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# REYKJAVÍK CLASSIC BREAK

4+ DAYS – ALL YEAR

## CITY STAY

Experience the world's Northernmost capital and enjoy 3 included tours – City Sightseeing by coach tour, Golden Circle day and visit to the Blue Lagoon.

### Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive in Reykjavík, transfer to your hotel and time at leisure.

### Day 2 City Sightseeing and Blue Lagoon

City tour includes Alþingishús (Parliament House), Hallgrímskirkja Church, the older parts of town and much more. Afternoon drive past lava fields, to the Blue Lagoon and relax in warm, aquamarine waters.

### Day 3 Golden Circle

Visit 3 of Iceland's 'must see' sights. Drive south, through fertile lowlands to magnificent Gullfoss waterfall, the erupting hot springs in Geysir area and outstandingly beautiful, Þingvellir National Park.

### Day 4 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to the airport.

**Departures:** Daily all year.

**Includes:** 3 nights hotel, breakfast daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

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Add extra nights + optional, guided excursions

**Ice Cave, Waterfall and Hot Springs** – see Deildartunguhver (Europe's largest hot spring area), Hraunfossar Waterfall. Board an 8WD monster truck at Langjökull glacier and walk in an ice cave.

**Waterfalls, South Shore and Black Sands** – visit Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss and Skógar Folk Museum. Enjoy views of Mýrdalsjökull glacier, the black sand coast and impressive Reynisdrangar rock forms.

**South Coast and Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon** – pass two of Iceland's best waterfalls and Skaftafell National Park, then take a boat trip on Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon amongst floating icebergs.

**Game of Thrones Revisited** – walk in Almannagjá gorge, the White Walkers' stomping ground and the Trail of the Wildlings from North of the Wall. Explore Þjorsardalur Valley and the Settlement Era Viking Lodge.

**Whale Watching** – search for whales, up close, on this boat tour. Listen to interesting facts and old sea stories about these magnificent creatures.

**Puffin Express** – boat ride to Lundy and Akurey Islands to observe and learn about Puffins, as well as other interesting birds, in beautiful surroundings.

**Horse-riding (Lava Tour)** – ride through lava fields around Mt. Helgafell or Lake Hvaleyrvatn and see the wonderful Bláfjall mountains.

**Snorkelling in Silfra Gorge** – explore this pristine, freshwater rift in Þingvellir National Park. Swim between two tectonic plates in a submerged world of amazing colours, lava rock, sand and algae.

**Wonders of Snæfellsnes Peninsula** – discover white and black sand beaches, bird cliffs, volcanic craters, spectacular mountains and fishing villages.

**Snowmobiling, Ice Cave and Thermal Pools** – drive a snowmobile across Langjökull Ice Cap, take an ice cave tour and soak in a thermal swimming pool or hot tub at Húsafell.

Reykjavik Sculpture Solfar Viking Ship, Iceland



# INTRODUCTION TO ICELAND

5+ DAYS – ALL YEAR

## INDEPENDENT TOURING

Take a series of fantastic day excursions from your base in Reykjavík, to see some of the wonders that Iceland has to offer.

### Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive Reykjavík and transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

### Day 2 Golden Circle

Explore the fabulous highlights of the famed Golden Circle route. Start with a visit to one of the most magnificent waterfalls in all of Iceland, Gullfoss. Onwards to the erupting hot springs in the Geysir area, before arriving at beautiful Þingvellir National Park. Here, the world's oldest parliament was founded in the year 930AD and the European and American tectonic plates almost meet in a spectacular setting.

### Day 3 South Coast, Waterfalls and Black Sand Beaches

Travel through south Iceland's farming land to the black sand beaches, thundering waterfalls, powerful volcanoes and majestic glaciers of the South Coast. First stop is Skógafoss, a picturesque waterfall thundering down the slopes of Eyjafjallajökull volcano. Then enjoy a leisurely stroll along the black sand beach of Reynisfjara, with stacks of basalt columns surrounding cliffs scattered with caves. Next visit Seljalandsfoss waterfall, where you can walk behind the powerful wall of water.

