

# Northern Lights & Glacier Lagoons

5 days | Starts/Ends: Reykjavik



Depart from Reykjavik and embark on a 5 day quest to discover the Northern Lights at their brilliant best anytime between October and April. Visit Reykjavik, learn all about volcanic lava, explore ginormous glacial lagoons, black sandy beaches, wondrous waterfalls and explosive geysers!

## HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

### Trip Highlights

- Reykjavik: become acquainted with the Capital of Iceland
- Golden Circle: Say hello to Geysir geothermal fields, Gullfoss Waterfall, Strokkur geyser, Thingvellir National Park UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Hella: explore Icelandic countryside for Northern Lights hunting
- Vatnajökull region: see Vatnajökull NP, glaciers, icebergs and Northern Lights viewing
- Vik: take in magnificent Lava fields, the iconic Icelandic Lava Show, Mýrdalsjökull glacier and stroll along the black lava beach
- Eyjafjallajökull Glacier: home to the famous eruption of April 2010 that halted international air travel for a week

- Seljalandsfoss: stand small before the Seljalandsfoss Waterfalls

### What's Included

- 4 breakfasts and midnight refreshment
- 4 nights simple 2 - 3 star Accommodation
- Arrival and Departure Transfer with FlyBus from Keflavik Airport
- Services of an English Speaking Icelandic Guide
- Transportation in heated coaches with free Wi-Fi on board
- Entrance to Kerid volcano crater
- Visit to the Icelandic Lava Show in Vik.
- Northern Lights programme during 2 evenings with a combination of lectures, presentations, film and guided searches for the Northern Lights and midnight refreshments
- Use of winter and Northern lights explorer equipment: simple non-slip snow and ice grippers spikes for shoes and a flash light that is helpful when walking in the dark and operating a photo camera at night
- This tour is operated in conjunction with our trusted partner and you will join travellers from different operators, not solely On The Go. The sightseeing group may vary in size from 10 - 30 persons.

### What's Not Included

- International Flights and Visas

- Gratuity for your tour guide. Tipping your tour guide is an entirely personal gesture

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Reykjavik

Reykjavik. Welcome to Iceland and the start of your Northern Lights adventure! Your transfer to your accommodation is by Flybus shuttle. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### Overnight - Reykjavik

### Day 2 : Golden Circle



Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Selfoss. This morning we take a short tour of some of the highlights of Reykjavik. Later on we depart Reykjavik for Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO world heritage site, and where the Althingi, the oldest legislative assembly in the world was founded.

Next we explore the hot springs at Geysir, these natural springs bubble away in the ground before exploding in spectacular style.

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Geysir and Strokkur are the two biggest of the geysers in the area and while Geysir is no longer active, Strokkur still spouts every 5 to 15 minutes to the delight of visitors. Next we travel to Gullfoss, "the golden falls", which is a double waterfall that tumbles 34 meters into the Hvítá river and one of Iceland's most beautiful. We continue to Kerio, a caldera with a crater lake on the bottom and which resembles an ancient amphitheatre

This evening, we hear all about the Northern Lights from our tour guide. Naturally, once darkness falls, the suspense builds as we expectantly wait in the garden for the Northern Lights. **Overnight - Selfoss (B)**

## Day 3 : Lagoons & Parks



Selfoss - Jokulsarlon - Vatnajökull NP - Hofn. After breakfast we soak in the scenery on our lengthy drive to a world of glaciers and icebergs at Jokulsarlon glacial lagoon. We explore this extraordinary site with our eyes peeled for seals swimming in the cold waters. We can walk on the black sandy beach where large icebergs get stranded.

The Vatnajökull National Park is about 12,000 square kilometers and is the largest National Park in Europe. In this area we find Iceland's highest mountains including Europe's largest glacier.

Travelling with us between 15th November and 15th March? Then you'll have the option to take an Ice Cave Tour (see Trip Notes for more information).

Tonight we enjoy a movie presentation about the Northern Lights as a part of the Northern Lights educational program. Try to stay up a little longer in this remote and quiet location to boost your chances of the

Northern Lights glistening and dancing across the night sky.

**Overnight - Hofn (B)**

## Day 4 : Lava Field & Lava Show



Vatnajökull region - Vik - Eyjafjallajökull - Seljalandsfoss - Reykjavik. Today, we head across the Laki lava field to the village of Vik to visit the amazing Icelandic Lava Show - the only place in the world where you can experience flowing lava in a safe environment. We then take a stroll on the black lava beach and along the bird cliffs at Reynisfjara beach in South Iceland, passing the glacier Mýrdalsjökull and the infamous volcano Eyjafjallajökull continuing on to Skógafoss waterfall.

Further west we reach the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall which plunges over the mountain. Those wishing to get a bit closer can take a trail that goes behind the falling water but be prepared to get wet! In the evening you return to Reykjavik for one last night. An optional Northern Lights bus tour or fjord cruise can be booked on the spot, if the weather conditions are ideal. We stay for one night in Iceland's capital. **Overnight - Reykjavik (B)**

## Day 5 : Reykjavik



Today our Northern Lights Icelandic experience comes to an end with included FlyBus transfer to Keflavik Airport.(B)

## HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

### Hotel Cabin

Just a short walk from the waterfront, Hotel Cabin offers comfortable accommodation, rooms are modern and cosy with en suite facilities. The hotel also boasts a buffet restaurant and lobby bar as well as complimentary Wi-Fi for all guests. The city centre is an interesting 15 - 20 minute walk away and the local geothermal Laugardalslaug swimming pool is a 5 minute walk away.



### Hotel Eyjafjallajökull

Offering a quiet location in southern Iceland, Hotel Eyjafjallajökull is a great base for visiting the beautiful Seljalandsfoss Waterfall. Housed in a wood-paneled building, its guestrooms are bright and modern, with the added benefit of free WiFi so you can stay connected despite the rural setting. Enjoy a hearty meal in the hotel's restaurant and unwind in the garden or on the outdoor terrace. There's plenty of hiking trails nearby as well as a number of outdoor activities available such as golf, fishing and horse-riding.

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## Hotel Hofn

Located in Hofn on the south eastern coast of Iceland, this charming hotel boasts beautiful views of the Vatnajökull glacier, the largest glacier in Europe. Its modern, ensuite guestrooms benefit from free WiFi and luxury organic toiletries made in Iceland. The a la carte restaurant serves local specialties such as langoustine, which the fishing village of Hofn is famous for, as well as plenty of vegetarian dishes. During the summer, guests can dine out on the terrace and enjoy a drink or two during happy hour.



### PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price.

### PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
27 Sep	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
11 Oct	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
25 Oct	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
01 Nov	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
08 Nov	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
15 Nov	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
22 Nov	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
29 Nov	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
06 Dec	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
13 Dec	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225

### PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
03 Jan	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
10 Jan	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
17 Jan	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
24 Jan	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
31 Jan	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
07 Feb	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
14 Feb	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
21 Feb	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
28 Feb	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
07 Mar	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
14 Mar	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
21 Mar	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
28 Mar	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225
04 Apr	CAD 1,745	CAD 2,225