





Northern Lights

This tour will bring you on a search for that once-in-a-lifetime moment. Spend your evenings gazing at the night sky in search of the elusive and dazzling northern lights. Gaze at the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall - one of the world's most incredible cascades. Explore Skogar Folk Museum and see traditional turf-built homes. Walk on a black volcanic sand beach. Experience this amazing trip that will provide you with memories that will last you a lifetime.

INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Toronto International Airport to Keflavik International Airport with shuttle from Syracuse, Rochester or Buffalo
- 6 nights hotel accommodations
- 14 meals included: 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners
- All touring per itinerary
- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Baggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Services and gratuities for a professional Tour Director and shuttle driver
- All applicable taxes and fees

HOTELS:

Icelandair Hótel Hamar (2) Fosshótel Hekja (1) Icelandair Hótel Klaustur or Hótel Laki Icelandair Hótel Natura (1)







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ITINERARY:

7-DEC	Pick up shuttle in Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo and arrive to Toronto International Airport. Depart for Reykjavik.
8-DEC	Arrive at Keflavik International Airport and then travel to Reykjavik for breakfast. Then climb the Grabrok volcano crater and warm up at Europe's most powerful hot spring, Deildartunguhver.
9-DEC	Visit the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Travel to the town of Stykkishólmur for a cruise in the Breiðafjörður fjord. After a light lunch a uniquely Icelandic "treat" awaits us at Bjarnarhöfn, where they make Hákarl - the fermented shark. Depending on road and weather conditions, we visit the fishing village of Grundarfjörður, a place with an impressive coastline and mountains, lakes and waterfalls behind the village. Naturally, once darkness falls, we are out in the hotel garden to chase the Northern Lights and to soak in the hotel's outdoor hot tubs.
10-DEC	Today we travel along the Hvalfjörður fjord. The first stop is at an Icelandic wool outlet store, just to see what they do with all those sheep! We travel the Golden Circle route and see steam rising from the Geysir geothermal fields as we arrive. Travel to Gullfoss, a double waterfall that tumbles 34 meters into the Hvítá River and attracts tourists and travelers in summer and winter. In the afternoon, you learn about the Icelandic horse, its special qualities and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse, before we reach the accommodation in South Iceland. Tonight, step into the darkness and search for the elusive Northern Lights, while best enjoyed from a comfortable hot tub in the garden of the hotel, amidst the peace and stillness of rural Iceland.
11-DEC	Today we travel along the South coast. At the LAVA Centre we learn about living next to a glacier and an active volcano. Further east we visit one of Iceland's finest folk museums. Nearby is Skógafoss waterfall which is 60 meters high and one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. In the afternoon we take a stroll on the black lava beach and along bird cliffs at Reynisfjara in South Iceland. We spend 2 nights near Kirkjubæjarklaustur in the Vatnajökull National Park region, located in complete darkness and ideal for Northern Lights search.
12-DEC	We travel to Jökulsárlón, a glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs, and we explore the extraordinary site and might see seals swimming in arctic waters. In the afternoon we visit the tiny turf church at Hof and spend time at Europe's largest national park, which has Iceland's highest mountains, an alpine environment, and Europe's largest glacier. In the evening enjoy a film presentation about the Northern Lights as part of the Northern Lights Academy program.
13-DEC	From Kirkjubæjarklaustur we head across the Eldhraun lava field to the village of Vík, where we make a photo stop. Further west we reach the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall which plunges from the mountain. There is a trail that goes behind the falling water and offers interesting views, if you are prepared to get wet! In the afternoon we return to Reykjavik and have about 2 hour leisure time to explore Iceland's capital on our own, visit museums, do some shopping or simply rest after all this touring. In the evening we get to soak in the famous Blue Lagoon, followed by an Icelandic dinner at the Northern Light Inn Hotel and followed by one last nocturnal tour to seek more Northern Lights. Around midnight we reach Reykjavík for one last night.
14-DEC	Private transfer by bus (no guide) from your accommodation in Reykjavík to Keflavík airport. Flight back to Toronto Canada. Upon arrival, gather luggage and transfer back to USA.











PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

SYRACUSE

AAA Administrative Office 7485 Henry Clay Blvd., Liverpool Board: TBD Depart; TBD Approximate return: TBD

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RIT Inn & Conference Center 5257 West Henrietta Rd., Henrietta Board: TBD Depart; TBD Approximate return: TBD

BUFFALO

AAA Travel & Insurance Center 100 International Dr., Williamsville Board: TBD Depart; TBD Approximate return: TBD

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PRICING

DOUBLE \$3879

\$4589

Rates are per person. \$500 per person deposit due at time of booking. Final payment due September 1, 2019.

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Date of deposit – September 1, 2019	\$500 Administrative fee	
September 2, 2019 - December 7, 2019	100% Non-refundable	

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