



Iceland: Family Short Break in the Land of Ice and Fire



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Iceland

BROCHURE CODE: 4039
DURATION: 3 nights

In Brief

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Our Opinion

“ Seeing the kids' faces when the Northern Lights danced across the sky was priceless. The museums we visited were great; really interactive and kept us all engaged for hours. The FlyOver Iceland was a unique experience which we loved doing together as a family. ”



What's included?

- **Transfers:** return scheduled Flybus airport shuttle transfers
- **Accommodation:** 3 nights' accommodation in triple/family hotel rooms at Hotel Grandi or Reykjavik Marina Hotel (depending on availability)
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts
- **Activities:** The following activities are included: FlyOver Iceland, Whales of Iceland and Lava Museum (order subject to change)
- **Support:** 24/7 assistance from our UK based operations team and in destination support from our local partners

Trip Overview

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Rich in Viking history, abundant with dramatic volcanic landscapes and defined by towering glaciers, it's unsurprising Iceland is a popular bucket-list destination. Treat your family to an unforgettable trip of a lifetime to Iceland's capital, Reykjavik.

This three-night getaway will excite both young and old with plenty of opportunities to experience the magic and wonder of such a captivating landscape. Not all classrooms have four walls, and this holiday provides a wholesome balance of enrichment and adventure the kids will love. The whole family will be immersed in Icelandic nature and history at the Whales of Iceland and Lava Museum and come away feeling inspired.

We know that flexibility and freedom are important to families and thus, day three of the itinerary is a blank canvas for you to tailor your time and set your own pace. There are a variety of unmissable excursions to handpick from on our 'personalise' page from whale watching to a Northern Lights hunt.

Be sure to make the most of your time in this unique part of the world and share experiences that will last a lifetime.

Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL IN ICELAND

Upon arriving at Keflavik Airport, you will be transferred to your hotel accommodation with FlyBus. The bus stop is located right outside the terminal area and the driver will greet you there. Depending on your arrival time, you may wish to explore Reykjavik city centre. Many of the main attractions are within easy walking distance and a plethora of stylish restaurants and bars perch along the idyllic harbourside.

Please note that the order of activities within your itinerary is subject to change and the agenda below should be used as a guide only. The exact order of your agenda will be confirmed upon arrival at the hotel

Included Meals: None

DAY
2

REYKJAVIK DAY

After a wholesome breakfast, prepare for a day of culture, history and discovery. Firstly, you'll head to FlyOver Iceland; a must-do activity when visiting Reykjavik. FlyOver Iceland is a top tourist attraction with motion seating and a wraparound screen, simulating a flight over majestic mountains and breath-taking glaciers. Using state-of-the-art technology, FlyOver Iceland will take you on an exhilarating journey through the country's wondrous landscape. Engage all of your senses as the film is enhanced with a dramatic musical score, special effects such as wind, mist and scents.

Around the corner, you'll find your next stop, Whales of Iceland. This interactive museum exhibits twenty-three life sized models of the various whale species found in Icelandic waters. Each model was sculpted after an actual individual in the wild and features the whales' personal markings and characteristics. Get up close to a gigantic blue whale, a fascinating sperm whale and the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale. There's so much for the whole family to see and do, including catching a showing of the award-winning documentary Sonic Sea shown on a large cinema screen. Expect ambient lighting, soothing whale sounds and to come away having gained a deep insight into these enchanting creatures!

Later today, you and your family will experience an exciting journey through volcanology in Iceland at the high-tech Lava Centre. Explore the exhibition halls and use the interactive displays at the Lava Centre to discover the immense and complex natural forces that form the Earth and began to create Iceland tens of millions of years ago.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
3

FREE DAY

Today is free for you and your family to design. Experience activities that are meaningful to you and create precious memories to last a lifetime. Visit the 'personalise' tab for a list of our recommended trips or speak to one of our Travel Experts who can advise you on which excursions will suit your family best according to your interests and travel aspirations.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
4

DEPARTURE

Sadly, it's time to bid goodbye to Iceland as your getaway comes to an end. Following breakfast, you will transfer back to the airport via the scheduled FlyBus shuttle.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Northern Lights Hunt

Step on board your coach for the evening and head out into the night in search for the Northern Lights. Your driver-guide will take you away from the artificial lights of the city and to some of the best vantage points for some Aurora spotting. Your guide will be on hand to answer any questions you have about the Aurora and will give you an introduction to the science behind their magical appearance.

Other options

ACTIVITIES

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Whale Watching Tour

Enjoy a magical journey into Faxaflói bay with an expert crew and specially trained naturalists.

With the guidance of your marine biologist guide, you will learn all about the full range of wildlife that calls Iceland home. The most common whale species are Minke, Humpback, White-beaked Dolphins and Harbour Porpoises. Occasionally other species such as Orca, Fin whales, Sei whales and Long-finned Pilot whales can be spotted. You may also see a wide array of wild birds from Puffins and Gannets to Guillemots and more, as they feed on the plentiful fish found in the bay.

The meeting point for the tour is the Old Harbour in central Reykjavik – this is within walking distance but also easily reached by taxi. You can take some time to look through the visitor centre before boarding. Once aboard, you will find several outdoor observation platforms, a heated indoor saloon with large viewing windows, a cafeteria where you can buy light refreshments, toilet facilities and a cloakroom where you can borrow blankets and overalls for the duration of the tour. You can stay outside and revel in the fresh air or if you prefer, you are welcome to nestle inside the heated lounge and observe from within. A live commentary throughout the tour will notify you of any sightings.



