

***NORWAY,
ICELAND &
GREENLAND
CRUISE &
TOUR***



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Scandinavia Cruise, Iceland Tour & Flights

Duration: 23 days

Departs: 2023, see website for dates

Stay: 8 nights hotels, 14 nights cruise

Travel style: Cruise & tour with flights

Booking code: ICEGRE23M

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23 Days Iceland & Greenland Cruise & Tour

About the holiday

Experience Scandinavia at a stunning time of the year, starting with a cruise of Norway, Greenland and Iceland, then touring Iceland's famous sights.

The two-week Norwegian Star cruise includes stops in Norway, Scotland, Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland. While you're not captivated by the stunning scenery and natural highlights, there's plenty to keep you entertained on board with 10 restaurants, 11 bars and lounges. It's like a floating leisure centre with all the facilities. The décor is bright, all ages are catered for and you'll be welcomed on board by the cheery and multinational staff.

The cruise docks in Reykjavik, where you'll embark on a thrilling tour that includes visits to Iceland's stunning Geysir geothermal area, Gullfoss' spectacular waterfall and the Thingvellir National Park.

Nature lovers are spoiled for choice with Iceland's many natural wonders, from glaciers to black sand beaches and lava caves, all waiting to be discovered.

Why you'll love this trip...

Experience an amazing NCL cruise from Tromso to Reykjavik

Local guides give you a great introduction to Iceland on the Golden Circle tour

Discover Iceland's famous sites, take a Glacier hike & Lava Caving expedition

Flights from Australia are included!

Travel dates

2023 - See our website for departure dates

Note: Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date.

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Cruise & Tour package includes:

Flights - Return economy class airfare to Reykjavik

Flying with Qatar Airways, Finnair, Singapore Airlines or similar

Cruise - 14 nights NCL Iceland & Greenland Cruise

Cruise Tromso to Reykjavik aboard Norwegian Star

All meals & non-chargeable entertainment on the ship

Accommodation - all hotels are based on standard rooms, twin share

2 nights Tromso, Clarion or Scandic Hotel, or similar

2 nights Reykjavik, Centre Hotel or similar

Iceland tour - 5-day Golden Circle, South & West Coast of Iceland

4 nights in double or twin rooms with private facilities

Daily breakfast

Reykjavik Walking Tour

Glacier Hike with safety equipment provided

Lava Caving Expedition with safety equipment provided

Entry fee to Kerid Volcanic Crater

Free WiFi on the bus & USB chargers next to every seat

Package excludes:

COVID-19 pre-departure tests, where required

Airport & cruise port transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Cruise gratuities, shore excursions & speciality dining on the ship

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.

Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.



Itinerary:

Wednesday - Aug 23, 2023

Depart Australia

Thursday - Aug 24, 2023

Arrive Tromso in Norway. Please catch a taxi to your hotel for the stay in this glorious city for 2 nights.

Friday - Aug 25, 2023

Free day to explore Tromso. Tromsø - where nature and culture go hand in hand Tromsø is located 350 km north of the Arctic Circle and is the largest city in Northern Norway. In the early 1900s Tromsø was the starting point for expeditions to the Arctic. Hence its nickname: "Gateway to the Arctic". Today it is a modern city with many activities on offer, from an aquarium and several quality museums to the world's northernmost botanical garden. The city is also a popular place to observe the majestic phenomenon of the northern lights at certain times of the year.

Saturday - Aug 26, 2023

Check out of your hotel in the morning and the remainder of the day is free until it's time to make your way to the port to board Norwegian Star and embark on a cruise of Norway, Scotland, Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland.