### Day 4 Snæfellsnes Peninsula Exploration

The beautiful Snæfellsnes Peninsula is a microcosm of Iceland. Travel the scenic route to the villages of Borgarnes, Arnarstapi and Hellnar, then on to the Vatnshellir lava tube cave, to enjoy a subterranean world of stalactites, stalagmites, and strange formations. Next stop is Djúpalónssandur, a tranquil, black-pebbled beach with beautiful views. Then on past striking landscapes to Grundarfjörður fishing village, surrounded by exceptionally beautiful mountains. Finally stop at the Gerðuberg columnar basalt cliff in Hnappadalur valley, before heading back to Reykjavík.

### Day 5 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer by coach to Keflavik International Airport and end of arrangements.

**Departures for both tours:** Daily all year.

**Includes:** 4 nights accommodation, breakfast daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

Add extra nights and excursions, or for a more active Reykjavík based short stay see our *Adventure in Iceland* tour.

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Reykjavík



# ICELAND EXPLORATION

8 DAYS – ALL YEAR

## REGULAR GROUP TOURING

Explore the island of fire and ice, enjoying the best loved natural wonders plus some lesser-known sights.

### Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

### Day 2 Reykjavík – Akureyri

Leave Reykjavík and head west to Borgarnes, then climb the Grábrók volcano crater. Afternoon visits to a natural history & seal museum and the turf church of Víðimýri. Continue past fjords and mountain passes to Akureyri.

### Day 3 Akureyri, Lake Mývatn and Geothermal Baths

Explore Akureyri, including the botanic gardens, and enjoy panoramic views. Afternoon visits to Goðafoss, the waterfall of the Gods, the geological wonders and bird life of the Lake Mývatn area, the bizarre lava formations at Kálfaströnd and the Mývatn Nature Baths.

### Day 4 Lava Labyrinth, Hot Springs and the East

Morning hike in a lava labyrinth at Dimmuborgir, then visit the hot springs of Námaskarð, with bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras. On through the uninhabited highlands to the east. From June to August visit Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall.

### Day 5 Fjords, Glacier and Ice

Today enjoy dramatic fjord landscapes and the many fishing villages of the East Fjords. Visit Petra's stone collection then Vatnajökull, Europe's biggest glacier. On to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, with time at the national park.

### Day 6 South Coast

Across the Eldhraun lava fields and sandy deserts of the south coast – stroll along black lava beaches and visit Skógafoss waterfall before a stop at the Eyjafjallajökull Information Center. Learn about living next to an active volcano, then see lovely Seljalandsfoss waterfall.

### Day 7 Icelandic Horses, Golden Circle and Reykjavík

Start with an introduction to the unique Icelandic horse and a visit to a geothermal greenhouse. On to the Geysir geothermal fields then Gullfoss, "the golden falls", before going to Þingvellir National Park. Arrival in Reykjavík and a short city tour en route to your hotel.

### Day 8 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to the airport.

**Departures:** Tuesdays and Fridays all year.

**Includes:** 8 nights hotel, breakfast daily, excursions and transfers as shown.

Add extra nights at the beginning or end.

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# SOUTH AND WEST ICELAND INTRODUCTION

## 3 DAYS – SUMMER

### REGULAR GROUP TOURING

A quick and intensive exploration of the highlights of the South and West. Explore hot springs, waterfalls, volcanic landscapes, mountains and fjords, lava plains, steaming hill rocks, erupting geysers, black sand beaches.

