

# The Best of North Iceland

An innovative independent escorted tour  
With choices for independent travelers



7 days exploring Best of North Iceland  
Choice of accommodations  
Free time or optional guided sight-seeing

2016

Travel with a schedule and a good guide and a driver who knows the land and its roads certainly gives/relieves travelers of some stress and can make for relaxed and focused travel and exploring.

Stress free travel and some choices of how you spend your time. The three different variations/lengths of The Best Tours we offer this year appeals to many travelers. Several days offer optional tours, which you can join or do something (hike, ride, explore){pick relevant} on your own.



**The Best of North Iceland lives up to its name!**

Anyone with a sense of adventure and in reasonable health can enjoy this tour!

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## The Daily Itinerary:

### Saturday, Day 0:

leave N America on an Icelandair flight

### Sunday; Day 1:

#### Welcome to Iceland

Early arrival in Iceland. You'll take the flybus to your hotel in Reykjavik, and have the day to explore. Lots of great places to eat, enjoy, relax.

### Monday Day 2:

#### West Iceland to Akureyri

You'll set out after breakfast and head to West Iceland, to explore Hraunfossar waterfalls, Europe's most powerful hot spring and climb the extinct volcano Grábrók. Then it's further north a stop an excellent little museum – the Glaumbær Turf Farmstead, and then traveling along fjords and over mountains to Akureyri, where you'll be based for the next 5 nights.

### Tuesday Day 3:

#### Akureyri and Hrísey Island option

Get to know the capital of North Iceland a bit with a city walk in the morning, and a visit to its excellent botanical garden. The rest of the day is free for hiking or other day tours around the town

*Tour option: an afternoon excursion by bus & ferry to Hrísey Island. This is Iceland's second largest island, known for its bird life – you may see ptarmigan, arctic terns and eider ducks. 4-5 hours \$80 per person*

### Wednesday, Day 4:

#### Lake Myvatn

You'll have a full day guided excursion to historic Goðafoss waterfall and Lake Myvatn, known for its rich bird life and extraordinary volcanic lava landscapes.



The broad waterfall rushing through shelving volcanic layers at Hraunfossar (which translates as Lava Waterfall).

### Thursday Day 5:

#### Free day or Siglufjordur tour

Explore Akureyri on your own, go hiking or on a riding tour which can be booked locally, or join an optional day excursion to Siglufjörður.

*Tour option: It's a very pretty drive along fjords and through tunnels to Iceland's most northern town, Siglufjörður. It's in quite a dramatic setting, and has been known over the years as Iceland's herring capital 8 hours \$130 per person .*

### Friday, Day 6:

#### Husavik, Asbyrgi and Dettifoss

North along Eyjafjörður then east to Husavik, a pretty little town which is the whale watching capital of Iceland . You can join a whale watching cruise or visit the town some of the many museums. In the afternoon you'll travel to Jökulsárgljúfur National Park, and visit the horseshoe shaped canyon of Asbyrgi and Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall.

*Tour option: take a 2-hour whale-watching cruise with North Sailing (weather permitting) About \$80 p/p*

### Saturday, Day 7:

#### The Kjölur Highland Road.

Drive through history via the Kjölur Route. This ancient interior track has taken travelers from north to south, and south to north, between the glaciers Langjökull and Hofsjökull for centuries. It's much more comfortable in today's modern coaches, but the vast desert landscape remains unchanged. You'll have a chance to soak in the hot springs of Hveravellir, as have other outlaws in Iceland's past. You'll be in the south for the next 6 nights.

These tours (as is common with adventure touring everywhere) are subject to the guides assessment of conditions – if conditions aren't suited for a particular activity the itinerary may be rearranged, as traveler safety always comes first. Optional tour prices are subject to change.

## Sunday, Day 8:

### You'll return to Reykjavik

Back to Reykjavik for the last night's stay and a change to check out its legendary "Saturday Night". Or just get a fine meal and remember recent past days.

## Monday, Day 9:

### Leave for Home

You'll have a voucher for the Flybus to the airport and in the hours 'til it leaves you can look at the little list of some other options for you last hours in Iceland before you go.



This is Glaumbaer. It has a place in world history and is very well preserved as an Icelandic icon.

## Best of Iceland Prices and Dates 2016

The Best of Iceland is also available as a 14 day 13 night complete package with both North and South Iceland. It's also available as an 8 day /7 night Best of North Iceland or 8 day/7 night Best of South Iceland. Either option is good -- but of course the Complete package is the Best of the Best!

Price listed for single and per person double occupancy (pp/do) **Ask about budget rooms with shared facilities**

### Complete Best of Iceland - North and South

All hotels are comfortable bases for your stay. All with private bath, TV, phone, wifi, hairdryer and plenty of extras. Also, swimming pool and hot tub nearby. *Excellent restaurants and a charm of Iceland's second largest town -- which isn't all that large!*

## Best of North Iceland 7 nights/6 days, including pre and post tour nights in Reykjavik

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\$ price per person double occupancy		Sat June 11	Sun June 19	Sat July 23	Sun July 31
3 star	<b>\$3,107</b>	Sat June 27	Sun July 3	Sat Aug 6	Sun Aug 14
4 star	<b>\$3,410</b>	Sat July 9	Sun July 17		

**Print: Price includes** international airfare from the US east coast\*, airport transfers and any pre and post tour accommodations needed. The complete tour includes 13 nights in double rooms with breakfast in a choice of hotels, lots of guided touring, as well as some optional tours, some which can be pre booked while others are bookable during the tour. The Best of North and Best of South Iceland are the same as the Complete, except they include 7 nights in double rooms.

**\*Flights: Price includes** round trip airfare, including fuel surcharge and US departure taxes to Iceland, from Icelandair's east coast gateways - Boston, New York, Newark and Washington Dulles International. We can also book flights from Icelandair's other gateways: Minneapolis, Denver, Seattle, Portland, Anchorage, Toronto, Edmonton, and Halifax, which may add to the price. Not all gateways have daily departures but we can arrange additional nights' accommodations before or after your tour.

**\*Not included** are Travel Insurance, lunch – a stop will be made to purchase this every day. Dinners: not included but both towns offer an array of a la carte options, optional tours as mentioned in the itinerary

**Finest print.** Please note that our tour prices are subject to revision until you book your tour by making a deposit.

Our contract rates for air aren't always available as we get close to travel dates. While we make every effort to keep prices on our webpages and their PDFs up to the minute, things can change quickly. We welcome phone calls or email about prices and any other details.



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