



ICELAND AND THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

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Journey Highlights

This winter journey takes you to one of the most visually breathtaking countries in Europe where the Northern Lights await. Best seen during the winter months when the temperatures are low and the night sky is clear and black, the Aurora Borealis lights up the sky in varying shades of green, pink and blue sending out an eerie otherworldly glow. You'll visit locations outside of Reykjavik where, subject to weather conditions, the raw landscapes provide the best opportunity of viewing.

Not only do the Northern Lights create great drama but so too the country's incredible landscapes. See all the highlights of Iceland's southwest with its dramatic fjords, mountains, volcanoes, geysers and waterfalls and stay in intimate boutique properties which range from log cabin style lodge to a sophisticated city hotel and more.



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Reykjavik

Arrive into the Icelandic capital where you are met and transferred to the hotel.

Hotel Borg (Standard Room)

Day 2: Reykjavik

This morning a walking tour is included visiting the 19th century Parliament House, Reykjavik Cathedral, the impressive steel and glass framed Harpa concert hall and the whimsical Hallgrímskirkja church which towers over the city. The afternoon is at leisure to further explore, shop, visit a local coffee house or relax at the hotel (B).

Hotel Borg (Standard Room)

Day 3: Reykjavik – Snaefellsnes Peninsula - Borgarfjordur

Today is an adventure to the Snaefellsnes peninsula famously known for the glacier and volcano which inspired Jules Verne's fictional Journey to the Centre of the Earth. The peninsula is a birdwatcher's paradise with sandy beaches on one side, mountains on the other and the towering glacier above. Explore the 8,000 year old Vatnshellir lava tube, the Gerduberg wall of basalt columns and the black pebble beach of Djupalonssandur, once one of the most prolific fishing villages on the peninsula and now deserted. Continue to Borgarfjordur and your accommodation (B,L).

Hotel Husafell (Standard Room)

Day 4: Borgarfjordur – Golden Circle - Hella

Today is a private tour of the Golden Circle region, one of Iceland's major attractions and an excellent combination of what the country has to offer - beautiful landscapes, powerful geysers and the most magnificent waterfall. Start off at the World Heritage listed Thingvellir National Park, an area of incredible scenery and geological formations, where the oldest existing parliament in the world is found which first assembled there in 930 AD. Then visit the geysir area which is home to a number of hot spouting geysers. The most famous is Great Geysir but the most energetic is Strokkur which spouts every few minutes to a height of 40 metres. Finally you head to Gullfoss waterfall, Iceland's most famous which plummets 32 metres down to a canyon below. The water in Gullfoss comes from the second biggest glacier in Iceland, Langjokull. Continue on to your hotel on Iceland's south shore with the Atlantic Ocean on the right and mountains on the left (B,L).

Hotel Ranga (Deluxe Room)

Day 5: South Shore

A day spent exploring the South Shore, well known for its scenic beauty with jaw-dropping waterfalls and endless black sandy beaches. First stop is the 60 metre high Seljalandsfoss waterfall whose water flows from the famous Eyjafjallajökull glacier. Continue to the extraordinary basalt sea stacks at Reynisdrangar and a walk along the black sand beach on the north Atlantic. Finish the day at Skogarfoss waterfall, considered one of Iceland's most beautiful (B,L).

Hotel Ranga (Deluxe Room)

Day 6: Hella – Reykjanes Peninsula – Blue Lagoon - Reykjavik

Today starts off by visiting Reykjaneskagi, a small headland in the country's far southwest. A region of intense geothermal activity, the dramatic, rugged landscape here features volcanic craters, caves, lava fields and hot springs. Highlights include Kleifarvatn Lake, the colourful sulphuric deposits of the Seltun geothermal area, the Krysuvikurbjarg cliffs and their abundant birdlife as well as the mineral-rich geothermal Blue Lagoon, whose waters are said to have wonderful healing qualities. Enjoy a relaxing and rejuvenating dip in the warm milky white waters before returning to Reykjavik for overnight (B,L).

Hotel Borg (Standard Room)

Day 7: Depart Reykjavik

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight (B).

Price:

Twin Share Per Person: From \$10,375

Solo Traveller: From \$18,330

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