

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
- Vatnajokull region: see Vatnajokull 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

DETAILED 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. Your travel documents include a separate voucher for the FLYBUS airport shuttle, located outside the arrival hall in front of the main airport exit. If you need assistance, contact the Flybus representative at their sales counter in the arrival hall. The transfer takes about 45 minutes to BSI bus station in Reykjavik. There you might either continue with the same bus or be transferred to a smaller coach to your accommodation in Reykjavik (see information on your separate voucher), according to instructions of the driver. For the check-in at your accommodation in Reykjavik see separate voucher. This itinerary will give you an idea how to explore Iceland's capital on your own.

If you wish to maximize your chances to see the Northern Lights, you might want to book an evening Northern Lights bus tour on arrival day at the front desk of your accommodation, if the weather conditions are good. These tours can be booked on the same day and they start at 21:00 or 22:00, depending on

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season. Pick up from the accommodation starts 30 minutes prior.

Distance covered: 50km/31miles

Overnight - Reykjavik

Day 2 : Golden Circle



Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Selfoss. Departing our hotel this morning (see tour voucher for time) we meet our tour guide and 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. This is one of Iceland's most fascinating places both geologically and for the role it plays in the country's history and sense of national identity. Situated on the tectonic plate boundaries of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and part of a fissure zone running through Iceland, Thingvellir fascinates natural scientists. The faults and fissures of the area tell a story of the rifting of the earth's crust.

Continuing on we explore the hot springs at Geysir, these natural springs bubble ominously away in the ground before exploding in spectacular style. Geysir and Strokkur are the two biggest of the geysers in the area and while Geysir no longer is 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.

This evening, your tour guide tells you all you need to know about the Northern Lights. Naturally, once darkness falls, we are out in the garden waiting expectantly for the Northern Lights. We stay for one night in simple cottages in South Iceland.

Distance covered: 220 km/136 miles

Overnight - Selfoss (B)

Day 3 : Lagoons & Parks



Selfoss - Jokulsarlon - Vatnajokull NP - Hofn. After breakfast we begin a long drive to a world of glaciers and icebergs at Jokulsarlon glacial lagoon. We explore this extraordinary site on the lookout 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 and Europe's largest glacier.

If you are travelling with us between 15th November and 15th March then today there will be the option to take an Ice Cave Tour (see below 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, or you may just miss out one more chance of seeing the Northern Lights glistening and dancing across the night sky.

Distance Covered: 385 km/239 miles

Overnight - Hofn (B)

Day 4 : Lava Field & Lava Show



Vatnajokull region - Vik - Eyjafjallajokull - Seljalandsfoss - Reykjavik. Today, we head across the Laki lava field to the village of Vik for the stunning Icelandic Lava Show - the only show in the world where you can experience actual flowing lava! By melting lava and pouring it on ice in a room full of people, you'll be able to see the lava flowing, hear it sizzling, and feel the heat that radiates from it. Later we 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 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.

Distance Covered: 305 km/189 miles

Overnight - Reykjavik (B)

Day 5 : Reykjavik



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Today our Northern Lights Icelandic experience comes to an end with included FlyBus transfer to Keflavik Airport. Pick up time is according to reservation arrangements that you made with the receptionist at your hotel on the evening prior to flight departure. Your travel documents should include a separate voucher for your transfer to the airport.

Distance covered: 50km/31miles(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.



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.



Tour Arrangements

This tour is operated in conjunction with other tourist groups, not solely On The Go. You will join travellers from several different operators, some staying in different hotels for sightseeing each day and spend your evenings at leisure. The sightseeing group may vary in size from 10 - 30 persons.

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions.

