

5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS - NORTHERN LIGHTS SIC GOLDEN CIRCLE GROUND TOUR

****ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE**

During the day we explore Southwest Iceland, known for its natural wonders and cultural sights. See glittering glaciers, snow-clad mountains, giant lava fields, steaming hot springs and beautiful waterfalls. Bathe in the mineral-rich geothermal waters of the Blue Lagoon, walk on a black lava beach, visit Icelandic horses on their farm, photograph idyllic turf houses and travel close to the famous Eyjafjallajökull volcano. This short getaway to Iceland offers insight into Iceland's nature and cultural life, with two nights in Iceland's capital and two nights in South Iceland, an ideal location for the search for the Northern Lights. Also called Aurora Borealis, they are visible in the northern sky from September through April when the sky is clear and free of clouds. During this tour, it is possible to book an optional glacier hike.

Highlights and Experiences:

- Budget holiday offering excellent value for money
- Must-see nature: The Golden Circle, the South Coast and the Blue Lagoon
- Visit to Skógar folk museum with turf houses
- 2-night stay in South Iceland, ideal for Northern Lights hunting
- 2 evenings with a combination of lectures, presentations, film and guided searches for Aurora Borealis
- ****Optional Northern Lights fjord cruise (can arrange day 1 and 4) – EURO (€) 105/person (Refer below for details)**
- ****Optional glacier hike (day 3) ~ EURO (€) 140/person (Refer below for details)**

Details Itinerary:

Day	Destination	Meal	Hotel
Day 1 (TUE, THU)	WELCOME TO ICELAND (50 km/31 miles) The Flybus shuttle brings travellers from Keflavík International Airport to Hotel Cabin in Reykjavík. <i>We provide you with ideas how to explore Iceland's capital on your own.</i>	NO MEAL	Hotel Cabin Reykjavík or similar
Day 2 (WED, FRI)	REYKJAVIK CITY TOUR, THE BLUE LAGOON & REYKJANES PENINSULA (220 km/137 miles) At 09:00 meet your tour guide who shows the group the highlights of Iceland's exciting capital. Then head out to the Reykjanes Peninsula with its hot springs, mountains, bird cliffs, lighthouses and fishing villages. By the end of the day, we get to soak off our travels in the warm mineral-rich waters of the famous Blue Lagoon . We stay for two nights in simple cottages in South Iceland. In the evening, we hear about the Northern Lights from our tour guide. Naturally, once darkness falls, you are out in the garden waiting for the Northern Lights.	✓ Breakfast / Lunch & Dinner by own	Árhús Cabins Hella or similar
Day 3 (THU, SAT)	SOUTH ICELAND WITH OPTIONAL GLACIER HIKE (200 km/124 miles) Today we head along the south coast and reach the area near the active volcano that is beneath the Eyjafjallajökull glacier . We stop at the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall , which plunges from the mountain. Next, we visit Skógar folk museums , which contains an outstanding collection of farm and domestic artefacts from Iceland's past and several turf-built houses. Nearby is one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country; the 60-meter high Skógafoss waterfall . (OFFER OPTIONAL TOUR GLACIER WALK) Tour continues further south where you can stroll on the black lava beach to see the amazing bird cliffs at Reynisfjara near Vík. In the evening there is another presentation about the Northern Lights. If the night is clear, you might see the Northern Lights swirling in a wild and carefree dance across the heavens in dramatic shapes, colours, patterns and sizes. OUR ACCOMODATION in Hella are extensive and dark, offering you an excellent location for Northern Lights search if the weather conditions are right. It requires patience, warm clothing and the excitement of "maybe there could be Northern Lights".	✓ Breakfast / Lunch & Dinner by own	Árhús Cabins Hella or similar
Day 4 (FRI, SUN)	HORSES & GOLDEN CIRCLE (210 km/130 miles) In the morning you learn about the Icelandic horse , its unique qualities and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse . Travel the Golden Circle route. See steam rising from the Geysir geothermal fields as you arrive. There is a variety of hot springs and bubbling pools. The original geyser is now dormant but has been replaced by Strokkur "the Churn" which erupts at 5-10min intervals. Continue to Gullfoss , a double waterfall that tumbles 34 meters into the Hvítá River and attracts tourists and travellers in summer and winter. Head inland to Pingvellir National Park , a UNESCO World Heritage Site , before returning to Reykjavík for your last night, (OFFER OPTIONAL TOUR NORTHERN LIGHTS EVENING CRUISE)	✓ Breakfast/ Lunch & Dinner by own	Hotel Cabin Reykjavík or similar
Day 5 (SAT, MON)	DEPARTURE HOME (50 km/31 miles) Individual transfer by Flybus airport shuttle from your guesthouse/hotel accommodation in Reykjavík to Keflavík Airport.	Breakfast	

