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Discover the land of fire & ice on an unforgettable journey that crosses glaciers, snakes through lava tubes, spans volcanic beaches and ducks under the Northern Lights, as your guides lead you off the beaten track and into the true, untouched wilderness.

Highlights

- Marvel at the Northern Lights on board a boat
- Experience Iceland's Golden Circle
- Relax in a Secret Geothermal Lagoon
- Trek through a lava tunnel
- Taste typical Icelandic cuisine with the help of a local guide
- Hike a Glacier
- Discover Iceland's natural phenomena of thundering waterfalls & scorching geysers

Arrive into Keflavik Airport, and embark on the ultimate adventure around southern Iceland. You'll be taken to your chosen accommodation in Reykjavik, the buzzing capital of the country, before setting off on your first night for a cruise around the Faxaflói bay, far from the lights of the city. Drink in the inky dark wilderness and, if you're lucky, catch a glimpse of the otherworldly Aurora Borealis flashing across the sky.

Spend your second day exploring the famous Golden Circle, visiting mighty geysers, including the world-renowned 'Geysir', and the jaw-dropping Gullfoss waterfall. A rush of water cascading into a mighty gorge, this is a serious sight to remember on your south Iceland adventure. You'll walk in the footsteps of the Vikings at Þingvellir National Park, and visit the lesser-known Secret Lagoon, a beautiful place where you can soak in geothermally warmed waters, surrounded by dramatic scenery.

On your third day you'll explore Raufarhólshellir, a magnificent lava tube that offers a totally unique experience, before heading back to Reykjavik to dig deep into the Icelandic food scene. With a local guide you'll visit local eateries and small, family-run restaurants on a tour that helps you get to know the real, authentic Iceland, and also just helps you get to know this city that is bursting with character.

Your final day will be your most intrepid, walking on the rugged Sólheimajökull glacier, before exploring some of the most dramatic waterfalls in the country including the famous Skógafoss. All in all, by the time you are heading back to Keflavik, you can be certain that you've seen the highlights of southern Iceland in a unique way, discovered a number of hidden gems, and have got to know the local side to this addictive island.

Included in your trip

- 4 nights at either 3* or 4* hotel on a B&B basis
- Return Airport transfers
- Northern Lights Cruise
- Golden Circle tour
- Secret Lagoon entrance
- The Lava Tunnel
- Reykjavik Food Walk (no pickup)

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- South Coast tour
- Glacier Hike on Sólheimajökull glacier

All excursions and transfers include a hotel pick up / drop off with the exception of the Reykjavík Food Walk where you will have to walk to the meeting point.

Lunch/dinner not included unless stated otherwise.

Day 1 Northern Lights Cruise

Upon arrival you will transfer from the airport to your hotel in Reykjavík. There you will have plenty of time to settle in and explore your surroundings. Then in the evening you will be picked up for your Northern Lights Cruise.

On the tour you will be taken out into the dark blue yonder of Faxaflói bay in search for the mystical phenomenon we call the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights, leaving behind the bright city lights of the capital Reykjavík. The open-top viewing decks provide the perfect platform for witnessing this dazzling spectacle while our heated indoor lounge is a great place to take a break and warm up in between sightings.

Your expert guide will be on hand to answer your questions while you enjoy Mother Nature's light show and starry skies, wrapped up in a warm overall. On board you will find several outdoor viewing platforms and a large indoor saloon with toilet facilities and a café where you can buy light refreshments.

Please note that we do not guarantee seeing the Northern Lights, they are a natural phenomenon completely out of our control. We promise you we will try our best though, with experienced guides and good weather forecasts. In case the tour tonight gets cancelled OR you go out and don't successfully see the Northern Lights, we will be delighted to welcome you again on your next evening for free.

Day 2 The Golden Circle & Secret Lagoon

On the tour you will explore the iconic Golden Circle and afterwards unwind as you soak in a genuine Icelandic hot spring! On our first stop we retrace the footsteps of ancient Vikings by visiting the Þingvellir National Park. From there we move on to see the world famous Geysir – where the ground trembles and steaming hot water spouts spectacularly skywards from the famous Strokkur Geyser every few minutes.

Our next stop is the dramatic Gullfoss Waterfall, a breathtaking sight to behold. Here a powerful glacial river cascades down 32 meters on two levels into a deep narrow canyon with a thunderous roar.

The last stop on our tour, and the most relaxing, is the Secret Lagoon. Whatever the weather it's the perfect spot for relaxing in between sightseeing and enjoying Icelandic nature at its very best. Indeed, the geothermal hot water is a hidden treat that Icelanders have been enjoying for generations!

Day 3 The Lava Tunnel & Reykjavík Food Walk

Explore the magnificent lava tunnel Raufarhólshellir, one of the longest and best-known lava tubes in Iceland. It is located just 30 minutes from Reykjavík and is easily accessed year round.

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A journey into Raufarhólshellir is a unique experience and a great opportunity to witness the inner workings of a volcanic eruption as one walks in the path of lava that flowed during the Leitahraun eruption, which occurred east of the Bláfjöll mountains about 5200 years ago. Every winter spectacular ice sculptures are formed inside the entrance of the cave making the experience of visiting the lava tunnel even more breathtaking.

Amazing food doesn't just happen. Behind it are hard working families, fascinating stories, ambitious restaurants and age-old traditions. We are a small group of proud local food lovers who are passionate about sharing Iceland's incredible cuisines with fun, hungry and curious travellers! If you are any of the above, you have found the perfect way to explore our beautiful Reykjavik!

In the tastiest sightseeing tour in Iceland, we explore down town Reykjavik through delicious local cuisines that you would never come across in your typical "to-do in Iceland" itinerary! We will stroll around the city and visit 6 wonderful local restaurants with a fun & knowledgeable guide by your side.

You will visit everything from well-known 'must visit restaurants' to small family run businesses and secret local hangouts. While everything we will have on the tour is traditional Icelandic in some way we decided to leave the fermented shark, rams testicles and sheep head off the menu. Instead we explore why, we Icelanders are indeed proud of our local food by focusing on the absolute most delicious traditional cuisines – That we still enjoy today!

In our tours you will have the chance to try the best local cuisines of Iceland in each season, like the delicious Icelandic lamb that every Icelander grew up loving, home made Icelandic ice cream from a secret family recipe, an amazing local seafood cuisine, Icelandic cheese, a hot dog from the famous Icelandic hot dog stand and much more!

Day 4 South Coast & Glacier Hike

First stop will be the rugged Sólheimajökull Glacier. Sólheimajökull is an outlet glacier that flows from main ice-cap of Mýrdalsjökull where the mighty Katla Volcano rests. You will walk on the glacier, wearing special crampons on your shoes and explore the amazing cracks, crevasses and ice expertly lead by a certified glacier guide.

The next destination is the stunning Seljalandsfoss waterfall that is one of Iceland's most famous attractions, to get a different perspective you can take a walk from behind and look through the wall of water.

Last but not least, we will visit Skógafoss waterfall. Up close, you will be able to feel the water-spray on your face and you can also climb up the hill (all 527 steps) to see the majestic 60 meter high waterfall from above and witness the water plummet down on its way to the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 5 Departure

Your time in Iceland is coming to a close and we hope you had a wonderful time. You will transfer from your hotel to the airport for departure.