



## The Land of Northern Lights - 5 days / 4 nights

### BUDGET TOUR - EXCELLENT VALUE FOR MONEY

Comfort option available for hotel upgrade.

This short getaway offers insight into Iceland's nature and cultural life, with two nights in Iceland's capital and two nights in South Iceland, an ideal location for the search for the Northern Lights. Visit Reykjavík, the Blue Lagoon, the Black lava beach, Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfall, the Golden Circle, meet Icelandic horses on a farm and see the Northern Lights. Optional Glacier Hike on Sólheimajökull and optional Northern Lights cruise by boat from Reykjavík. Excellent value for money and a short winter trip to the Icelandic countryside.

Duration: 5 days / 4 nights

Minimum age: 8 years

Availability: September - April

Maximum group size: 40 people

From/to: Keflavik international airport

### Highlights & Experiences

- Budget holiday offering excellent value for money
- Must-see nature: the Golden Circle, the South Coast, and the Blue Lagoon
- Visit to Skógar folk museum with turf houses
- 2-night stay in South Iceland, ideal for Northern Lights hunting
- 2 evenings with a combination of lectures, presentations, film, and guided searches for Aurora Borealis
- Optional Northern Lights fjord cruise (day 1 and 4)
- Optional glacier hike (day 3)

### INCLUDED:

- 4 night accommodation, in rooms with shower/wc
- 3 days escorted bus tour with English-speaking guide/driver-guide
- Arrival & departure airport transfer by FLYBUS shuttle (no guide)
- 4x breakfast
- Blue Lagoon, including use of towel
- Skógar Folk Museum on early Modern Iceland with its turf houses
- Visit Icelandic horse stables & a geothermal greenhouse
- Northern Lights program during two evenings

### NOT included:

- Any private expenses
- All meals not listed under "included"
- Any additional services
- Single supplement (mandatory when in single room)

### Complementary

- Free Wi-Fi on the bus
- Use of flashlight
- Use of ice grippers spikes for shoes



#### Additional services

- Extra night in Reykjavik before/after the tour – on request
- Optional glacier hike on day 3 (pay on the spot)
- Optional Northern Lights cruise
- Optional hotel upgrade

**CHILDREN DISCOUNT:** 20 % discount for children 8-11 years of age if sharing room with parents. Tour is not recommended for children younger than 8 years of age. Triple rooms are actually double rooms with extra bed and ideal for 2 adults and 1 child.

#### Prices per person: September 2021 – April 2022

##### Budget Category (Hotel Cabin in Reykjavík + Arhus Cottages in Hella)

	Double room	Single room	Triple room
<b>Sep 2021 – Apr 2022</b>	650 EUR	780 EUR	650 EUR

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##### Comfort category (Hotel Klettur in Reykjavik + Stracta Hotel in Hella)

	Double room	Single room	Triple room
<b>Sep 2021 – Apr 2022</b>	880 EUR	1.250 EUR	880 EUR

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**Single traveler and do not want to seat next to someone? BOOK an empty seat next to you: 120 EUR.**

#### DEPARTURES:

~~Jan 2022: 04, 13, 27~~

Feb 2022: 01, 10, 15, 24

Mar 2022: 01, 10, 15, 24, 29

Apr 2022: 07, 12

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	Double room	Single room
<b>Sep 2022 – Apr 2023</b>	700 EUR	890 EUR

EUR 80 Extra Single Room night in Reykjavík. Price per room per night incl. breakfast

EUR 100 Extra Double Room night in Reykjavík. Price per room per night incl. breakfast

**Comfort category (Hotel Klettur in Reykjavik + Stracta Hotel in Hella)**

	Double room	Single room
<b>Sep 2022 – Apr 2023</b>	910 EUR	1.280 EUR

EUR 105 Extra Single Room night in Reykjavík. Price per room per night incl. breakfast

EUR 130 Extra Double Room night in Reykjavík. Price per room per night incl. breakfast

**DEPARTURES:****Sep 2022: 06, 15, 20, 29****Oct 2022: 04, 13, 18, 27****Nov 2022: 01, 10, 15, 24, 29****Dec 2022: 08, 13****Jan 2023: 03, 12, 17, 26, 31****Feb 2023: 09, 14, 23, 28****Mar 2023: 09, 14, 23, 28****Apr 2023: 06, 11**

Start & End Location

Keflavik International Airport (with Flybus shuttle)

