



## Northern Lights Secrets – Westfjords - 7 Days (#19857)

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### Overview

Our Northern Lights Secrets tour to the remote Westfjords will lead you on an extraordinary adventure, exploring lesser-known parts of the country, along with charming villages, beautiful waterfalls, dancing lights, and colourful lava fields. Immerse yourself in its untamed beauty, rich history, and vibrant culture while increasing your chances of witnessing the mesmerizing Northern Lights. Get ready to be captivated by the magical skies and landscapes of the Westfjords Way, where each day promises exciting experiences and unforgettable moments

Discover the wonders of West Iceland and embark on a Northern Lights quest.

We also offer summer tours to the Westfjords. Explore the stunning landscapes of Westfjords of Iceland with us. If you're interested in discovering the entire island, be sure to check out our Grand Tour of Iceland.

### Trip Highlights

Reykjavik-Ísafjörður-West Iceland-Reykjavik



## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

#### Day 01: Arrival

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:

Foss hótél Barón or similar in Reykjavík. (50km/31mi)

**Meal:** No Meal

### Day 02

#### Day 02: Lava, Fjords & Heritage

Meet our tour guide early morning and travel West. The first stop of the day will be at Grábrók, a 3.400-year-old volcanic crater. We then stop for lunch at the charming coastal town of Búðardalur before traveling along the fjords of Ísafjarðardjúp, where incredible views can be enjoyed – if you are lucky, you might even spot a whale! After a scenic drive we visit Litlibær, one of the very few turf houses still standing in Iceland, which has been turned into a charming café and museum. In the afternoon arrive to the largest town in the Westfjords, Ísafjörður, which will be our resting spot for the next three nights. Once darkness falls, get ready to hunt for the Northern Light across the night sky!

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

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 03

#### Day 03: Beautiful Westfjords & Dancing Lights

Begin the day at Dynjandi waterfall, widely regarded as one of Iceland's most impressive and beautiful waterfalls in Iceland. Dynjandi features a tiered structure which creates an ethereal stream of small cascades that is truly breathtaking to behold. We will continue to travel by the coastline and fjords to the captivating pier of Öndarfjörður. Jutting out from a stunning golden beach well into the water, the pier is a perfect place for panoramic views of the imposing mountains. Following a rejuvenating nature walk, we indulge in a delightful meal. Afterward, we take a stroll around the beautiful town of Ísafjörður, filled with colourful houses and cobblestone streets, this town is not only full of history, but it is also a cultural hub with



many festivals and celebrations taking place throughout the year. As the day comes to an end, we dress up and head outside for another chance at seeing the mesmerizing northern lights.

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

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 04

### Day 04: Maritime marvels & Flateyri village

We start the day at the restored fishing hut at Ósvör Maritime Museum, to learn about the old days of rowboat fishing and the challenging life in isolated fishing villages in the 19th century. Next, we visit the village of Flateyri where we will stop at a hidden gem, Gamla bókabúðin or “The Old Bookstore”. In operation since 1914, this charming little store is a great place to browse for unique souvenirs and appreciate traditional Icelandic design at its finest. We will learn more about the history of Flateyri and the devastating avalanche in 1995, venturing out to the avalanche protection fences built to protect the locals from future tragedies. In the evening, we go for a stroll in search of the celestial wonders of the Arctic sky, the Aurora Borealis.

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

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 05

### Day 05: Sorcery & Gourmet Delights

Today takes us to the picturesque village of Hólmavík and its Museum of Icelandic Sorcery and Witchcraft. Learn about the history and folklore surrounding witchcraft and sorcery in Iceland, in a vast collection of artifacts such as ancient grimoires, ritual objects, and the remarkable Icelandic magical staves which were believed to possess protective and magical powers. After an exciting day of discoveries, we travel to the remote Vogur Country Lodge in West Iceland. This overnight location is a truly peaceful and pristine place perfect for Northern light hunting, so be sure not to go to bed too early!

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

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch



**Day 06**

**Day 06: Settlement Centre & The Northernmost Capital**

As a week of adventures in the stunning West slowly comes to an end, we head toward the town of Borgarnes, where we stop at the Settlement Centre. Featuring an exhibition encompassing a warehouse, a merchant house, and reception hall, you'll learn about the fascinating and challenging days of early human settlement in Iceland. We continue south to the capital city of Reykjavík, learning about its history and stopping by its many landmarks such as the popular church of Hallgrímskirkja, The University campus and Reykjavík's charming harbour to observe the colourful fishing vessels, the beautiful mountain backdrop, and the spectacular concert hall and conference centre of Harpan. We end the day with tasting the famous fermented shark and toast to an unforgettable journey with a shot of Brennivín.

Overnight location: Fosshótel Barón or similar. Breakfast & lunch included. (250km/155mi)

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 07**

**Day 07: Departure Day**

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

Breakfast included. (50km/31mi).

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- 6 nights accommodation, in rooms with shower/WC
- 5 days escorted tour with English-speaking guide/driver-guide
- Arrival & departure airport transfer by Fly bus shuttle (no guide)
- 6x breakfast & 5x lunches
- Dynjandi waterfall
- Tjörúhúsið
- Ósvör Maritime Museum
- Gamla bókabúðin or “The Old Bookstore”
- Museum of Icelandic Sorcery and Witchcraft
- Settlement Centre.



### **Complementary**

- Free Wi-Fi on the bus.

## **Exclusions**

- Any private expenses
- Any additional services
- Meals that are not listed under “included”
- Single supplement (mandatory when in a single room)
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities
- Voluntary tips for guides or drivers
- Travel and medical insurance
- Entrance Fees to Archaeological sites & museums
- Personal expenses
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## **Note**

### **Highlights & Experiences**

- Get the best chance at seeing the captivating Northern Lights
- Experience authentic culture in small villages and local museums
- Discover some of Iceland’s most iconic natural reserves and enchanting waterfalls
- Embark on gastronomic journeys to discover hidden culinary gems
- Hike up a volcanic crater in a picturesque lava field
- Behold the magnificent Dynjandi waterfall, the true crown jewel of the Westfjords
- Visit one of the last standing traditional turf houses
- Visit Flateyri’s avalanche protection fences - learn about history and the might of nature
- Small groups, maximum 22 people.

**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. Still, 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
- Upgrade for private airport transfer

**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 (Fly bus shuttle)

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

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

Maximum group size 22 pax.

Min Age : 8+

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Periodic Departure

<p><b>01 Oct, 2024 to 30 Nov, 2024</b> Hotel AUD 6,543 P P twin share AUD 10,272 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>01 Feb, 2025 to 30 Apr, 2025</b> Hotel AUD 6,765 P P twin share AUD 10,321 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>01 Sep, 2025 to 30 Sep, 2025</b> Hotel AUD 8,123 P P twin share AUD 10,123 P P single AVAILABLE</p>
<p><b>01 Oct, 2025 to 31 Oct, 2025</b> Hotel AUD 7,481 P P twin share AUD 9,136 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>01 Nov, 2025 to 30 Apr, 2026</b> Hotel AUD 7,136 P P twin share AUD 8,642 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	

