



## **Discover Northern Lights Exploration – Small Group - 8 Days (#19859)**

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### **Overview**

A bestseller with up to 98% Northern Light sightings!

Discover the Golden Circle, the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, the Blue Lagoon, the Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and Black lava beaches. Climb a volcano, learn about Iceland's earliest days at a Settlement Center, meet Icelandic horses, see turf farmsteads and churches. There is an optional ice cave tour at Vatnajökull glacier from October-April (weather permitting) and an optional Northern Lights by boat cruise from Reykjavík. Our Northern Lights Exploration series are designed to include the highlights of Iceland and aim to maximise the chances of seeing the elusive Northern Lights, most nights are spent in the darkness away from light pollution.

Regular departures (maximum 35 people) on Fridays

Small group departures (maximum 16 people) on Tuesdays

German departures (maximum 40 people) on Sundays.



## Trip Highlights

Reykjavik-Hella-Vatnajökull National Park-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.

Overnight location: Hotel Klettur or similar. Dinner is on your own. (50km / 31mi).

**Meal:** No Meal

### Day 02

#### Day 2: Reykjavik City Tour & Borgarfjordur Saga Valley

At 09:00 meet your tour guide who shows the group the highlights of Iceland's exciting capital. Then we head west. We stop in Borgarnes and learn about Iceland's earliest days at the Settlement Centre. Next, we head to Borgarfjörður, known as the Saga Valley because of its many important historical events. Get a chance to climb the Grábrók volcano crater and visit Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring. 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. The afternoon includes a lecture about Northern Lights. After dinner, step into the hotel garden in search of the Northern Lights followed by a hot cup of chocolate or tea.

Overnight location: Hotel Hamar or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (245km / 152mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 03

#### Day 3: Snæfellsnes Peninsula & Lava Cave

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.

Visit the fishing village of Grundarfjörður, a place with an impressive coastline and mountains, lakes and waterfalls behind



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the village. One of the most photographed and famous mountains in Iceland, Kirkjufell, can be seen jutting out into the bay.

Visit Arnarstapi and Hellnar before experiencing the area from below, inside Vatnshellir cave. We take you 35 meters underground and about 200 meters into the lava tube under the glacier Snæfellsjökull! On the way back to Borgarnes the guide gives you some practical tips on 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.

Overnight location: Hotel Hamar or similar. Breakfast & Lunch included. Dinner on your own. (300km / 186mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 04

### Day 4: Golden Circle, Geothermal Taste & Icelandic Horse

Travel along the Hvalfjörður fjord. The first stop is Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Travel the Golden Circle route, see steam rising from the Geysir geothermal fields. The chef of the Restaurant Geysir invites you to taste freshly baked hot spring bread served with Icelandic butter, boiled eggs and herring. On we travel to double waterfall of Gullfoss. In the afternoon, learn about the Icelandic horse, its unique qualities and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse, before reaching the accommodation in South Iceland. Tonight, step into the darkness and search for the elusive Northern Lights in the peace and stillness of rural Iceland.

Overnight location: Land hotel in Hella or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (260km / 162mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 05

### Day 5: Natural Wonders of South Iceland & Eyjafjallajökull Volcano

Today we travel along the South coast. At the Lava & Volcano Exhibition Centre, learn about geology and active volcanoes. Further east we visit one of Iceland's finest folk museums. This museum contains an outstanding collection of farms and domestic artefacts 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 take a stroll on the black lava beach and along bird cliffs at Reynisfjara in South Iceland. We spend two nights near Kirkjubæjarklaustur in the Vatnajökull National Park region, located in darkness and ideal for Northern Lights search.

Overnight location: Foss hotel Núpar or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (225km / 140mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 06**

**Day 6: Vatnajökull National Park & Glacier including Glacial Lagoon and  
Diamond Beach**

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 amazing site and might see seals swimming in arctic waters. You can walk on the black sandy beach, the so-called Diamond 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 miss out one more chance of seeing the Northern Lights shimmering and dancing across the night sky.

