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Natural wonders & majestic landscapes

Discover Iceland

6 days/5 nights

from \$890

Price per person in double occupancy

Departures 2015: January 15th, 22nd, February 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
March 5th, 12th, 19th, April 2nd, 9th

All departures are guaranteed with min. 2 participants

Package includes:

- 2 nights at the Icelandair Hotel Reykjavik Natura, including breakfast
- 1 admission to the Sóley Natura Spa at the Icelandair Hotel Reykjavik Natura
- 3 nights at countryside hotels (Icelandair Hotel Fludir and Icelandair Hotel Klaustur), including breakfast
- Guided coach tour from day 2 to day 5
- Entrance fee to the Northern Lights Center in Reykjavik
- Geothermal bakery experience at Laugarvatn Fontana
- Entrance fee to the Volcano Visitor Center at the base of Eyjafjallajökull volcano
- Visit to an Icelandic farm at the base of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano
- A visit from a local storyteller
- Northern Lights hunt kit on day 3 or 4 (flashlight, blanket & thermos of hot cocoa)
- Northern Light guided hunt on foot one selected evening
- Northern Lights "wake up call" option during the night (available at the countryside hotels)

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Program

Day 1: Arrival

Overnight stay in Reykjavik (airport transfer not included).

Day 2: Thingvellir - Geysir - Gullfoss

Northern Lights Center - National Park with Geological Wonders (UNESCO) - Exploding Geysers - The Famous Golden Falls

Start the day by visiting the recently opened and fascinating Northern Lights Center in Reykjavik for an exciting and informative presentation on the Northern Lights.

Onwards to Thingvellir National Park (UNESCO) where the world's oldest parliament met for centuries on the shores of Iceland's largest lake. We then drive to Laugarvatn Fontana where we experience a geothermal bakery first hand and dig up bread that has been cooked underground. After the tour, we sample the delicious bread, served hot from the ground with some butter.

Continue through farmland areas to the geothermal fields of Geysir with bubbling mud pools and high spouting Strokkur hot spring. Last but not least visit the dramatic two-tiered Gullfoss waterfall, a spectacular sight in winter when frozen mid-cascade.

Overnight in Fludir area.

Included:

Entrance fee to the newly opened Northern Lights centre in Reykjavik

Geothermal bakery experience at Laugarvatn Fontana

Day 3: South Shore - Eyjafjallajökull Volcano

Waterfalls - Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre - Volcanic Aftermath - Black Sand Beaches

We will spend this day exploring the region close to the towering, strato-volcano Eyjafjallajökull, which is probably the most famous volcano in the world today. At the Volcano Visitor Centre at Thorvaldseyri Farm, located beneath Eyjafjallajökull Volcano, you will be able to see, both in pictures and on movie, the eruption and its impact on the countryside, the country itself and the whole world.

Visit an innovative Icelandic farm where the main line of produce is milk and beef but the farm is best known for its grain farming. Driving along the south shore we will make a stop at the spectacular waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss. Onwards to Reynisfjara beach, viewing the extraordinary rock formations and thundering waves of the Atlantic Ocean.

Overnight stay and Northern light hunt in Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

Included:

Entrance fee to The Volcano visitor centre at the roots of Eyjafjallajökull

Visit to an innovative Icelandic farm at the roots of Eyjafjallajökull

Day 4: Skaftafell National Park - Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon

Europe's Largest National Park - Glacial Lagoon with Icebergs - Europe's Largest Glacier

Skaftafell National Park is one of Iceland's most outstanding areas of natural beauty dominated by the glacier Vatnajökull, Europe's largest ice cap. Continue to Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon where you can enjoy a breathtaking sight of floating icebergs on the fantastic 180m deep glacial lagoon.

Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Hveragerdi - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavik

Greenhouse Village - Thundering Waves - Geothermal Lagoon

We head towards the village of Hveragerdi which is one of the few sites in the world located directly on top of a geothermal area. Hveragerdi is often called "the flower village" because of its many greenhouses heated by

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hot water from nearby springs. The tour continues to Strandarkirkja a church popularly believed to have a special power to aid success or provide good luck. Then along the coast with breath taking sea waves through a community once flourishing and now deserted.

On to the Reykjanes peninsula where we enjoy a dip in the famous Blue Lagoon which is a unique wonder of nature with pleasantly warm mineralrich geothermal water in a middle of a black lava field (Blue Lagoon bathing fee not included).

Return to Reykjavik where the evening is at your own leisure.

Day 6: Departure

Transfer to the international airport (not included).

Airport Shuttle departures/arrivals (non-guided coach transfer on arrival and departure, Pick-up and drop-off at your accommodation in Reykjavik) = \$55 per person

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