



# Iceland & Greenland Discovery - 15 Days (#2917)

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## Overview

Travel on Iceland's ring road and discover stunning scenery and dramatic landscapes. continue to west Greenland where massive icebergs, glaciers and Inuit culture await you!

This escorted tour takes you both to classic nature hot spots and lesser-known sights and includes several soft adventures and cultural visits. A local expert guide helps you explore the unspoiled Icelandic countryside with volcanoes, lava fields, hot springs, mountains, fjords, glaciers and waterfalls.

Continue your discovery tour to Ilulissat in West Greenland, a breathtaking location with massive icebergs, rugged wilderness, glittering glaciers and the exciting mix of authentic Inuit culture and a modern society under the magical light of the midnight sun.

## Trip Highlights

Reykjavík-Akureyri-Mývatn-Reykjavík-Ilulissat-Reykjavík



## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

#### Day 1: Welcome to Iceland

Individual transfer by Flybus shuttle bus from Keflavík International Airport to your accommodation in Reykjavík, where you spend the night. Today you may explore Iceland's capital city on your own if time allows.

Overnight location: Reykjavík Natura, Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar, Reykjavík. Dinner is on your own.

**Hotel:** Reykjavík Natura, Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar

**Meal:** No Meal

### Day 02

#### Day 2 : Volcano Crater, Fjords & Mountains

At 09:00, meet our tour guide and depart from Icelandair Hotel Natura. Travel west along the scenic Hvalfjörður fjord and the town of Borgarnes. Easy hike on Grábrók volcano crater in the middle of a greenish lava field. Further north, stop at the turf church of Víðimýri and then continue along the scenic fjord landscape and over several mountain passes until we reach Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland. The overnight location at Akureyri allows you to walk around the town.

Overnight location:

Akureyri, Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar, Akureyri. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (415km / 258mi).

**Hotel:** Akureyri, Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar,

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 03

#### Day 3 : The Capital of North Iceland, Lake Mývatn & Geothermal baths

In the morning, explore the town of Akureyri, also called the capital of North Iceland, and admire the panoramic view over the Eyjafjörður fjord. From April-October, there are optional whale watching tours available from 09:00-12:00 am; see <https://www.whalewatchingakureyri.is>

In the afternoon, travel to Goðafoss, the waterfalls of the Gods. Then explore Lake Mývatn, known as a geological wonderland and for its abundant birdlife. See the strange lava formations at Kálfaströnd, the pseudo craters at Skútustaðir and the tephra cone Hverfjall. Finally, end the afternoon relaxing in the geothermal Mývatn Nature Baths with a fantastic



view over the whole area.

Overnight location:

Mývatn, Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (120km / 75mi)

**Hotel:** Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

#### Day 04

#### Day 4 : Lava Labyrinth, Hot springs & Travel East

In the morning, walk in the lava labyrinth at Dimmuborgir, “the dark castles”, hoping to get a glimpse of the trolls who are said to live there. In the afternoon, visit the hot spring area of Námaskarð with bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras. Head through the uninhabited highlands and moon-like surroundings to East Iceland. From June to August, the tour includes a detour to the mighty waterfall Dettifoss.

Overnight location:

Álfheimar Country Hotel or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (250km / 155mi)

**Hotel:** Álfheimar Country Hotel or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

#### Day 05

#### Day 5 : East Fjords

It's a day to admire the dramatic fjord landscape and its tiny fishing villages at the end of twisty roads in the East Fjords and, on the route, visit an attractive stone and mineral collection. Then, in the afternoon, see Vatnajökull – Europe's biggest glacier visible all over Southeast Iceland.

Overnight location: Foss hotel Glacier Lagoon or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (260km / 161mi).

**Hotel:** Foss hotel Glacier Lagoon or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 06**

**Day 6 : Vatnajökull Glacier, Ice Lagoon, Diamond Beach & South Coast**

Start the day with a stop at Jökulsárlón, a glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs, and explore the extraordinary site where you might see seals swimming in arctic waters. A boat tour between floating icebergs is included in the program from May through September. Next, you can walk on the so-called Diamond Beach across the street, where large icebergs get stranded. Finally, travel along the southern part of the glacier Vatnajökull and glimpse Europe's second-largest national park, which has Iceland's highest mountains, an alpine environment, and Europe's largest glacier.

In the afternoon, a beautiful drive with many natural wonders awaits us as we head across the Eldhraun lava field, cross the sandy desert of the south coast, overlooked by mountainous cliffs, glaciers and waterfalls. Stroll along the black lava beach of Reynisfjara near Vík. In the small village of Skógar, there is Skógafoss waterfall which is 60 meters high and is one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. Iceland's past comes alive at one of Iceland's finest museums, the Skógar folk museum, with its turf houses assemblage of traditions of territorial relics on display. Continue to the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall, which plunges over the mountain. An exciting trail goes behind the fall – if you are prepared to get wet!

