

4 Days North—Skagafjörður, Akureyri and Mývatn

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 dinners are included at the hotels. 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—Driving north

- We stop by **Mosfellsbakarí**—the best bakery in Iceland—on our way out of town.
- The road takes us in a tunnel under **Hvalfjörður** Bay.
- **Borgarnes** is the town of the famous poet and crazy Viking **Egill Skallagrímsson**. We visit a Viking grave and other historical places.
- We hike up the **Grábrók** crater for the great view over the area.
- The gorge of the troll Kola, **Kolugljúfur**, with its beautiful waterfall.
- **Þrístapar** is a monument of the last beheading in Iceland.
- We stay and dine in Skagafjörður or Akureyri if whale watching is selected.

Day two—Mývatn lake

- **Goðafoss** waterfall is one of the pearls of the so-called Silver Circle of the North.
- **Dettifoss** waterfall is Iceland's largest waterfall by power and was featured in the film Prometheus, a prequel to the Alien movies.
- A half-hour hike around **Leirhnjúkur** in the lava field from 1983 to 1986.
- **Hverir** is a colorful geothermal area with bubbling clay and steam vents.
- **Víti** (Hell) is a crater by the volcano **Krafla** formed in one single blast in 1724.
- The strange lava formations at **Dimmuborgir** are viewed on an hour's hike through the area.
- It is nice to end the day by enjoying **The Nature Baths** by Mývatn.
- We stay and dine in the area.

Day three—Mývatn and The Troll Peninsula

- We start the day by hiking up to the rim of **Hverfell** Crater.
- The pseudocraters **Skútustaðagígar** were formed when the molten lava flowed over a moist or wet area. We enjoy the area and the view for a few minutes.
- We visit the **Christmas** village in Eyjafjörður and the farmers market on our way to **Akureyri** town.
- Have lunch and walk around the town before driving around the **Troll Peninsula**.
- On the Troll Peninsula we visit the towns Dalvík, Ólafsfjörður, and Siglufjörður, driving through some tunnels on the way.
- At Hofsóss we see the basalt columns in **Staðabjargarvík**.
- We stay and dine in Skagafjörður.

Day four—Driving south

- To see how people used to live in Iceland in the past centuries, we visit **Glaumbær**, a turf house complex where people lived until 1946.
- **Borgarvirki** is a fortress, like a castle, built by nature.
- At **Hvítserkur** we see a rock in the ocean that resembles a dinosaur. We often see seals there relaxing on the beach.
- **Glanni** waterfall is our last stop on the way to Reykjavík.

We are usually back in Reykjavík between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. the evening

Depending on weather and season, we may change the order of places visited. Dettifoss and Víti can sometimes not be visited in winter because of road closures. It is possible to add a day or two to this tour to visit Snæfellsnes and/or Borgarfjörður.

Possible add-ons:

Whale watching from Akureyri or Húsavík

Horseback riding at Skútustaðir by Mývatn.



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Wonderful 6-day tour in Iceland with Gunnsi

I went on a 6-day private tour with 3 other friends March 29- April 3 with Gunnsi, We all had wonderful time on the trip, and can strongly recommend Season Tours.

Although our itinerary was a day shorter than the usual 7-day ring road tour that Season Tours has, Gunnsi paced it out very nicely, and our trip did not feel rushed. Apart from the main go-to sites, Gunnsi added a few off-the-beaten track stops that were stunning, including a very memorable stop with views of basaltic columns at the dverghamrar dwarf cliffs. We stopped frequently for pictures, and also had time to do horse-riding and soak in the **myvatn** nature baths.

Gunnsi was a very knowledgeable guide, and was a fount of information about Icelandic history, literature (especially those sagas!!), geology, ecology, and current affairs, which helped us understand Iceland a little better, so that the trip was not just about seeing the sights.

The sights though were truly breath-taking, as everybody who has been to Iceland will attest. In late winter, Iceland has an austere, almost desolate beauty that, for we city-slickers from a tropical country, was both awe-inspiring and a little frightening. We were also fortunate enough to see the northern lights on our last night. I have to say it was one of the most comfortable ways to see the lights ever, since we could see them from the back porch of our hotel rooms!

The hotels Gunnsi selected were all good - clean and well-insulated, with comfortable beds, strong hot showers, and nice restaurants attached. Most of them were in the beautiful countryside outside towns and villages, with amazing backdrops. My favourites were hotel laxa, and hofsstadir guesthouse (from where we saw the northern lights).

Overall, it was an excellent trip, and we have beautiful memories of our time in Iceland with Gunnsi.

Date of experience: March 2019

The northern part of Iceland is very different from the south. Often warmer in summer and colder in winter. Here we enjoy beautiful lava structures, hike on volcanic craters, and bathe in the nature baths by Mývatn. Beautiful waterfalls and gorges are on our way along with historical places. The places we stay are perfect for Northern Lights viewing in winter and enjoying the midnight sun in summer. Depending on the months visited, in snowy months, the road to Dettifoss and Víti may be closed. Not to worry, there are always other places to visit.