



Fire and Iceland

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DAY 1 Fly London to Reykjavik

We fly from London to the Icelandic capital of Reykjavik. Flights are possible from London Heathrow or Stansted Airports. On arrival at Keflavik Airport we are met by our local guides and private transfer vehicles and travel the short distance to our hotel.

DAY 2 Golden Circle - Gullfoss Waterfall and Geysers

One of the most popular tours in Iceland is the Golden Circle, a series of natural wonders and historical sites located along the southern part of the island. Gullfoss Waterfall is one of Iceland's most famous landmarks and an essential ingredient of any tour. This is a spectacular waterfall that cascades down a deep gorge in dramatic fashion. Situated close by is the great Geysir. All the spouting hot springs in the world are named after this one. The Great Geyser, called Strokkur, which first began erupting in the 14th century. Finally there is the Pingvellir National Park, a place of extraordinary natural beauty and steeped in Iceland's past. Pingvellir is the original site of the oldest existing parliament in the world.

DAY 3 River Rafting on the Hvita River

The Hvítá river is a beautiful river situated just one hour's drive from Reykjavík. The river has a perfectly balanced mix of serene canyons and exciting waves and rapids, and a rafting trip is always a fantastic team experience. The rafting starts below the Gullfoss waterfall close to the canyon of Þjaxi and takes around 2 hours through some exciting rapids and deep gorges.

DAY 4 Horse Riding & Blue Lagoon

We start the day just outside of Reykjavik where we meet our Icelandic horses for the next part of our adventure. The horses are trained both for beginners and experienced riders, and we enjoy a two hour riding tour through lava fields. After lunch we visit the famous Blue Lagoon, one of the world's most exciting hot springs. Easily the most photographed site in all of Iceland, The Blue Lagoon is perhaps the most unusual looking body of water on Earth. The temperature in the swimmable area averages about 40C (104F), and the soothing, mineral-rich water is rumoured to have curative powers. Though the lagoon looks like something born from Iceland's otherworldly landscape, it is actually man made. It was created by run-off from the Svartsengi power plant, which pumps up the geothermally heated water from a full mile below the surface. After being used to generate both heat and electricity, the excess (which is absolutely clean) is ejected into the lagoon.

DAY 5-6 Hiking at Husafell

This morning we transfer to Húsafell for two days of hiking. Húsafell is a hiker's heaven. Alluring trails lie in all directions, and there is always something new to see. There are dense forests, lava formations, crystal-clear springs, dramatic ravines, foaming glacial rivers, diverse fauna and flora,

in addition to important relics and vestiges of human settlement which tell innumerable stories of the past.

DAY 7 Whale Watching

Reykjavik and nearby Reykjanes Peninsula offer some excellent whale watching. White-beaked dolphins and minke whales are most often encountered but orcas, humpback whales, long-finned pilot whales and harbour porpoises may sometimes be seen. Our boat tour lasts 4-5 hours and although sightings are not guaranteed, around 90% of trips enjoy sightings of white-beaked dolphins or minke whales. After the excursion we return to our hotel and can enjoy a final celebratory meal on our last night in Iceland.

DAY 8 Fly home

There is usually the option of either a morning flight or an evening flight, depending on flight availability.