



13th DEC 2024

ICELAND - NORTHERN LIGHTS EXPLORATION

07 NIGHTS/08 DAYS

Explore the best of West & South Iceland

A winter bestseller group tour with up to 98% Northern Light sightings!

Discover the Golden Circle, the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, the Blue Lagoon, the Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and Black lava beaches. Climb a volcano, learn about Iceland's earliest days at a Settlement Center, meet Icelandic horses, see turf farmsteads and churches. There is an optional ice cave tour at Vatnajökull glacier from October-April (weather permitting) and an optional Northern Lights by boat cruise from Reykjavík. Our Northern Lights Exploration series are designed to include the highlights of Iceland and aim to maximize the chances of seeing the elusive Northern Lights, most nights are spent in the darkness away from light pollution.

Highlights & Experiences

Track record of 85-98% chance of seeing the Northern Lights

See amazing Icelandic landscapes mixed with soft adventure and cultural experiences during the day

Climb a volcano crater and walk between two continental tectonic plates

Visit the Settlement Center in Borgarnes

Descend 35m underground into Vatnshellir cave situated under Snæfellsnesjökull glacier

Relax in the Blue Lagoon and learn about living with volcanoes

See Icelandic horses and taste freshly baked hot spring bread

Five evenings Northern Lights Academy

Program offered in two group sizes: maximum 16 or 40 persons

Optional ice cave tour at Vatnajökull glacier for departures between October-April (weather permitting)

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS SUGGESTED

Date	From	To	Flight Details
13 th Dec	Bangalore	Reykjavík	EK 569 13DEC BLRDXB 0430 0710 13DEC EK 151 13DEC DXBCPH 0830 1230 13DEC FI 213 13DEC CPHKEF 2050 2320 13DEC
20 th Dec	Reykjavík	Bangalore	FI 204 20DEC KEFCPH 0735 1145 20DEC EK 152 20DEC CPHDXB 1445 0010 21DEC EK 564 21DEC DXBBLR 0340 0850 21DEC

Flights are subject to availability and the fares may vary at the time of confirmation.

Report to Bangalore International Airport on Friday 13th Dec 2024	
01: 30 Hrs	Report to Bangalore International Airport
02: 30 Hrs	Check into Emirates EK 569 by Emirates to Dubai
04: 30 Hrs	Depart from Bangalore to Dubai by EK 569 by Emirates
07: 10 Hrs	Arrive Dubai
08: 30 Hrs	Depart from Dubai to Copenhagen by Emirates EK 151
12: 30 Hrs	Arrive Copenhagen
20: 50 Hrs	Depart from Copenhagen to Reykjavik by Iceland air FI 213
23: 20 Hrs	Arrive Reykjavik

REYKJAVIK ARRIVAL DAY

Day 01 - Friday 13th Dec 2024

Arrive Reykjavik international airport at 2320 Hrs

Transfer from Keflavik airport to your accommodation in Reykjavik

Overnight stay at the hotel in Reykjavik

Meal Plan: -

Day 02 - Saturday 14th Dec 2024

Breakfast at the hotel

Reykjavik City Tour & Borgarfjordur Saga Valley

At 09:00 meet your tour guide who shows the group the highlights of Iceland's exciting capital. Then we head west. We stop in Borgarnes and learn about Iceland's earliest days at the Settlement Center. Next we head to Borgarfjörður, known as the Saga Valley because of its many important historical events. Get a chance to climb the Grábrók volcano crater and visit Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring. Hraunfossar is a series of waterfalls pouring from beneath a wide lava field. Barnafoss – the Children's falls, is nearby with its own tragic tale. The afternoon includes a lecture about Northern Lights. After dinner, step into the hotel garden in search of the Northern Lights followed by a hot cup of chocolate or tea.

Overnight stay at the hotel

Meal Plan: Breakfast

Day 03 - Sunday 15th Dec 2024

Breakfast at the hotel

Snæfellsnes Peninsula & Lava Cave

The Snæfellsnes Peninsula, "the peninsula of the snowy mountain", juts out from Iceland's west coast, like a long arm with a clenched fist at its tip, and is in many ways a microcosm of the whole island. A rugged mountain chain runs its length. Visit the fishing village of Grundarfjörður, a place with an impressive coastline and mountains, lakes and waterfalls behind the village. One of the most photographed and famous mountain in Iceland, Kirkjufell, can be seen jutting out into the bay. Visit Arnarstapi and Hellnar before experiencing the area from below, inside Vatnshellir cave. We take you 35 meters underground and about 200 meters into the lava tube under the glacier Snæfellsjökull! On the way back to Borgarnes the guide gives you some practical tips on how to photograph the Auroras as part of the Northern Lights Academy program. Naturally, once darkness falls, we are out in the hotel garden to chase the Northern Lights and to soak in the hotel's outdoor hot tubs.