Departure Time: 09:00 on day 2 from Hotel Cabin/Klettur (subject to change)

Optional glacier hike

Duration of this activity is approximately 3 hours in total, about 90 minutes on the ice and about 30-40 min walk (one-way) from the car park to the glacier edge itself. Minimum age for the glacier hike is 10 years. You need to bring warm clothing, rain gear and hiking boots. The glacier hike can only be booked with the guide on day 2. You will have to fill in and sign an order form, once done a cancellation is not possible. Glacier hike bookings have to be finalized with the guide by noon on day 2 of the tour. Bookings afterwards cannot be accommodated as we need to order the glacier guides 24 hours prior to the tour. The special price for the Land of Northern Lights group members is ISK 14.310. Payment is due with the glacier hike company on day 3.

**NOTE REGARDING DINNERS:** In Reykjavik, the dinner is on your own. There are many restaurants for both fast food and a fine a la carte dining in Iceland's capital. The Árhús Cottages and Stracta Hotel in South Iceland offer a limited a la carte menu with a selection of fish, meat and vegetarian as main course. Lunch stops are made at small country restaurants or petrol station diners.

**CHANGE OF PROGRAM:** Itineraries may be subject to change at short notice during severe weather conditions and certain outdoor activities/day trips may be cancelled during the winter season in Iceland. In these rare cases, where situations of force majeure apply, excursions/activities cannot be refunded but the local guides will try their best to find reasonable alternatives where and whenever possible.

Cancellation & payment policy for this tour: A cancellation fee of 20% of the tour price and accommodation will be retained by us for cancellations made 4-8 weeks before departure. A cancellation fee of 50% will be charged for bookings cancelled 8-28 days prior to tour start. No refund is possible for cancellations less than 8 days before departure, or for no-shows, and a tour begun but not completed.



## Itinerary

### Day 1: Welcome to Iceland

Individual transfer by Flybus shuttle from Keflavik International airport to your accommodation in Reykjavik where you spend the night.

Overnight location:

Hotel Cabin (Standard room is 10m<sup>2</sup>) or Hótel Klettur (upgrade version), Reykjavík. Dinner is on your own. (50km / 31mls)



*Tjörnin, the lake with view to downtown Reykjavik*

## **Day 2: Reykjavik City Tour, Blue Lagoon & Reykjanes Peninsula**

At 09:00 meet your tour guide who shows the group the highlights of Iceland's exciting capital. Then we head out to the Reykjanes Peninsula with its hot springs, mountains, moon-like landscape, bird cliffs, lighthouses and fishing villages. In the afternoon we bathe in the Blue Lagoon.

Drive along the south coast to arrive in the village of Hella where we stay for two nights in simple cottages. There is an option to upgrade to studio rooms at the Stracta Hotel in Hella.

In the evening, we hear about the Northern Lights from our tour guide at Árhús Cabins. Naturally, once darkness falls, you are out in the garden waiting for the Northern Lights.

Overnight location:

Arhus Cottages or Hotel Stracta, Hella. Breakfast included. Dinner is on your own. (220km / 137mls)



*Skogafoss waterfall*



*Reynisfjara black sand beach*

## **Day 3: South Iceland with Optional Glacier Hike**

Today we travel along the south coast. We reach the area beneath the Eyjafjallajökull volcano and glacier. We stop at Seljalandsfoss waterfall and visit Skógar folk museum of early Modern Iceland with its turf houses. At lunch, we visit the Skógarfoss waterfall.

In the afternoon we offer an optional glacier walk on Sólheimarjökull's glacier tongue. If you book a trip without the glacier hike, the tour continues further south where you walk on the famous Black Lava Beach at Reynisfjara, observe the Cap of Dyrhólaey and the Reynisdrangar Sea Cliffs before visiting the charming village of Vík.

In the evening there is another presentation about the Northern Lights. If the night is clear, you might see the Northern Lights swirling in a wild and carefree dance across the heavens in dramatic shapes, colours, patterns and sizes.

Overnight location:

Arhus Cottages or Hotel Stracta Hella. Breakfast included. Dinner is on your own. (200km / 124mls)





*Gullfoss waterfall*



*Geysir hot spring*

#### **Day 4: Golden Circle & Visit Icelandic Horses**

In the morning we learn about the Icelandic horse, its unique qualities and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse. Then we travel the Golden Circle route, see steam rising from the Geysir geothermal fields and admire the double waterfall of Gullfoss. We end the afternoon at Þingvellir National Park, the location of the ancient Viking Parliament and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

An optional Northern Lights evening cruise can be booked for this day if the weather conditions are right.