Overnight location: Stracta Hotel Hella or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (380km / 235mi)

**Hotel:** Stracta Hotel Hella or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 07**

**Day 7 : Icelandic Horses & Golden Circle**

Explore classics today as we travel the route of the Golden Circle sights. Start the day at Friðheimar, where you learn about the Icelandic horse, its unique qualities and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse. Later on, see steam 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 5-7 minute intervals. Continue to Gullfoss, "the golden falls", a double waterfall that tumbles 32 meters into the Hvítá river and attracts travellers in summer and winter. Travel inland to Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. As we return to Reykjavík, we will take you for a short city tour to show highlights of the world's northernmost capital.

Overnight location: Reykjavík Natura, Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar Reykjavík. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (160km / 99mi)

**Hotel:** Reykjavík Natura, Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar





**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 08**

**Day 8 : Blue Lagoon**

Depart by bus (no guide) and drive through rough lava fields to the Blue Lagoon, where you can relax in its rejuvenating geothermal water. The water is rich in minerals and believed to have healing powers. The afternoon is free at leisure to explore Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, or enjoy an optional spa treatment at the Blue Lagoon. Entrance fee and towel included.

Overnight location: Reykjavík Natura, Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar, Reykjavík. Breakfast included.

**Hotel:** Reykjavík Natura, Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 09**

**Day 9 : Travel to West Greenland, Ilulissat city walk & Icefiord sunset cruise**

Airport transfer from your accommodation to Keflavik international airport for a 3-hour flight to Ilulissat. Transfer to your accommodation. After the welcome meeting with your local guide, enjoy a guided city walk of Ilulissat. Afterwards, you have some time to explore the town, visit the local museum and observe Greenlandic life at the always busy harbour.

Welcome dinner (2-course) is included at your hotel in Ilulissat.

Around 22:00, we depart for a sunset cruise to the famous Ilulissat Icefiord, the world's largest ice sculpture park. The experience is overwhelming; the lights and colours constantly change. Enjoy a late drink on "the real rocks". The tour duration is about 3 hours. Dress warmly.

(Note: The season for midnight sun is approx. May 22-Jul 24. Outside this season, the excursion is operated as an evening cruise with the beautiful sunset reflecting over the icebergs).

Overnight location: Accommodation: Hotel in Ilulissat.

Meals : Breakfast & welcome dinner

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 10**

**Day 10 : Inuit Settlement at the Ilulissat Icefiord**



Breakfast at the hotel. By bus as far as the road goes. Guided walking tour to the old Inuit settlement Sermermiut located on the famous Ilulissat Icefiord inscribed on the UNESCO's world heritage list in 2004. The ancient settlement of Sermermiut, 1.5 km south of the town, is surrounded by Ilulissat's beautiful icebergs. Various Inuit cultures have lived here over the past 4,000 years, and you can still see remains from ancient times. Learn about local history and customs before Europeans arrived. See plots settled for thousands of years and admire the views across the majestic icebergs. Please wear proper boots or hiking boots. The hiking distance is about 3 km (1,9 mls) round-trip; hiking time is about 1 hour. Terrain: mainly track bridge and a bit of uneven nature and rocky trail. The tour duration is about 3 hours.

After the hike you will be taken to a local family for a home visit. These are locals opening their homes to you, the latest gossip is shared over a cup of coffee. You will learn about life of the locals isolated from the rest of the world.

Overnight location: Accommodation: Hotel in Ilulissat.

Meals : Breakfast

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 11

### Day 11 : Boat Trip to hunter's settlement & whale watching tour in Disko Bay

Sail south along Ilulissat Icefiord and admire the huge icebergs and the local fishermen in their small boats. Visit the Ilimanaq settlement, still dependent on hunting and fishing. We will see wooden houses from the old Danish trading station at the pier, dated back to 1730. After a walk through the settlement, we visit a small local restaurant, where we enjoy a lunch (included) based on Greenlandic specialities. On the return, we cruise the Disko Bay to spot migrating whales before reaching Ilulissat. Tour duration: about 6 hours.

Accommodation: Hotel in Ilulissat.

Meals included: Breakfast & lunch

**Hotel:** Hotel in Ilulissat

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 12

### Day 12 : Boat trip to Eqi - the calving glacier

Breakfast at the hotel. Early morning departure for the one-day boat trip to Eqi – the calving glacier. The Eqi glacier runs into the fjord 80 km north of Ilulissat and is one of the most beautiful places in Greenland. It is possible to get very close to



the 5-km wide glacier front and experience huge pieces of ice breaking off. The sound of an active calving glacier is quite remarkable, while the sight of icebergs toppling into the water is breathtaking. A Tour duration: about 7 hours

Overnight location:

Accommodation: Hotel in Ilulissat.

