



# ICELAND ADVENTURE

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Discover the rugged beauty and natural wonders on this spectacular tour of Iceland! Please join us on this incredible adventure to an island full of waterfalls, hot springs, glaciers, black sand beaches and lava fields. These different landscapes and natural phenomena offer an amazing experience, not like any other. Visit the spectacular Katla Ice Cave, created by the ever so powerful Mother Nature. Your walk inside will leave you breathless with its beauty and an insight into the geological formation of this island of "fire and ice". Immerse yourself in one of Iceland's famous natural wonders, the Blue Lagoon and its soothing geothermal waters. Marvel at Diamond Beach where big icebergs are washed ashore and break into millions of ice crystals, decorating the sand as glittering diamonds. On Westman Island, see the beautiful nesting Atlantic Puffins and the best place to look for Orca and Fin Whales. There are so many incredible adventures in store for you on this unique and inspiring vacation. We would love for you to join us!

From **\$5,999\*** per person, land, based on double occupancy

## AAA EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- 7 nights' accommodations
- One group arrival & departure transfer
- Blue Lagoon experience with Premium Package
- Full Day Golden Circle Tour
- Amphibian Boat Cruise on the Glacier Lagoon
- Full day Katla Ice Cave Excursion
- "Fire & Ice" Experience at the Icelandic interactive Lava Center in Vik
- Westman Islands Day Trip
- Comprehensive Heimaey Island tour including Eldheimar Museum
- Visit Geothermal Energy Exhibition at Hellisheiði Power Plant
- 15 meals: 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 7 dinners
- Services of an Expert Icelandic Tour Director



## ICELAND ADVENTURE ITINERARY

### Day 1

#### Welcome to Reykjavik

On arrival at the Keflavik airport, you'll be warmly greeted and escorted to the city center. First, we'll take you to the stylish Apotek Hotel for check-in. You will have time at leisure until we gather together for our pre-dinner cocktail with our Icelandic Tour Leader. Then we'll proceed to a local restaurant for dinner including beverages. (D)

Apotek Hotel by Keahotels - 2 nights

### Day 2

#### Discover Reykjavik - Blue Lagoon

Following breakfast, we'll tour the capital and the spectacular coastline through the vibrant and colorful Old Quarter with its traditional wooden homes and the iconic, strikingly modern Hallgrímskirkja Church. Enjoy some free time before our afternoon visit to the Blue Lagoon, one of Iceland's most famous natural wonders. The geothermal waters originate more than 6,000 feet below ground and reach the Earth's surface at temperatures that range from 98° to 104°. Enjoy a Premium package, including a relaxing soak and a silica mud mask. Dinner will be at a local restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 3

#### The Golden Circle

After breakfast, we'll journey southward for our private Golden Circle Tour - starting in Thingvellir National Park, a unique geological site where two tectonic plates meet - and the only place where you can see the Mid-Atlantic Rift above sea level. Then thrill to one of Iceland's most famous geological wonders - the Strokkur Geyser that regularly erupts 100 feet into the air. At Gullfoss, the Golden Waterfall, you'll behold a thunderous cascade of icy water that plunges into a deep gorge. Then visit Fridheimar Farm where you'll see firsthand how sustainable greenhouse horticulture allows for the year-round production of tomatoes and other vegetables

in this northerly climate. Enjoy lunch at the farm before we continue on to our hotel in Vik. Dinner with drinks and overnight at the Hotel Kria. (B, L, D)

Hotel Kria - 2 nights

### Day 4

#### South Iceland - Glacier Lagoon

Today, our first stop is at Reynisfjara Black Sand Beach - the legendary black volcanic beach with basalt columns, lava rock formations and towering sea stacks. We'll visit the spectacular Skaftafell National Park and the Jokulsarlon glacier lagoon. Packed with icebergs in various shades of white and blue. An excursion by an amphibian boat will bring you closer to the extraordinary lagoon scenery and drifting icebergs. Just a short walk away from the lagoon, you will find the Diamond Beach, where the big icebergs are washed ashore and break into millions of ice crystals, decorating the sand as glittering diamonds. We'll also visit the Eldhraun Lava Field, created during one of the greatest eruptions in recorded history. Upon return to Hotel Kria you'll have time to rest and refresh before tonight's dinner with drinks in the hotel's restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 5

#### More of South Iceland

Another exciting day begins with the Katla Ice Cave excursion at the Myrdalsjokull glacier. You will be equipped with the necessary gear and take an adventure walk through the glacier ice cave. You will see how the glacier opens up between blue and black ice walls. The cave will leave you breathless with its beauty as you walk around. Our last stop today is at Icelandic Lava Show in Vik. Here you'll witness real molten lava and learn all about Iceland's volcanoes, and how they have affected the town of Vik in this dramatic and unique presentation. Afterwards, we'll continue our road journey to Hella where we check into our delightful Hotel Ranga. Dinner

and drinks are in hotel's restaurant this evening. (B, D)

Hotel Ranga - 2 nights

### Day 6

#### A Day on Westman Islands

Today's touring takes you to the scenic Westman Islands by ferry. Heimaey is the largest island of the Westman Islands and the only one that is inhabited. In summer, more Atlantic Puffins nest here than anywhere else in the world. The Westman Islands are renowned for being the best place in Iceland to look out for Orcas and Fin Whales. To see nesting puffins, the best place is without a doubt Stórhöfði, the 'Great Cape' on the southern side of Heimaey. There is also the Eldheimar Volcano Museum, which covers the 1973 eruption of Eldfell. Now, it is also possible to walk up to the Eldfell crater. We'll return to the mainland by ferry and arrive at our hotel in time to refresh before this evening's dinner in the hotel's restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 7

#### Return to Reykjanes Peninsula

Following breakfast, we'll return to Reykjavik. En-route we will visit ON Orka Natturunar, the Geothermal Energy Exhibition at Hellisheiði Power Plant. Here we will learn about an exploration into the utilization of geothermal energy in Iceland and is a great example of how geothermal energy can be utilized in a sustainable manner and is a showcase for geothermal's global role in a renewable and sustainable future. This evening, our farewell dinner with beverages is in a wonderful local restaurant in Reykjavik. (B, D)

Hotel Borg by Keahotels - 1 night

### Day 8

#### Farewell Iceland

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel and free time until our escorted transfer to the airport for your onward journey. (B)