



# Discover Iceland

*June 29 – July 8, 2022*

Iceland is a country known for its natural wonders: glaciers, active volcanoes, black-sand beaches, geothermal areas, roaring rivers, majestic waterfalls, and beautiful lakes. On our Iceland tour you will witness these natural wonders while enjoying fun and unique experiences.

## June 29 Departure from the U.S.

Overnight flight to Iceland

## June 30 Arrival – Reykjavik City Sightseeing.

Arrival this morning in Iceland. After clearing customs and immigration we will be met by our guide who will take us to our private coach. We will then head straight for the capital, where our tour will take in most of the city's major attractions, including: the City Hall, the National Museum, Laugadalur swimming pool, the Ásmundur Sveinsson Sculpture museum, the Pearl, Höfði house (site of the 1986 summit) and the city's main landmark, Hallgrímskirkja. After the city tour, we will be taken to our hotel for check-in.

**In the evening:** Welcome dinner at local restaurant. (D)

## July 1 Free Day in Reykjavik - Optional Tours are available.

For those who have visited Reykjavik before this is a day to relax and enjoy some shopping, sidewalk cafes or stroll this lovely city. (B)

Optional tours available are:

### Optional tour # 1:

#### Golden Circle

The most important tour while staying in Reykjavik has to be the Golden Circle. Combining natural and historical wonders, you'll experience Iceland's landmark attractions in one incredible day: the magnificent Gullfoss waterfall, the spouting hot springs of Geysir, and Þingvellir national park, site of the Viking parliament and over 1000 years of history. This is a classic tour, not to be missed.

**Included:** Private guided coach tour, lunch in the Geysir area (excludes drinks).

**Duration:** 8 hours.

**Cost:** \$98.00

## Optional tour #2:

### Whale Watching

Experience an unforgettable adventure into the world of whales and seabirds in their natural habitat. This is your chance to get up-close to the magnificent creatures that inhabit the seas around Reykjavík. The marine science expert guide on board gives you a fascinating insight into the life of the ocean. The most common sightings include white-beaked dolphins, harbour porpoises, minke and humpbacked whales.

**Note:** This is a scheduled tour, so the group may be sharing with other visitors.

This tour is subject to weather conditions and whale sightings are not guaranteed.

**Included:** Private coach transfer and guide, guided whale watching tour.

**Duration:** 3-4 hours

**Cost:** \$82.00



## July 2 Reykjavik – Borgarfjörður - Laugarbakki

Departure from Reykjavik and onwards to the fertile Borgarfjörður where we visit the spectacular waterfalls Hraunfossar and Barnafoss.

We pass Reykholt, home of the eminent 13th century scholar, politician and writer of sagas, Snorri Sturluson. A stop will be made at Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring, before we continue our journey to the north of Iceland, and head on to Laugarbakki, a peaceful area steeped in old legends of outlaws, sorcerers and Medieval battles. On the way we will have the option of hiking up to the crater Grábrók. The walk to the top is quite easy as the crater is only about 170 meters high (560 feet). There is a good path up to the top with manmade steps. It is one of the natural sights that has been popular among Icelanders for decades. Overnight in the Laugarbakki area. (B)



### **July 3 Skagafjörður – Akureyri.**

Breakfast at our hotel and check out.

Drive via the village of Blönduós, situated at the estuary of the glacial River Blanda, to Skagafjörður. At Vidímyri we visit an 18th century church built in the traditional turf roof style, which dates back to the beginning of Christianity in Iceland in the 11th century. Skagafjörður is known in Iceland for history and horse breeding, and we will stop at a horse farm for an introduction to Icelandic horses with a short lecture and horse show. Coffee & cakes will be served after the show. We continue to Akureyri and arrive at the Hotel Kea, our base for the next four nights.

**In the evening:** Dinner at hotel or local restaurant. (B, D)

### **July 4 Akureyri.**

Breakfast at our hotel.

Akureyri is the north's cultural and social centre. We start the day's program with a short sightseeing tour of Akureyri, the capital of Northern Iceland. Set within a rich farming area and overlooked by high mountains, Akureyri's streets are lined with trees, a mark of the fertile land on which the town is built.

