



## Combo Northern Lights Secrets – Westfjords and Guided Iceland Circle-12 Day (#19860)

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### Overview

Explore Iceland's winter wonders on our new winter combo tour, blending the remote Westfjords with our popular Guided Iceland Circle.

Join us on an extraordinary journey through Iceland's diverse landscapes with our exclusive Northern Lights Secrets tour to the remote Westfjords, renowned for its rugged beauty and hidden treasures. Traverse quaint villages, witness cascading waterfalls, and explore vibrant lava fields as you uncover the raw allure and rich heritage of this captivating region. Each day promises new adventures and unforgettable moments, immersing you in the enchanting skies and landscapes of the Westfjords Way while increasing your chances of witnessing the mesmerizing Northern Lights dancing above.

But the journey doesn't end there. Continue exploring as we embark on a comprehensive tour around the island. Experience the best of Iceland's breathtaking scenery and dramatic landscapes as we travel along the famed Ring Road. From majestic volcanoes to picturesque fjords, from stunning glaciers to serene hot springs, this tour offers a complete exploration of Iceland's natural wonders. With fortnightly departures on Fridays, you'll enjoy the perfect blend of nature, soft adventure, and cultural experiences.



This tour guarantees an unforgettable Icelandic experience.

If you prefer to visit Iceland during the summer, we offer a summer version where we combine the Guided Iceland Circle & Westfjords of Iceland.

### Trip Highlights

Reykjavík-Ísafjörður-Hólmavík-Akureyri-Mývatn-Vatnajökull-Skógar-Reykjavík

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

#### Day 1 Arrival Day

Individual transfer by Fly bus shuttle bus from Keflavik airport to your accommodation in Reykjavik. You may explore Iceland's capital city on your own if time allows.

**Meal:** No Meal

### Day 02

#### Day 2 Lava, Fjords & Heritage

We convene with our tour guide early in the morning and set off towards the west. Our first stop brings us to Grábrók, a 3,400-year-old volcanic crater, providing us with a glimpse into Iceland's ancient geological history. Following this, we pause for a delightful lunch break in the picturesque coastal town of Búðardalur.

Continuing our expedition, we trace the majestic fjords of Ísafjarðardjúp, treating ourselves to breathtaking vistas along the way. Our next stop brings us to Litlibær, a rare surviving turf house in Iceland, now transformed into a quaint café and museum.

As the afternoon unfolds, we arrive at Ísafjörður, the largest town in the Westfjords, where we will be based for the next three nights. As night descends, we prepare for an exhilarating Northern Lights hunt under the star-studded sky!

Overnight location: Hotel Ísafjörður or similar. Breakfast & lunch included. (470km/292mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch



**Day 03**

**Day 3 Beautiful Westfjords & Dancing Lights**

Our day commences with a visit to Dynjandi waterfall, renowned as one of Iceland's most magnificent natural wonders. Its tiered structure creates a mesmerizing cascade of smaller falls, a sight that truly takes one's breath away. Continuing our journey along the coastline and fjords, we reach the picturesque pier of Öndarfjörður. Extending gracefully from a golden beach into the water, the pier offers panoramic views of the majestic mountains.

Following a rejuvenating nature walk, we indulge in a delightful meal. Then, we meander through the enchanting town of Ísafjörður, adorned with vibrant houses and cobblestone streets, steeped in both history and cultural significance. Throughout the year, this town hosts numerous festivals and celebrations, adding to its allure.

As dusk settles, we attire ourselves for another opportunity to witness the captivating Northern Lights dance across the sky.

Overnight location: Hótel Ísafjörður or similar. Breakfast & lunch included. (160km/99mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 04**

**Day 4 Maritime marvels & Flateyri village**

Our day kicks off with a visit to the meticulously restored fishing hut at Ósvör Maritime Museum, offering insights into the bygone era of rowboat fishing and the arduous lives led in isolated fishing communities during the 19th century. Next, we venture to Flateyri village, where we'll explore a hidden treasure, Gamla bókabúðin or "The Old Bookstore". Operating since 1914, this quaint establishment is a haven for unique souvenirs and showcases traditional Icelandic design at its pinnacle. Delving deeper into Flateyri's history, we learn about the tragic avalanche of 1995 and visit the protective barriers erected to shield the locals from future calamities.