Overnight stay at the hotel

Meal Plan: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 04 - Monday 16th Dec 2024

Breakfast at the hotel

Golden Circle, Geothermal Taste & Icelandic Horse

Travel along the Hvalfjörður fjord. The first stop is Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Travel the Golden Circle route, see steam rising from the Geysir geothermal fields. The chef of the Restaurant Geysir invites you to taste freshly baked hot spring bread served with Icelandic butter, boiled eggs and herring. On we travel to double waterfall of Gullfoss. In the afternoon, learn about the Icelandic horse, its unique qualities and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse, before reaching the accommodation in South Iceland. Tonight, step into the darkness and search for the elusive Northern Lights in the peace and stillness of rural Iceland.

Overnight stay at the hotel

Meal Plan: Breakfast

Day 05 - Tuesday 17th Dec 2024

Breakfast at the hotel

Natural Wonders of South Iceland & Eyjafjallajökull Volcano

Today we travel along the South coast. At the Lava & Volcano Exhibition Center, learn about geology and active volcanoes. Further east we visit one of Iceland's finest folk museums. This museum contains an outstanding collection of farm and domestic artefacts from Iceland's past and several turf-built houses. Nearby is Skógafoss waterfall which is 60 meters high and one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. In the afternoon take a stroll on the black lava beach and along bird cliffs at Reynisfjara in South Iceland. We spend two nights near Kirkjubæjarklaustur in the Vatnajökull National Park region, located in darkness and ideal for Northern Lights search.

Overnight stay at the hotel

Meal Plan: Breakfast

Day 06 - Wednesday 18th Dec 2024

Breakfast at the hotel

Vatnajökull National Park & Glacier including Glacial Lagoon and Diamond Beach

Today's program is all about glaciers, ice and icebergs. We travel to Jökulsárlón, a glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs, and we explore the amazing site and might see seals swimming in arctic waters. You can walk on the black sandy beach, the so-called Diamond beach, where large icebergs get stranded. In the afternoon we visit the tiny turf church at Hof and spend time at Europe's largest national park, which has Iceland's highest mountains, an alpine environment, and Europe's largest glacier. In the evening enjoy a film presentation about the Northern Lights as part of the Northern Lights Academy program. Be careful not to go to bed too soon in this remote and quiet location, or you may miss out one more chance of seeing the Northern Lights shimmering and dancing across the night sky.

Optional Ice Cave Tour offered between October-April (weather permitting), unveils an extraordinary journey through Iceland's icy landscapes. Lasting approximately 2.5 hours, the tour commences with a scenic 30-minute 4x4 drive from the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, followed by a 5-15 minute hike to the cave entrance. Once inside, you're enveloped in a surreal world of breathtaking beauty. Nature's artistry is on full display as you behold awe-inspiring ice formations, their hues of blue evoking a sense of otherworldly wonder. The air is crisp, the silence profound, creating an ethereal ambiance that captivates the senses. This adventure offers a rare glimpse into the raw power and majesty of Iceland's icy terrain—a memory to cherish for a lifetime. **Priced at ISK 23,600 per person, the tour requires good hiking boots and warm, waterproof clothing to ensure comfort and safety. With a minimum age requirement of 10 years old, booking is available on day 2 of the Northern Lights Exploration tour.** After the cave exploration, participants are escorted back to the hotel, while the remainder of the group continues the official tour program. The ice cave explorers will miss out on some of the official tour program, as there is not time for everything. The stop and visit at the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon is included for all group members., ensuring a comprehensive and unforgettable Icelandic adventure.

Overnight stay at the hotel

Meal Plan: Breakfast

Day 07 - Thursday 19th Dec 2024

Breakfast at the hotel

South Shore & Blue Lagoon

From Kirkjubæjarklaustur we head across the Eldhraun lava field to the village of Vík, where we make a photo stop. The black lava beach with high bird cliffs and pounding waves is awe-inspiring. Further west we reach the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall which plunges from the mountain. In the afternoon we get to soak in the famous Blue Lagoon. We reach Reykjavík around dinner time for one last night.