Optional Ice Cave Tour (15th Novemeber - 15th March)

Experience a spectacular crystal ice cave on Day 3 in Europe's largest glacier, Vatnajökull. It is like standing under a frozen blue ocean or in a frozen cathedral surrounded by millions of shades of blue. Deep under Iceland's massive Vatnajökull glacier, beautiful caves of ice are formed by rivers of meltwater during the

summer time. Too dangerous to visit in the spring and summer due to a threat of collapse, cold winter temperatures strengthen the ice and make exploration possible and safe to visit between November 15th and March 15th (subject to change). The tour takes about 2,5 hours in total - about 30 minute drive by 4x4 vehicle from the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon and 5-15 minutes hike (one-way). You spend about one hour inside the ice cave. You need good hiking boots, warm clothing that keeps you dry from the dripping water in the ice cave. Minimum age is 10 years old. The ice cave tour can only be booked on day 2 of this tour. You will have to fill in and sign an order form, once done a cancellation is not possible. Ice cave bookings have to be finalized with the guide by lunch time on day 2 of the tour. Bookings afterwards cannot be accommodated due to limited space. The price ISK 23.000 (about EUR 167) per person is based on Mar 2019 and is subject to change. Payment is due with the ice cave tour operator on day 3 in Icelandic Krona – in cash or card! The ice cave explorers meet their local guide at the glacier lagoon at 15:00 and will be brought back to the hotel after the ice cave tour.

Optional Northern Lights evening tours from Reykjavik

If you wish to maximize your chances to see the Northern Lights, you might want to book an evening Northern Lights bus tour on the arrival day at the front desk of your accommodation, if the weather conditions are good. These tours can be booked on the same day and they start at 21:00 or 22:00, depending on season. Pick up from the accommodation starts 30 minutes prior. The companies that operate these tours are decide between 18:00- 19:00 whether the excursions will be operated or not.

There are also Northern Lights boat tours in the fjord/bay of Reykjavik. These Northern Lights cruises could get cancelled due to unfavourable weather conditions. When the Northern Lights forecast looks good - but it is too windy to go out on sea – these excursions might still be made by bus. If you are interested to participate in such a Northern Lights cruise, we suggest booking

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directly with the reception staff at your accommodation once you arrive in Iceland and if the weather conditions are suitable for such optional excursions.

Daily Driving

Total mileage without airport transfer is about 910 km / 564 miles which is an average of 303 km (188 miles) per day. You spend about 4 hours per day on the bus, depending on road conditions and daily distances. On some days the driving might be longer than on some other days.

Meals

In Reykjavik there are many restaurants for fast food and fine a la carte dining in both towns. See suggestions for dining in Reykjavik on the PDF available at your login. <http://www.onthegotours.com/Login>

For lunches calculate from ISK 1,000 up (about EUR 6) depending what you are planning to eat. Warm soups and meals start from ISK 1,400 (about EUR 9) up and cost up to ISK 3,500 (EUR 24). Lunch stops are at restaurants, road side petrol station diners or café-shops en route.

Northern Lights Programme

This program includes during 2 evenings a combination of presentations, lectures, film and guided searches at spots that are likely to offer a glimpse of the Aurora Borealis – the Northern Lights. All countryside accommodation in this program offer a Northern Lights wake up call for guests that register for that special service at the reception.

The tour is dependent on weather and therefore Northern Lights sightings are not guaranteed. The Northern Lights are in the northern hemisphere from September through April but are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. Like many natural wonders, the Northern Lights are ephemeral – they may be visible, they may appear for a bit and then be gone (it is not a TV show that you can just turn on and off). 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 will make you comfortable while

you patiently await this truly outstanding light show. For the best photos we recommend using a tripod.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Double rooms in Iceland

Please note that in Iceland double rooms are not very common - instead twin rooms are more likely. We can request double rooms if required but these are not guaranteed.

Visas

UK, AUS, NZ, USA and CAN passport holders do not require a visa at present to enter Iceland for touristic purposes for a stay of up to 90 days.

South African passport holders can obtain a visa prior to arrival for touristic purposes, for a stay of up to 90 days. Please note that there is no Iceland Embassy in South Africa, you will need to apply at the Royal Danish Embassy in Pretoria.

A full passport with two full blank pages and at least 6 months validity beyond date of exit from Iceland upon entrance is essential. Please check your personal visa requirements with your embassy if you are from another country.

Please double-check all visa requirements with the relevant embassy at least one month before travel as the above is intended as a guide.