As evening descends, we embark on a leisurely stroll in pursuit of the ethereal spectacle of the Arctic sky, hoping to catch a glimpse of the captivating Aurora Borealis.

Overnight location: Hótel Ísafjörður or similar. Breakfast & lunch included. (110km/62mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 05**

**Day 5 Enchantment & Culinary Delights**





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Our journey today transports us to the charming village of Hólmavík and its Museum of Icelandic Sorcery and Witchcraft.

Immerse yourself in the captivating history and folklore surrounding witchcraft and sorcery in Iceland, as you explore a vast collection of artifacts including ancient grimoires, ritual objects, and the intriguing Icelandic magical staves, believed to possess protective and mystical properties. Following a day filled with intriguing discoveries, we make our way to the secluded Vogur Country Lodge in West Iceland. Nestled amidst pristine surroundings, this overnight destination offers a tranquil setting ideal for Northern Lights observation, so make sure to stay up late and enjoy the celestial spectacle!

Overnight location: Vogur Country Lodge or similar. Breakfast & lunch included. (330km/205mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 06

### Day 6 Ring Road and Iceland's North Adventure

Today, our focus shifts to the iconic Ring Road as we press on with our journey, signaling the start of our island exploration and the beginning of our Guided Iceland tour.

Venturing further north, our itinerary leads us to Glaumbær, renowned as one of Iceland's most captivating turf house farms and folk museums. Continuing through stunning fjord landscapes and traversing multiple mountain passes, we eventually arrive at Akureyri, the bustling capital of North Iceland. Here, our overnight stay allows ample time to fully experience the charm of Akureyri and discover its myriad attractions.

Overnight location: Berjaya Akureyri Hotel or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (415km / 258mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 07

### Day 7 Exploring the Capital of North Iceland, Lake Mývatn, and Geothermal Baths

In the morning, take time to explore Akureyri, often referred to as the capital of North Iceland, and marvel at the sweeping panoramic vista overlooking the Eyjafjörður fjord.

For those interested, optional whale watching tours depart at 09:00.

During the afternoon, venture to Goðafoss, the majestic “waterfalls of the Gods.” Afterwards, delve into the wonders of Lake Mývatn, renowned for its geological marvels and diverse birdlife. Witness the peculiar lava formations at Kálfaströnd, the intriguing pseudo craters at Skútustaðir, and the imposing tephra cone known as Hverfjall. Conclude the afternoon with a



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rejuvenating soak in the geothermal waters of the Mývatn Nature Baths, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding area.

Keep an eye out for the Northern Lights during the evenings!

Accommodation: Berjaya Mývatn Hotel or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch and dinner are at your own leisure. (120km / 75mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 08

### Day 8 Exploring Lava Formations, Hot Springs, and Journeying East

Begin your morning with a stroll through the captivating lava formations of Dimmuborgir, also known as “the dark castles,” where legend has it that trolls reside. Keep an eye out for these mythical creatures as you navigate the labyrinthine paths.

In the afternoon, venture to the hot spring area of Námaskarð, where bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras create a surreal landscape. Traverse through the desolate highlands, reminiscent of a lunar environment, as you make your way towards East Iceland.

Accommodation: Berjaya Hérað Hotel or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch and dinner are at your own discretion. (250km / 155mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 09

### Day 9 Exploring the East Fjords, Glacier Lagoon & Diamond Beach

Today offers a splendid opportunity to marvel at the striking fjord landscape, dotted with quaint fishing villages nestled at the end of winding roads in the East Fjords. Along the way, we will visit a captivating stone and mineral collection, adding to the allure of the journey.