The Optional Ice Cave Tour through Iceland's icy landscapes, available from October to April (weather permitting), offers a mesmerizing 2.5-hour adventure. Commencing with a scenic 30-minute 4x4 drive from the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, followed by a brief 5–15-minute hike to the cave entrance, this journey immerses you in surreal beauty. Once inside, nature's ice formations, with their captivating hues of blue, create a sense of wonder. The crisp air and profound silence enhance the ethereal ambiance, providing a rare glimpse into the raw power and majesty of Iceland's icy terrain. Priced at ISK 23,600 per person, ensure your comfort and safety with good hiking boots and warm, waterproof clothing. Booking is available on day 2 of the Northern Lights Exploration tour, with a minimum age requirement of 10 years old. After the cave exploration, participants are escorted back to the hotel, while the rest of the group continues the official tour program. Although some activities may be missed, a stop and visit at the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon is included for all, ensuring a comprehensive and unforgettable Icelandic adventure.

Overnight location: Foss hotel Núpar or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (200km / 125mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 07**

**Day 7: South Shore & Blue Lagoon**

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 awe-inspiring. Further west we reach the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall which plunges from the mountain. In the afternoon we get to soak in the famous Blue Lagoon. We reach Reykjavík around dinner time for one last night.

Overnight location: Hotel Klettur or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (365km / 225mi).

The Blue Lagoon visit is in the afternoon. Tour ends around 7pm.

**Meal:** Breakfast





**Day 08**

**Day 8: Departure Day**

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

Breakfast included. (50km / 31mi)

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- 7 nights accommodation at comfort tourist-class hotels
- 7x breakfast
- 1x lunch
- 6 days escorted bus tour with English-speaking guide/driver-guide
- Arrival & departure airport transfer by Fly bus shuttle (no guide)
- Visit the Settlement Centre in Borgarnes
- Guided tour into Vatnshellir cave
- Hot spring Tasting with geothermal cooked bread & eggs
- Visit Icelandic horse stable & geothermal greenhouse
- Visit Lava Exhibition Centre
- Skógar folk museum & turf houses
- Entrance with towel to Blue Lagoon
- Northern Lights program.

### Complementary

- Entrance fees
- Free Wi-Fi on the bus
- Use of crampons for shoes
- Use of flashlight

## Exclusions

Any private expenses

Any additional services

All meals not listed under “included”



Single supplement (mandatory when in a single room)

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Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Entrance Fees to Archaeological sites & museums

Personal expenses

Any private expenses

Any additional services

Meals that are not listed under “included”

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## Note

### Highlights & Experiences

Track record of 85-98% chance of seeing the Northern Lights

See amazing Icelandic landscapes mixed with soft adventure and cultural experiences during the day

Climb a volcano crater and walk between two continental tectonic plates

Visit the Settlement Centre in Borgarnes

Descend 35m underground into Vatnshellir cave situated under Snæfellsjökull glacier

Relax in the Blue Lagoon and learn about living with volcanoes

See Icelandic horses and taste freshly baked hot spring bread

Five evenings Northern Lights Academy

Program offered in two group sizes: maximum 16 or 35 persons

Optional ice cave tour at Vatnajökull glacier for departures between October-April (weather permitting).

### Additional services

- Extra night in Reykjavik before/after the tour – on request
- Upgrade for private airport transfer
- Optional ice cave visit October-April (weather permitting)

**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.



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

**Departure Time:** 09:00 on day 2 at Hotel Klettur, 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 : 16

Min Age : 8+

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Periodic Departure

<p><b>01 Oct, 2024 to 31 Oct, 2024</b> Hotel AUD 5,643 P P twin share AUD 7,030 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>01 Nov, 2024 to 30 Apr, 2025</b> Hotel AUD 5,373 P P twin share AUD 6,510 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>01 Sep, 2025 to 30 Sep, 2025</b> Hotel AUD 7,126 P P twin share AUD 9,437 P P single AVAILABLE</p>
<p><b>01 Oct, 2025 to 31 Oct, 2025</b> Hotel AUD 6,336 P P twin share AUD 7,858 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>01 Nov, 2025 to 30 Apr, 2026</b> Hotel AUD 5,893 P P twin share AUD 7,184 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	