Please Note: Visa information is subject to change. Contact your nearest Iceland Embassy for the most up to date information. Visa procurement remains the responsibility of the passenger and not that of On The Go

Flybus Transfer

Applies to all tours except the Iceland Getaway tour.

If you have the Flybus/Reykjavik Excursions airport shuttle included in your tour package then please note the transfers are on an individual basis and without a guide. The bus operates in connection with all arriving and departing flights from the Keflavik airport. So

if you are arriving late at night or your flight is delayed, don't worry, there will be a Flybus waiting for you.

Once you have cleared immigration and collected your bags please head to the exit of the airport where the bus(es) will be waiting. Please note that it may be necessary to change buses at the BSI (central bus station in Reykjavik) depending on your start hotel. The staff of the Reykjavik Excursions/Flybus are very friendly, speak great English and will help with any questions you may have.

Please note that the FLYBUS no longer stops at the Centrehotel Plaza for Land of the Northern Lights Comfort Upgrade and Northern Lights Exploration (including Small Group) but at a bus stop (number 4 Tryggvagata) a 4 minute walk from your hotel. Please see the map on the below link:

<https://www.re.is/media/map/BusStop4-Centerhotel-Plaza.jpg>

The Flybus has free Wi-Fi on board and sometimes USB charging points. It usually takes around 45 minutes to an hour from airport to hotel (and v.v.)

Currency

The official currency in Iceland is Icelandic Krona.

Pound Sterling, US Dollars or other major currencies can be exchanged in Iceland, and you'll get a better rate of exchange if you buy and sell in destination. Just about every establishment in Iceland will accept a credit card, including taxis, gas stations, souvenir stands, and even the most remote guest house, so it is not necessary to carry large amounts of Icelandic currency. However, due to the currency's instability some credit cards are still wary of Krona transactions, so check with your bank before you go and don't rely entirely on plastic. It's advisable to request bank notes in smaller denominations, as it can sometimes be hard to get change from large notes and smaller notes are handy for smaller purchases and gratuities.

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Traveller's Cheques are not recommended as they're often difficult to exchange and incur high fees.

Time & Voltage

Iceland is on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and does not observe daylight saving.

The voltage here is 220 volts at 50 Hz (cycles/second) which is standard throughout most of Europe (U.K. 240 volts). Icelandic electrical standards are European (50Hz, 220 volts) so many North American electrical devices will require converters and all will require plug adapters.

See 'Special Notes for North American Visitors' for more information.

Health Requirements

The medical facilities in Iceland are good and available free to European Union citizens with a valid EHIC form or its replacement ID card. Infectious diseases aren't a problem in Iceland. Inoculations aren't required except if you are arriving from countries that suffer from infectious diseases like cholera.

The biggest threat to your health is likely to be accidental injury or bad weather. Always make sure you have more than adequately warm and waterproof clothing. Selection of appropriate clothing is especially important in Iceland and can even be a matter of life and death. Exercise extra caution in geothermal areas: What may appear to be solid ground can sometimes not be so solid, breaking from underneath your feet with you falling into potentially deadly boiling water.

The water quality in Iceland is excellent and tap water is always drinkable.

Food & Drink

Icelandic food is mainly made up of lamb or fish in some form or another. A vegetarian diet isn't as common and as a result not as easy to find in the more remote parts of the country. However that said, Reykjavik is fast becoming a culinary capital with lots of different types of restaurant including European, Asian, Argentinian and lots more. There are number of distinctively Icelandic foods including

- Fish

- Hardfiskur, dried fish pieces eaten as a snack with butter
- Skyr, a yoghurt-like dairy product available in flavoured and unflavoured varieties all over the country. Low in fat and high in protein.
- Hangikjöt, smoked lamb

The Northern Lights

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Remember – the Northern Lights are natural phenomena, not guaranteed, but appreciated all the more for their elusive qualities. Please dress very warmly to enjoy Iceland's long winter nights, and perhaps be rewarded with a light show unlike anything you've ever seen!

