

# SCENIC ICELAND & THE NORTHERN LIGHTS



Witness the stunning scenery and the wondrous Aurora Borealis in Iceland

Experience a world of natural phenomena; by day marvel at waterfalls, volcanoes and incredible landscapes and by night, seek out the dancing lights that fill cloudless skies.



## DAY 1

### THE VIKING CITY OF REYKJAVIK.

Welcome to Iceland. At Reykjavik's Keflavik Airport, transfers depart for the tour hotel at 08:00, 12:30 and 16:30. Later, join your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception and an opportunity to get to know each other over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. Afterwards, search for the most spectacular show on earth - the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis). See the breathtaking night sky, filled with an array of different colours. Please note: The Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon and sightings, therefore, cannot be guaranteed. (WD)  
Hotel: Icelandair Hotel Reykjavik Natura.

## DAY 2 RS

### SOUTH SHORE ADVENTURE TO VÍK.

Take a journey through the stunning landscape of Iceland's south coast to visit its newest geothermal heat and electric power station at Hellisheiðavirkjun. Continue on to witness

the majesty of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls. Stand awestruck by their beauty and the powerful force. After seeing the magnificent Hekla and Eyjafjallajökull volcanoes, arrive in the welcoming community of Vík. Perhaps enjoy another chance to go in search of the mystical Northern Lights? (BB,D)  
Hotel: Icelandair Hotel Vík.

## DAY 3 RS

### THE GOLDEN CIRCLE TO FLÚÐIR.

Embark on a day of discovery around Iceland's Golden Circle, taking in some of the famous landmarks this magical country has to offer. Experience the exploding hot springs at Geysir and the mighty Gullfoss Waterfalls – the Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls. Next stop is Friðheimar, to find out about the processes in Icelandic greenhouse horticulture. Visit a family-run vegetable farm that specialises in tomatoes. Tour their greenhouses and sample the sweet, unique flavour of their lovingly-grown crop.

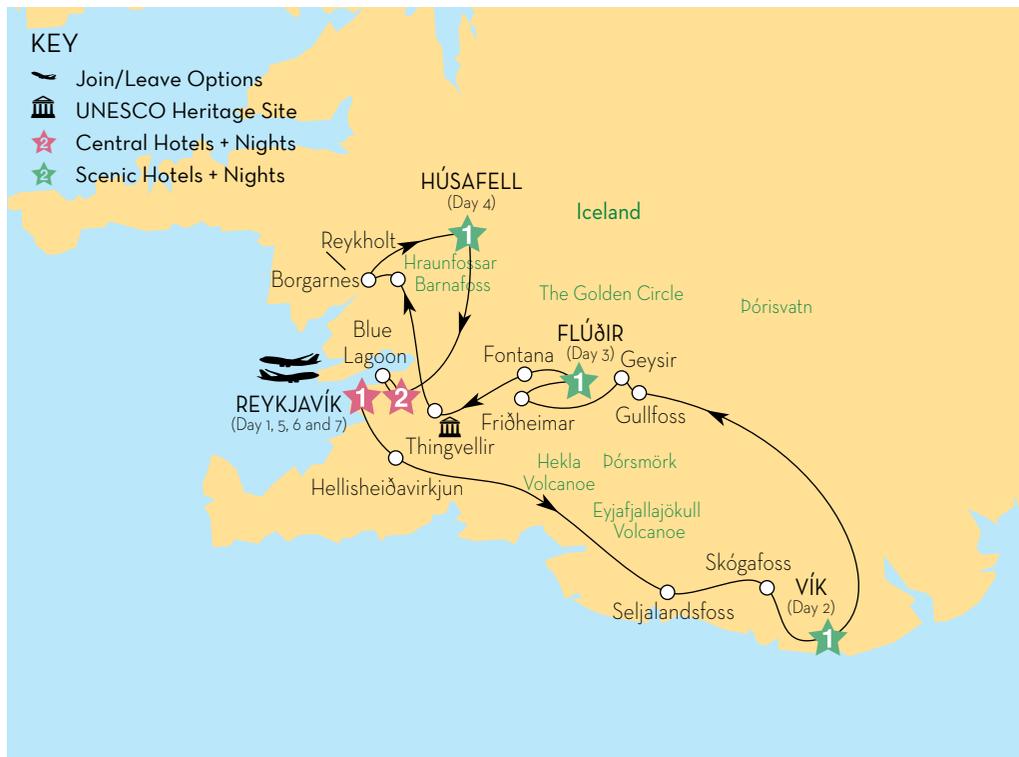
Continue to your hotel in Flúðir, where there is again a chance to look to the night sky to watch nature's theatre unfold. (BB,D)  
Hotel: Icelandair Hotel Flúðir.

