

9 Days Relaxed Adventure: Snæfellsnes, Borgarfjörður, Golden Circle, Landmannalaugar & the South coast to the Glacier lagoon

Product Details

Brand: Multi-day tours,

In our multiday tours we stay out in the countryside and have the opportunity to enjoy more beautiful sights because we don't spend time driving to Reykjavik in the evening. We carefully pick our hotels, where there is good food and atmosphere. The accommodation, breakfast, and two-course gourmet dinner are included. For Northern Lights hunters staying in the countryside away from the light pollution, we often have a good opportunity to see them. On our tours you will get to know everything about the nature, locals, their interesting food and folklore

Tour highlights:

Day one—The Reykjanes Peninsula

- Pick up from your hotel in the vicinity of Reykjavik or directly from Keflavik Airport.
- The first stop is breakfast at the **Viking museum**, where the Viking ship **Íslendingur** is on display.
- The **Bridge Between Continents** is a man-made tourist attraction but, nevertheless, a very interesting one and worth visiting.
- **Gunnhver** is a very powerful “ghost” hot spring.
- **Reykjanestá** is the edge of the peninsula with a beautiful ocean view.
- We visit the splashing waves at **Brimketill**.
- Check in at the **Northern Lights Inn** hotel or **Silica Hotel**.
- Premium access to the **Blue Lagoon** awaits you. You can then relax in the hot water, get the silica mask to soften your skin and get ready for the next day.
- Choose a dinner at the hotel or the **Lava restaurant** (tasting menu, excluding drinks) by the Blue Lagoon.
- In winter, this can be a good place to enjoy the Northern Lights.

Day two—Borgarfjörður

- On the way from the **Reykjanes Peninsula**, we stop by **Seltún**, a colorful geothermal area.
- View over **Lake Kleifarvatn**.
- We stop by the president's residence, **Bessastaðir**. The president of Iceland, **Halla Tómasdóttir**, lives there with her family.
- We drive in a tunnel from 1996 under the **Hvalfjörður** bay.
- **Deildartunguhver**, Europe's largest hot spring, heats homes in two towns 45 miles away.
- **Hraunfossar** and **Barnafoss** waterfalls are not like any other waterfalls.
- At **Reykholt** is an ancient pool, **Snorri's pool** and the **Snorrastofa Museum** about **Snorri Sturluson** (1181-1241), a writer. From his writings, we know the most about **Norse mythology**.
- A short hike up **Grábrók**, an old volcanic crater.
- Stay and dine at **Country Hotel Hraunsnef** for two nights.

Day three—Snæfellsnes Peninsula

- This day we drive around the Peninsula and stay again at the same place.
- **Súgandisey** in **Stykkishólmur**. We do a short hike to the lighthouse for the view over the town and the thousand islands.
- The Greenland shark museum in **Bjarnarhöfn** is not to be missed. Optional tasting of the fermented shark.
- The picturesque **Mt. Kirkjufell** and **Kirkjufellsfoss** waterfall.
- Driving through the fishing villages of **Ólafsvík** and **Rif**. Learning about who first visited North America and who came to Iceland for information!
- **Skarðsvík** is a brown sand beach with black rocks. Beautiful contrasts.
- At **Djúpalón** and **Dritvík** you can find out how much salary you would have had on a boat last century.
- **Þúfubjarg** is a viewing platform to see the iconic **Lóndrangar** standing in the ocean like stranded trolls.
- A half-hour hike by the ocean from **Hellnar** to **Arnarstapi**, followed by a walk in the area between beautiful rock formations in the ocean like **Gatklettur** and **Músagjá**.
- **Ölkelda** is a natural spring with carbonated water.
- The seals at **Ytri-Tunga** are sometimes very close to where we see them.
- **Gerðuberg** basalt columns forming a wall resembling a great fortress.
- Back to the hotel for dinner and stay.

Day four—The Golden Circle

- **Bórufoss**, a hidden gem featured in the TV series **Game of Thrones**.
- **Þingvellir**, the Fields of Parliament, was founded in 930 AD at the boundaries of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates.
- The historical site **Vígða Laug** by **Lake Laugarvatn**, where the people of Iceland have twice changed religion.
- **Brúarfoss**, the ever-blue waterfall.
- Geysir spring area, with the erupting geyser **Strokkur**. **Strokkur** spouts every five to ten minutes up to 30 meters or 100 feet up in the air. Sometimes less but when it spouts, it can spout two or three times in a row. Best not to put your camera down!
- **Gullfoss** waterfall is one of Iceland's most iconic tourist attractions. The waterfall is a two-step waterfall where the first one is 11 meters (33 feet) and the second one is 22 meters (66 feet) high.
- **Brúarhlöð**: A tranquil place where the massive river Hvítá from the great waterfall runs through a narrow ravine.
- Staying and dining two nights at **Hotel Hill**.

