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Mountains and Fjords of Iceland

Be captivated by Iceland's most remote region! Explore the scenic mountains and stunning fjords of the Westfjords on this soft hiking tour. The journey takes you along the west coast of Iceland to the furthest northwest peninsula, and will truly take your breath away.



8 days/7 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival

Arrive at Keflavik airport and transfer to Reykjavik (not included), with a full day to explore the city. Overnight stay in Reykjavík.

Day 2: Borgarfjörður - Stykkishólmur - Flókalundur

We drive along the scenic coastline of Hvalfjordur Fjord (Whale Fjord), one of the longest and deepest fjords in Iceland. In West Iceland we explore Hraunfoss (Lava Falls) and Barnafoss (Children's Falls) known for their exceptionally beauty and unusual natural phenomena. We stop at Deildartunguhver hot spring, which bubbles out of algae covered boulders at a steamy 97°C (200°F).

In the afternoon we reach Stykkisholmur village and take a lovely ferry ride across the spectacular seascape of Breidafjordur Bay dotted with 3,000 tiny islands. Encircled by mountains and the Snaefellsjökull volcano, the dramatic bay is home to 50 bird species, the rare white-tailed eagle, and gray seals who enjoy lounging about on the small islets.

Overnight stay in Flokalundur area.

Day 3: Rauðisandur -Latrabjarg - Breiðavík/Patreksfjörður

Today we discover unique sights in one of the least visited places in Iceland. We stroll along Raudisandur beach, which shifts in colour from golden to orange and red depending on the daylight. In a setting of black cliffs, Raudisandur shelters a large lagoon where curious seals and Arctic skuas are regular visitors. Afterwards we behold unusual treasures at a quirky folk museum in Hnjotur.

Reaching Latrabjarg, Europe's largest bird cliff and westernmost point, we encounter an amazing wildlife spectacle as the stunning cliffs host a mind-boggling number of sea birds. Safe from Arctic foxes, the birds are fearless, providing plenty of close-up photo opportunities including our playful puffins.

Overnight stay in Breidavik/Patreksfjordur area.

Day 4: Bíldudalur - Ísafjörður

Traveling along the winding coastline of magnificent fjords we reach the vibrant fishing village of Ísafjordur where, honorary capital of the Westfjords. Settled in the 1580s, Ísafjordur boasts a charming old town centre with some of the finest and most beautifully restored timber buildings in the country. The lively harbour is the town's bustling centre of commerce and provides a glimpse into the daily scene of rural life in this northerly capital.

En route we stop at the spectacular Dynjandi Waterfall which is a collection of seven cascades resembling a tiered

wedding cake. We have the opportunity to take a dip in an outdoor thermal hot spring with gorgeous vistas along with a stop to enjoy some Icelandic specialities at Hrafnseyri.

Overnight stay in Isafjordur for the next 2 nights.

Day 5: Ísafjörður

With an early morning boat ride we cross Isafjardardjup, the largest fjord in the Westfjords where steep mountains descend directly into the sea. We go ashore in one of the most remote corners of Europe for a full-day outing in the breathtakingly lush nature.

Situated on a beautiful sandy beach, Hesteyri is an abandoned settlement where the elusive Arctic Fox roams among the colourful wildflowers that grow knee-high. In the evening, our sail home reveals panoramic views of Drangjokull glacier.

Day 6: Hólmatvík - Laugar Sælingsdal

We start the day with a visit to the Arctic Fox Center in Sudavik. From Isafjordur town the route provides coastal views of the scenic fjords that were cut into the earth by glaciers during the last Ice Age. En route to Holmavík village we stop to enjoy a local favourite, freshly baked waffles in a quaint café.

Our journey continues through green valleys to Laugar in Sælingsdalur, an area rich in ancient Saga folklore and history. Here we have the opportunity to soak outside in one of the many thermal pools hidden in nature.

Overnight stay in Sælingsdalur area.

Day 7: Búðardalur - Borgarfjörður - Reykjavík

We drive along Iceland's West Coast to the Viking Age house at Eiriksstadir, the original home of Erik the Red and birthplace of his son Leif Eiriksson who discovered North America. In a turf-covered longhouse we meet modern day Vikings who demonstrate the lifestyle from 1,000 years ago.

We make a tasty stop at the local Erpsstadir dairy for an introduction to Icelandic farming life and sample freshly made ice cream. In Borgarfjordur we hike along moss-covered lava to the 3,500 year-old Grabrok volcano cone with incredible views of the Glanni waterfall, a suspected home of elves and trolls.

Return to Reykjavík in the late afternoon. Overnight stay in Reykjavík.

Day 8: Departure

The final morning in Reykjavík is free to explore, do some shopping or take an early whale watching tour. You can purchase a standard transfer or upgrade your transfer to include a stop at the famous Blue Lagoon before heading to Keflavík for your return flight home.

This day by day itinerary is subject to change by the tour operator without advance notice. The tour operator's itinerary takes precedence over this outline.

Details

Group Size: Min 2 / Max 17

2018 Departure Dates:

English only:

June: 21

August: 02

English and French:

June: 14

July: 05, 19

2018 Pricing:

US\$3,797 - twin

US\$4,683 - single

Prices are shown in US\$ per person based on two people sharing a twin room and one person in a single room. Triple rooms are not available on this tour.

Children 6-11 years sharing a twin room with two adults receive a 25% discount off listed prices. Children 12 and older pay full adult price. This tour is not recommended for children 5 years of age or younger.

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Trip Code:

008202 - W25

INCLUDED

- 6 day guided tour from/to Reykjavík with driver/guide
- 2 nights moderate accommodation with private facilities in Reykjavik
- 5 nights moderate accommodation with private facilities in countryside
- Breakfast daily except on Day 1
- 4 dinners in the countryside (dinner in Isafjordur on Day 5 is not included)
- 1 packed lunch on Day 5
- Ferry from Stykkisholmur, Snaefellsness Peninsula to Brjanslaekur, Westfjords, Day 2
- Entrance to Hnjotur Museum, Day 3
- Boat tour to Hesteyri, Day 5
- Entrance to the Arctic Fox Center, Day 6
- Entrance to Eriksstadir Museum, Day 7
- Tasting of Icelandic specialities on days 4, 6 and 7

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Iceland
- Round trip transfers between Keflavik airport and downtown Reykjavik hotels (option for one way transfer and one way Blue Lagoon transfer)
- Optional tours
- Meals, drinks and refreshments not indicated
- Travel insurance, gratuities and items of a personal nature
- Passport and visa fees, if necessary

TOUR NOTES

Iceland's remote Westfjords offer the most unusual and untouched nature imaginable. Hike along red sands, sail the fjords to deserted villages teeming with wildlife, see puffins on Latrabjarg cliffs, and soak in her springs under the midnight sun.

Optional Tours: Book with your tour guide at the beginning of your trip

Day 2 – Rib Safari boat tour – Small Islands trip | 1 hr | Price for summer 2018: 11.900 ISK

Day 2 – Viking tours boat tour – Circle boat tour | 1.5 hrs | Price for summer 2018: 5.500 ISK

Please note, optional tours listed are at the discretion of the tour operator and are subject to change at any time without notice.

Combo Tour 12 day/11 night

Combine this tour with the Volcanoes and Glacier tour for a 12 day program, with 10 days of guided touring.

Departure details – English guiding on both tours:

July: 29

French on Volcanoes & Glaciers and English/French on Mountains & Fjords:

June: 10

July: 01, 15

Pricing:

US\$5,427 – twin

US\$6,789 – single

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