



12 Breathtaking Days Reykjavík to Reykjavík Iceland - Fire, Ice Caves & Frozen Waterfalls

Iceland truly offers a unique and awe-inspiring adventure!

Experience frozen mountains and glaciers, thrilling excursions and fantastic black sand beaches

Iceland bulges with adventure, unbelievable sights, and experiences. In the frozen north, whales breach and swim, snow-covered hills dive into deep blue fjords, and the giant cascades of Goðafoss - 'Waterfall of the Gods' - are frozen mid-leap. In the south, monster 4WDs lead you to enormous glaciers, volcanoes, black and blue ice caves, and fantastic black sand beaches - one even filled with enormous Diamonds! With 5 nights well away from city lights and far from light pollution, you have ample chances to gaze in awe at the elusive Northern lights. The 'Northern Lights' are absolutely at the behest of nature, even though our chances are very high, as you will understand, cannot be guaranteed.



This tour has a baggage restriction of 23kg per person checked baggage and 6kg per person hand luggage due to the internal flights that form part of this tour. Any excess baggage is to be paid locally per flight by the traveller directly and is subject to the carriage conditions of the airline. Albatross Tours is not liable for any additional luggage costs incurred while travelling
Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach



Beverages other than tea/coffee are NOT included with meals.

Welcome drink in Reykjavík

20 meals including buffet breakfast daily (B), 2 lunches (L) and 7 evening meals (D)



Hotel portage is not available on this tour

Free WiFi at most hotels (where available)

11 nights authentic, specially selected hotel accommodation as described



Local guides as described in the itinerary

All excursions, scenic flights, drives, sightseeing, activities and entrances as described

ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides

Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager

The Greenland Sea



The North
Atlantic Ocean

Reykjavik - Let the Adventure begin!

Day 1



Hotel Reykjavík Centrum



Q&A D

Your tour commences this evening in cosmopolitan Reykjavik. Before dinner, enjoy a welcome drink in the hotel. This is an ideal chance to meet your Icelandic Tour Manager and fellow Arctic Adventurers.

North Iceland Scenic flight, fjord drive to Siglufjörður

Day 2



Sigló Hotel, Siglufjörður



Q&A B,D

Our late morning flight takes us across Iceland's frozen centre to the northern capital of Akureyri. From here we enjoy an incredible scenic drive alongside the Eyjafjörður Fjord, where steep mountain sides plunge straight down into the sea. Passing Dalvík we cut through the mountains to the small fishing town of Siglufjörður set beside its own peaceful fjord. In the afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the Herring Era Museum. This town was once centre of a massive fishing industry and the amazing museum brims with century old fishing boats and fascinating historical artefacts.

Dinner tonight is in your hotel set beside the picturesque harbour. Maybe enjoy the outside thermal hot pool and glass walled sauna and look out for the Northern Lights.

Please note: It is no longer possible for buses and large vehicles to pick up or drop off passengers in hotels located in the city centre. You now need to use specially designated bus pick up/drop off stops. This means that on the morning of Day 2 when we depart Reykjavik you will need to be able to take care of your luggage to & from your hotel to the bus stops. The walking distance is usually no more than 5 minutes.

Beautiful Fjord cruise & Whale Watching

Day 3



Hotel Kea, Akureyri



Q&A B,D

Driving back down past Dalvík we reach Hauganes, where we put on seafaring warm floatation suits and board a classic Icelandic Oak boat for a morning cruise on the deep placid waters of the dramatic Fjord. In stunning surroundings, we will be seeking killer whales, minke, porpoise, humpback, and blue whales. Your afternoon will be at leisure in Akureyri, where we stay the next 2 nights. Dinner tonight is in your hotel.

Goðafoss frozen waterfalls, Namafjall geothermal pools, Mývatn's Dark Castles

Day 4



Hotel Kea, Akureyri



Q&A B,L

Today we drive East. First stop will be to see the extraordinary frozen waterfalls of Goðafoss (Godafoss). Easy to access, with several vantage points over the river Skjálfandafljót, you look down on this giant horseshoe shaped frozen cascade. These frozen white 'Waterfalls of the Gods' are utterly spectacular. Afterwards we stop to see the intriguing sulphurous mud and steam springs at the Namafjall geothermal pools, where the alien landscape defies all comparison. Reaching beautiful Lake Mývatn we follow scenic shore drive and stop to take in the enormous panorama of rocky islands and craggy outcrops and the view over Kálfaströnd. We have included a buffet lunch today which is your chance to sample some Icelandic specialities. Next stop will be at the unearthly lava fields of Dimmuborgir, which translated means Dark Castles. Featured in the Game of Thrones because of its weird landscape of lava formations, your time is free to choose one of the easy walks amongst the rocky crags. This is also the folklore home to 13 mischievous Yule Lads.... Completing our circuit of the lake we return to Akureyri. The evening is free.

