



## Discovering Iceland and the Northern Lights - 2021/22

From Keflavík/Reykjavík | 7 days 6 nights version and 8 days 7 nights optional version | (with private driver guide)

### Day 1 | Keflavík airport – Reykjavík

Welcome and transfer to the hotel in Reykjavík.

### Day 2 | Reykjavík – South Coast (Snaefellsness) – Reykjavík

Breakfast in the hotel and departure along the west coast to Deildartunguhver, the most powerful geothermal spring in Europe that pumps 180 litres of water per second at a temperature of 100°C. After we go to Reykholt, hometown of Snorri Sturluson, creator of the famous Icelandic sagas, and then to the beautiful waterfalls of Hraunfossar and Barnafoss. Finally, the tour heads towards the Snaefellsnes Peninsula, west of Borgarfjörður, with a short walk in the charming fishing village of Arnarstapi. After Hellnar, the journey continues to the black beach of Djupalónssandur, followed by Mount Kirkjufell, an iconic location where "Game of Thrones" was filmed and a favourite spot for many photographers. Overnight stay in Reykjavík.

### Day 3 | Reykjavík – Vatnajökull

Breakfast in the hotel. you will travel along Iceland's South Coast on the narrow strip of lush farmland that cuts between mountains, glaciers, and the vast Atlantic Ocean. The journey includes stops at natural treasures, including Skógafoss waterfall, views of Skaftafell National Park, Diamond Beach, Eldhraun lava fields and Vatnajökull glacier to name but a few. Passing the southern edge of the mighty Vatnajökull Glacier roughly midway between Reykjavík and Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon offers magnificent views of glaciers, rivers and endless plains of sand. Vatnajökull Glacier National Park stretches over an area of 14,000 square km, or roughly ten times the size of London. Overnight stay in the Vatnajökull region with possibility to see the Northern lights.

### Day 4 | Vatnajökull – Jökulsárlón – Selfoss/Hvolsvollur

Breakfast in the hotel. Packed with icebergs in various shades of white and blue, the extraordinary scenery at Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon is sure to take your breath away. Seals are a fairly common sight both at the mouth of the lagoon and at the seaside beach. From Jökulsárlón you proceed to the Skeiðará Bridge monument, where you can see information about the fragility of man-made structures in the face of nature. In November 1996, a volcanic eruption destroyed the Skeiðará Bridge. The trip continues to Vík and Reynisfjara black sand beach, with a final stop at the Seljalandsfoss waterfall. Overnight stay in Selfoss/Hvolsvollur with possibility to see the Northern lights.

### Day 5 | Selfoss/Hvolsvollur – Golden Circle – Reykjavík

Breakfast in the hotel. Trip for the Golden Circle, the oldest day tour of the island. Next, Geysir Park, which showed these phenomena to the world and where the Strokkur geyser expels hot water over 35 meters high, followed by Gullfoss waterfall. The trip ends at the Thingvellir natural park, where it is possible to see the oldest parliament in the world, admire the natural beauty and experience the separation of the two tectonic plates. Overnight stay in Reykjavík.

### Day 6 | Reykjavík – City tour – Blue Lagoon – Reykjavík

Breakfast in the hotel. After the city-tour in Reykjavík trip to the Blue Lagoon, going through the lava fields which form the magnetic lunar landscape of the Reykjanes peninsula. Blue Lagoon is an open-air geothermal pool between 30°C and 40°C. It's one of the unique and famous attractions of Iceland. An open-air, geothermal Spa, which allows harmony between the body, mind and spirit. Return to the hotel in Reykjavík. (entry fee at Blue Lagoon not included).

### Day 7 | Reykjavík – Keflavík airport

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to the airport.

### OPTIONAL: Day 8 | Reykjavík – Into the Glacier – Reykjavík

Breakfast in the hotel. We drive to Borgarfjörður with stops at Hraunfossar waterfall and Deildartunguhver thermal springs. Time to explore the glacier and the ice tunnel. The Longjökull glacier is 953 Km<sup>2</sup> in area. It is on this glacier that you will enter the middle of the ice through this hand made ice tunnel - Into the Glacier. An exciting and magical journey, drilling through the glacier to discover a magnificent world, surrounded by the dazzling blue ice. An old US Army missile launcher will be used for transportation, climbing to the top of the glacier into the ice tunnel. Overnight stay in Reykjavík.



#### Included

Welcome at the airport | Private English speaking driver-guide (from arrival to departure) | B&B accommodation  
 Fuel for the whole trip | Basic car insurance - civil liability (CDW)  
 Super CDW and Gravel Protection Vehicle Insurance | Folder with brochures, programmes and maps

\* Any changes to the programmes due to weather conditions or other force majeure will be safeguarded.

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