



A New Years Celebration to Remember

*Spend four Nights in Reykjavik
- in good accommodations
Be escorted on tours in town and
to Iceland's most famous natural sights
A unique experience of the drama
of light and dark in a Sub-Arctic nation*

Traditionally New Years Eve in Iceland goes off with a bang! Festivities start with huge bonfires early in the evening. At midnight the skies light up with fireworks as the Icelanders celebrate the incoming New Year. Reykjavik, the world's northernmost capital experiences great seasonal swings in the lengths of its days and nights so the darkest days of winter and the lengthening of the days to follow are observed with real gusto.

For your nights you will be based at a good hotel or guest house in Reykjavik. During your stay a number of excursions are included You'll visit Gullfoss waterfall and Geysir. Some time is included at the Blue Lagoon, and a Reykjavik City Tour. There's a bit of time for adding other tours or exploring on your own. As a climax New Years Eve is enjoyed at the beautiful revolving Perlan Restaurant, which is situated above geothermal hot water tanks and offers one of the best views of Reykjavik as well as world class food.

Tour Features

- *You'll be taken from "Brenna to Brenna" (that means "Bonfire to Bonfire") on New Year's Eve*
- *A Gourmet Gala Buffet at the One-Of-A-Kind Perlan Restaurant. You'll have an amazing view of Reykjavik's Fireworks*
- *Visits to The Waterfall Gullfoss and the Hot Springs at Geysir*
- *Escorted tour of Reykjavik*
- *Bathin or being pampered, (or just hanging out) at The Blue Lagoon*

Daily Itinerary

29th Dec

Welcome to Reykjavik

Arrival at Keflavik Airport. Meet & greet by a guide in the arrivals lobby and transfer to your accommodations in Reykjavik

30th Dec

Free Day - Optional Tours

A day to set our own pace. Optional tours will be sold at certain time at the hotel lobby, more information will be provide by the guide.

31st Dec

Gullfoss and Geysir

A drive over the highland plateau of Hellisheiði, arriving the geothermal town of Hveragerði, known for the green house culture - top at Eden, one of their greenhouses and souvenir shop. Continuing to the picturesque Kerid, a lake-filled extinct volcanic crater. The next stop is to explore the other worldly

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hot spring area of Geysir - multicoloured pools of water and mud. Strokkur, the Great Geysir's little brother, is spouting to a height of about 25 metres and erupts at about 5-7 minute intervals. After lunch (which is included) it's a drive to the mighty Gullfoss (the Golden Waterfall), perhaps the most beautiful in the country. A little walk around Gullfoss Falls, where the river Hvitá tumbles 32 meters in a double cascade. When the sun is shining, you're likely to see a rainbow through the massive spray that forms. On the way back to Reykjavik there's a stop at Skálholt, the site of an ancient bishopric, and for centuries Iceland's main cultural centre.

Perlan Restaurant - A Gala buffet dinner

A Tour of Reykjavik's New Year Bonfires

Early evening transfer from accommodation to Perlan restaurant where you will have festive dinner buffet. After dinner the clients will be picked up by our guides for the evening tour we call "BRENNA BRENNA". That is driving to watch bonfires which are situated all over the city. That tour takes approx. 1,5 hrs. After the tour it's back to Perlan where to celebrate the New Year by watching the fireworks and dancing. At midnight Sparkling wine will be served. Transfer back to accommodation around 2 o'clock in the night (transfers start at 00.30 for those that want to go home early)



1st Jan

The City of Reykjavik, Bessastadir nad The Blue Lagoon

Weaving through narrow alleys framed with old timber houses, you'll learn about the life of the city from its very beginning to the present day. Passing the harbour, the University, Hallgrímskirkja-Church at the top of the hill and a photo stop at Höfði house, where the Reagan/Gorbachev summit meeting took place in 1986. Then on to Bessastaðir - the official residence of the President of Iceland - and a visit the church built in 1777 with its beautiful stained glass windows. Then around the picturesque town of Hafnarfjörður and on to the Blue Lagoon. Then it's swimsuits on, and bathing in the Blue Lagoon, a natural geothermal pool in the middle of a large and dramatic lava field. The Blue Lagoon, an oasis in the lava owes its existence to a nearby geothermal power plant, looming large over the aqua tinted waters. A 1 hour stop for a refreshing bathe or a swim in the pleasantly warm mineral-rich water, reputed for its healing properties. In the evening is a 3 course dinner to celebrate the New Year at Grand Hotel.

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2nd Jan

FAREWELL

Transfer (no guide) to Keflavik airport in good time for the flight back home.

Please note:

All departure hours and time will be confirmed by the guide upon arrival in Iceland

Prices*

The New Year Tour costs **\$2983** for hotel Accommodations and **\$2572** for a stay in a guesthouse. The price includes round trip to Iceland including fuel surcharge, from Baltimore, Boston or New York, with Minneapolis, Halifax and Orlando available for an extra \$75 per person. (These last two may not have daily flights available, but we can arrange any extra services you may need if you want to travel from these gateways.) ***NOT** included are US departure taxes and fees - which are up to **\$88 and subject to change.**

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