



Spectacular Iceland



Hiking and Iceland's Living Natural World

**Soft adventure, Easy hiking &
Wilderness exploring- A new
highland tour for 2016**

Lots of Iceland: interior highlands, seascapes, geothermal and volcanic areas

Bird watching cruise, iceberg sailing, soaking in natural hot springs

Optional glacier hike and ice cave exploration

Choice of standard or superior accomodations

Easy to moderate hiking on most days

A 10 Day Tour

Iceland is all about the outdoors! You'll be driven to areas of spectacular scenery in West and South Iceland and even the interior highlands. This new tour allows you to hike through Europe's last true wilderness. A landscape of stark, desolate and raw beauty, glacial rivers and lava fields punctuated by ice caps, volcanoes and jagged mountains. Suitable for everyone who enjoys the outdoors, nature photography, hiking in the wild and experiencing spectacular scenery

Day 0 Monday

Leave the US on an overnight flight from your Icelandair gateway

Day 1 Tuesday

Welcome to Iceland (50 km/31 mls)

The Flybus shuttle brings you from Keflavík International airport to Reykjavík where you spend your first night in Iceland. We provide you with ideas how to explore Iceland's capital on your own.

Day 2 Wednesday

Bird Watching Cruise and Volcano Hike (350 km/217 mls)

West Iceland for a 2-hour bird watching cruise between the uncountable islands of Breiðarfjörður bay. In the afternoon we follow the beautiful coastline of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula and climb the Grábrók volcano crater. Next stop is at Europe's most powerful hot spring. We spend 2 nights in Húsafell, West Iceland.

Day 3 Thursday

Waterfalls and Optional Cave Tour (20 km/12 mls)

Visit the magnificent Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls. Optional activities in the afternoon: a hike with your guide or an optional, once-in-a-lifetime tour to visit the man-made ice tunnel and caves located on one of Europe's largest glaciers, Langjökull.

Day 4 Friday

Highland Roads, National Park and Geysers (220 km/136 mls)

Follow the gravel mountain road Kaldidalur to Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and an area of exceptional geological and historical interest. Further east is the famous Geysir, the most energetic spouting hot spring in Iceland. Spend 2 nights at the Kerlingarfjöll Mountain Lodge, somewhere in the middle of nowhere.

Day 5, Saturday

Exploring the Interior Highland of Iceland (100 km/62 mls)

The Kerlingarfjöll mountain massif rich in contrasts with its peaks and valleys, glaciers and snowfields and all that lively geothermal activity, tempting both hikers and photographers alike.



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There's a 2 hour hike to see fuming steam vents, boiling mud pots and hot streams close to snow and ice. In the afternoon travel to Hveravellir or "The Hot Spring Fields", like an oasis in this vast and barren highlands of Central Iceland. It is awesome sitting in a natural hot pool in the wilderness, between two of Iceland's glaciers, surrounded by multi-coloured boiling mud pools, huffing and puffing fumaroles and spectacular azure hot springs.

Day 6, Sunday

Land of Water and Lava (250 km/155 mls)

Today's stop is at the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall. Then relax in the "Secret Lagoon", a natural geothermal spring. Continue alongside Mt Hekla to visit the Hjálparfoss waterfall in Þjórsárdalur valley. Nearby explore the Viking farm at Stöng with a leisurely hike to Gjáin, a green oasis in an otherwise rocky, barren moonlike landscape. Spend 2 nights in Hella, South Iceland.

Day 7, Monday

Landmannalaugar (220 km/136 mls)

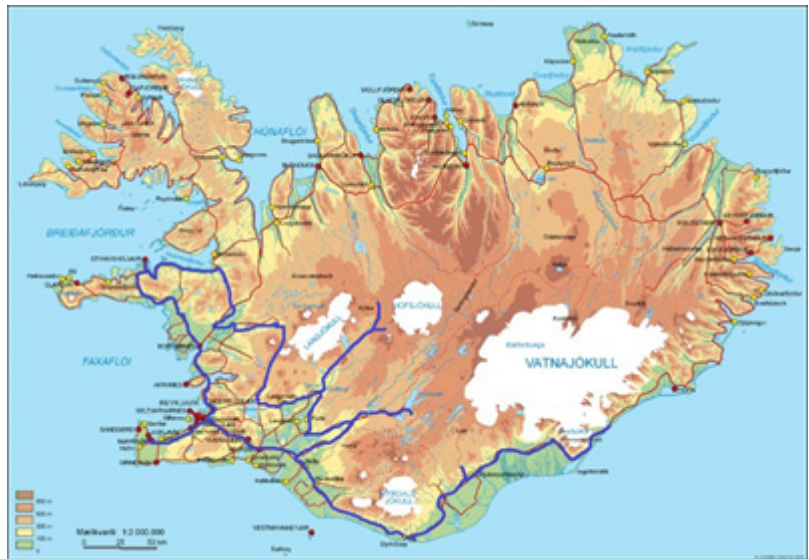
Today you explore a different part of the interior highlands of Iceland as you hike in the spectacular Landmannalaugar region with rough lava fields, hot springs and fascinating rhyolite mountains with an incredible spectrum of colors. There is also a natural geothermal stream where you can enjoy a hot soak.