**Optional:** Whale watching from Akureyri in the afternoon. (B)

### **July 5 Akureyri – Diamond Circle.**

Ahead is a fully-packed day of wildly varying landscapes. We drive to the pretty fishing town of Húsavík, also known as the whale watching capital of Iceland. Drive along the fossil-rich Tjörnes peninsula to the northern part of Vatnajökull National Park. This is the Jökulsárgljúfur region of the park, where glacial floods and volcanic eruptions have created a unique landscape. Explore the lush vegetation growing in the horseshoe-shaped canyon of Ásbyrgi. Vikings believed it was a hoof-print left by Sleipnir, Odin's eight-legged flying horse from Norse mythology. The next stop is at the powerful Dettifoss waterfall, the largest one in Europe. From there the tour takes us to the truly stunning surroundings of Lake Mývatn including Dimmuborgir – an incredible moonscape of mesmerising lava formations; and Námaskarð, where we will encounter sulphur pits and multicolored pools of boiling mud. The lake itself offers stunning views and rich bird life, including the World's largest concentration of breeding ducks. Last stop before returning to Akureyri will be at the spectacular Goðafoss waterfall. (B)

### **July 6 Akureyri – Siglufjörður - Ólafsfjörður.**

Discover the colorful life of the Arctic coastline on our tour today. We journey through Eyjafjörður and The Troll Peninsula (Tröllaskagi) experiencing the raw beauty of the surrounding mountains, fjords and coastline. We are off the beaten path to visit local fishing villages providing an authentic experience of coastal life in Northern Iceland. We visit the small herring village of Hjalteyri taking in the sites and local tales. Then we move on to the fishing port of Dalvík for some great photo opportunities. We travel through the mountains to the next fjord where we will head down to the black sand beach in Ólfsfjörður village and then onwards to the scenic town of Siglufjörður where the TV series 'Trapped' is filmed.





The last stop is Kaldi Microbrewery where we will have the opportunity to tour the microbrewery and try out their specialty beer. (B)

### **July 7 Akureyri - Flight to Reykjavik**

Breakfast at our hotel and check out.

Transfer to Akureyri airport for our flight (duration approx.. 45 min) back to Reykjavik.

Transfer to your hotel in Reykjavik. Check in and afternoon at leisure.

#### *Included:*

- *Airport transfers*
- *8 nights hotel accommodations*
- *Breakfast daily at the hotels*
- *3 dinners*
- *Sightseeing as listed in the itinerary*
- *Private bus for sightseeing*
- *Private English speaking tour guide*
- *Flight Akureyri to Reykjavik*
- *Icelandic VAT tax*
- *VIP World Travel hosts Steve & Chris Briggs*

*Note:*

1. *There is a possibility that some nature sites may impose a small, last minute admission fee that would need to be paid at the time of entering the site.*
2. *Minimum group size is 14*

**CANCELLATIONS:** From date of deposit to 57 days before departure the deposit is non-refundable. From 56 days to 31 days before departure the cancellation fee is 75% of the tour cost. 30 days until departure the cancellation fee is 100% of the tour cost.

**TRIP COST:** \$2980.00 Price listed is per person based on two people sharing a room. Price does not include international air. Supplement for singles: \$1380.00

**DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm your reservation. **This is a private group tour and space is limited. Make your deposit as soon as possible to secure your reservation.**

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment is due no later than May 13, 2022.

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** VIP World Travel will assist in confirming air arrangements to Iceland from your city of departure. Air schedules for this trip will not be available until late August 2021.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel Insurance is HIGHLY recommended for this trip and should be paid at the time of deposit.

**Summer Temperatures:** The high temperature will range between 55 °F to 68 °F with night time lows that can drop to about 40 °F.

**Daylight:** Iceland's northern latitude means it experiences big differences between winter and summer daylight hours. From May to August, you won't see much darkness and in the month of June the sun never fully sets in the north.

**In the evening:** Farewell dinner at local restaurant. (B, D)

### **July 8 Departure transfer**

Your private coach will pick us up at the hotel approximately 3 hours before your flight departure from Keflavik International Airport. Arrival home this evening.





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