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Guided Iceland Circle *(Tuesday & Friday)*

7 Nights / 8 Days

**1N Reykjavik / 1N Akureyri / 1N Lake Myvatn / 1N Herad / 1N
Kirkjubaejarklaustur / 1N Fludir / 1N Reykjavik**

DAY 01: ARRIVE IN KEFLAVIK/KEFLAVIK - REYKJAVIK

Arrive in Keflavik. You will be transferred by Flybus shuttle bus from Keflavik Airport to your hotel in Reykjavik where you will spend the night. You will be provided with ideas how to explore Iceland's capital on your own.

Overnight in Reykjavik.

DAY 02: VOLCANO CRATER, SEALS, FJORDS AND MOUNTAINS

After breakfast, at 0900 hrs, meet your tour guide and depart from your hotel. You will travel west, passing the town of **Borgarnes** and will climb the **Grabrok volcano crater**. In the afternoon, you will visit a natural history and seal museum in a small fishing village in Northwest Iceland and stroll around the local harbour. Further north, you will stop at the turf church of **Vidimyri** which has been extensively restored to its original form and is widely considered one of the purest and most beautiful examples of traditional Icelandic architecture. You will continue along scenic fjord landscape and over several mountain passes until you reach Akureyri - the capital of North Iceland. (B)



Overnight in Akureyri.

DAY 03: THE CAPITAL OF NORTH ICELAND, LAKE MYVATN AND GEOTHERMAL BATHS

After breakfast, in the morning, you will explore Akureyri, a charming town of 17000 inhabitants, visit the botanical garden and enjoy the panoramic view over **Eyjafjordur** fjord. In the afternoon, you will travel to an important spot in Iceland's history, **Godafoss** - the waterfalls of the Gods. You will continue to Lake Myvatn which is known for its geological wonders and active bird life during summer. You will stop at the bizarre lava formations at **Kalfastrond** followed by a walk around the many pseudo craters and end an exciting day with a relaxing soak at **Myvatn Nature Baths** that contains a unique blend of minerals, silicates and geothermal micro-organisms. The warm soothing waters benefit both skin and spirit alike. (B)



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DAY 04: LAVA LABYRINTH, HOT SPRINGS AND TRAVEL EAST

After breakfast, in the morning, you will hike in a lava labyrinth at **Dimmuborgir** "the dark castles", hoping to get a glimpse of the trolls who are said to live there. After an **Optional** lunch, you will visit the hot spring area of **Namaskard** with bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras. You will head through the uninhabited highlands and moonlike surrounding to East Iceland. With some luck, you might spot an Arctic fox or see reindeer. From June to August the tour includes a detour to Dettifoss. (B)



Overnight in Herad.

DAY 05: FJORDS, GLACIER AND ICE

After breakfast, a day to admire the dramatic fjord landscape and its tiny fishing villages at the end of twisty roads in the East Fjords and on route, you will visit an interesting stone and mineral collection. In the afternoon, you will see **Vatnajokull** – Europe's biggest glacier that is visible all over Southeast Iceland. Past the town of Hofn, you will stop at **Jokulsarlon**, a glacial lagoon filled with floating



icebergs, and you will explore the extraordinary site and might see seals swimming in arctic waters. You can walk on the black sandy beach where large icebergs get stranded. Depending on the season, **Optional** boat trips are available. You will travel along the southern part of the glacier Vatnajokull and spend time at Europe's largest national park, which has Iceland's highest mountains, an alpine environment, and Europe's largest glacier. (B)

Overnight in Kirkjubaejarklaustur.

DAY 06: SOUTH COAST

After breakfast, a beautiful drive with many natural wonders awaits you as you will head across the **Eldhraun** lava field, cross the sandy desert of the south coast, overlooked by mountainous cliffs, glaciers and waterfalls. You will stroll along the black lava beach of **Reynisfjara** near Vik. In the small village of Skogar, there is **Skogafoss** waterfall which is 60 meters high and is one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. Further west, you will stop



at the **Eyjafjallajokull Information Center** and learn about living next to a glacier and an active volcano. You will continue to the high, but narrow **Seljalandsfoss** waterfall which plunges over the mountain. There is an interesting trail that goes behind the fall – if you are prepared to get wet. (B)

Overnight in Fludir.

DAY 07: ICELANDIC HORSES AND GOLDEN CIRCLE

After breakfast, you will explore classics as you will travel the route of the Golden Circle sights. You will start the day at **Fridheimar**, where you will learn about the Icelandic horse, its special qualities and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse. Later on, you will see steam from the **Geysir** geothermal fields as you arrive. There is a variety of hot springs and bubbling pools. The original geyser is now dormant but has been replaced by **Strokkur** "the Churn" which erupts at 5 to 10 minute intervals. You will continue to **Gullfoss**, "the golden falls", which is a double waterfall that tumbles 34 meters into the Hvita River and attracts travellers in summer and winter. You will travel inland to **Thingvellir National Park** - a UNESCO World Heritage site. As you will return to Reykjavik, you will be taken for a short city tour to show highlights of the world's northernmost capital. (B)



Overnight in Reykjavik.