Remarks: Arrival in Iceland on TUESDAY AND THURSDAY. (DAY 1 START MENTIONED IN ABOVE ITINERARY), 2 TIMES A WEEK FROM SEPT/2018 TO APRIL 2019 EXCEPT XMAS & NEW YEAR NOT APPLIED.

CHANGE OF PROGRAM: Itineraries may be subject to change at short notice during severe weather conditions and certain outdoor activities/day trips may be cancelled during the winter season in Iceland. In these rare cases, where situations of force majeure apply, excursions/activities cannot be refunded, but the local guides will try their best to find reasonable alternatives where and whenever possible.

**** upgrade hotel: *Hotel Klettur Reykjavík & Stracta Hotel Hella or same grade: Euro350 per person in share room supplement.**

****Optional Tour**

On Day 3

GLACIER WALK-EURO 140 PER PAX (cash only)

In the afternoon we offer an optional TOUR glacier walk. The Sólheimajökull glacier tongue extends from the large Mýrdalsjökull glacier, down to the sandy plains of the Icelandic south coast. The spectacular surroundings are marked by rugged and majestic rock formations thoroughly shaped by the glacier. On this fun, safe and easy to moderate glacier walk you get to explore the wonderland of ice sculptures, water cauldrons, ridges and deep crevasses on the breath-taking Sólheimajökull glacier. While enjoying all the features of the glacier and its spectacular surroundings, you will learn more about the behaviour of glaciers and their impact on nature. No technical requirements are needed for the tour as an experienced glacier guide will teach you how to use basic glacier equipment, such as crampons and an ice axe which is provided for glacier walks. The unique experience of a glacier walks on one of the many retreating glaciers of the world is sure to leave lasting memories. Duration of this activity is about 3 hours in total, about 90 minutes on the ice and about 30-40 min walk (one-way) from the parking lot to the glacier edge itself. The minimum age for the glacier hike is ten years. You need to bring warm clothing, rain gear and hiking boots.

The special price for the Land of Northern Lights group members is about *EURO 140 per person* (cash only) payment is due with the glacier hike company on day 3 in Icelandic Krona. The glacier hike can only be booked with the guide on day 2.

On Day 4

NORTHERN LIGHTS EVENING CRUISE- EURO 105 PER PAX (cash only)

EURO 105 PER PAX INCLUDED ROUND TRIP TRANSFER can be booked while in the destination if the weather conditions are ideal.

Inclusive of:

- ✓ Arrival & departure airport transfer by FLYBUS Plus shuttle (no guide)
- ✓ Fully escorted 3-day bus tour with a Mandarin-speaking guide
- ✓ 4-nights budget accommodation, in rooms with private shower/WC (see information below)
- ✓ Daily breakfast
- ✓ Entrance with towel at Blue Lagoon.
- ✓ Entrance fee to Skógar folk museum and turf houses.
- ✓ Visit to Icelandic horse stables & geothermal greenhouse.
- ✓ Northern Lights program during two evenings with a combination of lectures, presentations, film and guided searches for the Northern Lights and midnight refreshments.
- ✓ Use of winter & Northern Lights Explorer equipment: simple non-slip snow & ice grippers spikes for shoes and a flashlight that is helpful when walking in the dark and operating your photo camera at night.

