

#### Dec 1 - Depart USA

#### Dec 2 - Monday | Arrival

We will advise the best times for everyone's arrivals to depart the same time for transfers.

Check into hotels - more details will follow.

#### Dec 3 - Tuesday | Excursions

We start the day with breakfast at the hotel. We then make our way to the Golden Circle, the oldest day tour route on the island. Our first stop will be Þingvellir National Park where we find the oldest parliament in the world, admire the beautiful nature and experience the separation of the two tectonic plates that meet there. Scenes for both the Game of Thrones and Vikings television series were filmed here in southern Iceland.

Our next destination will be the Geysir hot spring/geothermal area. Here we can see the inactive geyser Geysir, which according to 19th century accounts, could blow water up to 170 meters (558 ft) in the air when it would burst.

We will also see Strokkur, an active geyser that blows hot water as high as 30 meters (100 ft) into the air every few minutes. We end the tour by visiting Gullfoss, one of Iceland's most iconic waterfalls. We will stay overnight at a hotel in the Selfoss region and possibly have a chance at seeing the Northern Lights.

## Dec 4 - Wednesday | Excursions

We start the day with breakfast at the hotel. We begin the day at Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss, two of the most photogenic waterfalls in Iceland. Our next stop will be Vík and on our way there we will pass the glacier that stopped air traffic in Europe in 2010, Eyjafjallajökull. We will pass black sand beaches and see the rock formation, Reynisdrangar, which some folklore says was created when two trolls attempted to drag a schooner to shore. Our final destination of the day will be Skaftafell National Park. Ice Tourism - Inspired by Iceland! We will stay overnight at a hotel in the Kirkubæjarklaustur/Skaftafell/Vatnakjökull region and possibly have a chance at seeing the Northern Lights.



Skógafoss waterfall



Strokkur geyser in Golden circle



Capital of Iceland, Reykjavik





#### Dec 5 - Thursday | Excursions

We start the day with breakfast at the hotel. The Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon is our first stop of the day, it truly is one of the most beautiful places in the country. Gigantic blocks of ice that break off from a nearby glacier float through the lagoon until they reach the nearby Breiðamerkursandur, also known as the Diamond Beach, where they eventually melt into the sea. The name Diamond Beach comes from the view when the chunks of ice on the beach glitter in the sunlight, creating a breathtaking scene.

After the lagoon we go on a super jeep ride to see ice caves, with an experienced guide. The temperature inside the cave goes below zero degrees (celsius) so it is extremely important to be dressed accordingly for this day. We then return to the capital, crossing Skaftafell National Park. We will stay at a hotel in Reykjavík.

# Dec 6 - Friday | Excursions

We start the day with breakfast at the hotel. We leave the capital for a trip to the Blue Lagoon, making our way through the lava fields that form the lunaresque landscape of the Reykjanes peninsula. The Blue Lagoon is an open-air geothermal lagoon with 30°C - 40°C warm water, the water's milky blue shade is due to the high silica content. It is without question one of the most unique and wonderful attractions of Iceland.

This day we will go on a tour of the city and see some of Reykjavík's most iconic attractions. We will visit Höfði - the house where Ronald Reagan and Mikhael Gorbachev met in 1986, see Sólfarið - the viking shaped sculpture by the ocean, Hallgrímskirkja – is the

tallest church in Iceland and is among the tallest structures in the whole country as well. We will see the old harbour on our way to FlyOver Iceland. We will stay another night at the hotel in Reykjavík.

## Dec 7 - Saturday | Tour Ends

The tour ends here but you can do a post trip to London, Amsterdam, etc. We are looking forward to having you all on this amazing journey!

\* Based on double occupancy. Email us for single rate. Early booking discount has been included. Payment plan available with small deposit. Limited availability.

#### TRIP INCLUDES:

- Arrival and departure transfer between Keflavík Airport and Reykjavík
- Two nights at a hotel in the countryside | B&B
- Three nights at a hotel in Reykjavík | B&B
- Bus for the whole trip with a local English speaking guide
- One night excursion to see the Northern Lights should they appear
- Guided super jeep exploration to a natural ice cave in Vatnajökull National Park
- Admission to the Blue Lagoon [includes towel, slippers and a drink]
- Admission to FlyOver Iceland
- Sightseeing included in the travel itinerary

#### **EXCLUDES:**

- Tips not included for driver and guide
- Self-insurance
- Beverages
- Other things that not mentioned in the program
- Flights