#### Day 1 Reykjavík Departure – Iceland's South Coast

Morning departure from Reykjavík bus terminal. Pass hot springs, lava fields and lunar-like landscapes on Reykjanes Peninsula. Stop at Kleifarvatn lake and at Krýsuvík geothermal fields, see many solfataras, fumaroles and mud pots. On to Grænavatn crater lake, then visit Seljalandsfoss waterfall and Vík village. Walk along Reynisfjara, black sand beach, to see basalt rock formations and crashing waves. Travel past Mýrdals and Eyjafjallajökull glaciers and on to Skógafoss waterfall. Overnight in South Iceland.

#### Day 2 Golden Circle and Borgarfjörður Valley

Visit Gullfoss waterfall and Geysir geothermal fields, then the Viking Parliament area and UNESCO World Heritage Listed Þingvellir National Park, sitting on the tectonic plate boundaries of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. On to Borgarfjörður, site of many important historical events. At Hraunfossar falls, water appears from under lava before it cascades into the river below. Next is Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring. Then meet a local family and their Icelandic horses. Overnight in West Iceland.

#### Day 3 Snæfellsnes Peninsula – Reykjavík Arrival

Travel along the Peninsula's northern shore and explore Stykkishólmur fishing town. Photo stop at Kirkjufell mountain then visit bird cliffs, basalt rocks and strange lava forms. Arrive Búðir and a tiny, pitch black, wooden church from the 17<sup>th</sup>C, surrounded by ancient lava fields. Continue along Hvalfjörður before returning to Reykjavík. Tour ends at Reykjavík bus terminal.

**Departures:** 03, 17, 31 May; 08, 14, 29 June; 06, 19, 24, 29 July; 03, 15, 17, 25, 29 August; 01, 03, 05, 06, 09, 13, 21, 29 September.

**Includes:** 2 nights hotel, breakfast daily, excursions as shown.

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# VOLCANOES AND GLACIERS

## 7 DAYS – SUMMER

### REGULAR GROUP TOURING

Experience some of Iceland's magnificent, natural landscapes and the areas that surround them.

#### Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive in Reykjavík and transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

#### Day 2 Reykjavík – Westman Islands

Depart the capital and head to Seljalandsfoss waterfall to walk behind the cascade for a different perspective. Travel along the South Coast then take the ferry to Heimaey in the Westman Islands. Walk to the volcano crater that erupted in 1973, then visit the local museum. Afternoon at leisure to explore. Overnight on the island.

#### Day 3 South Shore – Skógar – Vík

Return by ferry and continue past numerous glacial rivers to Skógafoss waterfall and nearby folk museum, to see historic buildings and relics from across the centuries. Stop at the Lava Center to learn about the earthquakes and volcanoes that have shaped Iceland. Continue to the black sands of Reynisfjara beach to witness powerful waves and amazing basalt columns. 2 nights in Vík area.

#### Day 4 Vík – Skaftafell – Jökulsárlón

Throughout the day, enjoy views of Vatnajökull Glacier. Travel across Eldhraun, the largest lava flow on Earth, to Kirkjubæjarklaustur village – former, 12<sup>th</sup> C Catholic convent site. On to Skaftafell National Park and then Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, to see floating icebergs and maybe a curious seal or two.

#### Day 5 Golden Circle and Reykjavík

Start with a visit to Geysir hot spring area to see the famous Strokkur, spouting every few minutes. Continue to Gullfoss, one of Iceland's most impressive waterfalls, then to the significant historical, cultural and geological site, Þingvellir National Park, with time to explore. Return to Reykjavík for 2 nights.

#### Day 6 Reykjavík

Day at leisure.

#### Day 7 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to Keflavík Airport.

**Departures:** 06, 13, 20, 27 May; 03, 14, 24 June;  
08, 12, 22, 29 July; 09, 12, 19, 26 August;  
02, 09, 16, 23 September.

Add extra nights at the beginning or end, or combine this tour with Mountains and Fjords for our 12 day tour, *Absolute Iceland*.

