

Experience the best of Iceland's winter! Our In Search of the Northern Lights in Iceland tour is designed to include the highlights of Iceland and aims to maximize the chances of seeing the elusive Northern Lights. In addition to a seven night stay with breakfast, this program includes our special six night Northern Lights Academy, a combination of evening presentations, lectures, film and guided lookouts for the Aurora Borealis – the Northern Lights. Experience Icelandic winter as good as it gets. Head to the countryside: from the regions of Snæfellsness Peninsula in the west to the Vatnajökull glacier in the southeast. Profit to search for the Aurora Borealis away from the big city lights.

## **Highlights and Experiences:**

- Climb a volcano crater and walk between two continental tectonic plates
- Visit a traditional shark farmer, turf farmsteads and churches
- Relax in the Blue Lagoon and learn about living next to Eyjafjallajökull volcano
- See Icelandic horses, taste freshly baked hot spring bread and enjoy a fjord cruise
- Spend six evenings Northern Lights Academy



The Snæfellsnes is a peninsula situated to the west of Borgarfjörður, in western Iceland. It has been named Iceland in Miniature, because many national sights can be found in the area, including the Snæfellsjökull volcano, regarded as one of the symbols of Iceland. With its height of 1446 m, it is the highest mountain on the peninsula and has a glacier at its peak. The volcano can be seen on clear days from Reykjavík, a distance of about 120 km. The mountain is also known as the setting of the novel Journey to the Center of the Earth by the French author Jules Verne. The area surrounding Snæfellsjökull has been designated one of the four National Parks by the government of Iceland.





#### Day 1, Friday, March 24th

WELCOME to ICELAND (50 km/31 mls)

Private transfer from Keflavik Airport to Reykjavik Hotel<sup>1</sup> where you will spend the night. This itinerary provides you with ideas how to explore Reykjavík on your own.

#### Day 2, Saturday, March 25th

REYKJAVIK CITY TOUR & BORGARFJÖRÐUR SAGA VALLEY (245 km/152 mls)



At 09:00 departure from Centerhotel Plaza by coach. Meet your tour guide and fellow travel companions for the next six days. Start with a Reykjavík city tour where you see highlights of Iceland's exciting capital. Then you head west. Borgarfjörður is known as the Saga valley because of its many important historical events. We get a chance to climb the Grábrók volcano crater. Walking boots and warm clothing is required and round-trip walk takes 30-45 minutes. You get warmed at Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring which produces 180 litres per second of water that is nearly boiling 97° Celsius. Hraunfossar is a series of waterfalls pouring from beneath a wide lava field. Barnafoss – the Children's falls, is nearby with its own tragic tale. We spend two nights near Borgarnes in West Iceland. The afternoon includes a lecture

about Northern Lights. After dinner, we step into the hotel garden to look for the Northern Lights followed by a hot cup of chocolate or tea.

#### Day 3, Sunday, March 26th

SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA & FJORD CRUISE (250 km/155 mls)

The Snæfellsnes Peninsula, "the peninsula of the snowy mountain", juts out from Iceland's west coast, like a long arm with a clenched fist at its tip, and is in many ways a microcosm of the whole island. A rugged mountain chain runs its length. We travel to the charming fishing town of Stykkishólmur for a cruise in the Breiðafjörður fjord. After a light lunch a uniquely Icelandic "treat" awaits us at Bjarnarhöfn, where they make Hákarl - the fermented shark. Depending on road and weather condtions, we visit the fishing village of Grundarfjörður, a place with an impressive coastline and mountains, lakes and waterfalls behind the village. Jutting out into the bay rises one of the most photographed mountain in Iceland. On the way back to Borgarnes the guide gives you some practical tips of how to photograph the Auroras as part of the Northern Lights



Academy program. Naturally, once darkness falls, we are out in the hotel garden to chase the Northern Lights and to soak in the hotel's outdoor hot tubs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If flight arrangements are not made through Travels To Remember LLC, then your transfer from Keflavik Airport will be through Flybus Excursions shuttle bus.

