

7 Nights from AUD 5,657



# Guided Iceland Circle - 8 days (#6176)

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# **Overview**

See the best of Iceland in the shortest possible time on this guided circle tour around the island. Fortnightly departures on Fridays, all year-round!

Travel on Iceland's ring road and discover stunning scenery and dramatic landscapes: volcanoes, lava fields, hot springs, mountains, fjords, glaciers, glacier lagoon and waterfalls. Enjoy a leisurely group tour on Iceland's ring road, combining nature, soft adventure, and cultural experiences. During the tour, two evenings include Northern Lights Academy (from September to mid-April). Join this amazing and complete circle tour of Iceland, a bestseller all year round! Hunt the Midnight Sun in the Summer and the Northern Lights in the Winter.

# **Trip Highlights**

Volcano Crater - Fjords - Mountains - North Iceland - Lake Mývatn - Geothermal baths - Lava Labyrinth - Hot Springs - Vatnajökull National Park - Glacier Lagoon - Diamond Beach - South Coast - Icelandic Horses - Golden Circle



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**Day 01** 

### Day 1 Welcome to Iceland

Individual transfer by Flybus 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: Reykjavík Natura Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar. Dinner is on your own. (50km / 31mi)

**Day 02** 

## Day 2 Volcano Crater, Fjords & Mountains

At 09:00, meet our tour guide and depart from Reykjavík Natura Berjaya Iceland Hotels. Travel west along the scenic Hvalfjörður fjord and the town of Borgarnes. Easy hike on Grábrók volcano crater in the middle of a greenish lava field. Further north visit Glaumbær, one of Iceland's most beautiful turf house farms and folk museums. Continue along scenic fjord landscape and over several mountain passes until we reach Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland. The overnight location at allows you to walk around the beautiful town of Akureyri.

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

Meal: Breakfast

Day 03

## Day 3 The Capital of North Iceland, Lake Mývatn & Geothermal baths

In the morning, explore the town of Akureyri, also called the capital of North Iceland, and admire the panoramic view over the Eyjafjörður fjord. From April-October, there are optional whale watching tours available from 09:00-12:00 am. In the afternoon, travel to Goðafoss, the waterfalls of the Gods. Then explore Lake Mývatn, known as a geological wonderland and for its abundant birdlife. See the strange lava formations at Kálfaströnd, the pseudo craters at Skútustaðir and the tephra cone Hverfjall. Finally, end the afternoon relaxing in the geothermal Mývatn Nature Baths with a fantastic view over the whole area.

There is a possibility of seeing the Northern Lights during the evening from September to mid-April.

Overnight location: Mývatn Berjaya Iceland Hotels. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (120 km / 75 mi).

Meal: Breakfast







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**Day 04** 

#### Day 4 Lava Labyrinth, Hot Springs & Travel East

In the morning, walk in the lava labyrinth at Dimmuborgir, "the dark castles", hoping to get a glimpse of the trolls who are said to live there. In the afternoon, visit the hot spring area of Námaskarð with bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras. Head through the uninhabited highlands and moon-like surroundings to East Iceland. From June to August, the tour includes a detour to the powerful waterfall Dettifoss.

Overnight location: Hérað Berjaya Iceland Hotels or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (250 km / 155 mi).

Meal: Breakfast

**Day 05** 

#### **Day 5 East Fjords**

It's a day to admire the dramatic fjord landscape and its tiny fishing villages at the end of twisty roads in the East Fjords and, on the route, visit an attractive stone and mineral collection. Then, in the afternoon, see Vatnajökull – Europe's biggest glacier visible all over Southeast Iceland.

There is a possibility of seeing the Northern Lights during the evening from September to mid-April.

Please note that the itinerary on this specific day can change due to seasonal factors, such as daylight.

Overnight location: Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (260 km / 161 mi).