Meals : Breakfast & dinner

**Hotel:** Hotel in Ilulissat

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 13

### Day 13 : Travel back to Iceland

Spend some time in the morning exploring the town of Ilulissat and last-minute Greenland shopping. Then, return by flight to Keflavik and stay two nights in Iceland's capital. Airport transfers are included, both in Greenland and Iceland.

Overnight location: Reykjavík Natura, Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar, Reykjavík. Breakfast included.

**Hotel:** Reykjavík Natura, Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 14

### Day 14 : Lava Tunnel

Depart by bus (no guide) and get the chance to explore the magnificent lava tunnel Raufarhólshellir, one of the longest and best-known lava tubes in Iceland. The tour takes about 3 hours with approximately 55-60 minutes inside the cave.

Overnight location: Reykjavík Natura, Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar, Reykjavík. Breakfast included.

**Hotel:** Reykjavík Natura, Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 15

### Day 15 : Departure Home

Individual transfer by Fly bus shuttle bus from your accommodation in Reykjavik to Keflavik International Airport.



Meals included: Breakfast at the hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

### Iceland Part

- 10x nights accommodation with breakfast
- 6 days escorted bus tour with English-speaking guide/driver-guide
- Arrival & departure airport transfer by Flybus shuttle (no guide)
- 10x breakfast
- Glaumbær Folk Museum
- Mývatn Nature Baths, including towel
- Amphibian boat tour on Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon (May-Sept depending on weather conditions)
- Icelandic Lava Show
- Icelandic horse stables & geothermal greenhouse
- Blue Lagoon excursion incl. entrance and rental towel
- Excursion to Lava Tunnel incl. entrance fee

### Greenland Part

- Return flight Keflavik-Ilulissat-Keflavik, including airport taxes
- Transfer to/from hotel in Greenland
- 4 nights in 4-star Hotel in Ilulissat
- Daily breakfast, welcome & farewell dinners in Greenland
- Welcome meeting with a local guide at the hotel in Greenland
- 1-2 hour guided city walk in Ilulissat
- 3 hours sunset cruise, sailing among icebergs, incl. refreshments
- 8 hours boat trip to Eqi glacier including, dinner
- 6 hours boat trip to Hunter's settlement & whale watching, incl. lunch
- 3 hours hike to the old Sermermiut settlement at the Ice fiord, incl. refreshments
- Home visit with the locals

## Exclusions

Any private expenses

Everything not listed under "included"





Travel and Medical insurance (recommended)  
Flight supplement (if any)  
International airfares  
Optional activities  
Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program  
Travel insurance  
Gratuities  
Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

## Note

### Highlights & Experiences

6-day fully escorted coach tour around Iceland's Ring Road  
4x guided excursions in Greenland to explore nature & culture  
10x nights comfort tourist-class hotels in Iceland  
4x nights in 4-star hotel in Greenland  
Visits to local museums, cultural experiences and soft adventures  
Golden Circle  
Mývatn Nature Baths  
Blue Lagoon  
Jökulsárlón, glacier lagoon & diamond beach  
Lava Tunnel  
Sunset cruise among giant floating icebergs  
Boat trip to Eqi glacier  
Illimanaq - fishing & hunters village  
Whale watching in the Disco Bay  
Sermermiut - Inuit settlement located on the Ilulissat Icefiord

### Start & End Location

Keflavik International Airport

### Departure days

Every other Friday from June-September

**Important:** Trips to Greenland are always subject to weather, fog and ice conditions. Therefore the sequence of the day tours and excursions in Greenland is subject to change, or if needed, an alternative excursion will be operated if available. In



In addition, delays and flight cancellations between Iceland and Greenland can happen. Therefore we strongly recommend you buy travel insurance in the country of residence to cover any additional travel expenses should your flights be delayed or cancelled due to weather. We recommend not to book any international flight directly after a trip from Greenland. Ideally, stay a minimum of two nights in Iceland after the Greenland trip to avoid the risk of missing an international flight.

**Availability :** Every other Friday from June - September.

**NOTE:** Accommodations are subject to change.

Max People : 30 (30 for Iceland / 12 for Greenland)

## **Program Touring / Guide**

Escorted Experience

## **Departure Period**

**01 Jun, 2025 to 30 Sep, 2025**

Hotel

AUD 17,410 P P twin share

AUD 21,012 P P single

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