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Northern Lights around Iceland *(Sunday)*

7 Nights / 8 Days

1N Reykjavik / 1N Lake Myvatn / 1N Hallormsstadur / 1N Faskrudsfjordur /
1N Hnapavelli / 1N Selfoss / 1N Reykjavik

DAY 01: ARRIVE IN KEFLAVIK/KEFLAVIK - REYKJAVIK

Arrive in Keflavik. The Flybus shuttle will transfer you from Keflavik International 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 and dinner suggestions too.

Overnight in Reykjavik.

DAY 02: THE CAPITAL OF NORTH ICELAND AND LAKE MYVATN

After breakfast, at 0610 hrs, meet your tour guide and travel by air to **Akureyri**, the capital of North Iceland. You will explore this charming town of 17,000 inhabitants and travel to **Godafoss** - the waterfalls of the Gods. You will continue to Lake Myvatn which is known for its geological wonders, active bird life and being Iceland's winter wonderland, but also for having Iceland's coldest temperatures. You will stop



at bizarre lava formations, walk around pseudo craters and hike in a lava field at **Dimmuborgir** "the dark castles". In the evening, join a lecture about Northern Lights, relax at **Myvatn Nature Baths** and get ready to chase the elusive Northern Lights. (BD)

Overnight in Lake Myvatn.

DAY 03: TRAVEL EAST

After breakfast, you will start the day at **Myvatn bird museum** and travel to the hot spring area of **Namaskard** with bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras (Volcanic craters). You will head through the uninhabited highlands and a moonlike surrounding to East Iceland. With some luck, you might spot an Arctic fox or see some reindeer. (BLD)



Overnight in Hallormsstadur.

DAY 04: WALK IN THE WOODS, VISIT FISHING VILLAGES AND MEET THE LOCALS

After breakfast, you will travel to **Eskifjordur**, a charming seaside village in the East Fjords after walking through the **Hallormsstadur arboretum**. You will visit the local maritime museum, take a private tour through a historic seaman's lodge and get the opportunity to taste locally produced shark meat, dried fish and Brennivín snaps. We visit the local Aurora museum where a local photographer and Aurora hunter shows us some amazing Northern Lights photos, tells us about personal Aurora encounters and if the weather conditions are suitable, leads us to a secret Northern Lights spot just outside the village. (BD)



Overnight in Faskrudsfjordur.

DAY 05: FJORDS, GLACIER AND ICE

After breakfast, you will start the day with a visit to Petra's incredible collection of stones and minerals. On you will travel 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 **Vatnajokull** - Europe's biggest glacier and you will stop at **Jokulsarlon** - a glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs. You will travel to the tiny turf church at Hof and continue through the largest national park in Europe. Be careful not to go to bed too soon in this remote and quiet location, or you may just miss out one more chance of seeing the **Northern Lights** shimmering and dancing across the night sky. (BD)



Overnight in Hnappavelli.

DAY 06: SOUTH COAST

After breakfast, a beautiful drive with many natural wonders awaits you as you will head across the **Eldhraun lava field**. You will see sandy deserts, mountainous cliffs, glaciers and waterfalls. You will stroll along the black lava beach of **Reynisfjara** and stop at **Skogafoss** waterfall which is 60 meters high and one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. At the **Eyjafjallajokull Information Center**, you will learn



about living next to a glacier and an active volcano. You will continue to the high but narrow **Seljalandsfoss** waterfall. After dinner you will enjoy a **film presentation about Northern Lights** which is part of the Northern Lights educational program. Naturally, once darkness falls, you will be out to chase the Northern Lights and to soak in the hotel's outdoor hot tubs. (BD)

Overnight in Selfoss.

DAY 07: GOLDEN CIRCLE

After breakfast, you will explore the **Golden Circle** sights: **Geysir geothermal fields**, **Gullfoss waterfall** and **Thingvellir National Park** - a UNESCO World Heritage site. As you will return to Reykjavík, you will be shown the 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 tourist class hotels or similar as per itinerary (subject to availability at the time of booking).
- ❖ Includes 7 Breakfasts, 1 Light Lunch and 5 2-Course Dinners, 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
- ❖ Domestic flight Reykjavik-Akureyri including airport taxes and airport transfer in Reykjavík
- ❖ Entrance with towel at Myvatn Nature Baths
- ❖ Visit to bird museum at lake Myvatn
- ❖ Shark meat, dried fish and Brennivin schnapps tasting on day 4
- ❖ Meet the locals: entrance and tour at Maritime Museum and Randulf's sea-house in Eskifjordur
- ❖ Visit to Petra's stone and crystal collection
- ❖ Visit to Aurora museum and encounter with local Northern Lights photographer and Aurora hunter in East Iceland
- ❖ Visit to a multimedia presentation at Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Information Center
- ❖ Northern Lights program during 5 evenings with a combination of lectures, presentations, film and guided searches for the Northern Lights
- ❖ Use of winter and Northern Lights explorer equipment: simple non-slip snow and ice grippers spikes for shoes and a flash light that is helpful when walking in the dark and operating your photo camera at night

Highlights:

- 1) Circle tour around Iceland
- 2) Explore Akureyri, Lake Mývatn and the East Fjords
- 3) Visit Vatnajökull glacier and Jökulsárlón ice lagoon
- 4) Discover Eyjafjallajökull volcano and Golden Circle classics
- 5) Hot spring bathing and short walks in volcanic landscapes
- 6) Domestic flight from Reykjavík to North Iceland

COST: From **EUR 2860** onwards Per Person in standard double room

EXCHANGE RATE: 1 EUR = 71 INR (exchange rate as on the day of payment applicable)

VALIDITY: 1st October 2017 – 1st April 2018

DEPARTURE DATES: 2017 – October 1, 15, 29; November 5, 19; 2018 - February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

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

HOTELS:

REGION	HOTELS OR SIMILAR
Reykjavik	Fosshotel Lind
Lake Myvatn	Sel Hotel Myvatn
Hallormsstadur	Hotel Hallormsstadur
Faskrudsfjordur	Fosshotel
Hnapavelli	Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon
Selfoss	Hotel Grimsborgir

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) 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.
- 5) Hotel list is subject to change.
- 6) In rare cases, a change of itinerary might be necessary during winter programs in Iceland, should snow, road and weather conditions not allow following the scheduled itinerary, and certain outdoor activities might be cancelled.
- 7) Tour starts with an arrival in Iceland on Sundays and guided bus tour starts on Mondays at 0745 hrs with a domestic flight to Akureyri. The guided tour ends on Saturdays between 1600 - 1800 hrs for a last overnight in Reykjavík. Departure from Iceland is on Sundays.
- 8) All outdoor activities are weather permitting.
- 9) Smoking is not allowed in the vehicles. Comfort stops will be made en route.
- 10) All distances and travelling times are approximate.
- 11) Peak Season Surcharge may be applicable during Xmas, New Year or during any special events.
- 12) [Namaste Tourism Terms & Conditions Apply](#)
- 13) All Payments to be made in INR, USD or EUR as per rate of exchange at the time of booking.
- 14) Any payments automatically mean adherence to the terms & conditions of Namaste Tourism and our statute.

