

ICELAND ADVENTURE ESCAPE

HIGHLIGHTS

- PERFECT LONG WEEKEND ESCAPE
- INCREDIBLE AND UNPARALLELED SCENERY
- CHOICE OF ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

Iceland showcases the wonders of nature like no other country; untouched glaciers, active volcanoes, breathtaking panoramic views and the phenomenon of the Northern Lights. Look out for whales off the coast, relax in the therapeutic thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon Spa or try ice-climbing or quad-biking through the trails of this amazing landscape.

DAY 1

London/Iceland

Your Icelandic adventure begins with a short flight from London Heathrow to Reykjavik, the world's northernmost



capital. Stay at the contemporary boutique Hotel 101, centrally situated a few minutes from the main shopping area. After settling in, enjoy an orientation tour of the city and its surrounding areas, visiting the National Museum, crammed with Icelandic heritage, the Parliament, and Holdi House, built in 1909 and

made famous for holding the 1986 summit between presidents Reagan and Gorbachev. This evening you may like to enjoy the local specialities with a dinner at the Fish Market, after which (weather permitting) you will be driven away from the city lights into the countryside, where you may be lucky enough to



witness the natural phenomenon of the Northern Lights.

DAY 2

The Golden Circle

After breakfast you will return to the countryside to visit Thingvellir, the site of the original Althing, established in

930AD and considered the oldest democratic parliament in the world. This area is noted for its spectacular lava formations and is the only place in the world where you can see the tectonic plates drift apart. Continue to the town of Geyser, which gave its name to all other erupting hot springs, to see >



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one of the most active geysers in the area, Strokkur, spouting up to 90 feet into the air. Gullfoss or 'Golden Waterfall' is one of the most impressive waterfalls in Europe, where you can see thousands of tons of icy water thunder majestically down in a double-fall into a deep gorge from the Langjokull glacier. The Cave Mountain Resort is set right in the heart of this, the second largest glacier in Europe, affording superb panoramic views of the rivers, mountains and forests. After dinner at the Lava Cave Restaurant, if conditions permit, there may be another opportunity to see the magical Northern Lights.

DAY 3 CHOOSE FROM A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES

Option 1 – The Highlands by Helicopter
Take an exhilarating helicopter ride into the highlands, flying over the massive Langjokull glacier and over the narrow canyon of the Hvita glacier river where you will see the Gullfoss waterfall from the air. Circle around the active Hekla volcano which has erupted as recently as 1970, 1980 and 1991. The last eruption was in February 2000, lasting for 12 days with the lava covering approximately 18 km². Continue to Landmannalaugar, a natural pearl of hot and cold springs, amazing lava fields and outstanding



scenery hidden in the highlands of Iceland. One of the highlights of this area are the Rhyolith Mountains with their multi-coloured shapes and sizes. Land near one of the natural hot springs where, after an exploratory walk with your mountain guide, you will be offered a rejuvenating massage. Enjoy a delicious lunch prepared for you by a 5-star chef next to one of the springs in the middle of the lava field and, after a memorable day in the Highlands, fly back to the Cave Lodge for dinner.

Option 2 – Super-jeep safari and snow mobiling

Drive in Super-jeeps to Thorsmork, one of the brightest pearls in the string of beautiful scenery, surrounded by rugged and beautiful mountains, glaciers and glacial rivers, decorated with small birch woods and lined with babbling brooks. Thorsmork is difficult to reach and you will travel in fully equipped mountain vehicles accompanied by experienced

guides who will carefully navigate the unpredictable glacial rivers and constantly changing fords. After a walk into the narrow gorge of Stakkholtsgja, a helicopter awaits and flies you to the top of the Myrdalsjokull Glacier for a buffet lunch. This afternoon, depending on weather conditions, be prepared for extreme adrenaline adventure with snow mobiles on either glaciers or heaths. This evening you have the choice of dining at either the Cave Lodge or at The Mongolian Tent, located 15 minutes from the lodge in a beautiful forest.

Option 3 – Dog Sledding and Glacier Walking

On your drive this morning along the south coast you will see many waterfalls, black sandy beaches, mountains and lava formations. Try glacier walking on Solheimajokull glacier tongue which extends down from Iceland's fourth largest glacier, Myrdalsjokull. Crampons are provided to help you walk onto the

ice field where a wonderland of ice sculptures, ridges and deep crevasses awaits you. Meet your husky dogs who will take you on an exhilarating journey on the ice field and join the locals in ice climbing and hiking, activities which are becoming more and more popular as a sport in Iceland. At the end of the day, return to the Hotel 101 in Reykjavik and enjoy dinner at the Dill restaurant.

DAY 4

Reykjavik/London

After breakfast you will be driven to the Blue Lagoon, a natural geothermal spa surrounded by lava fields and black sandy beaches. Relax in the thermal waters before taking the short drive to Reykjavik for your flight back to London.



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