Overnight location:

Hotel Cabin (Standard room is 10m<sup>2</sup>) or Hotel Klettur (upgrade version), Reykjavík. Breakfast included. Dinner is on your own. (210km / 130mls)

#### **Day 5: Departure home**

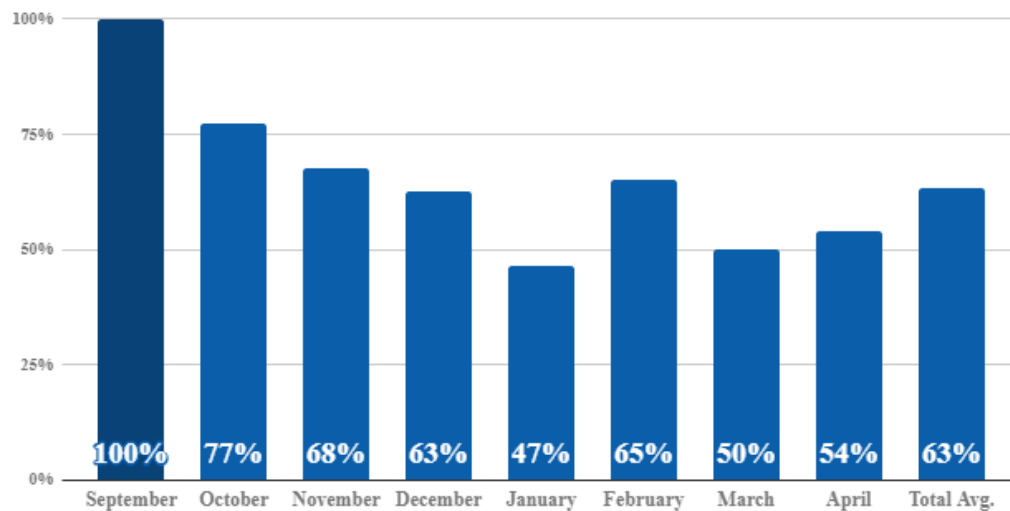
Individual transfer by Flybus shuttle bus from your accommodation in Reykjavik to Keflavik International Airport.

Breakfast included. (50km / 31mls)

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NOTE: Accommodations are subject to change.

## Aurora Statistics: Northern Lights sightings 2017 – 2019



### Frequently asked questions:

Are there restrictions on how much luggage I can bring?

You can take 1 piece of luggage (20 kg) and 1 piece of hand luggage with you.

What is the suggested budget for meals?

Somewhere between 8.000 and 10.000 ISK per person per day is a good budget for meals while on the tour.

Are there locations to purchase food while we are on the trip or must the meals be prepacked?

We will make stops during the tour at restaurants, supermarkets and gas stations where meals, drinks and snacks can be purchased while on the tour.

How much time is spent at each attraction?

We stop for about 40 minutes at each attraction.

Are the Northern Lights guaranteed on this trip?

The Northern Lights or Aurora Borealis as they are also referred to are one of the many natural wonders of the world and are a natural phenomenon. As a naturally occurring phenomenon, the appearance of the Northern Lights is notoriously difficult to predict any further in advance than about two hours before it happens. So much is dependent on solar activity, we cannot accurately predict when they will occur nor how frequently. Every endeavour will be made on this trip to see the Northern Lights if it is the correct time of year to see the lights, however, this is not guaranteed. The tour includes Northern Light walks from the hotels. Also, most of the hotels are located away from light pollution.

Where should I meet the guide?

You always meet with your tour guide on day 2, just before 9:00 am in the lobby of your hotel.

When and where does the tour start?

The tour always starts on on day 2, just before 9:00 am in the lobby of your hotel.

What are first and last days for?

Arrival and departure days are to make your flight arrangements easier and to have a free day of leisure. You can either arrive or depart at any time on first and last days. The tour will always start on day 2 and will end the second to last day.

In what language is the tour?

All of our tours are English-speaking.

When can we see the Northern Lights?

Usually 15th of September to 15th of April but you can start spotting them as early as mid-August and up to the end of April. Note that December and January are not better than other Winter months due to the darkness.