

NORTHERN LIGHTS HUNT

5 DAYS TOUR-GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

A 5 day tour in winter wonderland Iceland where, in addition to visiting the most famous places of the country, we will also hunt for the magnificent Northern Lights. This is a real adventure of a tour including such highlights as the famous Geysir hot spring area, the Glacier lagoon, beautiful waterfalls and much more. The tour is designed to maximise your chances of witnessing the amazing Northern Lights. We will stay in a hotel located in the countryside and the itinerary may be adjusted when an opportunity to witness the wonders of the Northern Lights arises. However, despite our long experience in leading groups, please note that the Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon that is very hard to predict, hence sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Day 1: Welcome to Reykjavik

Arrival transfer from Keflavik airport to Centerhotel Plaza (**transfer optional**) that is located in the heart of the old city center of Reykjavik. Despite its location and the city lights, Northern Lights can often be seen there. The hotel offers wake-up service if the Northern Lights appear.

Day 2: Golden Circle

We tour the renowned Golden Circle including a visit to the famous Geysir hot spring area, where Strokkur erupts every 5-10 minutes. We also visit the Gullfoss (Golden) waterfall and Thingvellir national park, where the forces of the Great Atlantic Rift are clearly visible. This is where the North American and European tectonic plates drift apart at a rate of 2-6 cm per year. Thingvellir is also the place where the ancient Icelandic parliament was established in 930. It is an area of truly outstanding beauty as well as geological and historical significance. After visiting these world famous sights and a visit to local horse stable and a greenhouse, we drive through the landscapes of South Iceland to our accommodation near the town of Vik, where we will stay for 2 nights.



Day 3: Glacier Lagoon

We head east, along the southern shore to the unique Jökulsárlón Glacier lagoon. The lagoon developed around 60 years ago with continuing process of calving and falling of icebergs from the glacier tongue Breidamerkurjökull. These icebergs are seen in two shades, one type in milky white, while the other type is in bright blue colour, which is interplay of light and ice crystals. The lagoon is filled with fishes that drift in from the sea along with the tides. Seals gather in large numbers at the mouth of the lagoon to catch the fish during the winter, which is a sight to watch. On the way back to Vik we also visit Skaftafell national park that is part of Vatnajökull national park and contains some of the most prized natural sights of the country.

A: Keflavik/Reykjavik International Airport
B: Blue Lagoon
C: Nationalpark Thingvellir
D: Geysir thermal area and waterfall Gullfoss
E: Vik
F: Glacier lagoon Jökulsárlón
G: Reykjavik

Day 4: Volcanoes and waterfalls

Driving along the southern coast we encounter highlights such as the waterfalls Skogafoss and Seljalandsfoss as well as the glaciers and volcanos of Myrdalsjökull/Katla and Eyjafjallajökull. We will visit the Eyjafjallajökull Visitor Center at the foot of the volcano. A short film (20 min) portrays the spectacular natural event, and the hectic times and incredible challenges met by the family farm of Thorvaldseyri. The final highlight before getting back to Reykjavik is the spectacular Blue Lagoon. You have a choice of viewing the lagoon or enjoy soaking in the mineral rich water with its fine silica mud, while you look for the Northern Lights overhead. In the late afternoon we arrive in Reykjavik, where we will stay in Centerhotel Plaza.

Day 5: Departure

Transfer from the hotel in Reykjavik to Keflavik airport (optional) or prolong your stay and stay longer to enjoy the northernmost capital of the world.

Included in the tour:

- Fully escorted 3 day tour with English speaking local guide
- 2 nights accommodation in Centerhotel Plaza with breakfast
- 2 nights accommodation in Hotel Katla near Vik with breakfast
- Visit to Icelandic farm with horse stables and geothermal greenhouse
- Evening introduction and hunt for the Northern Lights while staying in Vik (weather dependent)
- Entrance to Eyjafjallajökull Visitor Center

Price: € 590 per person in shared double/twin room Single supplement € 188

Optional Add-ons:

Airport transfer € 50 (price one way)

Entrance to bathing in the Blue Lagoon € 80

Extend your stay in Reykjavik for € 90 per person per night in double room including breakfast

Single room is € 150 per extra night

Dates:

13.10 - 17.10.2016

20.10 - 24.10.2016

27.10 - 31.10.2016

10.11 - 14.11.2016
17.11 - 21.11.2016
24.11 - 28.11.2016
01.12 - 05.12.2016
08.12 - 12.12.2016
15.12 - 19.12.2016
12.01 - 16.01.2017
19.01 - 23.01.2017
26.01 - 30.01.2017
02.02 - 06.02.2017
09.02 - 13.02.2017
16.02 - 20.02.2017
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