The Blue Lagoon visit is in the afternoon. Tour ends around 7pm.

Overnight stay at the hotel

Meal Plan: Breakfast

REYKJAVIK - DEPARTURE

Day 08 - Friday 20th Dec 2024

Breakfast at the hotel

Check out and proceed to Reykjavik airport by fly bus and on arrival board a flight by Iceland air FI 204 departing from Reykjavik at 0735 Hrs and arrive Copenhagen 1145 Hrs, on arrival board a connecting flight from Copenhagen by Emirates EK 152 departing Copenhagen at 1445 Hrs and arrive Dubai by 0010 Hrs on arrival board another connecting flight departing Dubai at 0340 Hrs and arrive Bangalore by 0850 Hrs on 21st Dec 2024.

Meal Plan: Breakfast

INDICATIVE LIST OF HOTELS

The list of hotels mentioned below is likely to be provided. However, Turnkey holidays reserve the right to provide alternate hotels that are like the ones mentioned below. The final hotel list may vary from the below for each group.

CITIES AND HOTELS DETAILS - COMFORT VERSION HOTELS						
City	No of Nights	Check-In	Check Out	Room type	Hotels	Category
Reykjavík	1	13 th Dec	14 th Dec	Standard room	Hotel Klettur or similar	3 Star
Borgarnes	2	14 th Dec	16 th Dec	Standard room	Hotel Hamar or similar	3 Star
Hella	1	16 th Dec	17 th Dec	Standard room	Landhotel in Hella or similar	3 Star
Nupar	2	17 th Dec	19 th Dec	Standard room	Fosshótel Núpar or similar	3 Star
Reykjavík	1	19 th Dec	20 th Dec	Standard room	Hotel Klettur or similar	3 Star

Early check in and late checkout are subject to hotel policy

Hotel taxes and non-refundable/refundable deposits, must be paid at the time of check in

Hotel Check in and Check Out Time

Check In	15:00 Hrs
Check Out	11:00 Hrs

TOUR COST INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL AIR FARE

TOUR COST FOR MINIMUM 02-08 ADULTS TRAVELING TOGETHER (Including GST)	COMFORT VERSION
	INR 4,68,900/- Per adult on double sharing basis (12+ years)

The above tour cost includes international air fare of INR 1,40,000/- per adult on Emirates & Icelandair as on 02nd Sept 2024. However, actual air ticket cost will be collected at the time of tour confirmation and ticketing.

Please note:

Guest must produce PAN card for the payment of INR 49,900/- above in cash.

Maximum cash that can be accepted towards this tour is INR 1,99,000/- only.

TCS of 5% in addition to the tour cost shall be collected and deposited towards the respective PAN of the remitter of the tour cost.

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS

Return international economy air tickets on Emirates & Iceland air
One time Schengen visa
Overseas travel insurance upto 65 yrs
Arrival & departure airport transfers on Fly bus shuttle (no guide)
07 nights accommodation with Breakfast
1x lunch
6 days escorted bus tour with English-speaking guide/driver-guide
Arrival & departure airport transfer by Flybus shuttle (no guide)
Visit the Settlement Center in Borgarnes
Guided tour into Vatnshellir cave
Hot spring Tasting with geothermal cooked bread & eggs
Visit Icelandic horse stable & geothermal greenhouse
Visit Lava Exhibition Center
Skógar folk museum & turf houses
Entrance with towel to Blue Lagoon
Northern Lights program
Applicable GST

