ICELAND, SWEDEN, DENMARK & NORTHERN LIGHTS



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Iceland, Stockholm, Copenhagen & Northern Lights Duration: 13 days Stay: 11 nights hotels Travel style: Independent with sightseeing & flights from Australia Booking code: SKN13M

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# 13 Days Iceland, Sweden & Denmark with Flights

# About the holiday

Experience Scandinavia at an extraordinary time of the year, when the winter months set the perfect scene for the northern lights.

Fly to Sweden and begin your adventure in Stockholm, where you'll discover the must-see attractions on a city tour, such as the Royal Palace, Ostermalm, Gamla Stan (Old Town).

Next fly to Reykjavik and from here tour Iceland's famous Golden Circle, where you will visit the legendary Geysir geothermal area and Gullfoss also known as the Golden Waterfall. Plus, explore the south coast to discover its stunning glaciers, lava fields, volcanoes, strong rivers and other spectacular waterfalls.

Another highlight is the evening tours to witness the Northern Lights and join a special Northern Lights boat tour. Keep in mind, the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and whilst sightings cannot be guaranteed, if you're unable to see the lights you'll be offered a tour on another evening free of charge.

## Why you'll love this trip...

It's a stunning package that's loaded with inclusions for a worry-free trip! Enjoy guided walking tours in Stockholm & Copenhagen Discover Iceland's rugged beauty and dramatic landscapes If you missed seeing the aurora borealis, you'll get another Free evening tour Flights from Australia are included!

# Travel dates

2024 & 2025 - See our website for departure dates

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

Want to stay longer or see more of Scandinavia? Call our office on 1300 168 910 for current rates & travel deals.



Tour package includes:

Flights - Return economy airfares from Australia

Accommodation - Hotel stays based on standard twin rooms

2 nights Stockholm - Elite Hotel or similar

7 nights Reykjavik - Sand Hotel by Kea, Oddoson Hotel or Center Hotel Klopp

2 nights Copenhagen - Wake Up Hotel or similar

Meals - 7 breakfasts in Reykjavik

**Transportation** - Airport transfers in Reykjavik All hotel transfers for sightseeing tours

Sightseeing - Stockholm 2-hour walking tour Copenhagen 2-hour walking tour Reykjavik city tour 3 x Northern Lights tours in Iceland Golden Circle tour, Iceland Lava Tunnel Tour, Iceland South Shore Tour, Iceland

# Package excludes:

COVID-19 pre-departure tests, if required at time of travel Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary Optional tours & activities Tips for guides & 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 companies & local operators. Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

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## **Itinerary:**

## DAY 1: Depart Australia

## DAY 2: Arrive in Stockholm, Sweden

Arrive in Stockholm and catch the train or a taxi from the airport to your hotel to check in. The remainder of the day is yours to relax at your hotel or set out to explore Sweden's capital.

## DAY 3: Stockholm Walking Tour(B)

After breakfast this morning, embark on a walking tour of Stockholm. See all of the city's must-see attractions such as The Royal Palace, Ostermalm, Gamla Stan (Old Town), Langholmen, Stockholm City Hall, and The Royal Djurgarden, while learning the rich history of Stockholm along the way. The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure.

## Day 4: Fly to Iceland

Make your way to Stockholm airport by train or taxi and fly to Iceland. Arrive in Reykjavik, the world's most northerly capital, surrounded by incredible landscapes and countless natural wonders. Transfer from the airport to your hotel. Overnight in this amazing city for 7 nights. Remainder of the day is free for you to explore at leisure.

#### DAY 5: Reykjavik City Tour

Your tour begins with a refreshing light breakfast and orientation meeting at Harpa Concert Hall. Your discovery of this modern city begins with a drive past the Old Town Centre, Parliament, the cathedral and the bustling harbor area. See Hofdi House, site of the 1986 Iceland Summit where Reagan and Gorbachev met to end the Cold War.

Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 6: Golden Circle & Northern Lights Tour

Explore a few of Iceland's most famous landmarks on Golden Circle Direct as well as go on a search for the northern lights in one day.

Begin the day at 12:30 with a Golden Circle tour, where you will visit Geysir geothermal area, Gullfoss waterfall and Þingvellir National Park. Geysir is the place from which all other geysers in the world get their name. The famous Geysir does not often erupt anymore but the smaller, but very impressive, Strokkur erupts every 4-8 minutes and shoots a column of water up to 40 metres up in the air.

Gullfoss waterfall is a part of the glacial river Hvítá which gets its water from Langjökull glacier, the second largest glacier in Iceland.

The step-waterfall is quite the sight, and from many viewpoints it looks like the waterfall falls straight into an abyss, but in reality, it falls into a crevice which is 32 metres deep. The last stop of the day is at Pingvellir which is known for being one of the very few places in the world where you can see the North-American and Eurasian tectonic plates above ground (other places are all in Iceland). The park is a UNESCO world heritage site.

You will arrive back in Reykjavík around 18:30. You will have a few hours to spend before you join our Northern Lights tour.

The three-hour long Northern Lights tour will take you out of the city for the best possible view of the lights. The northern lights, also known as aurora borealis, are caused by the interaction of particles from the sun with the upper atmosphere near the North Pole.

