

Iceland



Northern Lights Around Iceland

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An Eight Day
Tour

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Awe-inspiring, magical, breathtaking, spellbinding, mesmerizing”, these are a few of the words to describe the Aurora Borealis or - as they are more commonly called - the Northern Lights. In fact, no amount of words or, indeed, images could ever do real justice to the Aurora. It is one of Mother Nature’s most spectacular natural phenomena. This winter adventure goes to North, East and South Iceland. Join us for a group tour around the country in pursuit of Northern Lights.

Day 0, Saturday; Leave the US on an overnight flight to Iceland from one of Icelandairs’s many gateways

Day 1, Sunday:

Welcome to Iceland (50 km/31 mls)

The Flybus shuttle brings travelers from Keflavík International Airport to the the hotel in Reykjavík. We provide you with ideas how to explore Iceland’s capital on your own, dinner suggestions too! Food lovers will be pleased and perhaps even impressed by the number of diverse restaurants in Reykjavík. Many award winning chefs create delicious Icelandic

cuisine that is characterized by an imaginative use of local ingredients such as fresh seafood, organic lamb and wild game; but be sure to try the fabulous Icelandic hotdog and pizza too!

Day 2, Monday:

The Capital of the North and Lake Myvatn (140 km/87 mls)

You’ll meet your tour guide and take a short plane ride north to Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland. This charming town of 17,000 inhabitants will be explored before traveling to Goðafoss, the waterfalls of the Gods. Then onto Lake Mývatn known for its geological wonders, active bird life and being Iceland’s winter wonderland - it also has Iceland’s coldest temperatures. There are a stroll through the pseudo

craters and the lava field at Dimmuborgir “the dark castles”. In the evening, join a lecture about Northern Lights, relax at Mývatn Nature Baths and get ready to chase the elusive Northern Lights.

Day 3, Tuesday:

Traveling to the East (220 km/137 mls)

The day starts at the Mývatn bird museum and followed by a trip to the hot spring area of Námaskarð with bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras. Head through the uninhabited highlands and a moonlike surrounding to East Iceland. With some luck you might spot an Arctic fox or see some reindeer. Overnight is at the Hotel Hallormsstaður located in Iceland’s largest forest, a perfect setting for hunting the magical auroras.



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Day 4, Wednesday:

Walk in the Woods, Visit Fishing Villages and Meet the Locals (120 km/75 mls)

After a walk through the Hallormsstaður arboretum you'll head to Eskifjörður, a charming seaside village in the East Fjords. Here you'll visit the local maritime museum, take a private tour through a historic seaman's lodge and get the opportunity to taste locally produced shark meat, dried fish and Brennivín snaps. The local photographer and Aurora hunter, Ms. Jónína Guðrún Óskarsdóttir, offers some of her best Northern Lights photos, talks about her Aurora encounters and if the weather conditions are suitable, will lead you to her secret Northern Lights spot just outside the village. Overnight at Fosshotel East Fjords.

Day 5, Thursday:

Fjords, A Glacier and Ice (385 km/239 mls)

The day starts with a visit to Petra's incredible collection of stones and minerals before heading out to admire the dramatic fjord landscape with its tiny fishing villages at the end of twisty roads in the East Fjords. Soon you'll see Vatnajökull, Europe's biggest glacier and enjoy a stop at the glacial lagoon, Jökulsárlón. Visit the tiny turf church at Hof and then through the largest national park in Europe. Be careful not to go to bed too soon in this remote and quiet location, or you may just miss out one more chance of seeing the Northern Lights shimmering and dancing across the night sky. Overnight in the region.

Day 6, Friday:

The South Coast (255 km/158 mls)

A beautiful drive filled with many natural wonders awaits you today heading across the Eldhraun lava field. There are sandy deserts, mountainous cliffs, glaciers and waterfalls, the black sand beach at Reynisfjara, the Skógafoss waterfall which is 60 meters high and one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. At the Eyjafjallajökull Information Center we learn about living next to a glacier and an active volcano. Continue to the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall. After dinner there's a film presentation about Northern Lights which is part of the Northern Lights educational program. Then, of course, once darkness falls, head out to chase the Northern Lights and to soak in the hotel's outdoor hot tubs. Overnight in South Iceland.

Day 7, Saturday:

The Golden Circle (190 km/118 mls)

Explore the Golden Circle sights: Geysir geothermal fields, Gullfoss waterfall and Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. On your return to Reykjavík, you'll see some of the highlights of the world's northernmost capital. Last night in Reykjavík.

Day 8, Sunday:

Depart for Home (50 km/31 mls)

You may have the morning free to relax, shop, enjoy the swimming pools or perhaps schedule a visit to the Blue



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Daily driving: Total mileage without airport transfer is 1.310 km (814 miles) which is an average of 219 km (135 miles) per day. You spend about 3 hours per day on the bus, depending on road conditions, traffic and daily distances. On some days the driving might be longer than on some other days.



Land only price for

Northern Lights Around Iceland **\$2512** per person double occupancy
8 day/7 night escorted tour **\$3517** single

Dates

Leave US

Sat Feb 13
Sat Feb 20
Sat Feb 27
Sat Mar 5
Sat Mar 12
Sat Mar 19
Sat Mar 26

Return to US

Sun Feb 21
Sun Feb 28
Sun Mar 6
Sun Mar 13
Sun Mar 20
Sun Mar 27
Sun Apr 3

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