In the afternoon, we will be awestruck by the sight of Vatnajökull, Europe’s largest glacier, visible from various vantage points throughout Southeast Iceland. Our day culminates with a visit to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, where floating icebergs create a mesmerizing scene. Here, we may even catch a glimpse of seals gracefully swimming in the Arctic waters. From May through September, the program includes a boat tour amidst the floating icebergs. Take a leisurely stroll along the black sandy shores of Diamond Beach, where large icebergs come to rest.

Please note that the itinerary for this specific day is subject to change due to seasonal factors, such as daylight.



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Accommodation: Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch and dinner are at your own discretion.

(260km / 161mi)

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 10

### Day 10 Exploring Vatnajökull National Park & the South Coast

Today, delve into the wonders of Vatnajökull National Park, home to Europe's second-largest glacier and Iceland's highest mountains, offering a glimpse into a pristine alpine environment.

In the afternoon, embark on a scenic drive along the South Coast, where a tapestry of natural marvels awaits. Traverse the vast Eldhraun lava field and journey across the sandy expanses of the coastal desert, framed by towering cliffs, glaciers, and cascading waterfalls. Experience the mesmerizing Icelandic Lava Show, immersing yourself in the intense heat and spectacle of molten lava. Take a leisurely stroll along the black lava beach of Reynisfjara near Vík. Discover the awe-inspiring Skógafoss waterfall, standing at an impressive 60 meters high in the charming village of Skógar. Then, continue to the elegant yet slender Seljalandsfoss waterfall, where a thrilling trail beckons behind the cascading veil of water—be prepared to get wet for an unforgettable adventure!

Keep an eye out for the possibility of witnessing the Northern Lights during the evening, adding an enchanting touch to your Icelandic experience.

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Accommodation: Stracta Hotel Hella or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch and dinner are at your own discretion. (380km / 235mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 11

### Day 11 Icelandic Horses & the Golden Circle

Today, set forth on a journey through Icelandic classics as we venture to explore the iconic sights of the Golden Circle. Our adventure commences at Friðheimar, where you'll immerse yourself in the captivating world of the Icelandic horse, gaining insight into its distinct qualities and storied past, while also having the opportunity to visit a geothermal greenhouse.

Later in the day, marvel at the steam rising from the Geysir geothermal fields upon our arrival. Here, you'll encounter a variety of hot springs and bubbling pools. While the original geyser now lies dormant, it has been succeeded by Strokkur, known as "the Churn," which erupts at impressive intervals of 5-7 minutes. Continuing our journey, we'll be captivated by



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Gullfoss, also known as “the Golden Falls,” a magnificent double waterfall cascading 32 meters into the Hvítá river, drawing travellers year-round with its breathtaking beauty. Venturing inland, we arrive at Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its historical and geological significance.

Upon our return to Reykjavík, we’ll treat you to a brief city tour, showcasing the highlights of the world’s northernmost capital.

Northern Lights enthusiasts will have the opportunity to book optional evening tours, depending on favourable weather conditions.

Accommodation: Berjaya Reykjavík Natura Hotel or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch and dinner are at your own discretion. (160km / 99mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 12

### Day 12 Departure Day

Individual transfer by Flybus shuttle from your accommodation in Reykjavik to Keflavik airport.

Breakfast included. (50km/31mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- 11 nights accommodation, in rooms with shower/WC
- 10 days escorted tour with English-speaking guide/driver-guide
- Arrival & departure airport transfer by Fly bus shuttle (no guide)
- 11x breakfast & 5x lunches
- 6x evenings with Northern Lights Program
- Tjörúhúsið
- Entrance to Ósvör Maritime Museum
- Gamla bókabúðin or “The Old Bookstore”
- Entrance to Museum of Icelandic Sorcery and Witchcraft
- Entrance to Glaumbær Folk Museum
- Entrance to Mývatn Nature Baths including towel



• Entrance to the Icelandic Lava Show

- Icelandic horse stables & geothermal greenhouse.

