



*Northern Lights*

# The Northern Lights - In Style

Small Group Touring  
with First Class Hotels

2018 – 6 or 8 days

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With the Northern Lights in Style we offer you an exclusive escorted bus tour. You stay in first class hotels, travel in a tour bus offering two seats per person and the group size is small with maximum 16 persons. The tour is available as a 6-day or 8-day program. You experience unspoiled nature, geological wonders, cultural and culinary treats and a variety of soft adventures and activities during the day. At night you search for the Northern Lights: a mysterious, multi-coloured curtain of light swirling through the sky with a wondrous glow.

**Experience geothermal warmth at Fontana steam baths and Blue Lagoon**

**Glacier hike for beginners**

**Langoustine dinner, crab feast and gourmet dining**

**Meet the locals and learn about living with geo-powers**

**Visit a Cheese & Skyr making school**

**Educational Northern Lights program and guided Aurora hunts each evening**

**The 8 Day version of the Style tour has additional activities:**

**Super jeep adventure in West Iceland: highlands, glaciers, caves, hot springs.**

**A fjord cruise on one evening to look for the Northern Lights from the water**

## ITINERARY

### Day ZERO, SAT:

Leave US on an Overnight flight from the East coast, with an early morning arrival at Iceland's Keflavik Airport.

### Day 1, Sunday:

#### Welcome to Iceland!

On arrival the Flybus shuttle will transfer you from Keflavik Airport into Reykjavik where you spend the night at the first-class **Icelandair Hotel Marina in a superior room**. We'll provide you with ideas how to explore Iceland's capital, and have dinner on your own.

### Day 2, MON: Reykjavik, Cheese & Skyr School, National Park & Fontana Steam Baths

The day starts with a two-hour Reykjavik city tour. Visit the observation tower of the Hallgrímskirkja church offering

incredible panoramic views across the city. Learn about Iceland's unique dairy product skyr, and have a lovely lunch in a cheese school buttery. Then out to Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO world heritage site and a stop for a soak at the Fontana thermal baths. You'll spend 3 nights in the luxury country hotel Grímsborgir in South Iceland. After a gourmet dinner, our expert tour guide provides you with a seminar about the Northern Lights and teaches you how to take photos of this natural phenomenon. Step into the darkness, soak in the hotel's outdoor hot tubs and check if the Northern Lights are visible. White and green are usually the dominant colours of Northern Lights but sometimes there are considerable colour variations. They are ephemeral, however, sightings are not guaranteed.

### Day 3, TUE: Geothermal Power,

#### Meet the Locals, Langoustine Feast

Visit Gullfoss waterfall and the nearby Geysir geothermal fields with a variety of hot springs and bubbling pools. The explosion crater Kerið is filled with water and resembles an ancient amphitheatre. Meet a local who tells us all about living in an earthquake active place with its geothermal powers and challenges. You get the opportunity to boil egg in a hot spring and taste bread baked with hot steam. During a private tour around a local folk museum and a historic wooden church we taste shark meat, dried fish and Brennivín (Black Death) snaps. After a nice langoustine dinner at a nearby seashore restaurant we go outside to watch out for the magical Northern Lights before returning to the hotel.



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### Day 4, WED: Eyjafallajökull Volcano and Glacier Hike

Today, you will travel the south coast. First to Seljalandsfoss waterfall which plunges over the mountain. Then stop at the Eyjafallajökull Information Center to learn about living next to a glacier and an active volcano. Nearby is Skógafoss waterfall which is 60 meters high and one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. You can choose between a guided walk that is especially organized for beginners on a nearby glacier (total walking time is about 3 hours), or continue the bus tour to explore a black lava beach with bird cliffs. After a gourmet dinner at Hotel Grímsborgir, see a video presentation about Northern Lights as a part of the evenings' educational program and look to see if the auroras are across the sky.

### Day 5, THU: Viking Ship, Crab Feast & Blue Lagoon

Explore the Reykjanes peninsula and see the region's many unusual geological features: hot springs, moon-like landscapes, bird cliffs, light houses and fishing villages. Visit a Viking ship and history museum that tells the story about the Viking expansion across the North Atlantic. After a unique seafood & crab feast we visit the famous Blue Lagoon for a soak in its warm geothermal water. The comfort experience package includes the use of a towel and a bathrobe, a drink of your choice and a volcano scrub or an algae mask. Enjoy a delicious lamb dinner at the Northern Light Inn Hotel, where the 6-day program ends with an overnight and breakfast. Those on the 8-day tour return to **Icelandair Hotel Marina** in Reykjavík for a 3-night stay.

### Day 6, FRI: Departure for Home

Depending on your flight schedule, you may have time to visit the Blue Lagoon again or walk through the lava fields around the Northern Light Inn Hotel before taking the airport shuttle to Keflavík Airport.

### Day 6, FRI:

#### Extension for the 8 Day Program : Northern Lights Fjord Cruise

You'll have a free day to explore Iceland's capital, visit museums, go shopping, spa treatments or an optional whale watching tour. Included is a 2-3 hour Northern Lights hunt by boat to escape from the city lights.