## DAY 4 RS

### THINGVELLIR, BORGARNES AND HUSAFELL

Travel southwards, stopping in Fontana to visit a fascinating Geothermal bakery. Sample the delicious rye bread, dug hot from the ground and served with butter. Continue on to Thingvellir, where the first meeting of the Icelandic parliament was held in 930AD. This remarkable natural site lies on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge line, where the American and European tectonic plates meet. Continue on the trail of Viking warrior and poet Egill Skallagrímsson to Borgarnes. En route, stop at the pretty village of Reykholt, home of poet and medieval scholar Snorri Sturluson. On arrival in Borgarnes, learn about Iceland's history with a visit to the fascinating Icelandic Settlement Centre. Journey on through glorious landscapes

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taking in views of the Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls and Deildartunguhver - Europe's most powerful hot spring. (BB,D)  
Hotel: Hótel Húsafell.

### DAY 5 RS

#### REYKJAVÍK SIGHTSEEING.

Journey back to Reykjavík, where sightseeing shows you the old town centre, the 19th century parliament building, Höfði House (the location of the 1986 Reykjavík Summit meeting of presidents Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev), the colourful harbour and the modern, landmark church, the Hallgrímskirkja. The afternoon is at leisure. (BB)

Hotel: Icelandair Hotel Reykjavik Natura.

### DAY 6 RS

#### THE BLUE LAGOON.

Relax and enjoy your final day with a visit to Reykjavík's Blue Lagoon. Surrounded by lava fields and snow-capped mountains, the Lagoon is a wonder of nature and offers a unique experience for both body and soul. Choose

to bathe in the pleasantly warm mineral-rich geothermal waters, or perhaps enjoy a water massage or spa treatment? Facilities also include an indoor geothermal pool, a winter garden and restaurants. With your newfound friends, toast the culmination of your fascinating journey of discovery with a celebratory cocktail. The rest of the day is free, perhaps spend time relaxing in a sidewalk cafe. (BB)

### DAY 7

#### DEPART REYKJAVÍK.

Your Icelandic adventure comes to an end, with transfers arriving at Reykjavík's Keflavík Airport at 05:00 and 12:30. (BB)

#### DINING SUMMARY

6 Buffet Breakfasts (BB) and 3 Three-course table d'hôte Dinners (D) with tea or coffee; plus 1 Welcome Dinner (WD) with wine. Departure on tour for New Year's Eve will enjoy a festive Highlight Dinner which will replace an included meal.

