

The Upper Ottawa Valley
Chamber of Commerce
Presents

BEST OF ICELAND

07 DAYS | 2nd Apr 2020

CANADA | REYKJAVIK | WESTMAN ISLANDS | SOUTH SHORE | SKOGAR | VIK | SKAFTAFELL
| JOKULSARLON | GULLFOSS | GEYSIR | THINGVELLIR | REYKJAVIK | CANADA

TOUR SUMMARY:

Discover the natural wonders of Iceland. This 6-day tour gives you the perfect opportunity to discover the magic of these wonders, and the magnificent natural landscape that surrounds them. The tour covers the major attractions of the south including, glaciers, geysers and waterfalls as well as the Golden Circle. Witness and discover the marvels of Mother Nature in its purest form!

FROM TORONTO

Per person on twin sharing basis: **\$3490**
Single Supplement: **\$790**

TOUR LODGING INFO:

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis in hotel listed below or similar

CITY	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Reykjavik	03 Nights	Reykjavik Natura (Art Rooms)
Vik	02 Nights	Icelandair Hotel / Edda

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Admire Iceland's natural wonders and majestic landscapes
- Learn more about Iceland's culture, history and nature
- Enjoy the Golden waterfall, one of the most impressive waterfalls in Europe
- Marvel at Reynisfjara beach, with powerful waves and amazing basalt Columns

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 05 Nights' accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast
- 02 dinners in the countryside
- Private group pick up from airport with English speaking guide
- 4-day guided tour as per itinerary from/to Reykjavik
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Private guided northern lights tour on day 1
- Entrance and towel at the Blue Lagoon upon arrival
- Entrance to Skogar Folk Museum on day 3
- International flights from Toronto

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 01: CANADA - REYKJAVIK

Find your own way to International Airport and board your overnight flight to Reykjavik.

Dinner and overnight on-board flight

DAY 02: REYKJAVIK (ARRIVAL) - BLUE LAGOON - NORTHERN LIGHTS (B/-/-)

Upon arrival at Keflavik international Airport you will be met by your private driver and guide. You will start with a hearty Scandinavian breakfast at the Viking World café while you wait for the blue Lagoon to open. There is no better way to start your Icelandic adventure than by bathing in the famous Blue Lagoon. Learn more about the volcanic eruption that created the surrounding landscape nearly 800 years ago and how the lagoon was formed and the wonders of geothermal seawater.

Drive to the capital, Reykjavik to check in to your hotel (please note that check-in starts at 2pm).

In the evening, you join a mysterious tour, looking for the Aurora Borealis, on a dark winter night in Iceland. Far from the glow of the city, you will hunt the elusive Northern Lights. The northern Lights are a natural phenomenon and beyond our control. They are visible in Iceland from September through April but visibility is subject to Northern Lights activity and cloud coverage. We cannot guarantee sightings.

Overnight in Reykjavik

DAY 03: THE GOLDEN CIRCLE (B/-/-)

Breakfast at your hotel. The Golden Circle is probably the most popular day-tour out of Reykjavik and for several good reasons. This is a full-day

round tour of the south-west of Iceland and includes three of the best-known attraction Iceland has to offer: Gullfoss (the Golden waterfall), one of the most impressive waterfalls in Europe with thousands of tons of icy water thundering majestically into a deep canyon; The Geysir Area, with numerous hot springs, fumaroles and geysers, including 20-meter spouting world known Strokkur; Þingvellir, a remarkable geological site and a historic site as well. Þingvellir is the site of the world's oldest democratic parliament founded in 930 and the beautiful canyon running through the park is actually dividing Faultline between two of the earth's tectonic plates. At the end of the day, head back to your accommodation in Reykjavik.

Overnight in Reykjavik

DAY 04: SOUTH SHORE - SKOGAR – VIK (B/-/D)

Breakfast at your hotel. Today, travel along the south shore. Pass numerous glacial rivers en route to Skogafoss waterfall. A famous folk museum is nearby, showcasing the buildings and daily life of Icelanders in the past centuries. Continue on to the black sands of Reynisfjara beach. Here you can witness the powerful waves and amazing basalt Column features carved by the power of the sea. Enjoy dinner at Vik, a charming village surrounded by beautiful high bird cliffs.

Overnight in Vik area

DAY 05: VIK – SKAFTAFELL – GLACIER LAGOON (B/-/D)

Breakfast at your hotel. Cross Eldhraun, the largest mass of lava ever to flow on the face of the Earth before reaching the small town Kirkjubæjarklaustur, the former site of a 12th-century Catholic convent. Head onwards to Skaftafell National Park, one of Iceland's most outstanding areas of natural beauty. Continue to the stunning Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon to see floating icebergs. Throughout the day, enjoy magnificent views of the mighty Vatnajökull Glacier. Return to Vik and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Overnight in Vik area.

DAY 06: VIK - REYKJAVIK (B/-/-)

Breakfast at your hotel. Today you will head back to Reykjavik where you will spend the rest of the day at leisure to explore the city at your own pace. Reykjavik's reputation as a cultural city has grown rapidly with events related to art, design, music, theater and literature offered on a daily basis and major festivals taking place throughout the year. Exploring the small city center reveals an abundance of vibrant museums, galleries and craft shops hidden in all corners of the city.

You'll be amazed by the range of restaurants available in Reykjavik. The city's chefs have gained a global reputation for creatively fusing cuisines of the world with Icelandic ingredients like fresh Atlantic seafood, lamb that has roamed wild and fed on moss and herbs, and locally grown organic vegetables. After dinner, Reykjavik's legendary nightlife beckons with an eclectic mix of clubs, sophisticated wine bars, cozy pubs and other hangouts of the hip.

Despite the lure of the city, it's nearly impossible not to feel the closeness of nature as you glimpse views of the azure-blue ocean and Mt. Esja looms so close that you can almost reach out and touch her. The city's plentiful resources of geothermal energy ensure clean air and unpolluted water giving both citizens and visitors a unique sense of liveliness and contentment.

Overnight stay in Reykjavik

DAY 07: REYKJAVIK – CANADA (DEPARTURE) (B/-/-)

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back home. Pick up at your hotel 3 hours before departure of your flight.

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