**Complementaries**

- Entrance fees
- Free Wi-Fi on the bus
- Use of snow & ice grippers spike (for winter departures)
- Use of flashlight (for winter departures)

**Exclusions**

Any private expenses

Any additional services

Meals that are not listed under “included”

Single supplement (mandatory when in a single room)

Any additional meals or services

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Entrance Fees to Archaeological sites & museums

Personal expenses

**Note**

Highlights & Experiences

Northern Lights Maximization: Increase your chances of witnessing the captivating Northern Lights on two unique tours crafted to optimize viewing opportunities.

Authentic Cultural Experience: Explore vibrant village culture and local museum exhibits to uncover Iceland's rich heritage

Iconic Natural Reserves: Traverse Iceland's iconic natural reserves, trekking up volcanic craters amidst picturesque lava fields and witnessing cascading waterfalls.

Gastronomic Adventures: Indulge in gastronomic adventures, uncovering hidden culinary treasures throughout your journey.

Majestic Dynjandi Waterfall: Marvel at the majestic Dynjandi waterfall, a breathtaking natural wonder in the Westfjords with its mesmerizing tiered structure.

Traditional Turf Houses: Step into one of the few remaining traditional turf houses, experiencing Icelandic heritage firsthand.





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Flateyri Village Exploration: Explore Flateyri village, delving into its history, including the tragic avalanche of 1995, and visiting protective barriers erected to shield locals.

**Comprehensive Guided Circle Tour:** Set out on a fully escorted exploration around Iceland's Ring Road, discovering two national parks and the Golden Circle. Highlights include iconic sites like Þingvellir, Geysir, and Gullfoss.

**Cultural Experiences:** Engage in cultural experiences and soft adventures, including visits to small local museums, Icelandic horse stables, and a geothermal greenhouse.

**Natural Marvels:** Experience the wonders of Iceland's natural marvels, from hot springs and lava fields to glaciers and serene fjords.

**Optional Whale Watching:** Enjoy optional whale watching tours in Akureyri, providing a chance to witness majestic marine life up close

**Boat Trip on Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon** amidst floating icebergs at Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon.

**Icelandic Lava Show:** Witness the intense heat and spectacle of flowing lava at the Icelandic Lava Show, adding an unforgettable experience to your journey.

Additional services

- Extra night in Reykjavik before/after the tour – on request
- Upgrade for private airport transfer

New Year Eve Program and Menu available on request. (Subject to change).

**CHILDREN DISCOUNT:** 20% discount for children 8-11 years of age if sharing a 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 are ideal for two adults and one child.

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

**Tour Pick-up Time:** 09:00 on day 2 at Fosshótel Barón, Reykjavík (subject to change).

**NOTE:** Itineraries may be subject to change at short notice during severe weather conditions and certain outdoor activities/day trips may be cancelled 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.

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

Max People : 30

Min Age : 8+

## Program Touring / Guide



## Periodic Departure

**01 Oct, 2024 to 31 Oct, 2024**

Hotel

AUD 9,764 P P twin share

AUD 14,040 P P single

AVAILABLE

**01 Nov, 2024 to 30 Nov, 2024**

Hotel

AUD 9,071 P P twin share

AUD 12,846 P P single

AVAILABLE

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

Hotel

AUD 12,037 P P twin share

AUD 15,590 P P single

AVAILABLE

**01 Oct, 2025 to 31 Oct, 2025**

Hotel

AUD 10,621 P P twin share

AUD 13,116 P P single

AVAILABLE

**01 Nov, 2025 to 30 Nov, 2025**

Hotel

AUD 9,716 P P twin share

AUD 11,806 P P single

AVAILABLE

**01 Feb, 2026 to 30 Apr, 2026**

Hotel

AUD 9,899 P P twin share

AUD 12,191 P P single

AVAILABLE

