

TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
MAY 07, 14, 21, 28	MAY 05, 12, 19, 26
JUN 04, 11, 18, 25	JUN 02, 09, 16, 23, 30
JUL 02, 09, 16, 23, 30	JUL 07, 14, 21, 28
AUG 06, 13, 20, 27	AUG 04, 11, 18, 25
SEP 03	SEP 01

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Looking to experience the Northern Lights? See Scenic Iceland and the Northern Lights on page 164 for details.

∧ COUNTRY ROADS
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

9 DAYS
1 COUNTRY
14 MEALS
18 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Hellisheidavirkjun: Visit Iceland's newest geothermal heat and electric power station, the second largest of its kind in the world.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

Lake Myvatn: Taste local rýgbrauð, a sweet and dense rye bread which is buried underground and baked by the heat from nearby hot springs.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Reykjavik: Choose to visit Iceland's worldfamous Blue Lagoon. Alternatively, discover Reykjavik's top sights on a walking tour with your Local Expert.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Reception in Reykjavik • Dinner in Höfn • Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in Reykjavik.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Visit Geysir • Vatnajökull National Park • Snæfellsjökull National Park.

See Gullfoss waterfall • Skalholt's historic church • Vatnajökull Glacier in Skaftafell • Lake Jökulsárlón • lakeside Egilsstaðir • craters, boiling mud pots and geothermal hot springs at Lake Myvatn • Akureyri • the black lava fields and yellow beach of Búðir • Arnarstapi • Parliamentary Plains in Thingvellir • Reykjavik.

NATURAL WONDERS OF ICELAND

"A trip for a true adventurer, join me to discover the most breathtaking natural wonders. Every coast of Iceland is completely different in a magical way." – Lana, Travel Director



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DAY 1 THE SMOKY BAY OF REYKJAVÍK

Welcome to Iceland. On arrival at Reykjavík's Keflavík Airport, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel.

Join your Travel Director and travel companions at 18:15 for a Welcome Drink served with canapés.

Fosshotel Reykjavík.

DAY 2 HOT SPRINGS, WATERFALLS AND VÍK

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Experience, heading east to visit Iceland's newest geothermal and electric power station at Hellisheiðavirkjun. Later, travel on to the ancient bishopric of Skalholt and see the historic church, set in a remote location amid magnificent natural scenery. Continue to the hot springs at Geysir and the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls, the Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls.

In the afternoon, visit the majestic south coast waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss before continuing to your hotel in Vík.(B) (D)

Hótel Kría, Vík.

DAY 3 BY GLACIERS AND ICEBERGS TO HÖFN

Travel along the southern coast of Iceland, beside the black sand beaches and basalt rock formations. Continue through the National Park at Skaptafell and see the largest glacier in Europe, Vatnajökull.

Travel on to the luminous blue icebergs of Lake Jökulsárlón, the highlight of the day. This dramatic setting was featured in two James Bond films. Arrive in the small harbour town of Höfn, an active lobster fishing hub. From here, your Travel Director will lead a short orientation.

Dine at your hotel's restaurant tonight and experience what the local produce has to offer. (B) (D)

Hótel Höfn.

DAY 4 EASTERN FJORDS TO EGILSSTAÐIR

Relaxed Start. Explore yet another face of Iceland, as you drive through narrow fjords surrounded by steep cliffs and past small fishing villages. Catch a glimpse of Papey Island, once the home of Gaelic monks who settled here before the arrival of the Vikings. Continue to the lakeside town of Egilsstaðir. (B) (D)

Icelandair Hotel Herad, Egilsstaðir.

DAY 5 BY DESERT, LAKES AND DIVINE WATERFALLS TO AKUREYRI

Continue on to the beautiful Lake Mývatn and explore the mysterious natural landscape of Iceland, with lava mazes, pseudo-craters, sulphur fields and other phenomena unique to the country.

This afternoon enjoy a taste of the local rúgbrauð, a sweet and dense rye bread which is buried underground and baked by the heat from nearby hot springs.

After an introduction to how they use the Dimmuborgir lava fields for the cooking process, enjoy a sample of the delicious bread served with butter.

The last stop is by the waterfall Goðafoss, also known as the waterfall of the gods.

Perhaps embark on an optional whale watching experience? (available during whale season)(B)

Hotel Kea, Akureyri.

DAY 6 FROM THE CAPITAL OF THE NORTH TO BORGARNES

Relaxed Start. Enjoy an orientation of Akureyri, the capital of northern Iceland, first established as a trading centre in 1602.

Travel past mountains, waterfalls and green coastal regions. Later, continue on to the southwest coast of Borgarnes. (B) (D)

Icelandair Hotel Hamar, Borgarnes.

DAY 7 EXPLORING SNÆFELLSJÖKULL NATIONAL PARK

Travel along the Snæfellsnes Peninsula to Snæfellsjökull National Park, known as the Jewel of West Iceland and home to the country's most famous volcano. See the magnificent Snæfellsjökull glacier surrounded by unspoiled natural beauty. En route, admire the impressive landscapes of Búðir, offering a mixture of sandy hills, black lava fields and a yellow beach. Next, take a stroll along the sea cliffs of Arnastapi with its unique column rock formations and take in the beautiful scenery. (B) (D)

DAY 8 THINGVELLIR, BLUE LAGOON AND ON TO REYKJAVÍK

Journey south to Thingvellir. This remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site lies on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet.

Explore Reykjavík with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon. Alternatively, discover Reykjavík's top sights on a walking tour with your Local Expert and stop along the way to sample local specialties.

This evening, delight in a delicious Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant where you round off your journey through one of the world's most naturally beautiful places.(B) (DW)

Fosshotel Reykjavík.

DAY 9 FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK

Your Icelandic adventure comes to an end, with a transfer to Reykjavík's Keflavík Airport. (B)



TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT See the jewel of West Iceland in Snæfellsnes National Park. (Photo by @_zsofi_, Day 7, Búðir)



SCENIC DRIVE Keep an eye out for Icelandic horses as you travel along the southwest coast. (Photo by @tarryniddell, Day 6, Borgarnes.)

KEY

Join/Leave Options

UNESCO Heritage Site

Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



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