

Iceland's Magical Northern Lights



PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- ✓ 6 Nights | 7 Days
- ✓ Round-Trip Airfare from DTW
- ✓ 11 Included Meals
- ✓ Hotel Accommodations
- ✓ Included Local Tours
- ✓ Professional Tour Leader

OCTOBER 22 - 28, 2023

Each year, during the winter months, travelers journey to Iceland and venture out into the dark to see the magical but elusive northern lights (aurora borealis). This natural phenomenon is the product of collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun that enter the earth's atmosphere; the results are spectacular. Streaks of colorful light appear across the sky. It is known that the best time to witness the lights in Iceland is from late September to mid-April, when the nights are the longest. This light show is truly dazzling and worth the pursuit.

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For bookings made after April 23, 2023 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Detroit Metro Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$399 per person

**All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from DTW*

Additional Rate of Business Class: \$3,490

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

A deposit of \$600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of April 16, 2023 are based upon availability. \$100 non-refundable Custom Holidays Fee. \$500 of deposit is refundable up until April 23, 2023.

Final payment due by August 23, 2023.



**7 Days
6 Nights**



**11 Meals:
6 Breakfasts
5 Dinners**



**Activity
Level 3**

Experience the “land of fire and ice” and chase the aurora borealis across an ethereal wonderland. In the dark of the night, search for the northern lights as you drift along on an evening starlit cruise. Travel the “Golden Circle,” home to renowned natural wonders, and spend time at Thingvellir National Park, gaze at Gullfoss waterfall, and see the explosive geothermal fields at Geysir. Explore Skógar Museum and see traditional turf-built homes. Walk on a black volcanic sand beach. See Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs. Relax in the warm, mineral-rich water of the Blue Lagoon. Spend your days surrounded by natural wonders and your nights in search of the elusive dancing lights.

Hotel Accommodations:

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik
Day 3 – 5	Hotel Dyrholaey, Vik
Day 6	Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik



Hotel Dyrholaey, Vik



DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Oct 22, 2023: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Where steaming lava fields and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. In this land of many natural wonders, enjoy the rare opportunity to search for the aurora borealis — one of nature's most dazzling light displays, also known as the northern lights.*

Day 2: Oct 23, 2023: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Reykjavík, Iceland's capital city. Get acquainted with old town Reykjavík on a walking tour featuring the harbor, city hall, the Parliament building, and the nearby cathedral, dating back to 1796. Gather with your fellow travelers at a popular restaurant for dinner featuring Icelandic cuisine. This evening, take an exhilarating northern lights cruise** and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis.* (B,D)

Day 3: Oct 24, 2023: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Lava Exhibition Center - Vík

Travel the Golden Circle to experience renowned natural wonders, including the explosive Geysir thermal area, the double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, and the famous Thingvellir National Park, where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Stop at the Lava Exhibition Center and delve into Iceland's past and present volcanic eruptions. Continue to Vík. Drive out into the stillness of rural Iceland in search of the northern lights or venture out on foot. Enjoy three nights of searching to increase your likelihood of spotting the lights.* (B,D)

Day 4: Oct 25, 2023: Vík - Seljalandsfoss - Skógar Museum - Vík

Journey to Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and unique waterfalls. Visit Skógar Museum and discover its turf-built homes and artifacts. Stand in awe before the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of Iceland's tallest. Your journey continues to Reynisfjara, a volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations and rich bird life. Look out over the natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a volcanic peninsula towering over the ocean. Get a sense of the local culture as you challenge your taste buds and sample traditional delicacies – hákarl (cured shark) and brennivín (schnapps). After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights.* (B,D)

Day 5: Oct 26, 2023: Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell National Park - Vík

Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and search for seals swimming in cold waters. Travel to Skaftafell National Park, gateway to Vatnajökull Glacier. Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains and Europe's largest ice cap. After dinner, continue searching for the northern lights dancing across the night sky.* (B)

Day 6: Oct 27, 2023: Vík - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík

Drive along the south shore towards the Reykjanes Peninsula. Known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, and numerous hot springs, the peninsula is home to the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the heart of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavík for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. (B,D)

Day 7: Oct 28, 2023: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

Depart for home with many incredible memories. (B)

**The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed.*

***The northern lights cruise is weather dependent and may be postponed or cancelled in the event of adverse weather or sea conditions.*

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Singles: Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Transfers: To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Seat Assignments: Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Icelandair gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates

Activity Level: The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. While you are searching for the northern lights, you will be walking and waiting outdoors. It is recommended that you wear sturdy non-slip snow footwear and warm clothing including thermals, hat, scarf and gloves. Most natural sites such as waterfalls, beaches, and lava fields require walking on unpaved, uneven surfaces rendered slippery by ice and rain. Sturdy footwear and ice crampons are required if you plan to walk in these areas or approach the waterfalls.

COVID-19: Effective immediately and through December 31, 2022 tour departures, **we require all guests to be fully vaccinated in order to participate in this tour**. Although destination entry requirements may differ, if you are unvaccinated, you will not be able to join us on this tour. All guests are required to bring proof of vaccination (official vaccination certificate in paper) on tour. Destination-specific information may change frequently and without prior notice. It is very important that you frequently check the entry/exit requirements for destination(s) visited on this tour, to ensure that you are aware of any changes that may be applicable to your travel plans, including right up to your departure. Please refer to our Online Travel Requirements Resource page www.gocollette.com/en/landing-pages/2021/online-travel-requirements-resource for detailed information. These restrictions are subject to change at any time, so please check on the current policy before registering for this trip if you have questions.

Icelandic breakfasts are continental; included dinners are of a simpler nature due to the remote locations of the restaurants.

Coaches which may not be lavatory equipped may be used on this program. In this case, stops are made during travel periods. Due to the remoteness of the sites we visit, the travel time between restrooms may be up to 2 hours.

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This tour takes place in the winter. You can expect varying weather conditions with brisk days and limited daylight. We seek to best utilize your time while on tour; to account for the potential for adverse weather, some activities or days may need to be altered, shifted, or cancelled. In addition, museum visits and shopping may be affected by observance of religious or local holidays.

Hotel check-in will be immediately available on your arrival day. If your flight arrives in the early morning, breakfast will be included once you arrive to your hotel.

A wide variety of fresh local seafood and lamb are staples of the Icelandic diet. All restaurants feature something from the sea and lamb prominently on their menus, as well as a wide array of dairy products. Popular foods in Iceland include skyr (a type of yogurt and a popular dessert item served with berries), hangikjöt (smoked lamb), kleinur (similar to a donut), laufabrauð (a crepe-like dessert) and bollur (cream-puff dessert). Many of the flavors of Iceland's traditional country foods are determined by the preservation method used — pickling in fermented whey or brine, drying or smoking.