

# Iceland including the Blue Lagoon

6 Days

1 Country

9 Meals

Embrace adventure on this Iceland journey with the Blue Lagoon, featuring all the natural and manmade highlights of this ethereal world of fire and ice. The highlights? A walk in the ancient Thingvellir National Park and rewarding soak with the locals in geothermal waters.

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## Your Must-See Highlights

- **Discover** Reykjavík
- **Visit** Akranes Folk Museum, the 'Golden Circle' (Gullfoss Waterfall, Geysir Hot Spring Area and Thingvellir National Park) and the geothermal Blue Lagoon
- **View** Harpa Concert Hall, Austurvöllur Square, Hallgrímskirkja Church, Waterfalls at Hraunfoss and Barnafoss, Deildartunguhver Hot Spring, Snæfellsnes Peninsula (Stykkishólmur, Arnarstapi, Snæfellsjökull National Park and Borgarnes), Selfoss and Reykjanes Peninsula (Strandarkirkja and Grindavík)
- **See** Hvalfjörður (Whale Bay), Grundarfjörður Fishing Village, Lake Kleifarvatn and Krýsuvík

Day

**1 Welcome to Reykjavík** Your epic journey through lush lava fields and the windswept landscapes of Iceland begins in the quirky capital of Reykjavík. The northernmost capital of the world seems infused with vivid colour, from the bustling byway of Laugavegur to the enthusiasm of the city's friendly locals. Spend time exploring Iceland's Viking heritage, pay tribute to the sun and snap a selfie in front of The Sun Voyager or stroll around the lively Old Harbour, before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception to kick-start your love affair with Iceland. This evening, check into the Grand Hotel Reykjavík, our *Stays With Stories* accommodation, where you'll get to hone your appreciation for Icelandic art and marvel at the dramatic glass masterpiece by local artist Leifur Breiðfjörð, on proud display as you check in. **(WR, 🏠) Hotel: Grand**

**2 Journey to Reykholt and on to Borganes** Explore the small capital city of Reykjavík on a sightseeing tour with your Travel Director this morning. You'll view the glass façades of Harpa Concert Hall, Austurvöllur Square and Hallgrímskirkja Church, whose other-worldly architecture is a nod to Iceland's volcanic origins. Head to the tiny fishing town of Akranes to visit its Folk Museum and lighthouse. View Deildartunguhver, Europe's highest-flowing hot spring, followed by a visit to Reykholt, famously the former 13<sup>th</sup>-century home of one of Iceland's most loved authors, Snorri Sturluson. Nature takes centre stage as you end your day and admire Hraunfoss and nearby Barnafoss (Children's Falls) to learn about the tragic legend that gave these rapid waters its name. **(B, D) Hotel: B59**

**3 A Day to Explore the Snæfellsnes Peninsula** Bundle up warmly as you make your way to the wild, sea-swept Snæfellsnes Peninsula. The Peninsula is fondly known as 'Iceland in miniature' for boasting all those natural treasures - volcanoes, glaciers and waterfalls - in just 55 miles (90 km). Explore on your own or consider joining an Optional Experience, cruising Breiðafjörður Bay. Sample Viking 'sushi' and marvel at the quaint fishing villages and black sand beaches. Keep your eyes peeled for the star of the show, the Snæfellsjökull glacier, famous for being the location for Jules Verne's novel 'Journey to the Centre of the Earth'. Return to your hotel in Borganes to enjoy an evening at leisure. **(B)**

**4 Onwards through Thingvellir National Park to Gullfoss, Geysir and Selfoss** Visit the 'Golden Waterfall' of Gullfoss, then head to the world-famous hot spring area of Geysir with its lively Strokkur which spouts water some 100 feet (30 m) into the air every few minutes. You'll also see first-hand how the movements of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates have carved into the Earth's crust in the UNESCO-listed Thingvellir National Park. This evening, *Connect With Locals* with a local storyteller and her songwriter husband, and delve into their colourful family history, then join them for dinner at an exclusive *Be My Guest* experience. **(B, BMG, 🍷) Hotel: Selfoss**

**5 Admire Reykjanes and Blue Lagoon and Return to Reykjavík** Start the day with a visit to Iceland's newest geothermal heat and electric power station in Hellisheiði, the second largest of its kind in the world. During this *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER*® Experience learn why Hellisheiðarvirkjun is a world leader in the utilisation of geothermal energy. You can almost feel the Earth simmering under the surface as you journey across Reykjanes Peninsula, a UNESCO Global Geopark at the south-western tip of Iceland. View Strandarkirkja,

then watch as sulphurous steam emerges from the lunar landscapes surrounding Lake Kleifarvatn, fed by waters that originate underground. Continue to Grindavík and *Dive Into Culture* at its world-famous Blue Lagoon (please remember to pack your swimwear), sinking into its milky-blue waters amidst the surrounding black lava field. Soak up the restorative properties of its mineral-rich waters and healing mud, which is said to do wonders for your skin, before returning to Reykjavík for your final evening with new friends. Tonight, you'll toast to an enriching journey through Iceland at a rousing Farewell Dinner. **(B, FD, 🍷, 🍴, 🍷) Hotel: Grand**



**The Blue Lagoon.** Soak in the balmy healing thermal waters while you admire the ethereal setting of swirling steam and black lava. You'll emerge feeling like a new person. Read more at [trafalgar.com](https://trafalgar.com).

**6 Farewell Iceland** For now, it's time to say a fond farewell to Iceland after an unforgettable trip. Find out more about your free airport transfer at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](https://trafalgar.com/freetransfers). **(B)**

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2023

Jan	08 <sup>■</sup> 22 <sup>■</sup>	Jul	09 23
Feb	05 <sup>■</sup> 19 <sup>■</sup>	Aug	06 20
Mar	05 <sup>■</sup> 19 <sup>■</sup>	Sep	03 17
Apr	02 <sup>■</sup> 16 <sup>■</sup> 30 <sup>■</sup>	Oct	01 <sup>■</sup> 15 <sup>■</sup> 29 <sup>■</sup>
May	14 28	Nov	12 <sup>■</sup> 26 <sup>■</sup>
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★ **Festive Meal:** New Year's Eve dinner has been arranged for this departure. Join us in Europe to celebrate the festive season.

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