**Includes:** 6 hotel nights, breakfast daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

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# BEST OF SOUTH ICELAND

## 6 DAYS – SUMMER

### SMALL GROUP TOURING

Discover South Iceland's national parks, green valleys, high mountains, moon landscapes, lava fields, waterfalls, hot springs and glaciers, staying in just two hotels for the five nights in the countryside, allowing more time to explore.

#### Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive in Reykjavík and transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

#### Day 2 Blue Lagoon and Reykjanes Peninsula

Travel along the Reykjanes peninsula, and stop at the Blue Lagoon to bathe, before continuing to the mud pots and hot springs in Krýsuvík, the beautiful wooden church in Strandarkirkja, and the charming fishing village of Eyrbakkí with its Maritime and Folk Museum.

#### Day 3 Landmannalaugar and Þjórsárdalur

Drive to Landmannalaugar, an oasis in the barren highlands, surrounded by colourful rhyolite mountains, and bathe in a natural geothermal stream. Stop at the Hjalparfoss waterfall in Þjórsárdalur valley, explore the Viking farm ruins at Stöng, and take a leisurely hike to the green oasis of Gjáin, before reaching Þjórsárdalur.

#### Day 4 Golden Circle

Travel to the 3 sites that form the Golden Circle – Gullfoss waterfall the "Golden Falls", Geysir hot spring area and the ancient Viking Parliament area of Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### Day 5 Þórsmörk and Vatnajökull

Visit Seljalandsfoss waterfall, then travel through the valley of Þórsmörk, with Eyjafjallajökull volcano towering on one side and the massive glacial river Markarfljót flowing on the other, and on to Vatnajökull National Park.

#### Day 6 Glacier Hike and Glacial Lagoon

Start with an easy glacier hike in the majestic surroundings of Svínafellsjökull, then cruise on the blue waters of the glacial lagoon, filled with icebergs.

#### Day 7 South Coast and Reykjavík

Cross the sandy deserts of the south coast to Vík, then stroll along the black lava beach at Reynisfjara. Travel to the lighthouse and bird cliffs at Dyrhólaey, visit Skógafoss waterfall, then return to Reykjavík for a short city tour.

#### Day 8 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to the airport and end of arrangements.

**Departures:** 03, 17, 31 May; 08, 14, 29 June; 06, 19, 24, 29 July; 03, 15, 17, 25, 29 August; 01, 03, 05, 06, 09, 13, 21, 29 September.

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# ICELAND COMPLETE

9 DAYS – ALL YEAR

## REGULAR GROUP TOURING

With so much to discover, this circle tour highlights Iceland's natural wonders, majestic landscapes and unique character.

### Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrival in Reykjavík and transfer to your hotel.

### Day 2 Geysir, Gullfoss, Skógar, Dyrhólaey and Vík

City sightseeing then visit the greenhouse village of Hveragerði. From here on to Gullfoss, the 'Golden Waterfall', and the nearby Geysir hot springs area. Continue to the waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss, then to Dyrhólaey nature reserve and the village of Vík.

### Day 3 Skaftafell, Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon and Höfn

Cross Eldhraun lava mass to Kirkjubæjarklaustur. Continue to Skaftafell NP and Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon to see the birthplace of icebergs. Throughout the day enjoy magnificent views of the mighty Vatnajökull Glacier.

### Day 4 Höfn, East Fjords and Egilsstaðir

From Höfn through Almannaskarð Pass, with towering mountains plunging vertically into the sea of the magnificent East Fjords.

### Day 5 Lake Mývatn Area

Through the empty vastness of the highland desert plateau Möðrudalsöræfi to Lake Mývatn. Stop at Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall then on to Námaskarð pass with its boiling mud pools and vibrant colours. Explore the natural beauty of the lake area, including the pseudo craters at Skutustadir and the Laxa Salmon River.

### Day 6 Lake Mývatn Area, Akureyri and Siglufjörður

Explore the lava formations at Dimmuborgir then stop at magnificent Goðafoss waterfall and the old turf farm, Laufás. On to Akureyri, with some of the finest timber buildings in the country, beautifully restored to their original glory. Travel along the Troll Peninsula past steep mountains with amazing views over the Arctic Sea and the black sand coastline, to Siglufjörður.

