



Iceland



Adventure



7 Days around Iceland
4 National Parks,
Whale Watching and Glacial Lagoon
Intro to the Icelandic Horse
Nature Baths
Two hours of walking per day

The Country Life Escorted Tour 2010

A week long coach tour that takes you around Iceland's ring road with its varied landscapes. Glaciers, volcanos, waterfalls, hot springs, and highlands as well as a whale watching cruise and a boat trip amongst new born icebergs! With a good guide, comfortable coach and a chance to do some walking -- a lot of Iceland in a little time!

Friday:

Travelers from North America leave for Iceland on an overnight flight with an early morning arrival at Keflavik Airport in Iceland.

Saturday:

Welcome to Iceland!

The Flybus shuttle will bring you from the airport into Reykjavik where your outfitter will take you to your guesthouse. You'll have the day to enjoy Iceland's capital, visit museums, shops, the big outdoor swimming pool nearby and some of the many fine coffee houses, and restaurants. Lunch and dinner are on your own. You'll have tonight in the outfitters guesthouse to rest up and recover from your short night sleep on the flight.

Sunday:

Snæfellsnes

The tour sets out after breakfast, as you leave Reykjavik heading north through the town of Borgarnes, known for its saga sights, and then head further west out along the Snæfellsnes peninsula. Here you'll visit small fishing towns, drive through lava fields and visit the pretty town of Stykkisholmur, as well as a visit to Iceland's newest National Park, all under the watchful eye of the glacier on Mt Snæfell. You'll spend the night in the Borgarfjörður area.

Monday:

Borgarfjörður - Þingjarsýsla

The day starts with the blue and beautiful waterfalls of Hraunfossar, where water comes running from under the lava and into the river Hvítá. Then it's onto Deildartunguhver, the most voluminous hot springs in Europe. You'll climb some impressive mountain passes to get to the fertile farmlands- filled with fields of horses, in Skagafjörður, and over the dramatic Oxnafjordur pass into Eyjafjörður with its beautiful town of Akureyri, the capital of the north. You'll spend the next two nights in Þingeyjarsýsla.

Our Prices include flights, taxes, fuel charges and a number of "extras".

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Tuesday:

Husavik -Lake Myvatn

If the sea allows, and it usually does, you'll start the day with a 3-4 hour whale watching cruise from the town of Húsavík, Iceland's whale watching capital. There's a very high percentage of whales and sea mammals sighted on these cruises. Back on dry land, you'll head south to Lake Mývatn to visit the waterfall Goðafoss, the waterfall of the Gods. Lake Mývatn is one of the most fertile areas in the world, so close to the Arctic Circle and full of interesting things - strange lava formations, attractive bays, pseudo craters and thousands of birds. You'll have a chance to explore and stroll through the bizarre formations in the lava fields of Dimmurborgir, too.



Wednesday

Pingeyjarsýsla -Fljotskerad

The day starts off exploring the volcanic activity around Krafla and the geothermal area of Námaskarð. There's a stop at Europe's largest waterfall — Dettifoss and then you'll head through the uninhabited highlands of the east. You'll spend the night near Egilsstaðir the capital of the east - and perhaps catch a glimpse of the “monster” said to live in the nearby lake.



Thursday:

Egilstadir -Vatnajökull

As you drive south today, Vatnajökull - Europe's biggest glacier dominates the landscape. The glacial tongues come right down to the coast, you'll see it up close on a boat in Jokulsarlon, a glacial lagoon filled with new born ice bergs. You'll spend the night near Vatnajökull.

Friday:

Skaftafell National Park-The South

You'll have the morning to visit Skaftafell National Park nestling below Iceland's highest mountain, the 2110 meter tall Hvannadalshnjúkur. Then you'll head west through the sandy desert of the south coast, overlooked by mountainous cliffs, glaciers and waterfalls. Overnight in Rangárvallasýsla.



Saturday:

Gullfoss-Geysir-Pingvellir Park

The day starts with an introduction to the Icelandic horse at a well known horse farm, so you can see all the special gaits of this unique breed of horse. Then you'll drive on to Gullfoss which is known in Iceland as the “Golden Falls” and nearby is the fascinating geothermal area of Geysir. The most active geyser is Strokkur “the churn” which can spout up to seventy feet every five to seven minutes. From there it's an easy drive to the ancient Viking Parliament area of Pingvellir National Park before returning to Reykjavik. You'll have a last night back in Reykjavik, at the outfitters guesthouse, and a chance to sample some of the city's great restaurants – and perhaps -if you dare- even it's night life!!

Sunday:

Time to say good bye ...

Travelers on early flights will make an early departure via Flybus to the airport., while those leaving late afternoon will have time to explore a bit of Reykjavik, do some shopping, or soak in the warm swimming pool in nearby Laugardalur, before being picked up by the Flybus around 1 PM

Price (flights, taxes and fuel surcharges included) and Dates for the Country Life Tour for 2010

The Country Life Tour starts in Iceland on Sundays and ends the next Saturday morning. Travel dates include a pre and post night. As with any of the Iceland Adventure tours, we'll be happy to arrange for you to arrive in Iceland a few days before the tour starts, or to stay a few days after the tour ends - just ask!

Travel Dates	Small Group Prices*
Spring & Fall	<i># in party Price per person</i>
May 14 - May 23	2 \$3512 (double occ)
September 17 - September 26	3 3412 (triple occ)
	4 3362 (double occ x 2)
	Price* for a single traveler including single supplement is \$3942
Summer	<i># in party Price per person</i>
June 11 - June 20	2 \$3888 (double occ)
June 25 - July 4	3 3788 (triple occ)
July 9 - July 18	4 3738 (double occ x 2)
July 23 - August 1	
August 6 - August 15	
August 20 - August 29	Price* for a single traveler including single supplement is \$4357

Finer Print: Price includes round trip airfare, **including fuel surcharge and departure taxes** from Boston, New York, Minneapolis. Add \$110 per person from Seattle. Ask about prices from Toronto, Halifax and Europe. The price also includes all airport transfers, a night before and after the tour in a Reykjavik guesthouse with breakfast. You'll spend all nights in double rooms in guesthouses, and summer hotels, all with private baths. Meals on the tour, include breakfast and dinner, from dinner on the first day to breakfast on the last day. Includes whale watching tour, boat trip, introduction to Icelandic Horse, visit 4 National Parks & Nature Bath.

***Not** included are meals on pre-and post-tour days, lunch while on the tour, (there will be a stop made everyday to purchase this) and any additional expenses or travel you may choose.

The Country Hotels used on this tour are often "summer hotels" used much of the year as boarding schools. They are simple and clean, all with private baths, but don't always have usual "hotel" amenities, like room service, or in-room internet connections. There is usually a computer for guest use in central sitting room, however.

Please note that the price is subject to revision until you book your tour by making a deposit. The prices listed on print material may not be the latest price. We will make every effort to keep prices on our webpages and their PDFs up to the minute. We welcome phone inquiries about prices and any other details.



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