

Ethereal ICELAND

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May, June, September & October

Check approachtours.com for departure dates.



DAY 1 & 2 • GOODBYE CANADA, HALLÓ REYKJAVIK!

Enjoy a private car ride to the airport. Fly to Reykjavik where you'll meet your Group Guru and fellow travellers. Upon arrival, explore the heart of this charming capital. Gaze up at the ancient, cascading concrete that forms the largest church in Iceland: Hallgrímskirkja. Stroll past City Hall before stepping back in time at the Althingi, the world's oldest parliament building. Overnight in Reykjavik. (L,D)

DAY 3 • REYKJANES PENINSULA & BLUE LAGOON

Today you visit the Perlan Museum, where glaciers, volcanoes, and the mesmerizing Northern Lights gather under a spectacular glass dome for your viewing pleasure. Spend some time hopping between tectonic plates in Reykjanes before dipping into the world-famous Blue Lagoon, where you'll soak in dreamy milky-blue geothermal waters surrounded by a dramatic lava field landscape. Overnight in Reykjavik. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 • THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

Explore the Golden Circle, home to Iceland's astonishing natural wonders. Feel your breath get taken away by the captivating Gullfoss waterfall. Stroll through Thingvellir National Park, where the vast, emerald landscape leaves you in awe of nature before watching Strokkur and Geysir — namesake of all geysers — erupt up to 70 meters in the air. Overnight in Borganes. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 • RUSHING WATERFALLS & HOT SPRINGS

Make your way towards Reykholt, stopping to marvel at not one but two spectacular waterfalls: the rushing Barnafoss and the sprawling Hraunfossar, where crystal-clear water seeps through ancient lava fields straight into the river below. Try to spot one of Hraunfossar's many hidden caves formed by millennia of eruptions! From there, feel the raw heat of Deildartunguhver, the most powerful hot spring in Europe, as it bubbles and steams. Afterwards, walk along the picturesque scenery of the Borganes shore, or birdwatch as local wildlife soars overhead — the afternoon is yours. Overnight in Borganes. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 • ANCIENT VIKINGS & ICONIC HORSES

Travel back in time at the Eiríksstaðir Living History Museum, where the sights, sounds, and crafts of the Viking Era come to life. After lunch, head to the charming Icelandic Horse Farmstead at Lýtingsstaðir, where you'll learn about the impact of horses in Icelandic myths, legends, and history. With hearts full and fresh Nordic air in your lungs, continue onwards to the northern capital of Akureyri. Overnight in Akureyri. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 • WHALE WATCHING IN AKUREYRI

Savor the fish that took Iceland from poverty to prosperity at the Herring Era Museum, where you'll have a herring tasting. Belly full of this Icelandic staple, take to the sea for a whale watching tour off the north coast! Keep your eyes peeled for magnificent creatures breaking the surface of the Arctic waters. Overnight in Akureyri. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 • GODAFOSS, MÝVATN & A GEOTHERMAL SOAK

The day opens at Godafoss, the Waterfall of the Gods, where this thundering cascade lives up to every bit of its name. Lake Mývatn follows, a geological wonderland with steam explosions where lava meets water. Wander among mysterious pseudo craters, wind through the twisted lava labyrinth of Dimmuborgir, and hold your breath at Námaskard. Here, bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras put on a show. Last but not least is the day's crowning glory, a blissful soak in the geothermal nature baths. We round off the day in the charming east coast town of Egilsstaðir, home to legendary monster Lagarfljótt. Overnight in Egilsstaðir. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 • HNAPPAVELLIR & TURF CHURCH

Head to Hnappavellir, where massive cliffs tower from above and attract local rock climbers. See more picturesque landscapes with a short visit to Hofskirkja, a beautifully preserved traditional turf church that has stood quietly in this landscape for centuries. Overnight in Hnappavellir. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 • GLACIER ADVENTURE

Buckle up for a thrilling day! A Jeep adventure across the vast expanse of Vatnajökull Glacier awaits, with breathtaking views of soaring mountain peaks and plunging valleys stretching out in every direction. Continue to Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, where a boat cruise weaves you through floating icebergs. From there, Skaftafell National Park offers sweeping views of Iceland's highest peak from the Visitors' Centre. Overnight in Hnappavellir. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 • BLACK SANDS & THE PREHISTORIC WORLD

Begin the day by sinking your toes into black-sand beach Reynisfjara, formed by thousands of years of volcanic activity. Afterwards, feast your eyes on more than 18,000 regional artifacts in Skogar Museum. Stop to see the mighty Skógafoss waterfall rush from 60 meters above you, before heading to Gljúfrabúi, a magical waterfall tucked away in a cave. Overnight in Hella. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 • WALK ALONG A LAVA TUNNEL

Let out your inner explorer and put on your headhat to explore Raufarhólshellir, the expansive lava tunnel that stretches to 1360 meters. Marvel the lava stalactites left by centuries of volcanic eruptions and watch the way it catches the light, reflecting a myriad of colours. End the evening with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Reykjavik. (B,L,D)

DAY 13 • HOME SWEET HOME

After one last breakfast together, the afternoon is yours to savour. Still in awe, say goodbye to your fellow travellers who opted out of our included group flights and embark on your return flights to Canada, arriving the next day. Your driver will meet you at the airport to help you with your luggage and drive you home. What a truly amazing experience! (B,L)



RAUFARHÓLSHELLIR LAVA TUNNEL

13 DAYS

ALL-INCLUSIVE

\$13,995

Per person in double occupancy
Single supplement: \$2,300

 **Difficulty Rating:**
High (details)

EVERY APPROACH TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING PERKS:

- Private car service to and from your home airport
- International and domestic flights
- Meals and excursions that are typically sold separately
- Tips for all service providers
- 24/7 Group Guru (in addition to tour guide and local guides)
- Extensive travel insurance with Manulife Financial

TOTAL VALUE OF PERKS
\$4,728

THIS TOUR INCLUDES



TOUR ESSENTIALS

- International flights with Air Canada or Icelandair
- 11 nights in first-class hotels
- Dedicated English-speaking tour guide and local guides
- Carefully selected visits, including entrance fees
- Luxury coach bus transfers and luggage portorage where available



FOOD & DRINK

- All 34 meals, including: 11 breakfasts, 12 lunches and 11 dinners
- Herring tasting at an award-winning Icelandic museum (included in meal count)
- Farewell dinner (included in meal count)
- Welcome cocktail
- Bottled water daily (2 x 500ml)



UNIQUE MOMENTS

- Become an ice explorer on a Jeep adventure of Europe's largest glacier, Vatnajökull
- Soak in a geographical world wonder, Blue Lagoon
- Walk along a colorful lava tunnel, formed millennia ago
- Watch majestic whales break through Arctic waters

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