Day 8, Tuesday

South Iceland (280 km/173 mls)

Heading to Vatnajökull National Park there are stops to see two famous waterfalls, Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss. You'll see Iceland's past come alive at the Skógar folk museum with its turf houses. At the seaside, you can stroll on the black lava beach to see the amazing bird cliffs in Vík. Spend 2 nights at Hotel Glacier Lagoon.

Day 9, Wednesday



Vatnajökull

National Park and The Glacial

Lagoon (120 km/74 mls)

Skaftafell area has a lot to offer for nature lovers. In the morning you may join a hike to Svartifoss waterfall with your tour guide or participate in an optional glacier walk on Svínafellsjökull glacier. In the afternoon visit Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and enjoy a boat ride amongst the floating icebergs.

Day 10, Thursday

Canyon and Horses (375 km/232 mls)

Heading back to Reykjavik there's a hike along Fjaðrárgljúfur, a spectacular massive canyon - serpentine with sheer walls. Next stop is Reynisfjara, a black pebble beach that features amazing cliffs of regular basalt columns resembling a rocky step pyramid. There's a chance to meet the Icelandic horse at before ending up in Reykjavik for your last night

Day 11, Friday

Depart for Home (50 km/31 mls)

The Flybus airport shuttle picks you up at your hotel and takes you to Keflavik airport.

EASY HIKING: This tour is based on short daily hiking of 1-2 hours, 1-5 km and with an elevation from 100-600 meters. The walks will be easy pace and allow enough time to take photos. The hiking is suitable to all those with good health and those who are able to walk/hike 2-3 hours on narrow nature trails – you'll only need a small day pack. Some trails may take you over boulder fields or loose rock slopes, over small streams and on some steep slopes. Hiking in Iceland offers an amazing variety of terrain along the way.

NOTE:

Total mileage, on the bus, in 9 days is about 1.935 km (1.197 miles) which is an average of 215 km (133 miles) per day. You spend about 3 hours per day on the bus, depending on road conditions, traffic and daily distances. On some days, especially in the interior highlands, the driving might be longer than on some other days.

Most hotels offer standard, superior and deluxe rooms, except the Kerlingarfjöll mountain lodge offers only basic standard rooms. All rooms offer private facilities..

MEALS: 10 breakfast, 2 picnic lunch (day 5 & 7) and 4 3-course dinner or buffet (day 4, 5, 8 & 9) Other days will include a stop to purchase lunch and a choice of options for purchasing dinners.

Price includes round trip flights from east coast Icelandair gateways, airport transfers, 10 nights in standard or superior hotels with private bath, breakfast every, 2 picnic lunches, dinner on 4 of the nights in the countryside, • Many activities with all fees: two national parks, bird watching cruise on Breiðafjörður fjord, “Secret Lagoon” in Flúðir, Skógar folk museum and turf houses, Boat trip on glacial lagoon, Introduction to the Icelandic horse • Average of 1-2 hours easy to moderate hiking per day

Not Included: Travel insurance, meals as outlined above, optional activities, additional services not specifically included

***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, 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,4 lunches - a stop will be made to purchase on days when its not included; dinners . as Reykjavik is overflowing with great dining options.

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

Nature fees: There may be a new Nature Fee imposed by Iceland’s government to support its many natural wonders. The fee will probably not be large but it will be an additional cost for travelers. Will know if/when details are settled!

Per Person Prices

	Standard Accommodations	Superior
2 Px	\$4841	5421
Single	6020	7115

Dates

Leave US	Return to US
Mon 20 June	Fri 1 July
Mon 4 July	Fri 15 July
Mon 18 July	Fri 29 July
Mon 1 Aug	Fri 12 Aug
Mon 15 Aug	Fri 26 Aug
Mon 29 Aug	Fri 9 Sept

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