

Scenic Iceland & the Northern Lights

Seek the aurora borealis, gasp at Geysir's hot springs, chase the waterfalls of Skógafoss, and witness the magnificence of Hekla volcano.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: W864

DEPARTURE MONTHS

January - March + September - December

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see insightvacations.com/sceniciceland

DAY 1 | THE VIKING CITY OF REYKJAVÍK

Welcome to Iceland. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a pleasant evening of wine and canapés, enjoying the opportunity to get to know each other. Afterwards, search for the most spectacular show on Earth—the Northern Lights. See the breathtaking night sky illuminated by the aurora borealis in a vast spectrum of colours. Please note that sightings of this natural phenomenon cannot be guaranteed.

Hotel: Fosshotel Reykjavík

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:15.

DAY 2 | SOUTH SHORE ADVENTURE TO VÍK

Take a journey through the stunning landscape of Iceland's south coast and through the land of Njál's Saga—a region of breathtaking scenery and legendary stories. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, heading east to visit Iceland's newest geothermal and electric power station at Hellisheiðavirkjun. Your journey continues, as you witness the majesty of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss. Stand awestruck by the beauty of these thundering waterfalls, before venturing on to view more spectacular phenomena. Iceland is one of the most volcanically active regions on earth due to its unique geological position. On average, Iceland experiences a volcanic event every 5 years. See the magnificent volcanoes Hekla, the most active, and Eyjafjallajökull, which last erupted in 2010 disrupting air travel worldwide. Feel the heat at the Lava Centre to gain insight into Iceland's volcanic and earthquake activity. Arrive in the welcoming community of Vík, the southernmost village in Iceland with a population of about 300 and it is home to the iconic Reynisfjara black sand beach. Later, perhaps enjoy another chance to go in search of the mystical northern lights. **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Kría, Vík

DAY 3 | THE GOLDEN CIRCLE TO FLÚÐIR

Embark on a day of discovery along Iceland's Golden Circle, the most famous scenic route in the country, taking in some of the stunning landmarks this magical place has to offer. Experience the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls, a picturesque two-tiered cascade and the Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls, before continuing on to the exploding hot springs at Geysir, one of the few places on earth where you can closely observe active geysers. Visit Friðheimar, a family-run vegetable farm specialising in tomatoes. Their principle is to cultivate tomatoes with optimum taste quality whilst maintaining eco-friendly standards. Explore their greenhouses and sample the sweet, unique flavour of their lovingly grown crop, all whilst learning about Icelandic greenhouse horticulture. Continue to Flúðir, a picturesque village, renowned for the Secret Lagoon (Gamla Laugin), Iceland's oldest geothermal pool. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: The Hill, Flúðir

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.



The tour was well organised and the Travel Director was very informative. The scenery and locations we visited were wonderful.

OUR GUEST BRIAN.

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DAY 4 | THINGVELLIR, BORGARNES AND HÚSAFELL

Your first visit today will be to Thingvellir National Park, a remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site that lies on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. The first meeting of the Icelandic parliament was held here in A.D. 930. Journey along the trail of Viking warrior and poet Egill Skallagrímsson. In Borgarnes, learn about Iceland's history with a fascinating visit to the Icelandic Settlement Centre. Housed in one of the oldest buildings, this exhibition brings the story of the Settlement Era to life. Enjoy the views of the Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls, and Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring, as you traverse glorious landscapes before stopping at Sturlureykir Horse Farm, a local family-run breeding farm. Discover why Icelandic horses have two additional gaits than most other breeds and how their double-layered coat enables them to withstand Iceland's tough winters. The farm also features a natural hot spring, where geothermal water is used to bake rye bread underground.