Relaxed Starts RS

## EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT – SAVE UP TO \$231 pp (See page 60)

Tour Code: W864

Starts	Ends	Twin	Starts	Ends	Twin	Starts	Ends	Twin	Starts	Ends	Twin
Sun 08 Oct	- Sat 14 Oct	\$3025	Sun 26 Nov	- Sat 02 Dec	\$2950	Sun 28 Jan	- Sat 03 Feb	\$2950	Sun 18 Mar	- Sat 24 Mar	\$2950
Sun 15 Oct	- Sat 21 Oct	\$3025	Sun 03 Dec	- Sat 09 Dec	\$2950	Sun 04 Feb	- Sat 10 Feb	\$2950	Sun 25 Mar	- Sat 31 Mar	\$2950
Sun 22 Oct	- Sat 28 Oct	\$3025	Sun 17 Dec	- Sat 23 Dec	\$2950	Sun 11 Feb	- Sat 17 Feb	\$2950	Sun 01 Apr	- Sat 07 Apr	\$2950
Sun 29 Oct	- Sat 04 Nov	\$3025	Sun 31 Dec	- Sat 06 Jan	\$3075	Sun 18 Feb	- Sat 24 Feb	\$2950			
Sun 05 Nov	- Sat 11 Nov	\$2950	<b>2018</b>			Sun 25 Feb	- Sat 03 Mar	\$2950			
Sun 12 Nov	- Sat 18 Nov	\$2950	Sun 14 Jan	- Sat 20 Jan	\$2950	Sun 04 Mar	- Sat 10 Mar	\$2950			
Sun 19 Nov	- Sat 25 Nov	\$2950	Sun 21 Jan	- Sat 27 Jan	\$2950	Sun 11 Mar	- Sat 17 Mar	\$2950			

Notes: Prices are in US\$. Twin prices are per person. \*31 Dec: Includes New Year's Eve Highlight Dinner in Reykjavik.

**FURTHER SAVINGS UP TO:** Young Traveller \$290 pp | Triple Reduction n/a pp | 2nd Tour \$77 pp | Past Guest \$154 pp

**Rooming Options:** Single Supplement from \$400 up to \$490 pp

**Extra Night Hotels Per Person - seasonal adjustments apply:**

**Reykjavik:** Icelandair Hotel Reykjavik Natura  
Twin \$142 Single \$190 Triple \$158

**One way transfer outside scheduled times:**

Reykjavik: \$135 p.p.

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

**BORGANES:** Learn about Iceland's history with a visit to the fascinating Icelandic Settlement Centre with your Local Expert.

**REYKJAVÍK:** Explore the city with your Local Expert. See the old town centre, the parliament building, Höfði House, the colourful harbour and the Hallgrímskirkja.

## TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

**REYKJAVÍK:** Witness nature's most spectacular show on earth - the Northern Lights.

**SELJALANDSFOSS AND SKÓGAFOSS:** Admire the majestic beauty of these two impressive waterfalls.

**GULLFOSS:** See the spectacular two-tiered waterfall. This Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls drops a total of 32m (105 ft.), while spanning the entire width of the Hvítá River.

**THINGVELLIR:** The Parliamentary Plains are the most important historic site of the country, as the meeting place of the Althing (world's oldest parliament), founded in 930AD.

**BLUE LAGOON:** Enjoy a truly indulgent, once-in-a-lifetime experience at the most visited attraction in Iceland. Its geothermal seawater flows from volcanic aquifers 2,000 metres within the earth, emerging at the surface enriched with algae, silica, and minerals. With newfound friends, enjoy bathing in the lagoon in style, as you sip on a celebratory cocktail.

## AUTHENTIC REGIONAL FLAVOURS

**FRIDHEIMAR:** Tour a family-run farm and sample their sweet-tasting, homegrown tomatoes.

**FONTANA:** At a Geothermal bakery, sample delicious rye bread, dug hot from the ground.

## STAY AT THE BEST ADDRESSES

**ICELAND HOTELS:** Insight stays at the best available properties. Hotels in Iceland are generally traditional and much simpler in style, typical of the region, with clean rooms and private facilities.

**REYKJAVÍK:** Inside Icelandair Hotel Reykjavik Natura, you'll find a warm and inviting atmosphere, filled with thoughtful details inspired by the beautiful nature that surrounds the property.

**VÍK:** Located in the quaint village of Vík, the Icelandair Hotel offers elegantly fitted guest rooms, decorated with Icelandic design and inspired by the natural environment.

**HÚSAFELL:** Hótel Húsafell is located in an area rich in history and extraordinary natural wonders.