### Day 7, SAT:

#### SuperJeep Tour (8 Day Program)

Explore West Iceland on a full day super-jeep tour: highland track, glaciers, lava caves, waterfalls, cultural site, hot springs, fjord and a visit to a micro-beer brewery. This is a true adventure with spectacular landscapes. Last night at **Icelandair Hotel Marina** in Reykjavík.

### Day 8, SUN:

#### Departure for Home (8 Day Program)

Depending on your flight schedule, you may have time to explore Reykjavík a bit more before taking the Flybus airport shuttle to Keflavík Airport.

### Tour dates 2018

Sat	Depart US	return	Fri or Sun
Lv US	end 6 day		end 8 day
SAT	Fri		Sun
13-Jan	19-Jan		21-Jan
3-Feb	9-Feb		11-Feb
10-Feb	16-Feb		18-Feb
17-Feb	23-Feb		25-Feb
24-Feb	2-Mar		4-Mar
3-Mar	9-Mar		11-Mar
10-Mar	16-Mar		18-Mar
17-Mar	23-Mar		25-Mar
24-Mar	30-Mar		1-Apr
31-Mar	6-Apr		8-Apr



**Both tours limited to  
16 pax max**



## PRACTICAL TOUR INFORMATION:

**Daily Travel:** Total mileage from day 2-5 is about 850 km (527 miles) which is an average of 212 km (132 miles) per day. You spend about 3 hours per day on the bus, depending on road conditions, traffic and daily distances. NOTE: In rare cases, a change of itinerary might be necessary during winter programs in Iceland, should snow, road and weather conditions not allow to follow the scheduled itinerary, and certain outdoor activities might be altered or cancelled.

**Accommodations:** First class hotels, in rooms with shower/wc

Day 1: Icelandair Hotel Marina in downtown Reykjavík / Superior rooms

Day 2, 3, 4: Luxury Country Hotel Grímsborgir in South Iceland. The hotel is built in a village set up, with different buildings including villas, hotel and restaurant. Note that it is about 2 minutes' walk from the guest rooms to the restaurant where breakfast and dinner is served. Possibility for bus transport if weather conditions are not favorable for the short and refreshing walk. Grímsborgir Hotel offers geothermal outdoor hot tubs.

Day 5: Northern Light Inn Hotel at the Blue Lagoon for the 6 days / 5 night's program. Next day there is a hotel shuttle to Keflavík Airport, about a 20 minute drive.

Day 5, 6, 7: Icelandair Hotel Marina in downtown Reykjavík / Superior rooms for the 8 days / 7 night's program

**Included:** International airfare from Icelandairs east coast gateways: BOS, JFK, Newark, PHL, Orlando. Arrival & departure airport transfer by FLYBUS shuttle, Fully escorted 4-day bus tour with an English-speaking guide and 2 seats per person on the bus, Welcome cocktail at Hotel Grímsborgir and Northern Lights Cocktail at Hotel Northern Light Inn, Entrance to observation tower at Hallgrímskirkja church in Reykjavík, Lunch and seminar at the cheese & skyr school in Reykjavík, Entrance with towel at Fontana steam baths, Entrance to Kerið volcano crater, Guided tour in Hveragerði with egg boiling and hot steam bread tasting, meet the locals and private tour at folk museum and historic church in South Iceland, Shark meat, dried fish and Brennivín tasting, Multimedia presentation at Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Information Center • Glacier hike for beginners, Entrance to Viking ship and history museum, Experience package at Blue Lagoon that includes entrance fee, towel, bathrobe, a drink of your choice and a volcano scrub or an algae mask, Northern Lights program during 4 evenings with a combination of lectures, presentations, film and guided searches for the Northern Lights and midnight refreshments, Use of winter & Northern Lights explorer equipment: simple non-slip snow & ice grippers spikes for shoes and a flash light that is helpful when walking in the dark and operating the photo camera at night.



The 2-nights extension program includes additionally: • Northern Lights fjord cruise • Full day super-jeep adventure in West Iceland including beer tasting at local brewery **Group Size:** Small groups with maximum 16 persons for both tours,

**Dinners and Lunches:** In Reykjavik, the dinner is on your own. There are many restaurants both for fast food and a fine a la carte dining in Iceland's capital. From day 2-5 most meals are included. If you have any special diet requests or allergies, please let us know at the moment of your booking. Daily lunch stops are at road side diners or restaurants.

**Northern Lights:** This tour series is designed to spend 4 evenings in the countryside to maximize the chances of seeing the elusive Northern Lights. Each evening will have a presentation, lecture, or film and then guided searches for the Aurora Borealis – the Northern Lights. All countryside hotels in this program offer a Northern Lights wake up call for guests that register for that special service at the hotel reception. Keep in mind that the Aurora is dependent on weather and therefore sightings are not guaranteed. But it is worth the patience which is much required. Because they are a winter event, you need to be prepared to wait outside while looking for them. It is best to dress very warmly, in layers, with good footwear, gloves, hats and whatever else makes you comfortable while awaiting this ephemeral event.



