

ICELAND - HIDDEN POWERS & NORTHERN LIGHTS HUNT

October 30 - November 5, 2016



Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- » Tour Reykjavik City
- » Visit the recently opened Northern Lights Center
- » Enjoy Iceland's famous geyser, Gullfoss or "Golden Falls"
- » Explore Thingvellir National Park
- » See the volcanic aftermath of Eyjafjallajökull
- » Admire Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss Waterfalls
- » Tour Skaftafell National Park
- » Stop at Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon
- » Hunt for the Northern Lights in an optimal rural location
- » Soak in the world famous Blue Lagoon

Tour Activity Level: **3**



Iceland Travel

INCLUDED FEATURES

- » Free parking with roundtrip transfers to Washington Dulles International Airport
- » Roundtrip airfare Washington, DC – Keflavik, Iceland
- » Roundtrip transfers - airport/hotel
- » Two night hotel accommodations in Reykjavik
- » Three night hotel accommodations in the Iceland countryside
- » Sightseeing as stated in itinerary by motorcoach
- » Services of a professional Driver & Guide
- » Meals: 6 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners
- » All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person
- » AAA Group Leader

PRICE PER PERSON

OCCUPANCY	AAA MEMBER	NON MEMBER
Double	\$2,379	\$2,424
Single	\$2,789	\$2,834

Rates are subject to availability at time of booking and include taxes, fees and fuel surcharges which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 35 passengers.

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TOUR ITINERARY

Sunday, October 30: Depart for Iceland

Motorcoach transportation from Central PA to Washington Dulles International Airport for your overnight flight to Keflavik.

Monday, October 31: Reykjavik City Tour

Your tour begins with a welcome greeting at the airport and then board your motorcoach for the drive to a lovely local restaurant for a hearty breakfast. Then depart for your Reykjavik city orientation tour. Reykjavik is the world's most northern capital, with more than one third of Iceland's population. Today, Reykjavik is a modern city with a variety of restaurants, museums, galleries and theaters. On your tour, see places like the old town center, the Parliament, the cathedral, the harbor, the Ásmundur Sveinsson Sculpture museum, the National Museum, the Pearl, Höfði house (site of the 1986 summit) and the city's main landmark, Hallgrimshirkja. Hotel: *Icelandair Hotel Reykjavik Natura*, Reykjavik. (Breakfast)

Tuesday, November 1: Northern Lights Center, Thingvellir National Park & Gullfoss Waterfall

Start the day by visiting the recently opened and fascinating Northern Lights Center in Reykjavik for an exciting and informative presentation on the Northern Lights. Then onto Thingvellir National Park (UNESCO) where the world's oldest parliament met for centuries on the shores of Iceland's largest lake. We then drive to Laugarvatn Fontana where we experience a geothermal bakery first hand and dig up bread that has been cooked underground by the warmth of the earth. After the tour we sample the delicious bread, served hot from the ground with some butter. Continue through farmland areas to the geothermal fields of Geysir with bubbling mud pools and high spouting Strokkur hot spring. Visit the dramatic two-tiered Gullfoss Waterfall. Last, but certainly not least, before dinner enjoy a local "Hidden Powers" cocktail at the hotel. Hotel: *Icelandair Hotel Flúðir*, Flúðir. (Breakfast, Dinner)





Wednesday, November 2: Eyjafjallajökull Volcano & South Shore Waterfalls

We will spend this day exploring the region close to the towering strato-volcano Eyjafjallajökull, which is one of the most famous volcanos in the world today. At the Volcano Visitor Centre at Þorvaldseyri Farm, located beneath Eyjafjallajökull Volcano, you will be able to see pictures and a movie about the eruption and its impact on the countryside, the country itself and the whole world. Driving along the south shore we will make a stop at the spectacular Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss Waterfalls. Then onto Reynisfjara Beach, viewing the extraordinary rock formations, black sand beach and thundering waves of the Atlantic Ocean with the Mýrdal Glacier as a backdrop. Hotel: *Icelandair Hotel Klaustur, Kirkjubæjarklaustur*. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Thursday, November 3: Skaftafell National Park & Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon

Drive from Kirkjubæjarklaustur over the Skeiðarársandur outwash plains to Skaftafell National Park, one of Iceland's most outstanding points of natural beauty dominated by Vatnajökull, Europe's largest glacier. Travel through Örfæfi area, devastated twice in Icelandic history through powerful eruptions of the Örfæfajökull strato-volcano, and glimpse Iceland's highest mountain (elevation 2,110 m.) towering over the area. We pass several outlet glaciers on our way to Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon where huge icebergs, broken off the ever-shifting mass of Breiðamerkurjökull Glacier, float and grind together in the lagoon. Then back to the hotel for our Northern Lights Hunt, complete with a backpack containing hot chocolate and a flashlight. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Friday, November 4: Greenhouse Village and the Blue Lagoon

We head towards the village of Hveragerði which is one of the few sites in the world located directly on top of a geothermal area. Hveragerði is often called "the flower village" because of its many greenhouses heated by hot water from nearby springs. The tour continues to Strandarkirkja, a church popularly believed to have a special power to aid success or provide good luck. We continue along the coast with breath-taking sea waves towards the volcanic peninsula of Reykjanes, an area of great volcanic activity with several dormant volcanoes and many extensive lava fields. Onwards to the fishing village of Grindavík with its bustling harbor area before we enjoy a dip in the famous Blue Lagoon, which is a unique wonder of nature with pleasantly warm mineral rich geothermal water, dramatically situated in the middle of a black lava field. Return to Reykjavik for your farewell dinner and the remainder of the evening is on your own. Hotel: *Icelandair Reykjavik Natura*, Reykjavik. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Saturday, November 5: Depart for USA

After breakfast, transfer to Keflavik International Airport for your flight home and transportation back to Central PA. (Breakfast)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:

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This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs, or on uneven walking surfaces, should be expected.

Hotels and itinerary are subject to change at anytime without notification and/or compensation.



GENERAL INFORMATION

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Original, signed passport valid for 6 months beyond stay, and with at least one blank visa page for visa stamp(s).

PAYMENT

Deposit of \$350 per person will confirm your reservation. Final Payment is due to AAA by September 2, 2016.

CANCELLATION/PENALTIES

Deposit date to day of departure	\$25 per person, plus...
From August 7 – October 8, 2016	\$350 per person, plus additional suppliers' fees
From October 9 – 15, 2016	10% of land plus any additional suppliers' fees
From October 16 – 22, 2016	25% of land plus any additional suppliers' fees
From October 23 – 26, 2016	50% of land plus any additional suppliers' fees
October 27 – 28, 2016	75% of land plus any additional suppliers' fees
After October 28, 2016	100% NON REFUNDABLE

***Airfare is non-refundable after final payment.**

INSURANCE

For your protection AAA recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit only. Other conditions may apply; ask your travel agent. AAA recommends Allianz.

FLIGHT

Air arrangements are handled by the tour operator. Seat assignments cannot be confirmed until the tour operator releases names to the airline(s) 30 days prior to departure. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Some flight schedules may include code share agreements.

CLOTHING/CLIMATE

Temperatures in Iceland for October/November average in the mid 30s. Pack for a variety of temperatures. Casual clothes that can be layered work best. Comfortable walking shoes and a small umbrella are recommended. Be prepared for inclement weather.

BAGGAGE

One suitcase per person will be allowed. You may also bring a carry-on bag small enough to fit under your seat. Baggage fees and other charges may be directly assessed by airlines or airport.

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

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