



## Land of Northern Lights Christmas Departure - 5 Days (#15589)

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### Overview

This is an escorted tour program taking you to the Icelandic countryside to celebrate Christmas in a casual and Icelandic way. We recommend booking early, as this program is only available for a maximum of 40 persons.

Explore Reykjavík, the lunar landscapes of the Reykjanes peninsula, and the Golden Circle route with the Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss waterfall, and Geysir hot springs. Travel to South Iceland, a region with glaciers, waterfalls and black lava beaches. Of course, a warm and relaxing soak in the famous Blue Lagoon during the cold winter days is also included.

Most Christmas programs in Iceland are based in Reykjavík and include superior class hotels and gourmet restaurants. As an out-of-the-box alternative we offers a casual Christmas adventure where you stay in simple hotels and cottages in Reykjavík and South Iceland. All rooms with private bathroom. We spend two nights in Hella, a small village in South Iceland where you will be able to discover and experience how Icelandic countryside people celebrate Christmas. We promise that the meals and drinks will be delicious. Did we mention the Northern Lights? The accommodations in Hella are located in a large and dark garden where it is very easy to see the Northern Lights, also called Aurora Borealis, if the weather conditions are



suitable. Our expert tour guide provides you even with a fact talk about the Northern Lights and gives you some tips on how to take photos of this natural phenomenon. On the 26th of December, the program includes fine dining at a culinary restaurant in Reykjavík.

We look forward to celebrating with you Christmas in the Icelandic countryside!

### Trip Highlights

Reykjanes Peninsula, Blue Lagoon & Christmas Celebration - South Iceland - Golden Circle & Culinary Experience downtown Reykjavík

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

#### Day 1 Arrival to Iceland

The Fly bus shuttle brings travellers from Keflavík International Airport to Hotel Cabin in Reykjavík where you spend one night. We provide you with ideas on how to explore Iceland's capital on your own.

Overnight location: Hotel Cabin (Standard room is 10m<sup>2</sup>) or Hótel Klettur (Comfort version), or similar in Reykjavík. Dinner is on your own (50km / 31mi)

### Day 02

#### Day 2 Reykjanes Peninsula, Blue Lagoon & Christmas Celebration

At 09:00 meet your tour guide who shows the group the Christmas spirit of the capital and the Reykjanes Peninsula with its hot springs, mountains, moon-like landscape, bird cliffs, lighthouses and fishing villages. At the end of the day, we get to soak off our travels in the warm blue waters of the famous Blue Lagoon. We stay for two nights in simple cottages in South Iceland.

In the evening we celebrate Christmas the Icelandic way. Before dinner, we join a guided bus tour to visit the Christmas lights in the villages of Hvalsövellur and Hella. The traditional Christmas lights had their origins in the Middle Ages when people needed to keep the lights in their abodes during the Winter Solstice. In Iceland, the tradition finds its roots in the Pagan Old Norse beliefs when people would keep the fire alive inside the central pit of the Viking longhouses to keep the darkness of the Winter Solstice outside.



Your festive 4-course dinner starts around 19:30 and is served at Árhús Restaurant on the river banks in Hella, which is a small village in South Iceland. Drink a toast of sparkling wine as you enjoy a real special Christmas Celebration. Naturally, once darkness falls, you are out in the garden waiting for the Northern Lights.

Overnight location: Arhus Cottages or Hotel Stracta (Comfort version), Hella or similar. Breakfast & festive 4-course dinner included (220km / 137mi)

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 03

### Day 3 South Iceland

Today we travel along the south coast. We reach the area beneath the Eyjafjallajökull volcano and glacier. We stop at Seljalandsfoss waterfall and visit Skógar folk museum of early Modern Iceland with its turf houses. At lunch, we visit the Skógarfoss waterfall.

In the afternoon the tour continues further south where you walk on the famous Black Lava Beach at Reynisfjara, observe the Cap of Dyrhólaey and the Reynisdrangar Sea Cliffs before visiting the charming village of Vík.

If the night is clear, you might be lucky enough to see the Northern Lights swirling in a wild and carefree dance across the heavens in dramatic shapes, colors, patterns and sizes.

Overnight location: Arhus Cottages or Hotel Stracta (Comfort version), Hella or similar. Dinner on your own (200km / 124mi)

### Day 04

### Day 4 Golden Circle & Culinary Experience downtown Reykjavík

In the morning we learn about the Icelandic horse, its unique qualities and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse. Then we travel the Golden Circle route, see steam rising from the Geysir geothermal fields and admire the double waterfall of Gullfoss. We end the afternoon at Þingvellir National Park, the location of the ancient Viking Parliament and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The program includes a culinary treat at a traditional restaurant located downtown Reykjavík. Return transfer included.

Overnight location: Hotel Cabin (Standard room is 10m<sup>2</sup>) or Hotel Klettur (Comfort version), or similar in Reykjavík. Breakfast & fine dinner included (210km / 130mi)

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner



### Day 05

### Day 5 Departure Home

Individual transfer by Flybus airport shuttle from your accommodation in Reykjavík to Keflavík Airport.

Breakfast included. (50km / 31mi)

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- 4 nights Comfort accommodation, rooms with private showers/wc
- 3 days escorted coach tour with English-speaking guide/driver-guide
- Arrival & departure airport transfer by Flybus shuttle (no guide)
- Christmas lights tour & Christmas celebration on day 2
- Daily breakfast
- 4-course festive dinner on the 24th of December
- Fine dining at culinary restaurant on the 26th of December, including transfers
- Blue Lagoon, entrance and use of towel included
- Skógar Folk Museum on early Modern Iceland with its turf houses
- Visit Icelandic horse stables & a geothermal greenhouse
- Northern Lights program during two evenings

### Complimentaries

- Free Wi-Fi on the bus
- Entrance fees
- Use of flashlight
- Use of ice grippers spikes for shoes

## Exclusions

- Any private expenses
- Any meals not listed under included
- Any additional services
- Single supplement (mandatory when in single room)

International airfares



Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Any items not mentioned as included

### Note

**CHANGE OF PROGRAM:** Itineraries may be subject to change at short notice during severe weather conditions and certain outdoor activities/day trips may be canceled during the winter season in Iceland. In these rare cases, where situations of force majeure apply, excursions/activities cannot be refunded but the local guides will try their best to find reasonable alternatives where and whenever possible.

#### Additional services

- Extra night in Reykjavik before/after the tour – on request
- Optional Northern Lights cruise

**Children discount:** 20% discount for children 8-11 years of age if sharing room with 2 adults. Tour is not recommended for children younger than eight years of age. Triple rooms are double rooms with an extra bed and ideal for two adults and one child.

#### Highlights & Experiences

Explore Reykjavík, the lunar landscapes of the Reykjanes peninsula, and the Golden Circle route.

Relaxing soak in the famous Blue Lagoon

Travel to South Iceland, a region with glaciers, waterfalls and black lava beaches

Golden Circle including a greenhouse & horse stable visit

Northern Lights program

4-course festive dinner (24th of December)

Culinary Experience downtown Reykjavík (26th of December)

Start & End Location: Keflavik International Airport (Flybus shuttle)

Departure Time: 09:00 on day 2 from Hotel Cabin & Hotel Klettur (subject to change).



## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Departure Period

23 Dec, 2025 to 27 Dec, 2025

Hotel Klettur & Stracta Hotel

AUD 3,852 P P twin share

AUD 4,899 P P single

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