

6 days | 5 nights

# Natural Wonders & Hunt for the Northern Lights

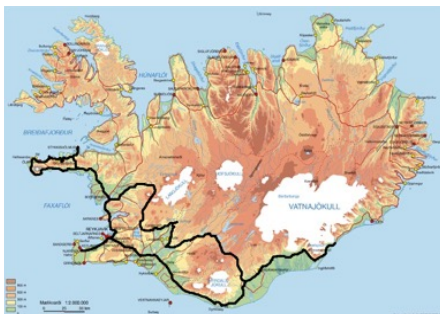


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## DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ICELAND

Arrival at Keflavik International Airport.  
 Transfer to your accommodation in Reykjavík.

Overnight in Reykjavík



## DAY 2: GOLDEN CIRCLE – HELLA AREA

In the morning our tour guide will pick you up at your hotel and we start our trip by driving to Þingvellir National Park. Þingvellir is a place highly interesting from both geological and historical point of view. Here you can see the effects of the tectonic plate movements which has opened various cracks and fissures in the earth crust, and it was here that the Icelandic Parliament was founded in the 10th century.

Afterwards we keep on driving along the route of the “Golden Circle” with a visit of the famous geothermal site of Geysir where the Strokkur hot spring ejects its water

column high into the air every 5 – 10 minutes. Numerous other small springs are boiling and bubbling all around. Then we only have a short drive to reach Gullfoss, a spectacular waterfall which Icelanders refer to as the “golden” waterfall.

Drive to our hotel in Hella area.

In the evening - like on all evenings of the trip - keep your eyes open in search for the Northern Lights that appear on the winter sky when conditions are right (our hotels on this tour are among other reasons chosen because of their location away from the light pollution of villages and cities).

### Optional ADD-ON: Friðheimar greenhouse

Discover one of the many benefits of geothermal energy: greenhouse horticulture. Visit an organic greenhouse where tomatoes grow throughout the year thanks to the geothermal resources of the region. Tomato tasting at the end of the visit.

Included with supplement: Entrance fee



### Optional ADD-ON: Secret Lagoon

Gamla Lauginn, also known as Secret Lagoon, was once the place where people from the region learned to swim but mostly came meet and talk. Located in the village of Flúðir, south of Gullfoss and Geysir, the lagoon is ideally situated so that it can be visited at the end of the day’s visits.

Included with supplement: Entrance fee and towel rental

Driving distance approx. 220 km  
 Overnight in Hella area





### DAY 3: SKÓGAR – VÍK – KIRKJUBÆJARKLAUSTUR AREA

Today we head towards Iceland's South Region and the day will take us all the way to the small village Kirkjubæjarklaustur. Along the way we stop at different places like Seljalandsfoss Waterfall, a small but a picturesque waterfall behind which one can actually walk. We also make a stop at Skógar where we will have a look at the Skógafoss Waterfall, one of the highest in Iceland.

We continue our drive in the direction of Vík village, located in an idyllic setting famous for the Reynisdrangar pillars that rise from the sea just off the shore. We will take a refreshing walk on the magnificent black sand of Reynisfjara beach with its basalt columns of all sizes and shapes. From here we have a great view as well of the rock pillars. Legend says that the pillars originated when two trolls dragged a three-masted ship to land unsuccessfully and when daylight broke, they became needles of rock.

Driving distance approx. 200 km  
Overnight in Klaustur area



### DAY 4: SKAFTAFELL – JÖKULSÁR-LÓN – KIRKJUBÆJARKLAUSTUR AREA

This day is dedicated to exploring the southeast of Iceland. We cross the Skeiðarár-sandur outwash plains with lovely views of



the largest glacier in Europe, the Vatnajökull Glacier. Once we have crossed this vast black desert, we reach Skaftafell National Park, a beautiful area right at the foot of Vatnajökull Glacier which is known for its unique nature and abundant vegetation, like an oasis between the black desert and the glaciers. If conditions allow, we will take a short hike to the beautiful waterfall, Svartifoss.

We head further east to one of the probably most famous attractions of South Iceland, the spectacular Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, where icebergs break down from the Vatnajökull glacier and float on the lake. Here we will take time to walk around and enjoy the breath-taking scenery and visit the beach where numerous icebergs have floated ashore, transforming the beach as it were covered in diamonds. Maybe some curious seals will also show their heads while they watch us contemplate the area. Drive back to hotel for overnight.

Driving distance approx. 200 km  
Overnight in Klaustur area

### DAY 5: HVOLSVÖLLUR – REYKJAVÍK

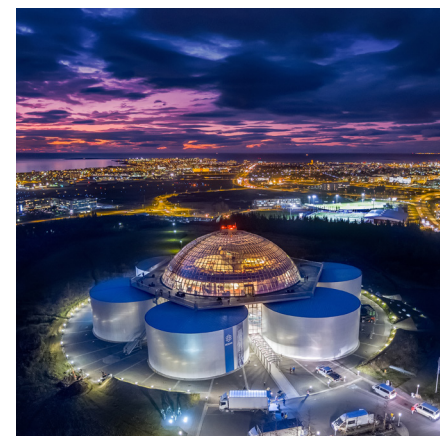
Today we make our way back to Reykjavik along the South Shore. Once we arrive in Reykjavik, we finish our trip with a city sightseeing tour through the capital of Iceland. Many of the city's monuments are on our list; like the Perlan Building, a dome built on warm water tanks, the Höfði house where the Reykjavik summit took place in 1986, the Town Hall and the Parliament in the oldest part of the city, as well as the Hallgrímskirkja Church and the old harbour.

#### **Optional ADD-ON: Lava Center**

Stop at the Lava Center in Hvolsvöllur, an interactive museum on volcanic activity in Iceland, earthquakes and the creation of the island over the last 15 million years.

Included with supplement: Entrance fee

Driving distance approx. 200 km  
Overnight in Reykjavik



### DAY 6: DEPARTURE / OR EXTENDED STAY

Transfer to Keflavik International Airport for departure flight.

Possibility to book extra nights in Reykjavik and excursions for extended