- Tromso, Norway
- Depart: 6:00 pm

Sunday - Aug 27, 2023

- Svolveær, Norway
- Arrive: 10:00 am
- Depart: 8:00 pm

Monday - Aug 28, 2023

- Sandnessjoen, Norway
- Arrive: 7:00 am
- Depart: 4:00 pm

Tuesday - Aug 29, 2023

- Alesund, Norway
- Arrive: 9:00 am
- Depart: 6:00 pm

Wednesday - Aug 30, 2023

- Bergen, Norway
- Arrive: 6:00 am
- Depart: 8:00 pm

Thursday - Aug 31, 2023

- Lerwick, United Kingdom
- Arrive: 9:00 am
- Depart: 6:00 pm

Friday - Sep 1, 2023

- South Queensferry, United Kingdom
- Arrive: 9:00 am
- Depart: 6:00 pm

Saturday - Sep 2, 2023

- Kirkwall, Scotland
- Arrive: 9:00 am
- Depart: 6:00 pm

Sunday - Sep 3, 2023

- Torshavn, Faroe Islands
- Arrive: 9:00 am
- Depart: 6:30 pm

Monday - Sep 4, 2023

- Djupivogur, Iceland
- Arrive: 10:00 am
- Depart: 7:00 pm

Tuesday - Sep 5, 2023

- Akureyri, Iceland
- Arrive: 10:00 am
- Depart: 6:00 pm

Wednesday - Sep 6, 2023

- **Ittoqqortoormiit, Greenland**
- **Arrive:** 11:00 am
- **Depart:** 8:00 pm

Thursday - Sep 7, 2023

- **Scoresby Sund, Greenland**

Friday - Sep 8, 2023

- **Isafjordur, Iceland**
- **Arrive:** 9:30 am
- **Depart:** 6:30 pm

Saturday - Sep 9, 2023

Cruise arrives in Reykjavik at around 7:00am. Please catch a taxi to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore Reykjavik at leisure.

Reykjavik, on the coast of Iceland, is the country's capital and largest city. It's home to the National and Saga museums, tracing Iceland's Viking history. The striking concrete Hallgrimskirkja church and rotating Perlan glass dome offer sweeping views of the sea and nearby hills. Exemplifying the island's volcanic activity is the geothermal Blue Lagoon spa, near the village of Grindavik.

Sunday - Sep 10, 2023.

Today is the start of your escorted tour of Iceland. On the first day you will tackle to the famous **Golden Circle** route to witness the active geothermal area Geysir, the golden waterfall Gullfoss and Thingvellir - a UNESCO World Heritage site where the old Icelandic parliament was gathering inside the rift between Eurasian and American tectonic plates. Just before heading to your cozy accommodation on the South Coast you will stop at the colorful Kerid Volcanic Crater.

For the next two days your adventure continues along the **South Coast**, where you will discover stunning waterfalls, lava fields, black sand beaches and famous **Jokulsarlon glacier lagoon**. During these days there are two very exiting activities planned - a **Blue Ice Glacier Walk on Solheimajokull Glacier** and an amphibian boat tour among icebergs at the Jokulsarlon glacier Lagoon. Remember to keep your head up for the seals swimming around you and resting on the ice. You will also visit the **river canyon at Fjadrargljufur** - an astonishing place, a winding green gorge about a hundred meters deep and nearly two kilometers long. Then you will go back to Reykjavik for one night.

The final two days of the tour take place in the West of Iceland and on the **Snaefellsnes peninsula**. The Snaefellsnes peninsula, listed on **Lonely Planet TOP 10 Regions in World 2015**, is a fairy-tale land full of beautiful cliffs, charming fishing villages, fjords, wildlife, volcanic landscapes and craters combined with stunning waterfalls and mountains. The **Borgarfjordur** area is in the opinion of many Icelanders the most beautiful countryside in Iceland. Among the highlights during these days are a **caving expedition inside Vidgelmir**, the biggest known lava tunnel in Iceland.

Day 1 | Golden Circle & Kerid Volcanic Crater - 10 Sept.

After a complimentary pick up service in Reykjavík your journey begins with the classic Golden Circle - the most famous sightseeing route in Southern Part of Iceland. First stop is at Thingvellir National Park - a unique place where nature meets with the history. While walking between the American and Eurasian tectonic plates, it is hard not to think about the history of this place.

