

Natural Wonders of Iceland

Encounter iconic volcanic landscapes from relaxing in Vök's geothermal pools to exploring the Gullfoss Waterfall and the lava fields of Búðir.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E964

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - August

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/nwiceland](https://www.insightvacations.com/nwiceland)

DAY 1 | THE SMOKY BAY OF REYKJAVÍK

Velkomin til Íslands (welcome to Iceland), the Land of Fire and Ice. Begin your Icelandic adventure in Reykjavík, the most northerly city, and the northernmost national capital in the world. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a drink served with canapés.

Hotel: Fosshotel Reykjavík

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:15.

DAY 2 | HOT SPRINGS, WATERFALLS AND VÍK

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, heading east to visit Iceland's newest geothermal and electric power station at Hellisheiðavirkjun. Later, explore a local farm and sample their sweet-tasting, homegrown tomatoes. Meet the family to learn about Icelandic horticulture and growing the tastiest tomatoes. Continue to the hot springs at Geysir and the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls, the Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls. In the afternoon, visit the majestic south coast waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss before continuing to your hotel in Vík. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Kría, Vík

DAY 3 | BY GLACIERS AND ICEBERGS TO HÖFN

Travel along the southern coast of Iceland, beside the black sand beaches and basalt rock formations. Continue through the National Park at Skaftafell and see the largest glacier in Europe, Vatnajökull. Travel on to the luminous blue icebergs of Lake Jökulsárlón, the highlight of the day. This dramatic setting was featured in two James Bond films. Arrive in the small harbour town of Höfn, an active lobster fishing hub. From here, your Travel Director will lead a short orientation. Dine at your hotel's restaurant tonight and experience what the local produce has to offer. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Höfn, Hornafjörður

DAY 4 | EASTERN FJORDS TO EGILSSTAÐIR

Explore yet another face of Iceland, as you drive through narrow fjords surrounded by steep cliffs and past small fishing villages. Catch a glimpse of Papey Island, once the home of Gaelic monks who settled here before the arrival of the Vikings. Continue to the lakeside town of Egilsstaðir where upon arrival relax in the untouched nature at Iceland's only geothermal floating pools. Vök Baths harnesses the natural geothermal power of the area to create a unique bathing experience with amazing views of the Lake Urriðavatn. The architecture of the hot springs are designed to complement the unspoiled beauty of the Icelandic environment. Continue on to your hotel for an included dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Berjaya Hérað, Egilsstaðir

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Skógafoss | Admire the majestic beauty of the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls.

Fríðheimar | Meet a local family at their farm, sample homegrown tomatoes and learn about Icelandic horticulture and tomato cultivation.

Skaftafell | Visit the amazing alpine setting of the National Park and experience the might of Vatnajökull, Europe's largest glacier.

Lake Urriðavatn | Experience the ancient Icelandic tradition of bathing in a natural geothermal pools at Vök Baths. Indulge in the country's only floating infinity pools.

Akureyri | Enjoy your guided orientation of the capital of northern Iceland, established in 1602.

Snæfellsjökull National Park | Explore this magnificent park, home to lava formations, waterfalls and the most famous volcano in Iceland.

Reykjavik | *Insight Choice* Visit the Perlan Museum and learn about the glaciers, volcanoes and the Northern Lights through interactive displays, or enjoy a flight-ride at the FlyOver, where the state-of-the-art technology and special effects showcase Iceland's spectacular scenery.

Hellisheiðarvirkjun | Visit Iceland's geothermal heat and electric power station and learn about how this plant has helped Iceland achieve 70% of its energy consumption through renewable sources. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy.

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Premium Dining

Reykjavik | Conclude your travels with dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

DAY 5 | BY DESERT, LAKES AND DIVINE WATERFALLS TO AKUREYRI

Continue on to the beautiful Lake Mývatn and explore a wide spectrum of geological formations. The concentrated geothermal activity produces mud pools and spectacularly coloured deposits. Continue to the charming fishing village of Húsavík for some free time to enjoy lunch. Perhaps visit the Húsavík Whale Museum for a guided tour to learn about whales, their significance in marine ecosystems and the history of whaling in Iceland. This evening is yours to relax or explore Akureyri at your leisure. **(B)**

Hotel: Kea, Akureyri

DAY 6 | FROM THE CAPITAL OF THE NORTH TO BORGARNES

Enjoy an orientation of Akureyri, the capital of northern Iceland, first established as a trading centre in 1602. Travel past mountains, waterfalls, and green coastal regions. Later, continue to the southwest coast of Borgarnes. This evening, consider joining the optional experience at one of the oldest houses in Borgarnes and enjoy dinner at The Settlement Centre restaurant, which is home to an exhibition telling the story of The Settlement Era in Iceland. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Hamar, Borgarnes

DAY 7 | EXPLORING SNÆFELLSJÖKULL NATIONAL PARK

Travel along the Snæfellsnes Peninsula to Snæfellsjökull National Park, known as the Jewel of West Iceland and home to the country's most famous volcano. See the magnificent Snæfellsjökull glacier surrounded by unspoiled natural beauty. En route, admire the impressive

landscapes of Búðir, offering a mixture of sandy hills, black lava fields and a yellow beach. Next, take a stroll along the sea cliffs of Arnastapi with its unique column rock formations and take in the beautiful scenery. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | THINGVELLIR AND ON TO REYKJAVÍK

Journey south to Thingvellir. This remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site lies on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Explore Reykjavik with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Perlan Museum with the Wonders of Iceland's one-of-a-kind exhibition to experience Iceland's natural beauty. Alternatively, experience the magic of Iceland on an exhilarating flight-ride at Fly Over to see incredible scenery from sweeping glaciers to stunning fjords. This afternoon, you may decide to visit the mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon on our optional experience. Round off your journey through one of the world's most naturally beautiful places with a delicious dinner paired with wine at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Fosshotel Reykjavik

DAY 9 | FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK

Bid 'bless' (goodbye) to Reykjavik and your fellow travellers as your Icelandic adventure comes to an end. **(B)**



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Join/Leave Options UNESCO Heritage Site 1 Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited