

**City and Country Break** 

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# **Glacier Wonders & Northern Lights** 5 days / 4 nights

This tour package with daily departures is ideal for those who want to visit the most beautiful attractions of Iceland – the Golden Circle and Iceland 's largest glacier: Vatnajökull as well as the possibility to see the northern lights. Add on a boat tour, glacier hike or visit to a natural Ice Cave\*!

Time of travel: October to April.

Highlights:

- Golden Circle
- Glacier Lagoon Jökulsárlón
- Diamond beach at Glacier lagoon
- Northern Lights
- Waterfalls Seljalandfoss & Skogafoss & Gullfoss

## INCLUDED

- Return Airport Express from/to KEF airport including hotel drop off/pick up
- 4 nights with breakfast and private facilities at a 3\* or 4\* hotel in central Reykjavik with breakfast and private facilities
- Golden Circle day tour
- South Coast and Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon day tour
- Northern Lights bus tour from Reykjavik

## **Excluded:**

• Meals besides breakfast, optional tours and activities.



#### **Prices:**

Valid 23 August – 30 September 2021 & Valid 26 December 2021 – 02 January 2022

3 Star Hotel	4 Star Hotel	
86.400 ISK	99.900 ISK	per person in double room
119.400 ISK	144.500 ISK	per person in single room

Valid 01 – 31 October 2020

Valid 01 February 2021 – 31 March 2021

3 Star Hotel	4 Star Hotel	
75.900 ISK	85.800 ISK	per person in double room
98.400 ISK	116.400 ISK	per person in single room

Valid 01 November – 25 December 2020 Valid 03 – 31 January 2021 Valid 01 – 30 April 2021

3 Star Hotel	4 Star Hotel	
72.300 ISK	81.700 ISK	per person in double room
91.300 ISK	108.100 ISK	per person in single room

\* Prices are subject to hotel availability

# **Optional**

- Extra nights available on request
- All nights are in standard rooms with private facilities upgrades available on request
- \*ADD a boat tour on Glacier lagoon, available from May to end of October only. 5.900 ISK per person
- Additional tours available on www.grayline.is

#### Notes:

• The days can be changed around if needed to make it better fit or due to availability or due to availability during CHMX and New Year.



# **ITINERARY**:

## **Day 1: Arrival**

Arrival at Keflavik international Airport and scheduled transfer to the hotel in Reykjavik.

Overnight in Reykjavik.



Þingvellir National Park

Geysir hot spring

Gullfoss waterfall in winter

# **Day 2: Golden Circle Classic**

It's a classic for good reason. Combining history, culture and extraordinary nature, the Golden Circle Classic Tour makes for an unforgettable day. Duration ca. 7 hours.

Highlights

- Thingvellir National Park—walk among the geological wonders of the fissure zone and in the footsteps of the early Viking settlers where the Althingi parliament was founded
- Gullfoss—feel the mist of glacial water as it cascades down one of Iceland's most famous waterfalls
- Geysir—hear the bubbling of the mud pots, smell the sulfur in the air and watch in awe as the geyser Strokkur blasts boiling water into the air

Overnight in Reykjavik.



## Day 3: South Coast and Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon

Have a blast while seeing the South Coast of Iceland and unique Jökulsarlón Glacier Lagoon together with Seljalandfoss waterfall and breathtaking Diamond beach. Duration 14 hours.

Highlights

- Journey across a landscape of striking contrasts
- Getting up close to picturesque waterfalls Seljalandfoss and Skogafoss
- Spectacular scenery of Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon
- Views of Europe's largest ice cap, Vatnajökull glacier







Seljalandfoss waterfall

Glacier lagoon Jökulsárlón

Skogafoss waterfall

Tour Itinerary:

On South Coast & Jökursárlón Glacier Lagoon tour, you will travel along Iceland's South Coast on the narrow strip of lush farmland that cuts between mountains, glaciers, and the vast Atlantic Ocean. The journey includes stops at natural treasures, including the iconic Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls, views of Skaftafell National Park, Diamond Beach, and Vatnajökull glacier to name but a few.

Passing the southern edge of the mighty Vatnajökull Glacier roughly midway between Reykjavik and Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon offers magnificent views of glaciers, rivers and endless plains of sand. Vatnajökull Glacier National Park stretches over an area of 14,000 square km, or roughly ten times the size of London.

Packed with icebergs in various shades of white and blue, the extraordinary scenery at Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon is sure to take your breath away. Numerous bird species can be seen feeding in and around the lagoon, and seals are a fairly common sight both at the mouth of the lagoon and at the seaside beach.

Add on a boat tour on the famous Glacier lagoon! See extra for prices. Boat tour is possible from May to October. Please note that the tour is a 14 hour tour – late arrival in Reykjavik.



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# Day 4: Free day & Northern Lights evening bus tour

Day at your leisure to explore Reykjavík or add on optional day tours. In the evening, join the Northern Lights tour.

Tour departure at 20:00 or 21:00 available. Duration 4 hours.

Join us on a dark winter night to hunt the stunning Northern Lights and watch their beautiful dance across the sky with our professional guide. This Northern Lights tour in Iceland takes you out of Reykjavik the city lights in the hope of seeing the Northern Lights in its full power.

Highlights

- Watching Northern Lights
- Know-how about the Northern Lights from professional tour guide
- Unforgettable life experience

Overnight in Reykjavík.



# **Day 5: Departure**

Airport Express transfer with hotel pick up to Keflavik International Airport for your flight departure.



Reykjavik harbour

Northern Lights



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## Frequently asked questions about the Northern Lights

## Where is the best place and time to see Northern Lights in 2021?

Northern lights season in Iceland is from late August until late April. The darker and brighter the skies, the better for seeing the aurora borealis. With that in mind, February, March, September, October, and November 2020 are your best bet to see northern lights in Iceland this winter.

#### Do the Northern Lights happen every night?

No, this is not guaranteed, because if you want to see the northern lights you need a clear dark sky, and it doesn't happen every night.

## Where are the Northern Lights located?

You can see the northern lights in Iceland, Alaska, Canada, Norway, and other places in the world. It is important to keep in mind that the polar latitudes have the best view of the northern lights. Anywhere above or north of the magnetic 55° with low light pollution is a good place to catch the lights. The 55th parallel north runs through northern parts of Europe, Asia, and North America.

## How long do the Northern Lights last?

The time when aurora borealis is most visible and chances are highest are from late August to late April. This works for Iceland. It really depends on how long the northern lights appear in the sky. Sometimes it might be only a few minutes, sometimes hours. Even the northern lights can be really strong and visible, it is best to be in a dark place, where lights are not shining.

#### Where is the best chance to see Northern Lights?

You can see the aurora borealis also in the city with all the city lights, but for the best moment of watching, we recommend to be outside of the city where dark sky is surrounding you.

## Why do the Northern Lights happen?

The Northern Lights, also known as aurora borealis, are caused by solar activity, including solar wind, solar flares, and coronal mass ejections (CME). These are all forms of electrically charged particles ejected by the sun. It takes a solar flare about 8 minutes to travel from the sun to the Earth and collide with gaseous particles in the Earth's atmosphere. Due to variations in the Earth's magnetic field and the dark winters at the north and south poles, the lights are more visible near the poles than anywhere else in the world.