

ICELAND NORTHERN LIGHTS GROUP TOUR



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Iceland Northern Lights Escorted from Australia

Duration: 9 days

Departs: 1 November 2023

Stay: 7 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights

Booking code: ICELGR9M

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9 Days Iceland Northern Lights Tour with Flights

About the holiday

Experience Iceland when you're most likely to see the amazing Northern Lights and enjoy being looked after on the escorted journey from Australia!

Embark on a thrilling tour that includes visits to Iceland's stunning Geysir geothermal area, Gullfoss' spectacular waterfall and the Thingvellir National Park.

Enjoy a small group tour to witness Northern Lights from Reykjavik and join a special Northern Lights boat tour. Keep in mind, the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and sightings cannot be guaranteed. However, there are three great Northern Lights excursions included and if you don't see the lights during the first tour, you are welcome to join the tour again during your stay, free of charge.

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 escorted group tour...

Travel with a tour escort from Australia on this Northern Lights experience

Local guides give you a great introduction to Iceland

Discover Iceland's famous sites & hidden highlights at a magical time of the year

Travel date & price

Escorted group tour departs Australia on 1 November, 2023

From \$5999 per person, twin share

Note: Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking and price can change without notice. Contact us for current rates from your preferred city.

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Escorted tour package includes:

Flights - Return economy class airfare to Reykjavik

Flying with Qatar Airways or similar, including baggage

Tour Escort - A tour manager with accompany the group throughout, including on flights from Australia

Accommodation - 7 nights Sand Hotel by Kea Reykjavik, or similar
Standard room based on twin share

Meals - Breakfast Daily

Sightseeing - Local guides conduct the following sightseeing tours:

Reykjavik city tour, 3 x Northern Lights Tours, Golden Circle Tour, Lava Tunnel Tour, South Shore Tour.

Package excludes:

Airport transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

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

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

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.***

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Itinerary:

DAY 1, Depart for Iceland with your Tour Escort

Depart for Iceland. Board the aircraft for your overnight flights to Reykjavik.

DAY 2, Arrive in Iceland

Arrive in Reykjavik, the world's most northerly capital, surrounded by incredible landscapes and countless natural wonders. Make your own way from the airport to your hotel for your 7-night stay. Remainder of the day is free for you to explore.

DAY 3, 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 4, 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 Þingvellir 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 5 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 6 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 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 7 Northern Lights by Boat Tour

Enjoy a day at leisure. This evening you will enjoy 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 8 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. Why join a guided tour to see the northern lights in Iceland? Our northern lights team studies thoroughly 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 is a classic northern lights tour but in a smaller group. That means more time with your expert guide for help on photography and facts.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9, Depart Iceland

Depart Iceland. Travel with the tour escort by taxi (own expense) to the airport to board your flights to Australia.

Meals: Breakfast

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative 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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