



## Westfjords of Iceland - 8 Days (#19845)

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### Overview

Experience the remote Westfjords of Iceland!

Discover the hidden wonders of Iceland and immerse yourself in its untamed beauty, rich history, and vibrant culture. Our Westfjords of Iceland tour will take you on an extraordinary adventure, exploring the remote and lesser-known parts of the country, remote villages, beautiful waterfalls, dramatic sea-bird cliffs, and colourful lava fields. Get ready to be captivated by the magical landscapes of the Westfjords, where each day promises exciting experiences and unforgettable moments.

### Trip Highlights

Reykjavik-Patreksfjörður-Ísafjörður-Breiðafjörður Bay-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.

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

**Meal:** No Meal

## Day 02

### Day 2: Lava, Vikings & Fjords

Meet the tour guide early morning and travel West. The first stop of the day will be at Grábrók, a 3.400-year old volcanic crater, where a 360-degree view of the entire valley can be enjoyed. We continue to Eiríksstaðir, once home to the world-renowned Viking explorers, Eirik the red and his son Leif the Lucky. In a replica of their longhouse and living museum, you'll get yourself immersed in the way Vikings lived, as well as Icelandic history and folklore. Next we will stop at the first of many charming waterfalls in the Westfjords, Þingmannaá Waterfall. Our resting spot for the next two nights will be at the quaint fishing village of Patreksfjörður, a remote village offering scenic view over the fjord and the Greenland Sea.

**Hotel:** Fosshótel Westfjords or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 03

### Day 3: Iceland's Westernmost Point

Begin the day at one of Iceland's most beautiful beaches, Rauðisandur. This 10-kilometre-long iridescent beach borrows its name from its stunning red-coloured sand that merges seamlessly with streams of turquoise sea water, offering wonderful picture opportunities. Visit Hnjótur Folk Museum, a perfect introduction to daily life in the Westfjords, as well as the history of agriculture and seafaring in Iceland. We continue to Látrabjarg, one of Europe's highest seabird cliffs. This promontory is also the westernmost point in Iceland, from which there is an uninterrupted view of the North Atlantic, and of bird colonies such as puffins, razorbills, and guillemots, extending as far as the eye can see. On our journey today we will also see the shipwreck Garðar, Iceland's oldest steel ship. In the evening we head back to Patreksfjörður, for a well-deserved rest after a day full of adventures.

**Hotel:** Fosshótel Westfjords or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast



### Day 04

#### Day 4: Beautiful West Fjords

Today's journey will begin at Dynjandi waterfall, widely regarded as one of Iceland's most impressive and beautiful waterfalls. Dynjandi features a tiered structure which creates an ethereal stream of small cascades. 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 fjord. Visiting the village of Flateyri 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 afternoon arrive to the largest town in the Westfjords, Ísafjörður, which will be our resting spot for the next two nights.

**Hotel:** Hótel Ísafjörður or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 05

#### Day 5: Ísafjörður: Land, Sea & Sky

This morning we will venture to the 640 meters high mountain of Bolafjall, which sports a steel viewing platform that juts over the cliff with staggering view of the sea and nearby fjords, not for the faint of heart. Visit 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. Afterwards we drive to the village of Suðureyri, where we will enjoy an informative walk around town and have the opportunity to savour delicious seafood sourced from a local producer, which promises to acquaint you with Iceland's rich heritage and fishing traditions.

In the afternoon, enjoy free time for leisure in Ísafjörður, or alternatively join an optional add-on such as a thrilling ATV tour around Ísafjörður or a visit to the beautiful island of Vigur, a long and narrow island home to an abundant number of puffins, Arctic terns, eiders, guillemots, and more.

**Hotel:** Hótel Ísafjörður or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 06

#### Day 6: Geothermal Production & Sorcery of Iceland



Today we travel along the fjords of Ísafjarðardjúp, where incredible views can be enjoyed – if you are lucky, you might even spot a whale! We visit the Saltverk factory in Reykjanes and learn about the process of salt manufacturing, which is powered 100% by geothermal energy. Our next stop takes us to the picturesque village of Hólmavík and its Museum of Icelandic Sorcery and Witchcraft. Here we learn about the history and folklore surrounding witchcraft and sorcery in Iceland and explore 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 beautiful place close to the remarkable Breiðafjörður Bay.

**Hotel:** Vogur Country Lodge or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 07

### Day 7: Icelandic horses & Reykjavík city

After a long week of many discoveries, we head back to the city of Reykjavík with a few wonderful stops along the way. Starting at Hraunfossar or “the lava waterfalls”, which are fed by a glacial river that travels hundreds of kilometres filtering through lava, making the water appear to originate from the lava rocks. Then visit a horse farm, where we will get to meet face-to-face with one of Iceland’s fluffiest and friendliest natives, the Icelandic horse. In the afternoon we will explore the capital, learning about its history and stopping by its many landmarks.

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

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 08

### Day 8: Departure Day

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

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- 7 nights accommodation, in rooms with shower/WC
- 6 days escorted tour with English-speaking guide/driver-guide





- Arrival & departure airport transfer by Flybus shuttle (no guide)
- 7x breakfast
- Eiríksstaðir
- Rauðisandur
- Hnjótur Folk Museum
- Látrabjarg, the westernmost point in Iceland
- Shipwreck Garðar
- Dynjandi waterfall
- Gamla bókabúðin or “The Old Bookstore”
- Bolafjall
- Ósvör Maritime Museum
- Saltverk factory
- Museum of Icelandic Sorcery and Witchcraft

### **Complementaries**

- 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)

International / Domestic Airfare

Optional activities

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

Personal expenses

## **Note**

### **Highlights & Experiences**



- Experience authentic culture in small villages and local museums.
- Discover natural reserves and enchanting waterfalls.
- Hike up a volcanic crater in a picturesque lava field.
- Explore Iceland's westernmost point and bird colonies.
- Behold the magnificent Dynjandi waterfall, the true crown jewel of the Westfjords
- Get up close and personal with the Icelandic horse - capture a memorable selfie.
- Uncover the secrets of geothermal energy at an artisan flaky salt factory.
- Visit Flateyri's avalanche protection fences - learn about history and the might of nature.
- Small groups, maximum 22 people.

### Additional services

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

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

Tour Pick-up Time: 09:00 on day 2 at Reykjavik Natura, Reykjavik (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.

**Children discount:** No discount available. 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.

Maximum group size - 22 pax.

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Periodic Departure



**01 May, 2025 to 31 May, 2025**

Hotel

AUD 6,144 P P twin share

AUD 7,319 P P single

AVAILABLE

**01 Jun, 2025 to 31 Aug, 2025**

Hotel

AUD 6,259 P P twin share

AUD 8,647 P P single

AVAILABLE