Seljalandsfoss waterfalls, Dyrhólaey & Vík

Day 5



Hótel Vík í Mýrdal



B,D

An unavoidable early start today as we catch a morning flight back to Reykjavík, then head off across the south of the island to Vík. On route, we will stop to visit the Seljalandsfoss waterfalls. Made famous in the TV series 'Viking', they cascade over a cliff cave into a rocky pool 60 metres below.

Later, we also stop on top of the arched cliffs at Dyrhólaey, which literally means "the hill island with the door hole." This is Iceland's most southerly point. From a height of 120 m above the sea battered rocks there are dramatic views down onto Dwarf Rock set in the middle of a huge black lava stone beach. The town of Vík, where we stay 2 nights, is small but very interesting, there's a lot to see and do there, and being Iceland's most southerly village, it has that real 'frontier' feeling. Dinner is in your hotel.

Monster 4WD to Katla's Dragon Glass Ice Cave

Day 6



Hótel Vík í Mýrdal



B

This morning we will take you to Reynisfjara black sand and pebbled beach with its huge basalt columns, lava formations and towering cliffs. Ranked as one of the world's top ten non-tropical beaches, the views are fantastic and above you, thousands of arctic terns swirl and swoop high along the cliff face. An amazing sight. Today we have also included a thrilling 4WD excursion to the Katla ice cave on the Mýrdalsjökull glacier. (jökull – meaning glacier). To get there we must cut across the snow-covered plains and drive deep into the highlands on monster 4-wheel drives. This is wild country, and the views of the glacier and mountains are stunning! On arrival we get a safety briefing, before putting on crampons for safe ice walking in these lunar-like surroundings. Following the pathway your guide will tell you about the famous volcano as we enter into the famous Dragon Glass Katla Ice Cave. You will be amazed by the lava encrusted black ice soaring above you and the colours ranging from grey to blue to black ice are amazing. What an adventure! Your evening is at leisure.

Molten lava & Skaftafellsjökull glacier walk

Day 7



Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon



B,D

After a leisurely start we will visit the Icelandic Lava Show. Ever wanted to see real molten lava? Well, you will here in this unique and fascinating show, as they superheat rocks to 1100 c to create molten lava which then flows down over a trough of ice. You will be up close to see it flowing, hear it sizzling and steaming, and feel the intense heat. Afterwards we head further east and the scenery changes yet again. Up ahead is the enormous Vatnajökull glacier - Europe's largest icecap which covers 8,100 sq kms. From it, numerous glacier tongues flow down towards the coast. We will make a stop at Skaftafell National Park, set beside Hvannadalshnúk - Iceland's highest peak. From the Visitor Centre we will take a walk to the base of Skaftafellsjökull. It is a very easy 3.7 km round trip scenic walk. You will be able to get right up close to the base of the huge glacier tongue, and in winter the colour of the ice is beautiful shades of white and blue. Moving on we arrive at our hotel where we stay the next 2 nights.

Jökulsárlón Glacier lagoon, Blue Crystal Ice Cave & Diamond Beach

Day 8



Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon



B,D

Another magnificent adventure today as we visit the adventure hub of Jökulsárlón, and the Blue Crystal Ice cave. Boarding a monster 4WD truck our local guide will drive us near to the Breiðamerkurjökull glacier. The glacier is retreating, so we need to walk to reach the stupendous Crystal Ice cave (very different from the Dragon Glass cave experience). After learning about the region and how the dramatic landscape was created, we reach the arched mouth of the cave which displays a dazzling array of icy blue colours. Wearing crampons (supplied), you can walk into the cave, and over onto the glacier itself. Stunning! Back at Jökulsárlón, there is time at leisure for lunch and you will have time to walk beside the famous Glacier Lagoon where hundreds of mini icebergs of all shapes and sizes are stranded, floating in a lake, gradually melting until they are small enough to be flushed out the sea.

Another magical highlight today as we take a walk along the extraordinary Diamond beach. Most of those 'baby bergs' end up washed on this black sand and pebble beach. Walking amongst them is like being amongst a field of giant, luminescent diamonds. Unbelievable.

Hvolsvöllur Lava Centre & Reykjavík

Day 9



Hotel Reykjavík Centrum

9Ψ B

Heading back to the capital we will stop at Hvolsvöllur to visit the Lava Centre to enjoy an interactive experience, learning how Iceland was formed, about their monstrous volcanoes, feeling earthquakes, and see how eruptions happen and the devastation they can cause.

We make a late lunch stop in Selfoss amongst the shops, galleries, and restaurants housed in buildings that showcase the charming classic style of Icelandic architecture.

Later we reach Reykjavík where we stay our final 3 nights.