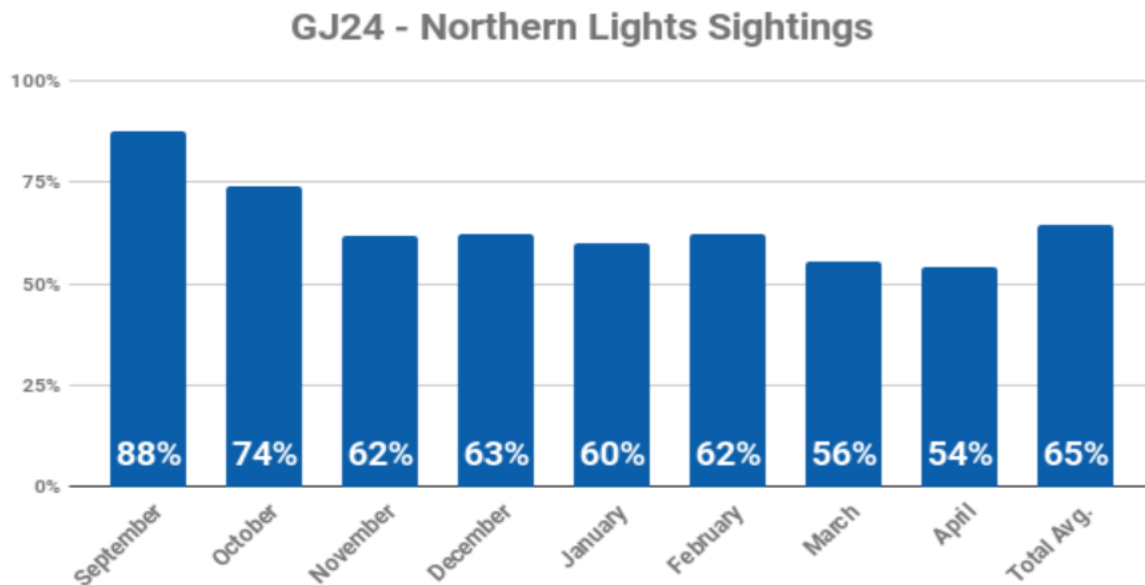
TOUR COST EXCLUDES

Any private expenses
Lunch and Dinner on all days, unless specified
Early check in or late checkout
Personal expenses, Optional tours
Tips & Gratuities for drivers & guides
Meals not mentioned above
Items of a personal nature such as telephone bills, room service, etc.
Any services not mentioned under Inclusions

COMPLEMENTARIES

Free Wi-Fi on the bus
Entrance fees
Use of flashlight
Use of crampons for shoes

Aurora Statistics



ADDITIONAL THINGS TO KNOW

Where should I meet the guide?

Meet with your tour guide on day 2, just before 9:00 am, in the lobby of your hotel.

When and where does the tour start?

The tour starts on day 2, just before 9:00 am, in the lobby of your hotel.

What are the first and last days for?

Arrival and departure days are to make your flight arrangements easier and to have a free day of leisure. The tour starts on day 2 and ends the day before departure.

Do you arrange airport transfers?

Airport transfers with the Flybus, available in the arrival hall at Keflavik airport.

In what language is the tour?

All of our tours are English-speaking.

When can we see the Northern Lights?

The Northern Lights season is from September to mid-April. We carefully choose locations to maximize your chances to see the northern lights with the help of a professional tour guide.

Are the Northern Lights guaranteed on this trip?

The Northern Lights or Aurora Borealis as they are also referred to are one of the many natural wonders of the world. As a naturally occurring phenomenon, the appearance of the Northern Lights is notoriously difficult to predict any further in advance than about two hours before it happens. As much is dependent on solar activity, we cannot accurately predict when they will occur or how frequently. Every endeavour will be made on this trip to see the Northern Lights if it is the correct time of year to see the lights. However, this is not guaranteed. The tour includes two Northern Light walks from the hotel in the countryside.

What is the age range?

The minimum age limit for this tour is 8 years old, and we don't recommend it for younger children. There is, on the other hand, no maximum age for this tour.

What is the suggested budget for meals?

Somewhere between 8.000 and 10.000 ISK per person per day is a good budget for lunch and dinner while on tour.

Are there locations to purchase food while we are on the trip, or must the meals be pre-packed?

We will make stops during the tour at restaurants, supermarkets and gas stations where meals, drinks and snacks can be purchased while on tour.

How much time is spent at each attraction?

We stop for about 40 minutes at each attraction.

LISTEN TO WHAT EXPERT SAYS - This is an easy tour, there is no hike. But there is some walking on gravel roads. The only other stop that might be a bit difficult is Reynisfjara, the Black Sand Beach. But guests can absolutely go and see, we just suggest listening to the guide and looking at the warning lists (if they are on).

PLEASE NOTE

No refund for Unused services

Once the services are issued upon confirmation the same cannot be amended

We do not hold any confirm bookings for any services mentioned in this itinerary

All services and prices indicated are subject to change without any notice

NOTE: 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. Still, the local guides will try their best to find reasonable alternatives where and whenever possible.