#### Day 4, Monday, March 27th

#### GOLDEN CIRCLE, GEOTHERMAL TASTE & ICELANDIC HORSES (220 km/136 mls)

Today we travel along the Hvalfjörður fjord. The first stop is at an Icelandic wool outlet store, just to see what they do with all those sheep! We continue inland to Pingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. We travel the Golden Circle route and see steam rising from the Geysir geothermal fields as we 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. The chef of the Restaurant Gevsir invites you to taste freshly baked hot spring bread served with Icelandic butter, geothermally boiled eggs and herring. It is best served with a small glass of Geysir Schnapps, very cold nearly freezing. On we travel to Gullfoss, a double waterfall that tumbles 34 meters into the Hvítá river and attracts tourists and travellers in summer and winter. In the afternoon, you learn about the Icelandic horse, its special



qualities and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse, before we reach the accommodation in South Iceland. Tonight, step into the darkness and search for the elusive Northern Lights, while best enjoyed from a comfortable hot tub in the garden of the hotel, amidst the peace and stillness of rural Iceland. The hotel offers self-service tea & coffee if you like to have a warm drink before retiring to sleep.

# Day 5, Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> NATURAL WONDERS OF SOUTH ICELAND & EYJAFJALLAJÖKULL VOLCANO (220 km/136 mls)



Today we travel along the South coast. At the Eyjafjallajökull Information Center we learn about living next to a glacier and an active volcano. Further east we visit one of Iceland's finest folk museums. This museum contains an outstanding collection of farm and domestic artifacts from Iceland's past and several turf-built houses. Nearby is Skógafoss waterfall which is 60 meters high and one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. In the afternoon we take a stroll on the black lava beach and along bird cliffs at Reynisfjara in South Iceland. We spend 2 nights near Kirkjubæjarklaustur in the Vatnajökull National Park region, located in darkness and ideal for looking for the Northern Lights.

#### Day 6, Wednesday, March 29th

#### SKAFTAFELL NATIONAL PARK & VATNAJÖKULL GLACIER (280 km/174 mls)

Today's program is all about glaciers, ice and icebergs. We travel to Jökulsárlón, a glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs, and we explore the extraordinary site and might see seals swimming in arctic waters. You can walk on the black sandy beach where large icebergs get stranded. In the afternoon we visit the tiny turf church at Hof and spend time at Europe's largest national park, which has Iceland's highest mountains, an alpine environment, and Europe's largest glacier. In the evening enjoy a film presentation about the Northern Lights as part of the Northern Lights Academy program. Be careful not to go to bed too soon in this remote and quiet location or you may just miss out one more chance of seeing the Northern Lights shimmering and dancing across the night sky.





#### Day 7, Thursday, March 30th

SOUTH SHORE, REYKJAVÍK & BLUE LAGOON (370 km/230 mls)



From Kirkjubæjarklaustur we head across the Eldhraun lava field to the village of Vík, where we make a photo stop. The black lava beach with high bird cliffs and pounding waves is very impressive. Further west we reach the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall which plunges from the mountain. In the afternoon we return to Reykjavik and have about 2 hour leisure time to explore Iceland's capital on our own, visit museums, do some shopping or simply rest after all this touring.

In the evening we get to soak in the famous Blue Lagoon, followed by an Icelandic dinner at the Northern Light Inn Hotel and followed by one last nocturnal tour to seek more Northern Lights. Around midnight we reach Reykjavík for one last night.

Day 8, Friday, March 31st DEPARTURE HOME (50 km/31 mls)

Private transfer<sup>2</sup> from your accommodation in Reykjavík to Keflavík Airport.

