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Iceland Circle Tour with Whale Watching *(Saturday)*

8 Nights / 9 Days

1N Reykjavik / 1N Reykholt / 2N Husavik / 1N Hallormsstadur / 1N Skaftafell /
1N Hveragerdi / 1N Reykjavik

DAY 01: ARRIVE IN KEFLAVIK/KEFLAVIK - REYKJAVIK

Arrive in Keflavik. Upon arrival, the Flybus shuttle will transfer you from Keflavík International airport to Reykjavík where you will spend the first night in Iceland. You will be provided with ideas how to explore Iceland's capital on your own.

Overnight in Reykjavik.

DAY 02: LAND OF SAGAS

After breakfast, do a Reykjavik city tour. After the tour, head north from Iceland's capital to West Iceland where you will be introduced to the Icelandic sagas in the settlement center in **Borgarnes**. The afternoon is filled with impressive natural spots: **Deildartunguhver**, one of the most voluminous hot springs in Europe and **Hraunfossar**, the unique waterfall that drains from under vast lava fields into the river Hvita. End the day with Icelandic history at the cultural site at **Reykholt**. (BD)



Overnight in Reykholt.

DAY 03: FROM WEST TO NORTH

After breakfast, the day starts with climbing a volcano crater in an old lava field in West Iceland. Afterwards, you will travel through the fertile farmlands and fjord landscapes of Northwest Iceland, and visit the beautiful town of Akureyri, Iceland's second largest city. You will stop at **Godafoss**, "the waterfall of the Gods," before reaching your hotel in Northeast Iceland where you will stay for the next two nights. (BD)



Overnight in Husavik.

DAY 04: WHALE WATCHING, GEOLOGICAL WONDERS AND NATURE BATHS

After breakfast, the day begins with a 3 hour **whale watching cruise** from Husavik (weather permitting). You will tour the **Lake Myvatn area**, considered as one of the most fertile areas in the world so close to the Arctic Circle. The lake's unique features are shaped by nature - strange lava formations, pseudo craters, attractive bays filled with thousands of birds. You will stroll through the lava field of **Dimmuborgir** and soak at the **Myvatn Nature Baths**. (BD)



Overnight in Husavik.

DAY 05: FROM NORTH TO EAST

After breakfast, you start the day by exploring the geothermal area of **Namaskard** and seeing the impacts of volcanic activity at **Krafla**. Then, you will travel to **Dettifoss**, Europe's most powerful waterfall in the northern part of **Vatnajokull National Park**. From there you will head through the uninhabited highlands to East Iceland, where you will spend the night. (BD)



Overnight in Hallormsstadur.

DAY 06: FJORDS, GLACIER AND ICE

After breakfast, enjoy the day to admire the dramatic fjord landscape and its tiny fishing villages at the end of twisty roads in the East Fjords. Soon, you will see **Vatnajökull** - Europe's biggest glacier that is visible all over Southeast Iceland. Past the town of Hofn, you will stop for a boat ride among the floating icebergs on the glacial lagoon at **Jökulsárlon**. The night is spent near **Skaftafell** on the southern part of Vatnajökull National Park. (BD)



Overnight in Skaftafell.

DAY 07: VATNAJOKULL NATIONAL PARK AND THE SOUTH

After breakfast, visit Skaftafell at Vatnajökull National Park, nestled below the glacier and Iceland's highest mountain, the 2110 meter high **Hvannadalshnjukur**. You will cross the sandy desert of the south coast, and travel along mountainous cliffs, glaciers and waterfalls. You will stroll along the black lava beach and bird cliffs near the village of Vik. Iceland's past comes alive at the **Skogar folk museum** with its turf houses. (BD)



Overnight in Hveragerdi.

DAY 08: RING THE GOLDEN CIRCLE TO REYKJAVIK

After breakfast, you will start with a horse show that introduces the unique qualities of Iceland's special breed. Golden Circle sights follow: **Gullfoss**, the beautiful double "Golden Falls"; the active geothermal area of **Geysir**, where you can see **Strokkur** "the churn" spout up to 25 meters (70 feet) every five to seven minutes. A visit to the ancient Viking Parliament area of **Thingvellir National Park** tops it off before returning to Reykjavík. (B)



Overnight in Reykjavik.

DAY 09: DEPARTURE DAY

After breakfast, the Flybus airport shuttle will pick you up at your hotel and you will be transferred to Keflavik airport. (B)

INFORMATION

INCLUSIONS:

- ❖ Accommodation in tourist category rooms or similar as per itinerary (subject to availability at the time of booking).
- ❖ Includes 8 Breakfasts and 6 3-Course Dinners, meals as per itinerary (B= breakfast, L= lunch, D= dinner).
- ❖ 7-day fully escorted tour with an English speaking guide
- ❖ Arrival and departure airport transfer by FLYBUS (no guide)
- ❖ Visit to two national parks
- ❖ Whale watching tour (weather permitting)
- ❖ Boat trip on glacial lagoon
- ❖ Introduction to Icelandic horse
- ❖ Entrance fee to the Nature Baths at Lake Myvatn
- ❖ Admission to Icelandic settlement center
- ❖ Entrance fee to Skogar folk museum
- ❖ Average of 1-2 hours easy walking per day

Highlights :

- 1) Whale watching, weather permitting
- 2) Boat trip on glacial lagoon among floating icebergs
- 3) Introduction to the Icelandic horse
- 4) 1-2 hours of easy walking on average a day
- 5) Visit two national parks
- 6) Soak in the Nature Baths at Lake Myvatn
- 7) Visit to Skogar folk museum with turf houses
- 8) Learn about Icelandic sagas in the settlement center

COST: From EUR 3160 onwards Per Person in standard double room

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

VALIDITY: 3rd June 2017 – 1st October 2017

DEPARTURE DATES: 2017 – June 03, 17, July 01, 15, 29, August 12, 26, September 9, 23

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

HOTELS:

REGION	HOTELS OR SIMILAR
Reykjavik	Fosshotel Reykjavik
Reykholt	Fosshotel Reykholt
Husavik	Fosshotel Husavik
Hallormsstadur	Hotel Hallormsstadur
Skaftafell	Hotel Skaftafell
Hveragerdi	Hotel Ork

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) This tour has an average of 1 to 2 hours of walking each day, meaning several short walks of 10 to 30 minutes to see and explore the different nature and history sites. It is an easy tour for nearly everyone to participate in. This is not a hiking/walking tour.
- 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) 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.
- 7) Supplement for guaranteed window seat on escorted coach tours which includes a window seat and next seat remaining empty (a passenger gets actually two seats) as well as a pillow and blanket for upgraded comfort. Seats will be reserved in the front rows of the bus, first comes, first get.
- 8) Once a booking is confirmed, the departure is guaranteed.
- 9) Tour starts on Sundays at 0900 hrs from Reykjavik. The tour ends on Saturdays in Reykjavik between 1600 - 1800 hrs.
- 10) Pre and post nights in Reykjavik are Included in this tour program, ask if you require extension nights.
- 11) All outdoor activities are weather permitting.
- 12) Smoking is not allowed in the vehicles. Comfort stops will be made en route.
- 13) All distances and travelling times are approximate.
- 14) Peak Season Surcharge may be applicable during Xmas, New Year or during any special events.
- 15) [Namaste Tourism Terms & Conditions Apply.](#)
- 16) All Payments to be made in INR, USD or EUR as per rate of exchange at the time of booking.
- 17) Any payments automatically mean adherence to the terms & conditions of Namaste Tourism.



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