Meal: Breakfast

**Day 06** 

# Day 6 Vatnajökull National Park, Glacier Lagoon, Diamond Beach & South Coast

Start the day with a stop at Jökulsárlón, a glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs, and explore the extraordinary site where you might see seals swimming in arctic waters. A boat tour between floating icebergs is included in the program from May through September. You can walk on the so-called Diamond Beach across the street, where large icebergs get stranded. Travel along the southern part of the glacier Vatnajökull and get a glimpse at Europe's second-largest national park, which has Iceland's highest mountains, an alpine environment, and Europe's largest glacier.





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In the afternoon, a beautiful drive with many natural wonders awaits us as we head across the Eldhraun lava field, cross the sandy desert of the south coast, overlooked by mountainous cliffs, glaciers and waterfalls. Experience the unique Icelandic Lava Show where you get to witness and feel the heat from molten lava! Stroll along the black lava beach of Reynisfjara near Vík. In the small village of Skógar, there is Skógafoss waterfall which is 60 meters high and is one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. Continue to the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall, which plunges over the mountain. An exciting trail goes behind the fall – if you are prepared to get wet!

There is a possibility of seeing the Northern Lights during the evening from September to mid-April.

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Overnight location: Stracta Hotel Hella or similar. Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner is on your own. (380 km / 235 mi).

Meal: Breakfast

**Day 07** 

#### Day 7 Icelandic Horses & Golden Circle

Explore classics today as we travel the route of the Golden Circle sights. Start the day at Friðheimar, where you learn about the Icelandic horse, its unique qualities and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse. Later on, see steam from the Geysir geothermal fields as we arrive. There is a variety of hot springs and bubbling pools. The original geyser is now dormant but has been replaced by Strokkur, "the Churn", which erupts at 5-7 minute intervals. Continue to Gullfoss, "the golden falls ", a double waterfall that tumbles 32 meters into the Hvítá river and attracts travellers in summer and winter. Travel inland to Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. As we return to Reykjavík, we will take you for a short city tour to show highlights of the world's northernmost capital.

Northern Lights: From September to mid-April, optional Northern Lights evening tours can be booked at the lobby of your hotel, should weather conditions be favorable.

Overnight location: Reykjavík Natura Berjaya Iceland Hotels. Breakfast included. Lunch &dinner is on your own. (160 km / 99 mi).

Meal: Breakfast

**Day 08** 

#### **Day 8 Departure Home**

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





Breakfast included. (50 km / 31 mi).

Meal: Breakfast

# **Inclusions**

- 7 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 6 days escorted bus tour with English-speaking guide/driver-guide
- Arrival & departure airport transfer by Flybus shuttle (no guide)
- 7x breakfast
- 2x evenings with Northern Lights Program (from September to mid-April).
- Glaumbær Folk Museum
- Mývatn Nature Baths including towel
- Amphibian boat tour on Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon (May-Sept depending on weather conditions)
- 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
- All meals not listed under "included"
- Single supplement (mandatory when in single room)Any additional services

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Optional Northern Lights boat tour

Transfer to Restaurant Reykjavík

International airfares

Optional activities

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

Personal equipment



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Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Any items not mentioned as included

# Note

Fortnightly departures, on Fridays, all year-round!

#### **Highlights & Experiences**

Fully escorted tour around Iceland's Ring Road

Explore two national parks

The Golden circle including Þingvellir, Geysir & Gullfoss

Mývatn Nature Baths, including towel

Visits to small local museums, cultural experiences and soft adventures

Visit to Icelandic horse stables & geothermal greenhouse

2x evenings with Northern Lights Program (from September to mid-April).

Boat trip on Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon from May through September

Optional whale watching in Akureyri in the morning of day 3, April through October

Experience flowing lava at the Icelandic Lava Show

Optional Supplement for VIP-Seating is available on request.

Supplement for upgrade to private airport transfer is available on request

#### **Additional Services**

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







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**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.

Child cost is available on request. Tour is not recommended for children younger than eight years of age.

Triple rooms are double rooms with extra bed and ideal for two adults and one child.

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

Departure Time: 9:00 on day 2 from Icelandair Hotel Natura, Reykjavik (subject to change)

Maximum group size 30 pax.

# **Program Touring / Guide**

**Escorted Experience** 

# **Departure Period**

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