

5 Days Westfjords and Snæfellsnes

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—Snæfellsnes peninsula

- 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.
- **Gerðuberg** is a great wall of basalt columns.
- The black-colored church at **Búðir** and the **Bjarnarfoss** waterfall.
- At **Arnarstapi** we see the monument of the big troll **Bárður Snæfellsás** and walk along the ocean to see all the rock formations, including **Gatklettur** and **Músagjá**.
- A half-hour hike alongside the cliffs to **Hellnar**.
- Pebble Beach at **Dritvík** and **Djúpalónssandur**.
- At the brown sand beach at **Skarðsvík** we see the contrasts to the black lava rock.
- Driving through the fishing villages of **Rif** and **Ólafsvík** to **Grundarfjörður**, where we stop by the picturesque **Mt. Kirkjufell** and **Kirkjufellsfoss** waterfall.
- The shark museum in **Bjarnarhöfn** is a not-to-miss place on the peninsula.
- We stay and dine in the town of **Stykkishólmur**.

Day two—Stykkishólmur to Patreksfjörður

- A short hike in **Súgandisey** for the view over **Stykkishólmur** and the islands before we take the ferry **Baldur** over the bay to **Brjánslækur**.
- Puffin spotting at **Látrabjarg**, a 400-meter bird cliff by the ocean.
- **Rauðisandur** red beach. Swim in the cold ocean if you like.
- Optional visit to the museum at **Hnjóti**.
- We stay and dine in the area of **Patreksfjörður**.

Day three—Patreksfjörður to Ísafjörður

- **Pollurinn** is a natural hot spring tub in **Tálknafjörður**. Remember to bring your swimsuit.
- **Dynjandi** is one of the three greatest waterfalls in Iceland and probably the most scenic.
- Short hikes and scenic photo stops on the way to **Bolungarvík**.
- We drive to the top of **Mt. Bolafjall** with the magical view over the fjords.
- **Óseyri** old fishing farm museum.
- Dinner at **Fjörhúsið** restaurant and stay in **Ísafjörður** town.

Day four—Ísafjörður to Djúpavík

- Seal watching in **Skötufjörður**.
- Coffee and Icelandic pancakes in **Litli Bær** (when operating).
- **Reykjanes** optional swimming in the hot pool
- Short hikes and stops in the many fjords
- There is a museum of sorcery in **Hólmavík** that we visit.
- Scenic drive to **Djúpavík**.

Day five—Djúpavík to Reykjavík

- Herring museum visit at Djúpavík.
- Lunch in Hólmavík.
- Hike up to and on the rim of the crater **Grábrók**.
- **Glanni** waterfall.
- **Borgarnes** is the town of the famous poet and crazy Viking **Egill Skallagrímsson**. Here we visit a Viking grave in the botanic garden and other historical places.
- Drive through the tunnel under **Hvalfjörður**, the whale bay.
- Back to your hotel in 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. It is possible to add a day or two to this tour to hike in the eastern part of the Westfjords. It is also possible to add more days to join this tour to the north.

Possible add-ons:

Cave exploring in Vatnshellir

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4 AMAZING DAYS IN ICELAND AS SEEN BY A TRAVEL AGENT...

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I have been in the travel business for 30 years and have been blessed to see a lot but one of the joys is to go to numerous countries and try different tour operators and guides so that when I get back home I can make recommendations to my clients so that they can have the best experience from their vacation., Well I certainly hit the jack pot with Tyffi and Gunnsi of Season Tours in Iceland. We brought our 18 year old grandson and decided to start off with the Three Days Tour of the Golden Circle, Jokulsarlon, Lanmannalaugar and South Coast. We decided we did not want to take day trips for 12 - 15 hours and this way stayed in two separate charming small places for the 2 nights which included breakfast and gourmet dinners. Vision yourself looking out your bedroom window and starring at the Eyjafjallajokull Volcano in all its glory. Going to so many waterfalls too numerous to mention and hiking behind one and then being taken to a huge opening seeing NO tourist or tour buses and walking through and lo and behold a thundering waterfall coming down between the rocks, Gulfoss, Geysir area. Hiking up to a glacier. Running through the black sand beaches Going to the lagoon and seeing massive pieces of glacier ice chunks floating around. The scene out of titanic without the ending. I could go on and mention all the places we went to on this tour but I feel one can look this tour up on Season Tours tours. I would rather talk about our experience with Tyffi who took us on this tour.