The locations visited during the Northern Lights tour vary from day to day depending on weather conditions. Because this tour is weather dependent, sightings are not guaranteed. However, if you do not see any northern lights during this tour, you are welcome to join the tour again, free of charge. Indicated return times may vary if the activity is good. Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 7: Icelandic Lava Cave Tour

On this adventure, we visit the lava tunnel Raufarhólshellir located only 30 minutes from Reykjavík. We will witness the inner workings of a volcanic eruption while we walk in the path of a lava that flowed thousands of years ago. The lava tunnel is one of the biggest in Iceland and gets up to 30 metres wide and 10 metres high. The lava tube ceiling has caved in near the entrance, which creates beautiful columns of light. The fantastic range of colours of the tunnel wall is caused by the different mineral types of the rock. This is a tour for the senses. Experience a new world, hear the talk of the cave and sense the forces of nature like you have never done before. Learn new things and step out of your comfort zone. Scenes from the Hollywood movie Noah, with Anthony Hopkins, were shot in this lava cave. You walk around 350 metres into the lava tunnel and the temperature in the cave is around 4 degrees although it can be warmer outside and usually water leaks from the ceiling when it rains and snows so we recommend raincoats. Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 8: South Shore Tour

This South Shore Adventure tour is ideal for nature lovers of all kinds. We take you along the south coast of Iceland, one of the country's most scenic regions, as far as Vík, a charming village surrounded by high beautiful bird cliffs.

South Iceland is special in that it is one of the flattest regions on the island. As a result, nearly all grain farming in Iceland is done there. The high mountains to the north, shield the area from the harshest northern winds.

Among the stops on this tour are the gorgeous Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls. Seljalandsfoss is part of the Seljalandsá river, which has its origins in Eyjafjallajökull glacier. What makes Seljalandsfoss so famous and interesting is that you can walk behind it. We suggest you bring either a raincoat or a waterproof coat along if you want to stroll behind it which we of course highly recommend. Skógafoss, another famous Icelandic waterfall, is the starting point of the Fimmvörðuháls walk over to Þórsmörk. This most picturesque of all waterfalls is something of a film star, having been used as a backdrop in films such as Thor: The Dark World and The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.

We will also stop at Reynisfjara black sand beach, with the Reynisdrangar rock formations and columnar basalt. It is one of the most spectacular beaches in Iceland but can be quite dangerous due to powerful sneaker waves, and we kindly ask our guests not to go too close to the ocean and follow all guidelines. Additionally, we stop by Sólheimajökull glacier and walk up to a small lake that has formed in front of the retreating glacier. Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 9: Northern Lights by Boat Tour

Enjoy a day at leisure. This evening you will join the Northern Lights by Boat Tour. This Seeing the Northern Lights at sea is an amazing experience; sailing away from the coastline of Reykjavík and seeing the auroras on the North-Atlantic with the city lights in the background is something you won't forget! Our expert guide will help you to search for the lights while telling you all about the science, legends and myths that surround this amazing natural phenomenon. There is a speaker system on board so you are welcome to wait inside our cafeteria enjoying a warm drink or watching our own Northern Lights video. When the guide sees the lights, they will announce it on the speaker system so everyone knows to head outside and look up! Our friendly crew takes photos on every tour that are available to download in the following days at no extra charge. They are also happy to assist with camera settings to give you the best chance of capturing the auroras. Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 10: Northern Lights Small Group Tour

Enjoy a day at leisure. This evening you will enjoy the Northern Lights small group tour. The northern lights, also known as the aurora borealis, are caused by collisions between particles from the sun with the upper atmosphere near the North Pole. In Iceland they are visible during the winter months, from late August to April, and appear in many different forms and colours although light green and pink are the most common. The local northern lights team studies the weather and aurora forecast in order to find the best location each night to spot the lights. While the lights can often be seen from the city, they are never as clear or magnificent when polluted by the city lights. Getting a warm ride to the best possible site for sightings is well worth it. The northern lights are an unforgettable sight to witness and should be enjoyed in the best possible conditions. This smaller group means you get more time with your expert guide for assistance on photography and facts.

#### DAY 11: Fly Reykjavik - Copenhagen (B)

Your time in Iceland comes to an end today, as you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Copenhagen. On arrival, catch the train to your city hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

#### DAY 12: Copenhagen Walking tour

Your tour of Copenhagen today begins by taking you past legendary landmarks. Visit the gorgeous Gefion Fountain, the ornate City Hall and the regal Amalienborg and Christiansborg Palace, where you will stop to see the changing of the Royal Guard and the opportunity to get a photo beside the iconic Little Mermaid statue.

Day 13: Depart Copenhagen - Australia

Please catch a taxi to the airport train to Copenhagen airport for your flights home to Australia. Tour Concludes and Memories Begin.

Please note, Northern Lights tours are subject to correct weather conditions and sightings cannot be guaranteed. If the tour is cancelled locally, another Northern Lights tour will be offered on an alternate evening. The Reykjavik Northern Lights tour departs at approximately 9 pm from Oct 16 - Mar 14, and 10 pm from Sep 15 -Oct 15 & Mar 15 - Apr 15. The tour may not return until after midnight

The day by day descriptions are intended as a guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, 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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