

# ADVENTURES

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## Iceland Winter Delights

### Trip Summary

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Exploring Iceland's stunning landscape  
Visiting bubbling mud baths and spouting geysers in one of the most geothermally active areas in the world
- Riding an Icelandic horse and learning why they are so popular
- Experiencing walking on a glacier as we learn how they are made
- Looking at the night skies in search of Northern Lights - a possibility!

## TRIP AT A GLANCE

**Location:** Reykjavik, Iceland

**Activities:** Multisport

**Arrive:** The morning of Day 1 in Reykjavik, Iceland

**Depart:** The afternoon of the last day at the airport

### Trip Overview

Iceland Winter Delights is a visit to the land of fire and ice and so much more! We'll spend six days exploring the southern portion of this beautiful island, experiencing its spectacular sights and activities. Our days will be packed; we'll tour Reykjavik, walk on a glacier, ride an Icelandic horse, feast on Icelandic specialties, keep on the lookout for elves, and experience the evidence of Iceland's geothermal activity in all its many forms, from geysers and volcanoes to thermal baths at the Blue Lagoon. We'll definitely be watching each night for those Northern Lights and hope that happens; but even if the lights refuse to show, we'll come away with a deep appreciation of this most magical of countries.

### Rating

Any healthy active woman. None of our activities are strenuous but our days are very full.

### What's Included

- An English-speaking Icelandic guide and an Adventures in Good Company guide (If there are fewer than 8 on the trip, there will not be an AGC guide)
- Four nights double occupancy accommodation
- All meals listed on the itinerary
- Private vehicle and driver for trip itinerary
- One hour ride on an Icelandic pony
- Glacier hike with crampons
- Admission to the 'Pearl' and to the Blue Lagoon

Not included: Airfare to/from Iceland, arrival shuttle, alcoholic beverages, guide and driver gratuities

## OUR ITINERARY

Below is the itinerary we have planned for the trip. As is true on any adventure travel trip, plans for any specific day may be modified due to weather considerations, unforeseen circumstances, new opportunities, and group interests.

### DAY 1

Our first meeting will be in the hotel lobby at 10 a.m. After introductions, the adventure starts with a driving tour of the city, including stops at the 'Pearl' and Hallgrímskirkja Church. Your Icelandic guide will introduce the history and the culture of this beautiful city and Iceland and answer all the questions you may already have. Lunch will be at the Pearl, giving you plenty of time to visit the exhibits, videos, and planetarium before returning to the hotel for a few hours of relaxation or more touring on your own (Reykjavik is a great city for walking). Your guides will make sure you know where all the museums, interesting sites, galleries, and exhibits are as well as the famous hot dog stand (maybe an afternoon snack?) For those who arrived today, you may not be able to check in until 2 p.m. or later but reception will be happy to stow luggage while you either explore or hang out in the lobby. Dinner tonight is included and we'll meet in the lobby to walk to dinner. (L, D)

### DAY 2

After enjoying an extensive buffet breakfast, we'll head out for what promises to be the start of four very full days. Today's tour is commonly known as the Golden Circle, one of the most popular tours in Iceland. And no wonder! It showcases Iceland's dramatic scenery, human history, and geothermal activity. The tour begins with a drive to Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the location of Iceland's Parliament between the years 930 and 1798. Thingvellir is also one of the few places in the world where you can see the effects of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates pulling apart. We will spend about 1 to 2 hours walking and viewing in the Thingvellir area.

The next stop is the Geysir hot springs, known for bubbling hot springs and spouting geysers. The highlight is undoubtedly Strokkur, the most active geyser of the area, spouting up to 75 - 100 feet. Lunch will be had at Fridheimar greenhouse with delectable soup, salad, and deserts. Then it's on to Gullfoss waterfall, where the Hvita River plunges steeply down into a deep, meandering gorge, creating one of Iceland's most dramatic waterfalls. From Gullfoss a drive through classic Icelandic farmland brings us to Hotel Fljótshlíð on the farm Smaratun where we will stay for two nights. This family-run farm and hotel Smaratun is located in the beautiful Fljótshlíð area with views of Eyjafjallajökull volcano. The people who run the farm are wonderful AND they have an amazing cook. The farm, with no light pollution around, is a great location to look for those famous Northern Lights! At some point during our stay at Smaratun we will visit a neighboring farm to meet and ride the beautiful and friendly Icelandic horses. The sturdy and sure-footed Icelandic breed is the original Viking horse and is famous for its fifth gait, the smooth tolt. (B, L, D)