**End of Tour** 

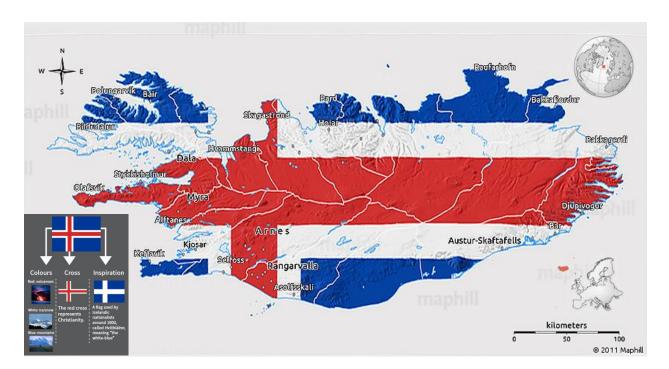
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### **Additional Information**

**Daily driving:** Total mileage without airport transfer is about 1.585 km (983 miles) which is an average of 265 km (164 miles) per day. You spend about 3,5 hours per day on the bus, depending on road conditions, traffic and daily distances. On some days the driving might be longer than on some other days.

**Extra costs for dinners to be paid at the hotels:** Fixed 2-course dinners with fish, meat or vegetarian main courses are available at the hotels starting at ISK 6.000 (about EUR 45) per person per night. Note: Country hotels offer only a limited number of a la carte meals mostly for individual travelers. Paying for a 2-course dinner directly at the hotel is less expensive than to have it included in the tour package.

**Note:** In rare cases, a change of itinerary might be necessary during winter programs in Iceland, should snow, road and weather conditions not allow to follow the scheduled itinerary, and certain outdoor activities might be cancelled. In this case no refund will be given, but the local Tour Operator will try to find reasonable alternatives where and whenever possible.



The Icelandic Flag is draped with Blue and with a red cross outlined in white fimbration, extending to the edges of the flag. The colors are symbolic for three of the elements that make up the island: red is for the volcanic fires, white recalls the snow and glaciers, and blue is for the skies above.

The official language of Iceland is Icelandic, a North Germanic language derived from Old Norse. It has changed relatively little throughout the centuries. However, English is widely spoken and understood.





## **Trip Details**

#### PACKAGE RATE:

US \$1,800.00 land<sup>3</sup> tour price only per person based upon double occupancy. Single supplement fee of \$400.00 applies.

- A Non-Refundable deposit of US \$500.00pp is due upon registration. Since this is a shared tour, space is not guaranteed unless deposit is
  paid because of limited space availability.
- Final payment is due on January 23, 2017 (60 Days Prior to Departure).
- 4% Additional charge for credit card merchant processing fee applies.

#### NOTES:

- Rates are subject to change without prior notice.
- No booking has been made as of this date.
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  - Travel Insurance
  - Terminal Fees
  - Tipping
  - Cost of meals not included as part of the Tour

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Air fare price is separate. Speak to one of our Concierge Travel Representatives for details.



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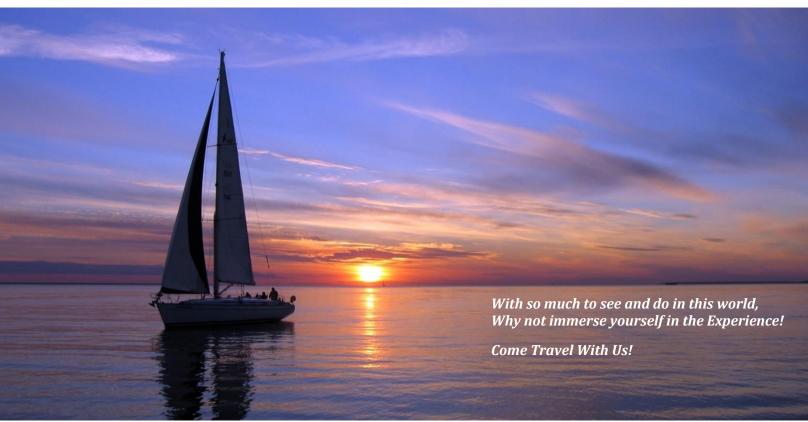
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