

# Volcanoes and Glaciers 6 days – 5 nights

Reykjavik, Westman Islands, South Shore, Skogar, Vik, Skaftafell, Jokulsarlon, Gullfoss, Geysir, Thingvellir

Ecology, Nature, Discover, Relaxation

Weather and Hours of daylight

Month	Temp.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	<b>O</b> ct	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 intens	sity						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 Reykjavík, the largest municipality in Iceland. Ingolfur Arnarson, the first settler of Iceland, built his farm on the peninsula where Reykjavík 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. Reykjavík 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 Reykjavík (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, Westman Islands (Waterfall, Lava Fields, Puffin Island, Magnificent Iava fields) Breakfast at your hotel. The first stop today will be made at Seljalandsfoss waterfall, where you can walk behind the waterfall. Travel along the farmlands of the south coast to Landeyjahofn harbor. After arriving at the Bakkafjara pier, take a 30-minute ferry ride to the Westman Islands. The destination is Heimaey Island, the largest of the Westmans and the only inhabited one. Visit the island's Storhofdi Point with its fantastic views over the area. During mid-May through the beginning of August it is also possible to see puffins here. Take a walk up to the crater of a volcano that erupted only three decades ago. Visit Eldheimar Museum and explore the flora growing in the new lava field. Afternoon at leisure to explore the island on your own. Overnight in the Westman Islands. Dinner on own. [B]

Day highlights: Seljalandsfoss | Vestmannaeyjar | Eldheimar Exhibition

## Day 3: Westman Islands, South Shore, Skogar, Vik (Powerful Volcanoes, Folk Museum, Black sand beaches)

Breakfast at your hotel. Take the ferry back from the Westman Islands and travel further on along the south coast. Pass numerous glacial rivers en route to Skogafoss waterfall. A famous folk museum is nearby, showcasing the buildings and daily life of Icelanders in the past centuries. Continue on to the black sands of Reynisfjara beach. Here you can witness the powerful waves and amazing basalt column features carved by the power of the sea. Dinner and overnight stay in Vik area. [B/D]

Day highlights: Eyjafjallajokull |Skogafoss |Skogar Museum |Reynisdrangar Cliffs |Vík

# Day 4: Vik, Skaftafell, Jokulsarlon, Vik (Skaftafell and Glacial beauty, Europe's largest Glacier, Glacial Lagoon with Icebergs)

Breakfast at your hotel. Today you'll be in the area of Vatnajökull National Park, named after Europe's largest glacier. Cross Eldhraun, the largest mass of lava ever to flow on the face of the Earth before reaching the small town Kirkjubaejarklaustur, the former site of a 12th-century Catholic convent. Head onwards to Skaftafell, a beautiful glacier-ringed valley in Vatnajökull National Park. Continue to the stunning Jokulsarlon



Glacial Lagoon to see floating icebergs and maybe a curious seal or two. An optional boat trip (extra charge) takes you on a sail between the icebergs. Return to Vík for your overnight. Dinner and overnight in Vik area. [B/D]

**Day highlights**: Eldhraun Lava Field | Skaftafell National Park | Svartifoss Waterfall | Vatnajokull | Vatnajokull | National Park | Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon

## Day 5: Vik, Gullfoss, Geysir, Thingvellir, Reykjavik (Lava Centre, Lively Geysers and Golden Falls, National Park with Geological Wonders - UNESCO World Heritage Site)

Breakfast at your hotel. Start with a visit to the new Lava Centre, an interactive, high-tech educational exhibition depicting volcanic activity, earthquakes and the creation of Iceland over millions of years. Afterwards, head for the Geysir hot spring area to see the famous great Geysir as well as Strokkur, a hot spring that spouts every few minutes. Travel onwards to Gullfoss, one of Iceland's most impressive waterfalls. The next stop is Thingvellir National Park, where the Viking-age parliament met for centuries on the shores of Iceland's largest lake. This is also where you can see the meeting point for the European and North American tectonic plates. After some time to explore Thingvellir, head back to Reykjavik. Overnight stay in Reykjavík. Dinner is on your own. [B]

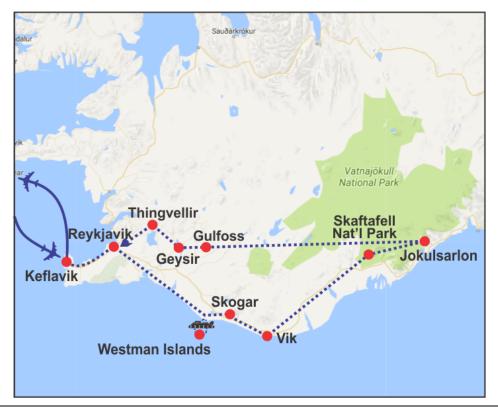
Day highlights: Gullfoss |Geysir

### Day 6: Reykjavik, 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]

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

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





#### Your Tour includes:

- Shared arrival & departure transfers
- 5 nights accommodation w/facilities
  - o Reykjavík nights
  - o Countryside 3 nights
- Meals:
  - o Breakfast daily
  - o 2 dinners
- 4 day guided tour as per itinerary
- Entrance to Eldheimar Museum
- Roundtrip ferry fare to Westman Islands
- Entrance to Skogar Folk Museum
- Entrance to Lava Centre
- All taxes

### Hotels in your Tour:

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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						
May 6,13,20,27	\$1,699	\$2,119				
June 3,14,24						
July 8,12,22,29	\$2,439	\$1,985				
August 9,12,19,26						
September	\$1,955	\$2,599				

Prices are per person and my 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%

<sup>\*</sup> Valid only for 1 child per room

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

#### Tour Code: IS05REK18IT

### 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

#### 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)