

Spectrum Holidays

Iceland Pre Tour Extension Commencing 04 September 2010

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Sat 04: Copenhagen/Reykjavik - on arrival we transfer by coach to our hotel. The airport is located approximately 50kms from downtown Reykjavik. Afternoon at leisure. Plaza Hotel (5 nights).

Sun 05: Greater Area Reykjavik Sightseeing (B) - our tour includes the most significant places in the capital and the surrounding towns. We view the presidential residence at Bessastaðir as well as Hafnarfjörður, the town where the “hidden people” and humans live together in harmony. We visit the old fishing harbor, Hallgrímskirkja church and the old town centre where the Icelandic parliament Alþingi and the town hall are situated.



Reykjavik

Mon 06: The Golden Circle Classic (B) - this popular excursion introduces us to some of the best known historical sites and natural phenomena in Iceland. We start by visiting Nesjavellir, a high temperature geothermal area in the scenic landscape of Lake Thingvallavatn. From there we go to the Thingvellir National Park, where the Icelandic parliament Alþingi was founded in the year 930 AD. We continue to the beautiful waterfall Gullfoss, where we can walk so close to the edge that we might feel the mist of the glacial water on our faces. From there we journey towards the geothermal area around the incredible spouting hot springs of Geysir and Strokkur. We proceed to Skálholt church, the ancient seat of the Icelandic bishops. From there we travel towards Hveragerði, a small and charming horticultural village.

Tue 07: South Coast & Þórsmörk (B) - we begin our tour by driving over the mountain heath Hellisheiði towards Selfoss town and then along the south shore to Seljalandsfoss waterfall. From there our journey continues towards the interior to our main attraction, Þórsmörk (i.e. Thor’s Woodland), a nature reserve shielded on three sides by glaciers and mountains. The glacial melt-off forms rivers that have to be crossed on the way, but those can change in a matter of hours from an innocent stream into a thunderous torrent. Once there we make a stop to enjoy the breathtaking scenery with its multitude of small gullies and valleys, clad with low birch-trees that create seemingly endless possibilities for the nature lover.

Wed 08: Reyknes Peninsula and Blue Lagoon (B) - after leaving the capital we head to the Reykjanes peninsula where the mid Atlantic ridge rises from the ocean. More than half of the peninsula is covered with lava fields, some of which are only a few hundred years old. We head for the lighthouse on the westernmost tip of the peninsula. This is a magnificent area with rich bird life in the summer. From there we continue through the lava fields to the nearby fishing village of Grindavík. Our next stop is The Blue Lagoon a unique geothermal spa situated in the youngest lava field in west Iceland. Once there you have many recreational options such as bathing in the milky blue water, massage and spa treatments or walking in the Blue Lagoon’s spectacular surroundings.

Thu 09: Reykjavik/Oslo (B) - in the morning we transfer to the Airport where we board our flight to Oslo and meet up with other members on the group tour.

SA Prices per person (twin share basis):

Land arrangements	\$ 1,960
Icelandair flights including taxes (note 1)	\$ 500
Total cost	\$ 2,460

Inclusions

- 5 nights accommodation including breakfast
- Airport transfers
- Sightseeing tours as follows
 - Greater Area Reykjavik Sightseeing
 - The Golden Circle Classic
 - South Coast & Þórsmörk
 - Reyknes Peninsula and Blue Lagoon

Notes

1. The flights costs for Icelandair cover the sectors from Copenhagen to Reykjavik and Reykjavik to Oslo. The price is based on instant purchase airfares at the date when brochure was printed. Instant purchase fares can vary according to availability at the date when reservations are made.



Gullfoss waterfall