

Northern Lights Tour to Reykjavík and Icelandic countryside -7 days from the USA

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Land of Northern Lights. You will explore Southwest Iceland, known for its natural wonders and cultural sights. See glittering glaciers, snow-clad mountains, giant lava fields, steaming hot springs and beautiful waterfalls. Bathe in the mineral rich geothermal waters of the Blue Lagoon, walk on a black lava beach, visit Icelandic horses on their farm, photography idyllic turf houses and travel close to the famous Eyjafjallajökull volcano. This great getaway to Iceland offers insight into Iceland's nature and cultural life, with three nights in Iceland's capital and two nights in South Iceland, an ideal location for the search for the Northern Lights. Also called Aurora Borealis, they are visible in the northern sky in the winter when the sky is clear and you are away from the big city lights.

HIGHLIGHTS AND EXPERIENCES:

Must-see nature: the Golden Circle, the South Coast and the Blue Lagoon
Visit to Skógar folk museum with turf houses
2 night stay in South Iceland, ideal for Northern Lights hunting
2 evenings with a combination of lectures, presentations, film and guided searches for the Northern Lights-Aurora Borealis
Optional: Northern Lights fjord cruise
Optional: Glacier hike in South Iceland
3 night stay in Reykjavík with City Touring and Free Time

Day 1: Depart on WOW Airlines for your direct flight to Iceland.

Day 2: WELCOME TO ICELAND

Private airport transfer by coach & guide from Keflavík International airport to Reykjavík where you spend the night. Relax and get acclimated to the time-change and explore the Capital. Meals: none

Day 3: REYKJAVIK CITY TOUR, THE BLUE LAGOON & REYKJANES PENINSULA (220 km/137 mls)

Meet your tour guide who shows the group the highlights of Iceland's exciting capital. Then head out to the Reykjanes Peninsula with its hot springs, mountains, bird cliffs, light houses and fishing villages. At the end of the day, we get to soak off our travels in the warm mineral waters of the famous Blue Lagoon. We stay for two nights in South Iceland. In the evening, we hear about the Northern Lights from our tour guide. Naturally, once darkness falls, you are out in the hotel garden waiting for the Northern Lights. Meals: Breakfast & dinner

Day 4: SOUTH ICELAND WITH OPTIONAL GLACIER HIKE (200 km/124 mls)

Today we head along the south coast and reach the area near the active volcano that is beneath the Eyjafjallajökull glacier. We stop at the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall, which plunges from the mountain. Next we visit Skógar folk museums, which contains an outstanding collection of farm and domestic artifacts from Iceland's past and several turf-built houses. Nearby is one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country; the 60 meter high Skógafoss waterfall.



In the afternoon we offer an optional glacier walk. The Sólheimajökull glacier tongue extends from the great Mýrdalsjökull glacier, down to the sandy plains of the Icelandic south coast. The spectacular surroundings are marked by rugged and majestic rock formations thoroughly shaped by the glacier. On this fun, safe and easy to moderate glacier walk you get to explore the wonderland of ice sculptures, water cauldrons, ridges and deep crevasses on the breath-taking Sólheimajökull glacier. While enjoying all the features of the glacier and its spectacular surroundings, you will learn more about the behavior of glaciers and their impact on nature. Then the tour continues further south where you can stroll on the black lava beach to see the amazing bird cliffs at Reynisfjara near Vík. In the evening there is another presentation about the Northern Lights. If the night is clear, you might see the Northern Lights swirling in a wild and carefree dance across the heavens in dramatic shapes, colours, patterns and sizes. We use hotels that have large and dark gardens and offer you a good location for Northern Lights search if the weather conditions are right. It requires patience, warm clothing and the excitement of "maybe there could be Northern Lights". Meals. Breakfast & dinner

Day 5: HORSES & GOLDEN CIRCLE (210 km/130 mls)

In the morning you learn about the Icelandic horse, its special qualities and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse. Travel the Golden Circle route. See steam rising from the Geysir geothermal fields as you arrive. There is a variety of hot springs and bubbling pools. The original geyser is now dormant but has been replaced by Strokkur "the Churn" which erupts at 5-10 minute intervals. Continue on to Gullfoss, a double waterfall that tumbles 34 meters into the Hvítá River and attracts tourists and travellers in summer and winter. Head inland to Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before returning to Reykjavík for your last night. An optional Northern Lights fjord cruise can be booked while in destination, if the weather conditions are ideal. Meals: Breakfast

Day 6: Full Free Day in Reykjavík, relax and enjoy this awesome city at your leisure. Meals: Breakfast

Day 7: DEPARTURE HOME

Private transfer by bus (no guide) from your accommodation in Reykjavík to Keflavík airport. Meals: Breakfast

INCLUDED: \$2,499.00 Per Person Double. Plus \$600.00 Single Supplement.

Roundtrip Economy Airfare on WOW Airlines, Baggage Fees additional. (Overnight flight to Iceland)

Arrival airport transfer by private bus & guide

Fully escorted multi-day bus tour with a professional guide

Departure airport transfer by private bus (no guide)

5-night- accommodation, in rooms with private shower/wc

Daily breakfast

Entrance with towel at Blue Lagoon

Entrance fee to Skógar folk museum and turf houses

Visit to Icelandic horse stables & geothermal greenhouse Glacier walk

Northern Lights program during 2 evenings with a combination of lectures, presentations, film and guided searches for the Northern Lights and midnight refreshments

Use of winter & Northern Lights explorer equipment: simple non-slip snow & ice grippers spikes for shoes and a flash light that is helpful when walking in the dark and operating your photo camera at night

Optional activities: Glacier hike in South Iceland, day 3, Northern lights fjord cruise from Reykjavik



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