

Experience Iceland 2022

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October 10 - Depart USA

Your Icelandic adventure begins as you depart on your international flight.

October 11 – Arrive in Iceland / Reykjavik Walking City Tour

This tour takes you on foot around the heart of Reykjavík with an English speaking Icelander. The main focus is on the general history of Iceland and the evolution of Reykjavík as a town. You will learn about elves, Vikings, food, night life, music, economic aspects and political affairs. Finally, there are the funny facts about Iceland and the places you must see in Reykjavík. The tour is laid out in an informative and comic way, where there is also room for personal questions.

The Northern Lights – one of nature's greatest shows on Earth – tops the bucket lists of travelers all over the globe. Join us on a thrilling hunt from Reykjavik to spot this ghostly glow in the dark sky. You'll escape the city's artificial lights and drive into the deep darkness of the countryside. Our guides keep a close eye on weather conditions to find the perfect spot to admire the Aurora Borealis. Your encounter with these ephemeral lights will make for a magical night! Your guide will take free photos of you and the aurora for your travel album, so you'll always have a reminder of this dazzling moment!

October 12 – Golden Circle Highlights Tour

From Reykjavik you will then drive off to the famous Golden Circle on a Super Jeep which will be your ride of the day. This tour allows visitors to get in touch with some of Iceland's most famous and exciting natural phenomena. Your first stop for the day will be at Þingvellir National Park, 40 minutes east of the city. Þingvellir is one of Iceland's most historic sites as it was here that Iceland's first parliament, Alþingi was founded in the year 930 AD. From Þingvellir you will then head to the world-renowned geothermal area around Geysir hot spring where you can witness gurgling bubbling water burst up to 25 meters high. The area is covered in numerous hot springs, some active, others not. The area is smoke filled and mysterious, but exciting at the same time. Strokkur is now the main number of the show as it bursts every 4 to 10 minutes.

From Geysir, you will continue on to Gullfoss, "the Golden waterfall". Gullfoss is a great sight and a perfect photo spot with water rushing down three steps of lava layers exhibiting breathtaking power and grandeur. This is the final stop of the Golden Circle, but definitely not of the day.

Next up, you kick the action into a higher gear and go for a 1 hour snowmobiling ride on Langjökull, Iceland's second largest glacier. The Super jeep has no problem reaching the glacier camp on Langjökull and the views whilst getting there are amazing. Your snowmobile guides will welcome you, give a briefing and proper gear for the snowmobiling. Once you are all suited up there is nothing left to do than to step onto your snowmobile and follow your guide on an hour glacier expedition. To explore a glacier is an enchanting experience on its own, but to do it on a snowmobile is something else! After the ride of a lifetime, you will join again at the glacier camp before jumping into the Super Jeep again and starting your scenic drive back to Reykjavík.

October 13 - South Coast Highlights Tour

This jewel of Iceland tour package will take you south before continuing to the east as you are whisked away for two days of amazing adventure sightseeing. You'll drive towards the slowly rising sun on the way to your first stop, the very unusual Seljalandsfoss waterfall. You can actually walk behind the gracefully falling cascade. It is well worth getting a little damp



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for such an exciting experience! The next highlight is another waterfall, Skógafoss, located at the foot of a very famous volcano, Eyjafjallajökull. On a clear day, you will also get a great view of another volcano mountain glacier, Mýrdalsjökull. As you continue on, you'll come to Reynisfjara, a black beach where some fantastic sights, such as the picturesque basalt column formations and the famous Reynisdrangar peaks, will greet you. You will drive through the charming small town of Vík on your way to your accommodation. Throughout the entire day, you can expect to see breathtaking landscapes consisting of vast lava fields, waterfalls, black sands and glacier tongues. You will enjoy a relaxing evening, if the conditions are right you will hunt for those northern lights! The countryside close to Vatnajökull glacier, away from the city lights, is perfect for spotting this natural phenomenon.



October 14 - South Coast Highlights Tour

Today you will really get to know the glacier, venturing into the sparkling, blue/white world of an ice cave with a qualified guide, and visiting the extraordinary glacier lagoon, Jökulsárlón. Getting up close and personal with a vast glacial tongue of the great Vatnajökull glacier does not get any better than this! The renowned Jökulsárlón Ice Lagoon, made famous by several blockbuster movies including Batman Begins and The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, to name just a couple, is a totally mind-blowing place. Splendid icebergs of amazing shapes, some incredibly large, have calved off the receding Breiðamerkurjökull glacier. They jostle one another in the huge lagoon before gliding on their surreal and stately journeys to the Atlantic ocean. Many of these natural ice sculptures are washed onto the nearby Diamond Beach, you will see them glittering like diamonds, as they rest on the dramatic coal blackness of the beach.

Next, you go into the glacier with a qualified guide! Ice caves are fascinating. New caves are formed each winter by the melt/freeze cycle of the glacier, they are always changing, both from year to year and within each winter. The journey into an ice cave will give photographers the most amazing opportunity to capture the shimmering blue light which passes through the glacial ice. Surprisingly deep shades of jewel blue will surround you, these tones are caused by ice compression, the way we perceive light and color, and the blueness can sometimes be intensified by algae.

After visiting the ice cave you will head towards Reykjavík. You will stop at Skaftafell Nature Reserve in Vatnajökull National Park, a green area in the midst of amazingly jagged mountains and glacier-topped peaks, the splendid scenery of Skaftafell is certain to be a highlight of your tour. You will keep an eye out for the Northern Lights on your way back to the city and will make a short stop if conditions allow for it.

October 15 – The Blue Lagoon

Imagine relaxing in a blend of sea-water and geothermally heated water which is rich in silica, minerals, and algae, surrounded by a lunar lava landscape. This is really good for your skin and a real treat for the mind, body, and soul. Plus, the iconic white silica mud face mask is free to all lagoon guests.

October 16 – Departure

- Note: Iceland Tours are best experienced in small groups.*
- Buses will be limited to 15 per bus (multiple buses can travel on the same date).
 - Porterage may not be available at hotels outside Reykjavik.
 - Walking may exceed 5 miles per day.

This itinerary is subject to changes in sequence of days, local conditions and preferences of the tour leader

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