DAY 08: DEPARTURE DAY

After breakfast, you will be transferred by Flybus airport shuttle to Keflavík Airport. (B)

INFORMATION

INCLUSIONS:

- ❖ Accommodation in superior tourist class hotels as per itinerary (subject to availability at the time of booking) or similar.
- ❖ Includes 7 Breakfasts, meals as per itinerary (B= breakfast, L= lunch, D= dinner).
- ❖ Arrival and departure airport transfer by FLYBUS Plus shuttle (no guide)
- ❖ Fully escorted 6-day bus tour with an English speaking guide
- ❖ Visit to natural history and seal museum in Hvammstangi
- ❖ Visit to Vidimyri turf church
- ❖ Entrance with towel at Myvatn Nature Baths
- ❖ Admission to Petra's Stone and Mineral Collection in the East Fjords
- ❖ Multimedia presentation at Eyjafjallajokull Volcano Information Center
- ❖ Visit to Icelandic horse stables and geothermal greenhouse
- ❖ Use of snow and ice gripper spikes and a flash light for winter departures

Highlights:

- 1) Visit two national parks
- 2) Visits to small local museums, cultural experiences and soft adventures

COST: From **EUR 1630 onwards Per Person in standard double room**

VALIDITY: Until April 2018

EXCHANGE RATE: 1 EUR = 74 INR (exchange rate as on the day of payment applicable)

DEPARTURE DATES: 2017 – April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11, 18, 25; September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; October 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31; November 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28; December 1, 5, 8, 12, 15; 2018 – January 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30; February 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27; March 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30; April 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27

At times there may be special deals- enquire at the time of booking.

HOTELS:

REGION	HOTELS OR SIMILAR
Reykjavik	Icelandair Hotel Natura
Akureyri	Icelandair Hotel
Lake Myvatn	Sel-Mývatn
Herad	Icelandair Hotel Herad
Kirkjubaejarklaustur	Icelandair Hotel Klaustur
Fludir	Iceland Hotel Fludir

EXCLUSIONS:

- ❖ All flights, excess baggage fees, airport departure taxes and other relevant taxes
- ❖ Optional activities and excursions
- ❖ Drinks, tips, laundry, bottled drinking water and other personal expenses
- ❖ Medical, Travel and Baggage Insurance
- ❖ Holiday Surcharge
- ❖ Porterage at airport and hotels
- ❖ Items of a personal nature (i.e. internet, curio, laundry, beverages, etc.) unless specifically quoted for above
- ❖ Tips and gratuities
- ❖ Passport and Visa fees
- ❖ Anything not specifically quoted in the inclusions
- ❖ GST extra as applicable

NOTES:

- 1) All prices are correct at the time of printing and subject to availability.
- 2) All prices are subject to change without notice. Though care has been taken to put appropriate prices, our suppliers may increase their price depending on the availability and season. We therefore request you to allow for changes to occur before the confirmation of the final price. We will inform you about the increase or decrease in prices at the time of booking.
- 3) No reservations have been made and accommodation is subject to availability. In case of non-availability, alternate accommodation will be recommended.
- 4) During the off season, from September to May, in rare cases, a change of itinerary might be necessary especially for winter programs in Iceland, should snow, road and weather conditions not allow to follow the scheduled itinerary, and certain outdoor activities might be cancelled.
- 5) There is a possibility that some of the nature attractions around Iceland might charge an entrance fee during the trip. These entrance fees are not included in the tour price and need to be paid by all tour members additionally on the spot, when entering any of these nature sites. Locations, amount of entrance fee, form of payment and other details are not known at the present time and are subject to change.
- 6) There is limited day light, about 5 to 6 hours, for departures mid November to End of January. For your information the shortest day light in Iceland is on 21st December, about 4 hours.
- 7) Triple rooms not available for this tour
- 8) Most double rooms in Iceland are actually twin bedded rooms. When travelling with a child, there is a possibility to add a little bed in the double room.
- 9) From June to August, the tour includes a detour to Dettifoss - Europe's most powerful waterfall in the northern part of Vatnajokull National Park.
- 10) Hotel list is subject to change.
- 11) Tour starts on arrival in Iceland on Fridays. Guided bus tour starts on Saturdays at 0900 hrs. The guided tour ends on Thursdays between 1600 - 1800 hrs for a last overnight in Reykjavík. Departure from Iceland is on Fridays.
- 12) You spend about 4 hours per day on the bus, depending on road conditions, traffic and daily distances. On some days the driving might be longer than on some other days.
- 13) All outdoor activities are weather permitting.
- 14) Smoking is not allowed in the vehicles. Comfort stops will be made en route.
- 15) All distances and travelling times are approximate.
- 16) Peak Season Surcharge may be applicable during Xmas, New Year or during any special events.
- 17) [Namaste Tourism Terms & Conditions Apply](#)
- 18) All Payments to be made in INR, USD or EUR as per rate of exchange at the time of booking.
- 19) Any payments automatically mean adherence to the terms & conditions of Namaste Tourism and our statute.