Savour the taste of this freshly baked rye bread, a family recipe for over 100 years. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Húsafell

DAY 5 | REYKJAVÍK SIGHTSEEING

Journey back to the Icelandic capital and see Old Reykjavík, the 19th-century parliament building and Höfði House. In 1986, US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev met here for the famous Reykjavík Summit. Later, visit the colourful harbour and the iconic Hallgrímskirkja, the largest modern church in Iceland, standing 74.5 metres tall and visible from almost anywhere in the city. The afternoon is at your leisure. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Fosshotel Reykjavík

DAY 6 | REYKJAVÍK YOUR WAY

Explore Reykjavík with Insight Choice. Choose to experience the magic of Iceland on an exhilarating flight-ride at FlyOver to see incredible scenery from sweeping glaciers to stunning fjords. Alternatively, visit the Perlan Museum with the Wonders of Iceland, one of a kind exhibition to experience Iceland's natural beauty. This afternoon you may decide to visit the mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon on our optional experience. Surrounded by lava fields and snow-capped mountains, the lagoon is a wonder of nature and offers a unique experience for both body and soul. With your newfound friends, toast to the culmination of your fascinating journey of discovery during dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK

It is time to say goodbye to the Land of Fire and Ice and your fellow travellers as your Icelandic adventure comes to an end after breakfast. **(B)**



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Reykjavik | Witness nature's most spectacular light show, the Aurora Borealis.

Hvolsvollur | See the magnificent volcanoes of Hekla and Eyjafjallajökull.

Skógafoss | Admire the majestic beauty of the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls.

Geysir | Visit the famous spouting Geysir which has become synonymous with hot springs all around the world.

Friðheimar | Meet a local family at their farm, sample homegrown tomatoes and learn about Icelandic horticulture and tomato cultivation.

Borgarnes | Meet Icelandic horses and learn about their extra gaits and double-layered coat that enables them to withstand tough winters.

Thingvellir National Park | The Parliamentary Plains are the most important historic site in the country, as the meeting place of the Althing, the world's oldest parliament.

Reykjavik | *Insight Choice* Visit the Perlan Museum and learn about the glaciers, volcanoes and the Northern Lights through interactive displays, or enjoy a flight-ride at the FlyOver, where the state-of-the-art technology and special effects showcase Iceland's spectacular scenery.

Hellisheiðarvirkjun | Visit Iceland's geothermal heat and electric power station and learn about how this plant has helped Iceland achieve 70% of its energy consumption through renewable sources. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy.

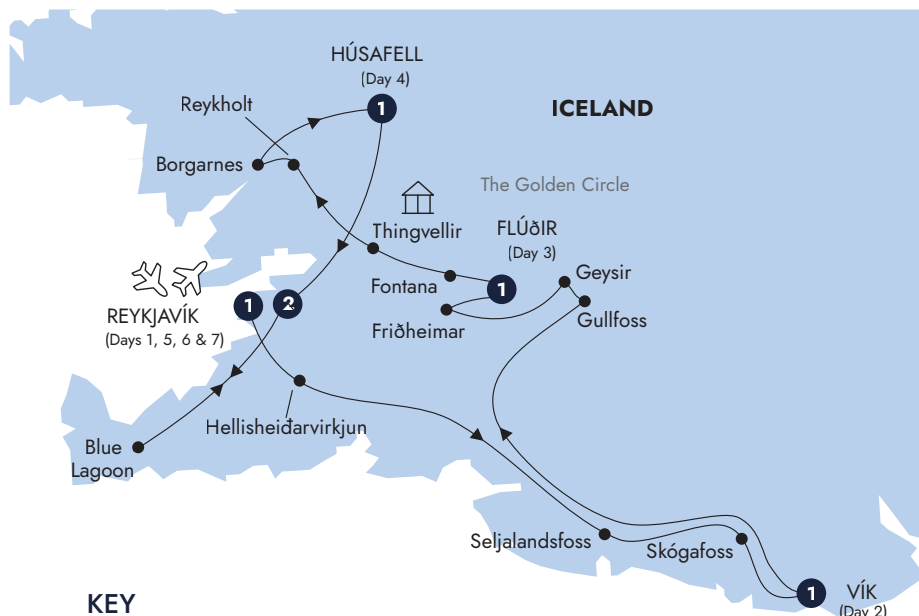
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Premium Dining

Reykjavik | Conclude your travels with dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



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