Exclusive of:

- ✗ International air ticket and airport taxes & travel insurance.
- ✗ Others not mentioned nor specified as above
- ✗ Personal Expenses

Important note:

DAILY DRIVING: Total mileage without airport transfer is about 630 km (391 miles) which is an average of 210 km (130 miles) per day. You spend about 3 hours per day on the bus, depending on road conditions, traffic and daily distances. On some days the driving might be longer than on some other days. This tour is suitable for children that are used to bus trips.

ACCOMMODATION: For this program, we use budget accommodation to offer an attractive package price. You get great value for money. The first and last nights are at Hotel Cabin, in Reykjavík, offering rooms (10m2) with shower/WC, a restaurant, and a bar. The 2nd & 3rd nights are at Árhús Cabins in Hella, South Iceland, where 23 simple cottages with shower/WC are located in a large garden right on the river banks in the village of Hella. Árhús Cabins are popular with outdoor active guests and families travelling with children. All cottages are equipped with a small kitchenette and free Wi-Fi. There is a restaurant on premises, and a public swimming pool and supermarket are within walking distance.

NOTE REGARDING DINNERS:

In Reykjavik, the dinner is on your own. There are many restaurants for both fast food and fine a la carte dining in Iceland's capital. The Árhús Cabins in South Iceland offer a limited a la carte menu with a selection of fish, meat and vegetarian as the main course. Lunch stops are made at small country restaurants or petrol station diners.

NORTHERN LIGHTS: This program includes during two evenings a combination of presentations, lectures, film and guided Northern Lights searches in the garden of Árhús Cabins in Hella, South Iceland. Árhús Cabins offer a Northern Lights wake-up call for guests that register for that particular service at the reception. The tour is dependent on weather, and therefore sightings are not guaranteed. The Northern Lights are in the northern hemisphere from September through April but are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. Like many of natural wonders, the Northern Lights are ephemeral – they may be visible, they may appear for a bit and then be gone (it is not a TV show that you can just turn on and off). But it is worth the patience which is much required. Because they are a winter event, you need to be prepared to wait outside while looking for them. It is best to dress very warmly, in layers, with good footwear, gloves, hats and whatever else will make you comfortable while you wait patiently this truly outstanding event. For the best photos, we recommend using a tripod.

Others Service Arrangement:

- Booking Air Ticket (Services Charge apply)
- Transport transfer
- Additional Stay for Accommodation

Term & Conditions:

- Tour fares are applicable for Malaysian nationality and based on minimum 2 persons travelling.
- Tour fares are subject to change without prior notice in the event of drastic fuel charges / currency fluctuation.
- The sequence of itinerary, such as sightseeing, meals and hotels arrangement may vary on the actual tour.
- Tour participants are compulsory to complete the full itinerary include specified shopping stops as per itinerary stated (not obligated to purchase product sold); otherwise, rest of the tour(s) & accommodation(s) will be abandon & penalty charge will be incurred. The Itinerary subject to change by situation.
- Any non-compliance may result in automatic cancellation of reservation and forfeiture of your payment.
- Package are transferable 1 month before the travel confirm date. Non-transferable will entertain afterward.
- Amendment allow 1 month before travel date.
- Last minute booking will be auto guarantee confirm booking no amend or no cancel will be allowed.
- Full fare will be forfeited if no-show or cancellation.
- Pick-up airport transfer service charge will apply (If required)
- No Children Fare & Triple fare.
- Surcharge applies on Black-out Date (Peak Period).
- Any hotel changes will inform 1 week before departure.
- Travel Period: Sept 2018 – Dec 2018. Reservation is subject to availability upon request.



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