibrant fishing village of Isafjordur, honorary capital of the Westfjords. Settled in the 1580s, Isafjordur boasts a charming old town centre with some of the finest and most beautifully restored timber buildings in the country. The lively harbor is the town's bustling center of commerce and provides a glimpse into the daily rural life in this northerly capital.

En route to Isafjordur, enjoy a stop at the spectacular Dynjandi Waterfall, which is a collection of seven cascades resembling a tiered wedding cake. You will also have the opportunity to take a dip in an outdoor thermal hot spring with gorgeous vistas, along with a stop to enjoy some Icelandic specialties at the historical farm of Hrafnseyri. Dinner and overnight stay in Isafjordur. [B/T/D]

Day highlights: *Bildudalur | Museum of Jon Sigurdsson | Dynjandi | Isafjordur*

Day 5: Isafjordur (Fjord Sailing , Abandoned Settlement, Arctic Foxes)

Breakfast at your hotel. This morning travel to the fjord village of Bolungarvík where you will board a boat. Sail across Isafjardardjup, the largest fjord in the Westfjords, where steep mountains descend directly into the sea. Step ashore onto one of the most remote corners of Europe. Situated on a beautiful sandy beach, Hesteyri Island is an abandoned settlement where the elusive Arctic Fox roams among colorful wildflowers that grow knee-high. Spend a few hours here, enjoying the breathtakingly lush nature. The afternoon sail back to Bolungarvík reveals panoramic views of Drangjökull glacier. Overnight in Isafjordur. Dinner is on your own. Isafjordur has several excellent restaurants focusing on the area's famous seafood. [B/L]

Day highlights: *Isafjordur | Bolungarvík | Hesteyri*

Day 6: Isafjordur, Holmavík, Laugar Saelingsdal (Arctic Fox Center, Saga Folklore, Thermal Bathing)

Breakfast at your hotel. Start the day with a visit to the Arctic Fox Centre in Sudavík. From Isafjordur town the route provides coastal views of the scenic fjords that were cut into the earth by glaciers during the last Ice Age. En route to Holmavík village, stop at a quaint cafe to enjoy a local favorite, freshly baked waffles. The journey continues through green valleys to Laugar in Saelingsdalur Valley, an area rich in ancient Saga folklore and history. Here you have the opportunity to soak outside in one of the many thermal pools hidden in nature. Dinner and overnight stay in the Saelingsdalur area. [B/T/D]

Day highlights: *Arctic Fox Center | Strandir Coast | Hólmavík*

Day 7: Isafjordur, Budardalur, Borgarfjordur, Reykjavík (Birthplace of Leif Eiriksson, Volcano Hike, Dairy Farm Delights)

Breakfast at your hotel. Drive along Iceland's West Coast to the Viking Age house at Eiríksstaðir, the original homestead of Erik the Red and birthplace of his son Leif Eiriksson, who discovered North America. In a turf-covered longhouse replica, meet modern day Vikings who will demonstrate the lifestyle of 1,000 years ago. Later, make a tasty stop at the local Erpsstaðir dairy for an introduction to Icelandic farming life and to sample freshly made ice cream. In Borgarfjordur, hike along moss-covered lava to the 3,500 year-old Grabrok volcano cone. From here you will have incredible views of the Glanni waterfall, a suspected home to elves and trolls. Return to Reykjavík in the late afternoon. Overnight stay in Reykjavík. Dinner is on your own. [B/T]

Day highlights: *Eiríksstaðir Viking Home | West of Iceland | Grabrok | Glanni Waterfall | Borgarnes*

Day 6: Reykjavík, USA

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the airport. We advise departing your hotel no later than three hours before your international flight. If you did not visit the Blue Lagoon on your arrival day, you might use the opportunity to stop there now on your way to the airport. [B]

Day highlights: *Reykjavík | Laugardalur | Hofdi | Reykjavík City Museum | Kjarvalsstaðir | National Museum*

Signature option: *Blue Lagoon Entrance and Extras | Airport transfer: Arrival via Blue Lagoon*

[B] = Breakfast | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Arrival and departure shared transfers
- 7 nights accommodation with private facilities
 - Reykjavik – 2 nights
 - Countryside 5 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily except arrival
 - 4 dinners
 - 1 packed lunch
 - 3 tasting of Icelandic specialties
- 6-day guided tour as per itinerary
- Ferry from Stykkisholmur to Brjanslaekur
- Entrance to Hnjotur Museum
- Boat tour to Hesteyri
- Entrance to the Arctic Fox Center
- Entrance to Eiriksstadir Museum

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 (Most hotels begin check-in around 2:00pm).
- 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		
June 14,21	\$3,825	\$4,705
July 5,19		
August 2		

Prices are per person and may change without notice.

Children rate

Child's Age	Description	Discount
Children 6-11	Sharing room with 2 adults*	25%
Children 12+	Children 12 years or older	0%

* Valid only for 1 child per room

It is not recommended that children 0-5 years old travel on scheduled tours.

Tour Code: IS06REK18IT

Optional tours and activities:

Day	Description	Length	Price
Day 1 or 6	Non guided tour to the Blue Lagoon on arrival/departure	Flexible	See Note (1)
Day 2	Rib Safari boat tour - Small Islands trip	1 hour	11,900 ISK
	Viking tours boat tour – Circle boat tour	1.5 hours	5,500 ISK

We strongly recommend that you book these optional tours in advance due to high demand of these activities.

(1) Book in advance. Price depends on availability