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The Golden Circle, Þingvellir, hot Geysers, Gullfoss Falls & lots of tomatoes

Day 10



Hotel Reykjavík Centrum

9Ψ B,L

Today we drive the famous Golden Circle. First stop at the day will be at Þingvellir (Thingvellir) – meaning ‘assembly fields’ because this is the location of the Alþing (Althing) - Iceland’s parliament from the 10th to 18th centuries. This UNESCO World Heritage site is also where you can stand beside a rift valley - land which has been ripped apart by 2 separating tectonic plates. We take a short, easy stroll down through the canyon from the upper level to the lower level.

Hungry? We enjoy lunch consisting of a hearty bowl of tomato soup and homemade dunking bread at the Friðheimar tomato farm. Yes, tomatoes in Iceland! It is a weird sensation to sit at tables and dine surrounded by towering, lush tomato vines, buzzing with bumble bees, all inside giant greenhouses heated and lit by geo-thermic power. Your welcome drink is a mocktail made with green tomatoes and desert is also tomato based! Maybe try the tomato beer or a Bloody Mary! Friðheimar is also a breeding centre for thoroughbred Icelandic horses. We see the stables and get up close, to learn about these hardy little horses.

Now for just one more waterfall - the enormous Gullfoss Falls. Often considered the most beautiful in Iceland, the Hvita river cascades over two giant steps into the gorge below. Our last stop today is to visit the Geyser Hot Spring thermal area. Here we stroll amongst bubbling mud pools, boiling pits of thermal water and exploding geysers – most famous of all is the Strokkur geyser which can reach 30 metres high. Your evening is free back in Reykjavík.

The Blue Lagoon & Viking farewell dinner

Day 11



Hotel Reykjavík Centrum

9Ψ B,D

This morning we enjoy another amazing sensation at the huge Blue Lagoon thermal pools. We have included the premium package with towels, bathrobes etc so all you need is your swim costume. It is entrancing to wallow in the vast thermal, steaming pools, surrounded by snowy mountains, enjoying a (included) beer, wine, or soft drink from the ‘swim in’ pool bar, whilst your face is caked with mud packs. Your afternoon is free back in Reykjavík. Time to shop, explore and maybe visit the Hallgrímskirkja Church, where the Leif Ericsson statue stands, or the Whale or Saga or other Icelandic museums. This evening we will enjoy a farewell meal at a local restaurant in downtown Reykjavík.

Time to eat, drink and be merry!

Reykjavík

Day 12



Hotel Reykjavík Centrum

9Ψ B

You tour ends this morning after breakfast in your hotel.

Hand Selected Experiences

These are just a few of the very special hand selected experiences that will really make your touring experience exceptional and unique, and don't forget, with Albatross they are always included.



Goðafoss
Goðafoss Falls



Whale Watching
Cruise
On an Icelandic Oak
boat



Katla Ice Cave
Excursion to the Katla
Ice Cave



Seljalandsfoss
waterfall
Visit the stunning
waterfall



Jökulsárlón Glacier
Lagoon
Visit the Glacier
Lagoon and Blue
Crystal Ice Cave



Diamond Beach
Walk along the
Diamond Beach



Geyser Hot Spring
Geyser Hot Spring
thermal area



Gullfoss Falls
Visit Gullfoss Falls



Blue Lagoon
Thermal pools

Dates and Prices


Correct as of 14:38 on 29th August 2025

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	Guaranteed to Depart
23 Mar 2026	03 Apr 2026	NZD\$13,313	NZD\$16,561	<div><div></div>Space Available</div>

* Dates, prices, itineraries and hotels shown may be subject to change on specific departures. Please contact our European Tour Specialists for further details.

Tour Suitability

- Our Christmas, New Year and Northern Lights tours travel throughout the European winter months. The weather can get cold, and roads and pathways can be slippery. When outdoors, please take extra care when navigating slippery surfaces.
- We recommend sturdy waterproof shoes with good grip (hiking shoes, rather than sneakers), thick socks, a woollen beanie, thermal underclothes, gloves and sunglasses. Walking poles can be helpful to give you more confidence, if desired. Layering some light clothes is advisable, as you will often come in from the picturesque cold to warm spaces inside, so layering enables you to adjust to each environment for your optimal comfort. You will also be very comfortable when travelling as your modern touring coach is fitted with heaters and double glazed windows. Once you arrive at your hotel you will be greeted with a warm and comfortable atmosphere.
- Due to the nature of some of the included excursions on these tours, this tour may not be suitable for anyone with mobility limitations. On these tours you may encounter deeper snow fields, uneven surfaces and icy pathways. These tours are not suitable for travellers who are unable to walk without assistance.
- The 'Northern Lights' are absolutely at the behest of nature. We will be staying virtually a week in the north of Scandinavia and at some of the very best Aurora spotting locations to be found. We even go on an Aurora snowmobile safari. The chances of catching a wonderful display are very high however, as you will understand, cannot be guaranteed.

 Please contact our European Tour Specialists to discuss your specific needs.

Please refer to our Tour Suitability section for more information.

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