Golden Circle Tour

Iceland's Golden Circle Tour showcases some of the country's most well-known sights. By bus, you will travel to the southern highlands visiting Þingvellir National Park, Gullfoss waterfall and the famous Geysir geothermal area.

You will begin with a trip to Þingvellir National Park, which plays a vital role in Iceland's history. Þingvellir is the meeting point of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates, creating dramatic cracks and fissures in the landscape.

Following the National Park is a short stop at Efstidalur for a glimpse of Icelandic farm life – you'll have time to sample the delicious home-made ice cream too.

Next, you will travel to the 'Golden Waterfall' of Gullfoss, which rushes down from a height of 32 metres. The power of the waterfall is mesmerising and during the winter, great sections of ice cover parts of Gullfoss giving a wonderful display of ice formations.

Your guide will then take you to the Geysir Geothermal Area, named after the now mainly

dormant geyser called 'Geysir', which has lent its name to all such exploding hot springs around the world. The biggest geyser here is Strokkur, which erupts every few minutes, shooting water 30 metres into the air.

The Geysir geothermal area is located in the Haukadalur Valley and at this site, you will find two remarkable Geysirs which have been active for around 10,000 years. You will need to be exceptionally lucky to catch a glimpse of the Great Geysir in action as it only erupts every few months. However, the nearby Strokkur Geysir erupts every 6-10 minutes and can shoot hot water as high as 40 metres into the air.

Lastly, you will make a stop at the Secret Lagoon, so remember bring your swimming costumes and towels along, should there be time for a dip.



Saga Museum

The Saga Museum recreates fundamental moments in Icelandic early history, events that have determined the fate of the country's people and gives a fascinating insight into how Icelanders have lived for more than 1000 years. Life-like wax figures have been modelled on historical Icelandic individuals informed by descriptions found in the Viking sagas and chronicles. All of the articles on display in the museum have been methodically crafted using traditional methods passed down through generations.

Audio-guides are available in English and a number of other languages as you journey through the museum into Iceland's turbulent past.

Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.



Hotel Grandi (Nights: 1-3)

Hotel Grandi is situated in the centre of Reykjavik's booming creative quarter, within close proximity of a local bars, restaurants and cafes. The harbour is just a short walking distance too.

Grandi offers classic comfort with a modern, industrial finish and has an onsite restaurant and bakery.

Hotel Rooms

This package includes a standard double room with extra bed. Rooms are both cosy and contemporary and include a minibar, free Wi-Fi, telephone and TV with video on demand. Deluxe rooms and suites are subject to availability and will incur a supplement. If you would like to upgrade your accommodation, please speak to one of our Travel Experts who will be happy to help.

Facilities:

- Héðinn Kitchen and Bar serves up delicious seasonal dishes at both lunch and dinner time under the leadership of chef Sindra Guðbrand Sigurðsson. Childhood friends Karl Viggó Vigfússon and Elías Guðmundsson head up the front of house team and will be delighted to welcome you and your family
- Open daily, Hygge bakery is the perfect pitstop after a wander around Reykjavik, and Héðinn Kitchen & Bar offers a great selection of tasty dishes.
- Concierge Service and 24-Hour Front Desk

Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.



Reykjavik Marina Hotel

Conveniently located in the popular 101 harbour district of Berjaya, Reykjavik Marina Hotel is surrounded by countless dinging and sightseeing options. A lively neighbourhood, you'll enjoy being right in the heart of the action and enjoying views across the beautiful harbour.

Housed in a renovated four storey building, Reykjavik Marina Hotel blends the past and

present with its tasteful contemporary décor and respectful nods to the area's historic fishing traditions. The Hotel has been awarded a Green Hotel certification in recognition of its pledge to continually improve its environmental performance without compromising the outstanding level of service guests have come to expect.

220 messages are hidden throughout the hotel, containing facts and messages to visitors making it a fun place for families to explore.

Hotel Rooms

All of the family rooms have a stunning view over the ever-changing North Atlantic and Esja mountain and come equipped with a King bed and sofa bed, telephone and flat screen TV, Free Wi-fi, hairdryer, safe, mini-fridge and tea and coffee making facilities. Other room options may be available for a supplement. Please speak to our Travel Experts for a quotation.

Facilities:

- In house restaurant, Slippbarinn, claims to be the birthplace of the Reykjavik cocktail culture, so your mixology desires are in very good hands! The menu focuses on fresh ingredients, interesting flavours and bold presentation. A delicious breakfast buffet is served 7am – 10am and the kitchen is open daily for late lunches and evening meals 3pm – 9.30pm.
- On-site hair salon, Wave provides a sanctuary for those wanting a little pamper during their stay
- 24-Hour Front Desk

The Specifics

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

Minimum numbers required for a holiday to operate

Some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to operate (as listed in the 'Group Size' section). If your holiday departure has not yet reached the minimum number, you will be told at the time of booking. In the unlikely event that your chosen date is not guaranteed by nine weeks before your scheduled departure date, we will contact you to discuss the available options as per our booking conditions.

Minimum and maximum age

The minimum age for this holiday can be found in the 'Key Facts' section of the holiday overview.

Younger family members may be able to participate but may not be able to take part in all activities. Please contact one of our Travel Experts if you have any questions.

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

Terms and Conditions

Our full booking terms and conditions can be found on our website: <https://www.activitiesabroad.com/booking-conditions>

Please note: our payment and cancellation terms will be unique to each booking - they will be confirmed with you at the time of quotation. The terms listed above are noted as a guide only