

THE TRAVEL CLUB

ICELAND: Reykjavik & The Northern Lights

6 DAYS: Saturday, March 2-Thursday, March 7, 2019

\$2,889 per person double occupancy; \$3,209 for single reservations

EXPLORE THE “LAND OF FIRE AND ICE” with its dramatic volcanic landscape, steaming lava fields, hot springs, thundering waterfalls, glacier-sculpted mountains, black-sand beaches, and, best of all, have the rare opportunity to see the elusive Northern Lights. In Reykjavik—both cosmopolitan and small-town, young-at-heart and full of history—we’ll see the sights and then travel the Golden Circle to experience Iceland’s most renowned natural wonders: Thingvellir National Park, the double cascade of spectacular Gullfoss Waterfall and the geothermal field of Geysir. A full-day excursion brings us to the south coast—black sand beaches, glaciers and picturesque villages—and an exhilarating evening cruise to seek out the aurora borealis. Our holiday winds down at the marvelous Blue Lagoon before a group farewell dinner.

Your tour package includes

- 4 nights in handpicked hotels, 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners with beer or wine
- 4 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Reykjavik, northern lights cruise, the Golden Circle, Great Geysir geothermal area, Gullfoss,
- Seljalandsfoss, Eyjafjallajökull volcano, the Blue Lagoon,

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 2 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including wet, slippery gravel, and paved paths with some uphill climbs.

FEATURES

Reykjavik tour; Golden Circle: Thingvellir National Park, Great Geyser geothermal area, Golden Waterfall. Northern Lights excursion. Excursion to South Coast: Seljalandsfoss waterfall, Eyjafjallajökull volcano, Sólheimajökull glacier and northern lights cruise. Excursion to Blue Lagoon. **OPTIONAL: WEST ICELAND & REYKJAVIK 2n post-tour extension \$799 pp/do land.**



Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Reykjavik today.

Reykjavik

Day 2: Arrival in Reykjavik & sightseeing tour

Included meals: Dinner

Welcome to Iceland! Get a feel for Reykjavik, often called "the greenest city on Earth," with your Tour Director leading the way. • See the iconic Höfði House, Perlan Restaurant, and the presidential residence at Bessastadir • Visit Hallgrím's Church and the University District • Pass the Old Town Center, Parliament House, and modern City Hall • Glimpse the artwork of Ásmundur Sveinsson and Einar Jónsson, both famous Icelandic artists Join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner this evening.

Day 3: The Golden Circle & northern lights excursion

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Leave the bustle of Reykjavik behind as you travel along the Golden Circle, a ring of some of Iceland's most magnificent natural wonders. • Stop at Thingvellir National Park to see the Althing, an open-air governmental assembly that was established in 930 and continued to meet until 1798 • Explore the Great Geysir geothermal area, located in the Haukadalur Valley • Discover Gullfoss, or "the Golden Waterfall," a natural wonder and one of the most powerful waterfalls in Europe Tonight, set off in search of the northern lights. You'll transfer one hour outside of Reykjavik, where less artificial light pollution makes for clearer night skies. *(Please note: This excursion is weather dependent and seeing the aurora borealis is not guaranteed. In the event of bad weather, this excursion will be moved to the evening of day 5.)*

Day 4: The South Coast & northern lights cruise

Included meals: Breakfast

Embark on an excursion to the South Coast, a lowland region of lush farmland, striking waterfalls, beaches, glaciers, and picturesque villages. • Stand behind the impressive Seljalandsfoss waterfall • View the Eyjafjallajökull volcano • Marvel at the beauty of the Sólheimajökull glacier *(weather permitting)* • Walk on the South Coast's black sands Then, sail away from the coastline on an evening cruise while

searching the sky for the famous northern lights, also known as the aurora borealis. *(Please note: This excursion is weather dependent and seeing the aurora borealis is not guaranteed.)*

Day 5: The Blue Lagoon

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Travel to the Blue Lagoon, a famed geothermal spa known for its restorative properties and ethereal water. • Float weightlessly in the lagoon's light blue water, which is a mix of freshwater and seawater that's warmed deep in the Earth • Relax with therapeutic spa treatments and massages *(at additional cost)* Celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner this evening.

Day 6: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to continue exploring Iceland.

Add an extension to West Iceland & Reykjavik

from \$799 **2 nights**

West Iceland

Day 6: West Iceland & Langjökull Glacier

Included meals: Breakfast

Travel to Husafell this morning, stopping en route to admire West Iceland's dramatically varied landscapes. • Visit Troll Falls along the Grimsa River, where you may spot a troll face carved into the nearby cliff • Marvel at Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring • Admire Hraunfossar, clear falls that stream over a lava field, and see the nearby cascades of Barnafoss • Visit Reykholt, a historic village that was home to medieval writer and chieftain Snorri Sturluson • Drive in a specially modified snow truck on the Langjökull Glacier, Iceland's second largest, and walk through the glacier's interior ice tunnels

Reykjavik

Day 7: Reykjavik via Bogarnes

Included meals: Breakfast

On your way back to Reykjavik, stop in the town of Borgarnes to visit an Icelandic settlement exhibition and learn more about Viking history.

Day 8: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.