Thingvellir (“the field of parliament”) became home to the Icelandic general assembly from around the year 930 and continued until 1798. At the end of the path between cliffs you will notice Oxararfoss waterfall. It is rather small one – around 13 meters high, but well worth seeing.

Next on the agenda is a visit at Gullfoss - the Golden waterfall. The waters of the mighty Hvíta (white) river are swept into a 70 meters deep canyon giving visitors one of the most spectacular views in Iceland. Powerful and beautiful waterfall rushes down from two tiers into an ancient valley.

Third stop is at Haukadalur Geothermal Area, better known as Geysir - home to many bubbling hot springs and geysers – one of them is the very active Strokkur that throws up boiling water up to a height of 40 meters every 5-10 minutes.

These three famous sights are the classic ones that form the Golden Circle but to add even more to this experience, your last stop of the day is at unique Kerid Volcanic Crater. The crater made of a characteristic red volcanic rock is 270 m wide and more than 55 m deep. There is a lake in the bottom of the crater which is a little bit of magic.

Day 2 | South Coast Waterfalls & Black Beach - 11 Sept.

The day begins with two great waterfalls of the south coast, Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss, as well as visiting lesser known, more secret waterfall Glufrabui. Seljalandsfoss is single cascade fall from 60 meters tall cliff located beneath the Eyjafjallajökull volcano. It is one of the most intriguing waterfalls in Iceland and definitely one of the most famous ones, as it can be fully encircled by foot. Just remember to put your waterproof clothing and hiking shoes on before starting hike!

As we continue, we will drive under the great Eyjafjallajökull glacier volcano and the Mýrdalsjökull glacier cap, where we take a Glacier Hike for about 1,5 hours and have a closer look at the Solheimajokull glacier. Our certified glacier guides know the best hiking trails on the glaciers in Iceland, so following them guarantees spending a really nice time there. Before we reach the accommodation for well-deserved rest, we will stop at the “must see” Black Beach of Reynisfjara, where the sea crashes upon black sands and hexagonal basalt columns and rock stacks tower over the surroundings. Last stop on the second day will be at lovely village of Vik.

Day 3 | Glacier Lagoon & Fjadrargljufur Canyon - 12 Sept.

Today, you will take a close look at majestic glaciers, ice lagoons and majestic Fjadrargljufur Canyon.

The day starts with a visit to the amazing Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon where you will enjoy a boat tour, sailing on the glacier lagoon. The lagoon is full of huge chunks of ice which crack off Breiðamerkurjökull glacier and float slowly out to sea.

Some icebergs wash on shore, lying on the vivid black sand like diamonds on satin, giving the Diamond Beach its name. There is a good possibility of seeing seals swimming around the huge icebergs.

After this visual feast we will make a short stop at Hofskirkja, which was the last church of this type to be built in Iceland, dating back to the 19th century. Deep layers of turf make up the roof of the church here, which is also surrounded by moss-covered burial mounds.

Next on the agenda is a visit to the river canyon at Fjadrargljufur. It is an astonishing place, a winding green gorge about a hundred meters deep and nearly two kilometres long. It's an extraordinary natural environment, deeply carpeted with fragile mosses. The canyon was formed a few thousand years ago during a glacial period, leaving a snaking river behind when the ice sheet retreated. We will stay at this marvellous place for an hour. After enjoying this wonderful experience, you head back in the afternoon towards Reykjavik where we estimate to arrive around 21:30 (09:30 pm). There you will get some rest before heading to the Western Iceland for another two days of adventure.

Day 4 | Silver Circle with Lava Caving - 13 Sept.

Today we'll take you to Borgarfjörður, thought to be the location for many of the famous Icelandic Sagas. Deep in the heart of the wild landscapes here, you'll see Deildartunguhver - the most powerful hot springs in Europe, which pumps out more than 180 liters of boiling water every second.