### DAY 3

Journey to the heart of Iceland's volcanic prowess at the Lava Center, where interactive displays and a viewing platform offer insights into the volcanic forces that shaped this land. Continue your adventure to the south, where the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls await, cascading from heights with a power that reverberates through the soul. Your day's quest leads you to the remote southeast, where the Hotel Klaustur offers a sanctuary of comfort amidst the wild, a perfect base for exploring the untamed landscapes that surround. Another delicious dinner, comfy bed, and - maybe - the Northern Lights, ends our day. (B, L, D)

### DAY 4

Skaftafell National Park beckons with its glacier tongues and rugged peaks, offering trails that lead to hidden waterfalls and breathtaking viewpoints. The jewel in the crown is the visit to Jokulsarlon Glacier Lagoon, where icebergs calve into the lake, creating a moving sculpture garden. Nearby, Diamond Beach reveals these ice sculptures washed ashore, sparkling against black sands under the caress of waves, a moment of beauty frozen in time. We'll end our night with the continued pursuit of the Northern Lights and will tuck into our cozy accommodations to prepare for our next adventure. (B, L, D)

### DAY 5

The narrative of your journey weaves through the contrasts of Iceland's landscapes, with a visit to Reynisfjara, the black sand beach framed by basalt columns and tumultuous waves. The highlight is the ascent of Solheimajokull Glacier, where you're equipped to traverse its crevasses and ice sculptures, guided by experts who will host this exploration and manage for risk. After we finish our glacial journey, we will make our way back to the hustle and bustle of the city and bed down for the night back in Reykjavik. (B, L, D)

### DAY 6

Begin your final day with some free time in Reykjavik, giving you a chance to enjoy the city at your own pace, pick up last-minute souvenirs, or simply relax at a local café. Later, you'll head to the Blue Lagoon, one of Iceland's most famous attractions. The lagoon's geothermally heated waters provide a perfect place to unwind and reflect on your journey. Enjoy around two hours here to soak and relax. Depending on your flight schedule, plan to leave the Blue Lagoon by early afternoon to ensure you arrive at the airport on time for your flight. And if we haven't seen the Northern Lights? We'll just have to come back for another try. (B)

## ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

### Getting There

Plan to fly into Keflavik International Airport (KEF), which is located approximately 60 -75 minutes from Reykjavik. From there it is easy to get into Reykjavik on the Flybus, which can be pre-booked and costs about \$40.00. Details will be included in the Pre Departure Document. Getting Home: The last day of the trip is Day 6. The majority of the day will be spent at the Blue Lagoon - departure time from the lagoon will be 2:30 p.m. and you will be at the KEF airport by 3 p.m. Flights can be planned for any time after 5 p.m. on Day 6.

If you would like assistance with airfare, we recommend contacting our AirDesk Partner, [Exitto Travel](#). Start by submitting this [form](#). Just fill in your dates and destinations, including any additional notes about preferred carriers, class of service, possible stopovers, etc., and an agent will typically respond via email within a few hours. If you prefer to call, the number is 800-655- 4053; be sure to tell them you are traveling with Adventures in Good Company.

Please note: Most of the international airlines are in-network for Exitto, so they do not charge extra for their services (and often have access to discounted rates). When necessary, processing fees out-of-network carriers are minimal at around \$35-\$50 per ticket.

### Accommodations

We'll spend our first and last nights at [Hotel Skuggi](#) (or similar), located in Reykjavik, one night at [Hotel Stracta](#) and two nights at [Hotel Klaustur](#) (or similar) in Southern Iceland.

### Travel Insurance

We recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection through Travelex Insurance Services. For more information on the available plans or to enroll, visit [www.travelexinsurance.com](http://www.travelexinsurance.com) or call 1-800-228-9792 and reference location number 06-0331.

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