Day five—The touch of the Highlands

- **Hjálp** is a double waterfall.
- The “theory” Viking house **Stöng**. Built after ruins found covered in ash from Mt. Hekla.
- **Gjáin** is an oasis at the edge of the highlands, situated in the middle of a desert.
- **Háifoss** waterfall is in a huge ravine where the view from the highlands is all the way to the ocean in the south.
- From July to September, we stop by **Sigöldugljúfur** and then hike a small mountain in the famous colorful area of **Landmannalaugar** and bathe afterwards in the warm river.
- From May to July, we visit **Nauthúsagil**, where we hike along a river in a gorge, climbing a waterfall to get to the bottom of the gorge, where there is a bigger, beautiful waterfall.
- Return back to the hotel for dinner and stay

Day six—The South Coast to the east

- **Skógafoss**, with its 430 steps to the viewing platform above and **Kvernufoss** waterfalls are a few minutes apart. The hike to **Kvernufoss** is about ten to 20 minutes, depending on how close you want to get.
- **Dyrhólaey**, which translates to "door hill island," is a cape that has a great view over the black sand beach.
- The ever-changing **Reynisfjara** black sand beach and basalt columns.
- **Vík** town.
- **Hjörleifshöfði** Cape with its great view over the black sand beach.
- Staying and dining at **Hótel Laki** for three nights.

Day seven—Vatnajökull National Park

- **Hamrafoss** waterfall is a short stop by the road.
- **Jökulsárlón**, called the Glacier Lagoon, with its majestic icebergs.
- **Fellsfjara**, called the diamond beach, where the icebergs have washed ashore on the black sand beach.
- Short hike to **Svínafellsjökull** outlet glacier.
- Optional hike to **Svartifoss** waterfall in **Skaftafell**.
- Return to the hotel for dinner and stay.

Day eight—Vatnajökull National Park

- A day at **Laki craters** and **Fjaðrárgljúfur**, a magnificent gorge.
- Return to the hotel for dinner and stay.

Day seven—South Coast to the west

- **Reynisfjara**, the black sand beach that is ever-changing.
- The waterfall **Seljalandsfoss** in which it is possible to walk behind in summertime.
- **Urriðafoss** waterfall that is soon to be gone!
- Walk alongside the rim of **Kerið** volcanic crater.
- Back to Reykjavik.

We are usually back in Reykjavík around 5.00 p.m. in the evening

Depending on weather and season, we may change the order of places visited.

Possible add-ons:

- Horseback ride from Skálafell in the south. (1h).
- Ice cave in Kötlujökull. (3h).
- Horseback ride from Vík on the black sand beach. (1h).
- Zodiac tour on Jökulsárlón or Fellslón. Available from April to September. (1h).
- Amphibian boat tour on Jökulsárlón. Available from April to September. (1h).
- Ice cave in Vatnajökull. Available from mid-October to March. (3h).
- Raufarhólshellir lava tube cave. (1h)



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Iceland Tour was Great!

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Our American group of two 70+ age parents and an adult daughter traveled on a private **nine-day** tour in early February with Gunnar Gunnarsson of Season Tours. Gunnar is one of two owners, the only members of Season Tours, as there are no employees. We thought that touring with an owner would assure the best tour, and our belief was confirmed big time, as he is a total professional.

Gunnar picked us up at Keflavik Airport, stayed with us throughout the tour of the Reykjanes and Snæfellsnes Peninsulas, the Golden Circle, the south coast and southeast Iceland out to Hali, and dropped us at our hotel in Reykjavik, where we spent several **days** on our own in after the tour. He drove us in a well-appointed and winterized 7-passenger Mercedes van (Season also owns a 13-passenger van) and provided us with mini-spikes that we needed for the many walks and hikes on snow and ice.

A native Icelander, Gunnar speaks fluent English, among other languages and has an extraordinary knowledge of Icelandic history, culture, geology and cuisine, including names and dates. This was confirmed after our tour when we visited the National Museum in Reykjavik where we found how much Icelandic history we had learned (and we knew nothing of Iceland's history before this trip).

We stayed at a range of hotels, from a tiny, rustic family-run inn (that we loved) to a modern 4-star hotel that we loved as well. The one consistency in the wide range of hotels was the quality of the food. Despite all the hiking and climbing we gained weight!

If you are looking for a highly personalized group or family tour we recommend that you contact Season Tours.

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In this slow-paced tour in the west and south of Iceland, you will see, experience, and enjoy every sight without having to think that you are missing anything. Enjoy the sites of the so-called Golden Circle, Reykjanes Peninsula, Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Borgarfjörður, and the South Coast to Jökulsárlón with many extra attractions, all in nine days. On the tour you will see glaciers, black and brown sand beaches, waterfalls, ravines, capes, and beautiful rock formations and enjoy the tranquility out in the middle of nowhere. You will learn about the history, folklore, geology, Viking sagas, how the Icelanders changed religion twice, flora, and fauna. Staying out in the countryside in a relaxed environment, far from the light pollution of the towns, gives a great opportunity to see the Northern Lights in wintertime and the never-ending days in summer.