

# Magical Iceland: Skiing and the Northern Lights

From Keflavík/Reykjavík | 8 days 7 nights | (with private driver guide)

Winter in Iceland is very unique and seductive. This is the time of year when you can meet the magical beings - elves and goblins, legends and other mythical beings that fill the imagery of Icelandic culture and which literature, music and the arts in general replicate so well. The endless night, the mountains covered in white, the snow snaking along the roads and the Northern Lights invited you to enter a world beyond our time, resembling the magic of fairy tales.

## Day 1 | Keflavík airport – Reykjavík

Arrival to Keflavík. Transfer to the hotel in Reykjavík.

## Day 2 | Reykjavík – city tour w/ Blue Lagoon – flight to Akureyri – Akureyri

Breakfast in the hotel. City-tour during the morning. Highlights: the Höfði house, where in 1986 the non-proliferation treaty between M. Gorbachov and Ronald Reagan was signed; the Viking ship-shaped sculpture - Sólfarid; after crossing the downtown we stop at the Hallgrímskirkja and Tjörnin lake. 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 30C 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. **Flight to Akureyri**, near arctic circle and considered the most beautiful town in Iceland. Overnight stay in Akureyri with possibility to see the Northern Lights.

## Day 3 | Akureyri – Hlidarfjall Ski Resort – Akureyri

Breakfast in the hotel. City tour and transfer to the **ski resort of Hlidarfjall**, where you can ski and enjoy a panoramic view of the fjord. Possibility to see the Northern Lights. Overnight stay in Akureyri.

## Day 4 | Akureyri – Godafoss – Mývatn Baths – Akureyri

Breakfast in the hotel. The trip starts in the fjord to Godafoss (the waterfall of the gods), symbol of the implementation of Christianity in Iceland, followed by lake Mývatn which is a natural conservation area and a privileged place for birdwatchers, photographers and nature lovers since 1974. Stop by the pseudo-craters of Skutustadir and the petrified magma and basalt constructions of Dimmuborgir, which is believed to be inhabited by elves. The trip continues along the volcanic crater Hverfell, to the fumaroles and mud and lava pots of Namaskard, a place with orange ground which reminds us Mars, with an intense sulphur smell. Time for a bath in the **Mývatn geothermal baths**, the water have microorganisms and minerals from the interior of the earth. Possibility to see the Northern Lights. Overnight stay in Akureyri.

## Day 5 | Akureyri – Hlidarfjall Ski Resort – flight to Reykjavík – Reykjavík

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to the **ski resort of Hlidarfjall**, where you can ski and enjoy a panoramic view of the fjord. At the end of the day, **domestic flight back to Reykjavík**. Overnight stay in Reykjavík.

## Day 6 | Reykjavík – Golden Circle – Selfoss

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 Selfoss with possibility to see the Northern Lights.

## Day 7 | Selfoss – South Coast – Reykjavík

Breakfast in the hotel. The tour along the south coast stops at the Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfalls. With the Eyjafjallajökull glacier (stopped the air traffic of Europe in 2010) on our side we head towards Vík. You will see the black sandy beaches and the 3 rocks of Reynisdrangur (3 petrified trolls). Overnight stay in Reykjavík.

## Day 8 | Reykjavík – Keflavík airport

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to the airport.

**Included:** Airport welcome | B&B accommodation | English speaking Driver Guide (from arrival until departure) | Car for the whole trip  
Fuel | Basic car insurance - civil liability (CDW) | Super CDW and Gravel Protection car insurance | Flights Reykjavík - Akureyri - Reykjavík  
Blue Lagoon | Mývatn Baths | Entrance to the ski resort (including hire of helmet, boots and skis)

**Hlidarfjall Ski Resort:** Is located on the slopes of the mountain that gives it its name with a privileged view of the largest fjord in the country (Eyjafjörður) and the town of Akureyri. The ski resort is between 506 m and 1100 m altitude. It started operating in 1962 and currently has 28 slopes of different difficulty levels, served by 8 chairlifts/elevators. It is considered the best Icelandic ski resort, not only for being the best equipped, but also for the beauty of the place, the quantity and quality of the snow and the surrounding landscape. Akureyri, situated on the shore of the fjord, is considered the most beautiful and welcoming town in Iceland and has all the necessary equipment to make your holiday unforgettable. It is a privileged place to be surprised by the Northern Lights.

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