Awe-inspiring waterfalls at Hraunfossar are next on the itinerary. Magnificent stretch of waterfalls that runs for nearly a kilometer over a rugged lava field. There is another waterfall nearby, known as Barnafoss, or the “waterfall of the children”. Once there was a stone arch making a natural bridge over the Hvita river here. Many years ago, two children from a nearby farm were drowned when they tried to cross it. Their heartbroken mother had the bridge destroyed to save others from the same sad end.

Then you’ll explore an astonishing lava cave system at Vidgelmir that was created over a thousand years ago, filled with stalactites, stalagmites and fascinating ice formations. The Vidgelmir Lava Cave is an incredibly colorful underworld, measuring 1585 meters long, nearly 16 meters high, and 16 meters wide. That means it’s easily the largest lava tunnel in the country.

For lunch you will stop at Husafell. Set between two glaciers, Husafell is an entrancing place filled with Viking history, with traditional turf houses and little elf huts to amuse the children too. This is a charming spot, with thick birch tree forests and pretty waterfalls, and it has been an inspiration for local artists. As well as that, the “Husafell Stone” can be found here, a legendary “lifting stone”, once used to test the strength of the locals and still used in strongman competitions today.

Last stop will be at Reykholt, which is an historic site in Iceland’s folklore, featured in the writings of Snorri Sturluson, a famous poet and local chieftain. Snorralaug (Snorri’s Pool) is an old-time hot spring, where locals have bathed for hundreds of years. Snorralaug is now a protected archaeological treasure, and there is also a traditional timber church here to look at too.

You’ll stay overnight in Borgarnes, which was one of the original settlement sites for the first Icelanders a thousand years ago. You can learn more about the story of those pioneers with an optional visit to the excellent Settlement Center, which features interactive displays and intriguing stories from the Icelandic Sagas. Borgarnes is situated in a stunning location on a beautiful peninsula with amazing views of nearby Hafnarfjall (the Harbour mountain) and Skessuhorn mountain, which appeared in Game of Thrones as “Bulls Horn”. This is also an ideal place to look out for the Northern Lights when they are active.

Day 5 | Snæfellsnes peninsula - 14 Sept.

Day 5 begins with a scenic drive towards the Snæfellsnes Peninsula - by many called “Iceland in miniature”. There are not some many places here in Iceland where you can see so many kinds of geology packed into such a small area.

There are very good reasons why Snæfellsnes was on the Lonely Planet TOP 10 Regions in World 2015 list. While driving along shores of the peninsula you will pass by lovely and charming fishing villages, biggest strato-volcano in Iceland called Snæfellsjökull, walk on top of the cliffs and have an opportunity to spot wild seals resting at the Ytri-Tunga Beach. Djúpalónssandur is another gorgeous black sand beach, where the air is filled with the sounds of birds circling the cliffs and the ocean waves hitting the sand. The most recognizable spot on the peninsula is Kirkjufell (Church) mountain accompanied by a small, but iconic falls. Make sure to have your camera ready to take a picture for your collection! On the way to Reykjavík you will pass by the Whale Fiord (Hvalfjörður) and the tunnel laying 165 meters below it. Overnight Reykjavik for 1 nights.

15 Sept | Depart Reykjavik for Australia

Check out of your hotel in the morning and allow time to make your way to the airport to board the flights home to Australia.

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as a guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, ocean & road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

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About the Iceland tour

- Pickup takes place between 08:30 - 09:00 - please be ready by 8:30am
- Tour is operated under all weather conditions: please bring warm, wind & waterproof clothes
- Good hiking boots are mandatory
- Hiking shoes can be added as extra for 3000ISK
- Estimated arrival time in Reykjavík on Day 5 is around 20:00 (Depending on weather and road conditions)
- If you are a single traveller then a Single Room Supplement is mandatory
- For your convenience, it is recommended that you pack lightly for this tour, in a small suitcase or backpack. If you have large luggage with you, please check with your accommodation if they offer luggage storage for your time on this tour. If that is not a possibility, you can pay a small fee per luggage and it will be carried on the tour bus or in a special luggage trailer.
- PLEASE NOTE: the tour operator reserves the right to modify the itinerary of this tour by changing the order of visited attractions

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