

Thunder & Ice
6 days – 5 nights
Reykjavik, Westman Islands, South Shore, Skogar, Vik, Skaftafell, Jokulsarlon, Gullfoss, Geysir, Thingvellir
Ecology, Nature, Discover, Relaxation

This program may be operated for individual or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize

At the edge of the Arctic Circle, Iceland is a land of contrasts and excessiveness. Here, active or dormant volcanoes, glaciers, lava fields, hot springs and waterfalls draw with a scalpel a painting that tells the origins of our planet. Straddling the American and Eurasian tectonic plates, Iceland experiences intense volcanic activity. Its landscapes of fire and ice earned it the nickname "Gates of Hell". The Golden Circle is the name given to three of Iceland's most visited natural sites, Thingvellir, Gullfoss and Geysir.

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! Get 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.

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

Day 2: Reykjavik, Westman Islands (Waterfall, Lava Fields, Puffin Island, Magnificent lava 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]

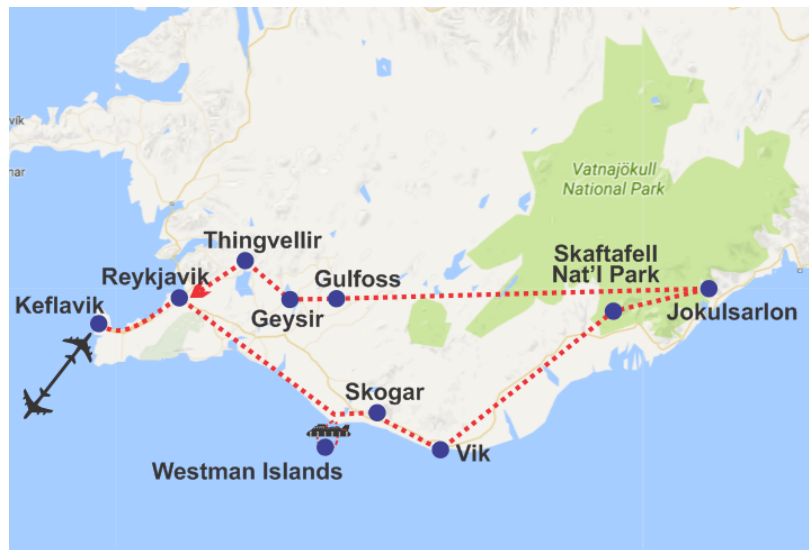
Signature option: *Rib Safari boat tour - Small Islands trip or Viking tours boat tour – Circle boat tour*

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 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 Kirkjubæjarklaustur, 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 Vik for your overnight. Dinner and overnight in Vik area. [B/D]



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Day 5: Vik, Gullfoss, Geysir, Thingvellir, Reykjavik (Lava Center, 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 Center, 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 Reykjavik. Dinner is on your own. [B]

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 Extra |Airport transfer: Arrival via Blue Lagoon*

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

Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfares USA-Reykjavik
- Shared arrival & departure transfers
- 5 nights' accommodation w/facilities
 - Reykjavik - nights
 - Countryside - 3 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 2 dinners
- Waterfalls
- Puffin Island
- Magnificent lava fields
- Powerful Volcanoes
- Lava Center
- Lively Geysers
- Golden Falls
- Geological Wonders - UNESCO World Heritage Site
- 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

Tour does not Include

- 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)

Recommended hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Superior Tourist Class		
Reykjavik	Skuggi	4.5
Westman Island	Ofanleiti Guesthouse	5
Vik	Farmhouse Lodge	4.5
First Class		
Reykjavik	Reykjavil Konsulat	4.5
Westman Island	Gistiheimilid Eyvindarholt	5
Vik	Black Beach Suites	5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

From: \$1,095 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

Airfare

- We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

Program

- You may add or remove;
 - Trip days
 - Cities and sites
 - Meals

Other options

- The program was designed with private services; however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

Quotation

- Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Optional tours and activities:

Day	Description	Length
Day 1 or 6	Non-guided tour to the Blue Lagoon on arrival/departure	Flexible
Day 2	Rib Safari boat tour - Small Islands trip	1 hour
	Viking tours boat tour – Circle boat tour	1.5 hours

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

Other Options:

- The options suggested in the itinerary will be quoted at time of booking
- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web [Group Quote Request](#).
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.