For Northern Lights forecast and further information visit: <http://www.gi.alaska.edu/AuroraForecast/>

PLEASE NOTE: Our Iceland Circle tour is not a Northern Lights tour. Most hotels used on this tour are located in towns and villages and therefore not ideal for Northern Lights viewing due to light pollution. From some of the hotels it might be easy to walk just a short distance to get to a darker location nearby when searching for the Northern Lights. Please ask the front desk of the hotel and your tour guide for suggestions.

Icelandic Weather

Iceland isn't as cold as its name implies but it's not exactly a tropical paradise, either. Iceland's weather can fluctuate wildly and a

warm sunny day can quickly become chilly and wet. You'll need sturdy gear for outdoor activities, and yet, Reykjavik is known for its forward-thinking fashionistas, so packing for a trip to Iceland can be quite daunting. The following pages give you a bit of advice.

It doesn't snow as much in Iceland as you may think, especially in Reykjavik where there is hardly any snow, even in winter. In some parts of Iceland – the north, east, and Westfjords, there is some snow and nice skiing areas where you can take advantage of it.

Thanks to the Gulf Stream, Iceland enjoys a moderate maritime climate: cool in summer and fairly mild in winter. It is an island in the North Atlantic, nestled against the Arctic Circle, so the weather is very changeable and visitors should be prepared for the unexpected. Normal summer day temperatures range between 5-8 °C (41 – 47 °F) for lows and 12 -18 °C (54 – 64 °F). The interior highlands are often colder than that – close to 0°C (32°F) even in summer. Normal winter temperatures range between 0-5 °C (32 – 41 °F). When it comes to Iceland's weather – the one thing you can count on is unpredictability. You never know what is going to happen next! A beautiful sunny day can suddenly turn windy and rainy – then it can all change again in a moment. You may experience every weather imaginable over the course of a few days, especially in late autumn and early spring. Important to remember when packing: Iceland is a very windy place! The best plan is to be prepared for anything and everything AND always dress in layers. The Icelanders have a saying: "there's no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing."

Daylight in Iceland

Iceland enjoys/suffers long daylight hours in summer and long darkness hours in winter.

In the height of summer (July) the city of Reykjavik can be awash with daylight for as much as 21 hours a day whereas come January it can be as little just 4 hours of daylight. In the north of the country this can increase to 22 1/2 hours a day in July with sunset being midnight and sunrise 1:20am

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and come January sunrise is at 11:30am and sunset at 3pm.

Preparing to pack

Pack for activities first:

Start by studying your itinerary to see what you'll be doing on your trip to Iceland. Most outdoor activities (horseback riding, caving, hiking, glacier walking, etc.) will require basically the same gear (with the outfitter providing any specialized gear that's required – helmets, crampons, etc). You'll need to wear heeled boots, such as hiking boots, moisture-wicking socks, long pants, and long sleeve shirts. You'll also want a lightweight, waterproof but breathable shell for rainy or misty days, and a few wool (not cotton) or fleece sweaters for cooler days and evenings. You should consider bringing a hat, scarf and gloves all year round. There are also many opportunities to purchase Icelandic woollen goods!

Add in some "city clothes":

In Reykjavík and Akureyri, the only unified theme in fashion is "unique." It's all about personal style, from the frilly dresses and stiletto heels you'd expect to find in New York and London to the hippe-chic styles you might imagine as the norm in any modern city. What you won't find is anything boring and basic – no plain jeans, white t-shirts and sneakers here. Dressing for Reykjavík isn't about changing your personal style, but it is about taking it to the next level. Though, if you plan on going on the weekend Runtur (pub crawl), you'll want to add a few dressier items to your wardrobe. Women generally "dress" in a skirt or dress, or jeans with trendy tops. Men wear tailored dark jeans and button-up shirts, or dark pants and sportcoats. For footwear, men usually wear sport loafers or Converse, while women wear anything from high-heeled boots to open-toed stilettos to fashionable flats.