Tyffi is a guide who has a passion for his country which is seen in his face and you could feel when he shares the Sagas -Viking stories , stories of the trolls. We even went to a small cemetary were the troll was buried..He shares also the history of his country. When he first picked us up we stopped at a bakery for local sweets and sandwiches for the car. During the day he would stop and get us snacks such as dry fish and sheep head.(Don't knock it unless you try it). We were told if you see anything and you just want to stop and look around to just tell him and we could stay as long as we needed..hence the beauty of a small group.

The minimum of their tours is 2 and maximum is 8. There were just the 3 of us so it was our own private little tour. So as I said they will NOT cancell a tour as long as they have at least 2. I have had people thinking I will save money and take a bus tour or even tour of 18. Well anyone that has taken bus tours knows one is rushed at each stop because of how many people. There are places were big buses cannot go and small can. Even the tours that say small and take 16-18 still miss the personal contact with their guide. We could ask as many questions as we wanted and were always given an explanation.

Tyffi along with beeing an amazing guide was our own photographer. He took hundreds of pictures of the sceneray and candid pictures of us and by the time I got back home they were all waiting for me..Can't get any better than that.

Now I must talk about our 4th day since I only covered 3 above.

We had Gunnsie from Season Tours take us to **Snaefellsnes** in Western Iceland. Called Iceland in Miniture. There are black sand beaches, bird cliffs, volcanic craters.. We also stopped at a shark museum. Gunnsie like Tyffi was an excellent guide explaining the history and geology of the region and all about Iceland. We liked his ears with questions and he answered each one of them. He also took loads of candid pictures of us and the scenery. It has been said that the beginning of Journey to the Center of the Earth was filmed here in the lava fields. Gunnsie also started us off with a Bakery stop on route.

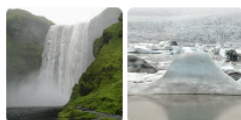
I will admit that going to the **Snaefellsnes** is a long day of driving and one does not stop as often as we did on the Three Days Tour. Having said that it gave us more opportunity to hear about Iceland. I still have trouble wrapping my head around the formations and the volcanoes and the lava caves and black rock beaches. I also found it interesting that in the two tours with 2 different guides there was so much to tell of each area that we never heard the same story..Always new stories and tales

My husband was not feeling well and Gunnsie gave us a phone number of a doctors office that took us in the next morning. Thank you Gunnsie.

Needless to say I can go on and on about Iceland and all its beauty and yes many people rent a car or go on big bus tours to get around BUT while you are driving on your own you are missing the beauty and understanding of this unbelievable country. I feel that on your first trip there it helps to leave the driving to someone else and go with a small group..There are place off the beaten path and one can appreciate things more when you have a guide.

So from an old travel agent I want to say THANK YOU TO TYFFI AND GUNNSIE..Your professionalism, warmth and love of your country has made this an amazing journey. Wde got to see Iceland through your eyes....:)

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Snæfellsnes and the Westfjords in Iceland are a tranquil place with relatively few tourists. Because of few hotels, we only visit this part of the country in summertime. It is the perfect area to see puffins from May to August. We visit a red beach and waterfalls, learn about sorcery in Iceland, hike on the cliffs alongside the ocean, and see iconic and picturesque places. Driving up and down in the mountains and fjords of the Westfjords (Vestfirðir) gives great opportunities to hike and enjoy the nature in a relaxed way. Click on the photo for an itinerary example with sites visited.

