



## New Year's Festival - 5 Days (#2915)

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### Overview

Join us for an unforgettable New Year's Festival tour in Iceland filled with excitement and fireworks! Experience the spectacular New Year's Eve celebrations as the skies sparkle with fireworks, complemented by the enchanting festivities enjoyed by the locals. Don't miss the breathtaking panoramic views of Reykjavik from the top floor of Perlan, a landmark offering the perfect vantage point for the fireworks display.

Indulge in a 4-night stay in Reykjavik, paired with guided excursions that promise a taste of Iceland's culinary and natural wonders. Explore the iconic Golden Circle, visiting Þingvellir National Park, the majestic Gullfoss waterfall, and the captivating Geysir geothermal area where natural geysers astound visitors.

Savor the rich flavours of Iceland at Ingólfsskáli Viking Restaurant, where a delectable dinner awaits. The journey continues with a Northern Lights search, a festive city tour on the last day of the year, including delightful Christmas treats, and a grand New Year's Gala Dinner at the exclusive Perlan Restaurant.

As you welcome the new year, take a culinary journey to the Reykjanes Peninsula, a UNESCO Global Geopark, and relish a delightful lunch at the Northern Lights restaurant. Conclude your adventure by reflecting on the upcoming year while experiencing the soothing embrace of the famous Blue Lagoon.



This tour not only offers breathtaking natural landscapes and vibrant cultural experiences but also a delightful array of authentic Icelandic cuisine. Embark on a journey where each meal becomes a memorable part of your Icelandic New Year's experience, enriching your adventure with a diverse and delicious gastronomic exploration.

This tour offers a great mix of nature, authentic culture, and exciting celebrations for an unforgettable Icelandic New Year's Eve experience. You'll see amazing sights and do memorable activities, making it a complete and special journey for travellers.

## Trip Highlights

Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Reykjanes Peninsula & Blue Lagoon

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

#### Day 1 Arrival Day

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:

Grand Hotel Reykjavik (External View rooms). Dinner is on your own.

### Day 02

#### Day 2 Golden Circle & Ingólfsskáli Viking Dinner

By a scenic route, we reach Þingvellir (Thingvellir) National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site. We stroll around the country's most sacred site, home of the oldest existing national parliament in the world, the Alþingi, and major events in the history of Iceland. Thingvellir is a place of fascinating natural beauty, a spectacular geological vista, set on a vast plain flanked by large fissures, right by Iceland's largest lake, Thingvallavatn. The Mid-Atlantic rift is clearly visible; a rift that is forming as Iceland is being pulled apart by tectonic forces. Next, we drive to the mighty waterfall of Gullfoss – the Golden falls – perhaps the most beautiful in the country. Explore the active geothermal area of Haukadalur which contains the geyser Strokkur erupting hot water and steam to an elevation of 25 metres (82 ft) every 5-7 minutes.

Ending this adventurous day by stepping back in time with an early dinner experience at the charming Ingólfsskáli Viking



Restaurant, situated beneath the majestic Ingólfsfjall mountain. This place beautifully weaves Icelandic Viking history with ancient traditions, providing an authentic Icelandic holiday dinner and transporting you back to an era where nature served as the primary inspiration.

Before going back to the hotel after a delicious culinary experience, hunt for the Northern Lights out at Faxaflói Bay. Who know you might get the perfect picture of the Northern Lights with the capital in the background!

Overnight location: Grand Hotel Reykjavik. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 03

### Day 3 Reykjavík City Tour & New Years Celebration

Enjoy a guided Reykjavík City Tour and explore the highlights of Iceland's exciting capital. We see the charming city centre, the Parliament, the harbour and Hallgrímskirkja church, whose steeple is a landmark. We pass the Harpa concert hall and visit the Pearl, a remarkable building and viewpoint. The city tour ends at 16:00 providing guests time to recharge and prepare for new year's evening.

Immerse yourself in the enchanting holiday spirit of Reykjavík as you embark on a captivating walking tour. As you stroll through the festively adorned streets you will discover Icelandic Christmas traditions along with unique customs and rituals that mark the arrival of the new year. You will hear tales of the fearsome Christmas Cat and the 13 intriguing Yule Lads along with their mother, Grýla. But that is not all! You will have a chance to savour some Christmas treats and beverages cherished by Icelanders, with tempting samples along the way.

At 18:00 you will be transferred from your hotel to Perlan where you will be greeted with a welcome drink and the option to see Áróra, the Northern Lights Planetarium show. Around 19:30, the festive 4-course Gala dinner will start with wine pairing. Later during the evening, there will be a music performance and a DJ who will keep up the party throughout the evening. Guests have exclusive access to the observation deck that has 360° view over Reykjavík's capital area. A transfer from Perlan will leave every 30 minutes from 00:30 am.

Overnight location: Grand Hotel Reykjavik. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 04

### Day 4 Reykjanes Peninsula & Blue Lagoon





We depart from Reykjavik at 10:00 to explore the Reykjanes peninsula, renowned for its dramatic seashores, intriguing geology, lunar-like landscapes, lava fields, and charming fishing villages. Our journey then includes a quick stop at Bessastaðir, the official residence of the President of Iceland. The guided tour continues to various remarkable sites such as the Bridge between the continents, the Gunnhver hot spring area, the Brimketill viewpoint, and the lighthouse at the edge of the Reykjanes peninsula, which is a UNESCO Global Geopark. Lunch is at the Northern Light Inn restaurant. In the afternoon, we'll arrive at the Blue Lagoon, an oasis in the lava created by a nearby geothermal power plant. Here, you can enjoy a refreshing bath or a swim in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich water, well-known for its healing properties. For the final meal, we head to the well-known modern Iceland steakhouse, Hereford. They're known for their Culinary Experience, celebrating a fusion of flavours in every delectable bite.

Overnight location: Grand Hotel Reykjavik. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 05

## Day 5 Departure

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

Breakfast included.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- 4-nights accommodation in Reykjavík (Grand Hotel Reykjavik, External View rooms)
- 3 hour Reykjavik city tour (with English speaking guide)
- 7 hour Golden Circle tour including lunch (with English speaking guide)
- New Year's Eve 4 course Dinner with selected wines, music and transfers
- Visit to Blue Lagoon incl. towel & 1x drink
- Reykjanes Tour including lunch (with English speaking guide)
- Arrival & departure airport transfer by Fly bus shuttle (no guide).

## Complimentary

- Free Wi-Fi on the bus
- Use of Ice grippers spikes for shoes



## Exclusions

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  
Any private expenses  
Any additional services  
Meals that are not listed under "included"

## Note

Highlights & Experiences  
Guided Golden Circle Day Tour  
Dinner at Ingólfsskáli Viking Restaurant  
Northern Lights search by boat - with a Backup Plan  
Guided Reykjavik City Tour  
Winter/Christmas walking tour of Reykjavík  
New Year's Festive Dinner at Perlan Panoramic Restaurant  
Guided Reykjanes peninsula day tour  
Relaxing soak in the famous Blue Lagoon  
Hereford steakhouse Culinary Experience

### 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).

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 : 40

Min Age : 12+

## **Program Touring / Guide**

Escorted Experience

## **Departure Period**

**29 Dec, 2024 to 02 Jan, 2025**

Grand Hotel\*\*\*\* (standard room)

AUD 5,862 P P twin share

AUD 7,140 P P single

AVAILABLE

**29 Dec, 2025 to 02 Jan, 2026**

Grand Hotel\*\*\*\* (standard room)

AUD 6,342 P P twin share

AUD 7,649 P P single

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