



SCANDINAVIA - ICELAND - A NORTHERN LIGHTS ADVENTURE - 5N/6D



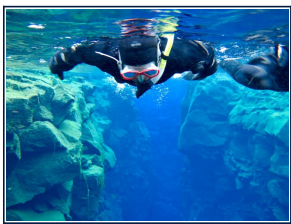
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Itinerary:

Day 1 & 2 : Reykjavik sightseeing and attractions



Take the elevator to the top of Hallgrimskirkja Church for panoramic city views. Stroll along city waterfront paths and admire the Sun Voyager - a massive steel sculpture that is a dreamboat and ode to the sun. Ingolfur Arnarson was the first Nordic settler in Iceland. His statue lies in front of a fascinating mix of the city's 18th century stone houses, 19th century small wooden houses, and modern blocks from the 30's and 40's. Head to Laugavegur, the city's main shopping street and full of eateries and coffee houses. Lots of winter day tours depart from Reykjavik. Go horse-back riding, dog sledding and snowmobiling or take a monster jeep tour out onto the nearby glacier landscape. On New Year's Eve, Reykjavik explodes with colour and light in one of the most impressive firework shows you'll ever see. Celebrate with Icelanders the ancient Viking mid-winter tradition at the end of January called Thorraþlot. Dance, sing, drink and eat traditional Norse specialties including sheep's head and shark.



Day 3 : Golden Circle tour, lava caving, Northern Lights





See some of Iceland's most stunning winter sights on the Golden Circle tour. An experienced guide takes you through an ancient underground lava tube where you witness how Iceland was created. Feel the force of the Strokkur geyser that shoots a column of warm geothermal water up to 30m into the air every 4-8 minutes. Watch in awe at the tumbling and plunging glacial waterfall of Fullfoss (Golden Falls) that's created by the river Hvita. Follow in the footsteps of the Vikings at Thingvellier National Park, the site of the longest running parliament in the world, and where the American and Eurasian tectonic plates are pulling apart at a rate of a few centimeters per day. Jump on a jeep and go where the tour buses can't go in search of the Northern Lights - the most incredible natural light show in the world. Back to Reykjavik.



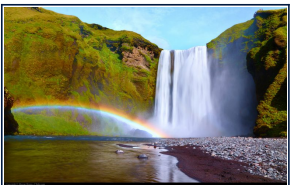
Day 4 : Glacier hiking on Solheimajokull glacier

Take a journey through a frozen maze of towering ice formations, jagged ridges and deep blue crevasses through the Solheimajokull glacier. Witness a magical phenomenon of rugged, raw and every changing hub of ancient frozen water. Explore crevasses, ice formations, sink holes and jagged ridges. An experienced glacier guide guides you through the ice walls where you can try your hand at ice climbing. Final stop is the magnificent and beautiful Skogafoss waterfall.



Day 5 : Blue Lagoon or snorkeling in crystal clear waters

The clearest waters on earth are found at the Silfra glacial waters. The water is as pristine as it gets, you can even drink it. Dive or snorkel right where the two continental plates of North America and Eurasia meet. The underground visibility here is over 100m. Experienced guides help with equipment and training. For a more relaxing option, head out to the welcoming geothermal waters of the Blue Lagoon. With its mineral-rich geothermal waters, pumped from more than a mile underground, take time here to step into these natural springs, relax and enjoy a massage a unique experience for body and soul.



Day 6 : Depart

Things To Do:

Hop-On, Hop-Off City Sightseeing Tour: Take a city sightseeing bus tour and explore Reykjavik at your leisure.

Lagafellslaug Thermal Pool Complex, Reykjavik: Relax and switch off at this thermal pool complex with outdoor and indoor thermal pools, steam rooms, and health and wellness treatment rooms

Old Harbour, Reykjavik: Take a walk round the Old Harbour with views of snowcapped mountains on the horizon. Whale watching and puffin-viewing trips depart from the pier.

Saga Museum, Reykjavik: Icelandic history is brought to life here, by eerie silicon models and a soundtrack of thudding axes and hair-raising screams.

Volcano Show, Reykjavik: A film show that captures 50 years of Icelandic volcanoes.

Reykjavik Sightseeing Tour: See all the major sights of the city on this 2 hour tour including the Hallgrimskirkja church, the presidential residence at Bessastadir, the fish market at Hafnarfjordur, and the open air Arbaer Museum.