Be prepared for anything:

A day that starts out rainy and cold can become warm and sunny by mid-afternoon (or vice versa) and when it's pleasant in the city it may be frigid twenty minutes away, so always plan on wearing layers and being ready for a range of conditions. A light,

breathable, waterproof shell jacket that can be layered with a wool sweater or cardigan, and a scarf and hat will prove invaluable. And don't forget the bathing suit. Icelanders love swimming and there is a municipal pool in nearly every town. Admission prices are generally just a few bucks, with towels and bathing suits available for rent. Visiting one of these hot spring pools is one of the best ways to experience Icelandic culture, so be sure to come prepared for a soak.

What to pack

- Clothes for cold/cooler outdoor weather: warm trousers, a woollen pullover or fleece sweater, a warm wind and water proof jacket and rain pants, woollen socks and an insulated bottom layer, like thermal underwear. Remember, it is a winter trip and it is ICELAND, known for unpredictable weather.
- A hat, scarf and gloves that are made from material that will dry overnight are great protection in Iceland's winter weather and strong winds.
- Sturdy comfortable (hiking) boots are necessary for walking and when there is snow and icy terrain. Make sure your feet will be warm and dry – otherwise it is not fun. All sightseeing tours in the countryside involve some short walks here and there. In order to maximize your experience to explore these many nature sites good walking boots or shoes that may get dirty and wet are important.
- Buildings are often very warm, so bring light indoor clothes – t-shirts, lighter shirts and blouses.
- Bathing suits are essential, as a lot of the natural hot water is used to fill swimming pools, which are all over the country. Towels can be rented at most swimming pools.
- Binoculars, especially if you're a bird watcher!
- Sunglasses and a bit of sunscreen are helpful - the air is very clear in Iceland so when the sun shines, it is very bright.
- A camera with lots of film or memory cards. Many travellers say that they shoot twice as many pictures in Iceland than in other destinations. For Northern Lights photography we recommend bringing a

second battery for your camera and also a tripod.

- A small alarm clock or cell phone with an alarm clock feature, since not all hotels offer wake-up calls.
- A torch for evening walks and Northern Lights photography in order to operate your photo camera in the dark.
- If you like a drink every now and then, consider stopping at the duty-free store on arrival at Keflavik Airport because alcoholic beverages are very expensive in Iceland. The same applies to tobacco. Travellers are allowed to bring 1 litre of strong liquor as well as 1 litre of wine or similar drinks into the country, and 1 carton of cigarettes. For more details see <http://iceland.visahq.com/customs/>

Special Notes for North American Visitors

Electricity in Iceland is 220 volts (as opposed to 110 volts in North America) most modern appliances – computers, cameras, hairdryers - will adapt to either voltage - check the power unit, which should indicate 110- 220 volts. If not, you'll need to bring a transformer. In most cases you'll just need to get an adapter to allow you to plug into Iceland's power outlets. You'll need a two pin adaptor, typically labelled as "northern European". They are available in many electronic stores, or if you forget to bring them, you can often buy them at the international airports before you go.

Cell phones are ubiquitous in Iceland, but they work on a GSM system, which often doesn't work with North American cell phone systems. You should check with your service provider before you travel to see if they have an international cell phone service upgrade available. If not, it's possible to rent a phone from your airline or from an international cell phone rental company before you leave. Once in Iceland sometimes it's possible to rent phones from a telephone company, but that may require a visit to their office during business hours. Because there are so many cell phones, public pay phones are hard to come by. Most hotels have phones that you can use for long distance calls with a credit card for payment.

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Nature Fees

Since the beginning of 2014 it has become apparent that landowners of several scenic tourist sites in Iceland intend to start charging fees for visits in the future. The ownership of these sites is not clear. The Icelandic state partly owns these sites and questions the legitimacy of this action by some of the landowners. The Icelandic state has requested landowners not to implement a fee collection but rather to wait for the proposals of the government in regards to the implementation of a "nature pass". The "nature pass" is meant to finance the structure and maintenance of most tourist sites in Iceland. Therefore it is possible that some of the nature attractions around Iceland might charge an entrance fee during your trip. These entrance fees are not included in the tour price and need to be paid by all tour members additionally on spot, if you wish to enter any of these nature sites. Locations, amount of entrance fee, form of payment and other details are not known at the moment and are subject to change.