### Day 7 Skagafjörður – Borgarnes

Visit the award winning Herring Era Museum, then drive through mountains and narrow passes to Skagafjörður, for an introduction to the unique Icelandic horse. Continue to Blönduós village and across Holtavörðuhéiði plateau to the beautiful town of Borgarnes.

### Day 8 Borgarfjörður – Þingvellir – Reykjavík

Visit Deildartunguhver, the world's most powerful hot spring, then Hraunfossar waterfall before continuing via Hvalfjörður fjord to Lake Þingvallavatn and Þingvellir NP and finally on to Reykjavík.

### Day 9 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to the airport.

**Departures:** 25 April; 02, 09, 16, 21, 23 May; 04, 06, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 June; 02, 04, 09, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 July; 01, 06, 08, 15, 22, 29 August; 05, 07, 12, 14, 19, 26 September.

**Includes:** 8 nights hotel, breakfast daily, excursions and transfers as shown.

Add extra nights at the beginning or end.

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# ACROSS THE WILDERNESS

11 DAYS – SUMMER

## SMALL GROUP TOURING

Experience the amazing volcanic landscapes of Iceland and the uninhabited interior, travelling in a special 4WD coach. Go off the beaten track and out of the ordinary, into the extraordinary!

### Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive in Reykjavík, transfer to your hotel and time at leisure.

### Day 2 “Golden Circle”

Visit Þingvellir National Park, site of the world's first parliament, then the Geysir geothermal area to see boiling pools, hot springs and geysers. Continue to Gullfoss, the beautiful and enormous “Golden Waterfall”.

### Day 3 Vík – Dyrhólaey – Kirkubæjarklaustur

Admire the 2 classic waterfalls of Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss, before enjoying great views from Dyrhólaey headland, where puffins nest in summer. Stop at the quaint village of Vík before crossing the plains of Katla volcano, then traverse the vast Eldhraun lava field.

### Day 4 Jökulsárlón – Skaftafell

Through beautiful scenery to Vatnajökull, the largest glacier in Europe, then around Örfajökull volcano and Iceland's highest peak, Hvannadalshnjúkur. On to Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, with its many icebergs, and Svínafellsjökull glacier with magnificent views of Skaftafell National Park.

### Day 5 Landmannalaugar

Over the interior to Landmannalaugar, an astonishing area surrounded by colourful rhyolite mountains, deep valleys and carved, mossy mountains. Then stop to relax outside in a naturally heated, geothermal spring.

### Day 6 Sprengisandur

Discover the uninhabited interior along the Sprengisandur route, a vast and barren black desert connecting north and south, and pass over glacial rivers to navigate a rugged passage between glaciers.

### Day 7 Tjörnes – Ásbyrgi – Dettifoss – Lake Mývatn

From Húsavík around Tjörnes peninsula, then explore the lush vegetation of Ásbyrgi National Park; Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall; the geological wonderland and bird paradise of Lake Mývatn; the mud pits of Hverarönd and the still-warm lava fields of Krafla.

### Day 8 Akureyri – Skagafjörður

Visit the impressive waterfall of Goðafoss then on to Akureyri, the vibrant capital of the north. Time at leisure before continuing to Skagafjörður, the heart of Icelandic horse breeding and the home of the Viking Sagas.

### Day 9 Hvammstangi – Eiríksstaðir – Fellsströnd

Past farmlands across Laxárdalsheiði heath to the Viking house at Eiríksstaðir, to learn about Viking lifestyle, craft and history, then through small seaside villages on the northern coast of the Snæfellsnes peninsula.

### Day 10 Snæfellsjökull National Park

Explore the amazing natural landscapes of Snæfellsnes National Park and glacier; walk along pebbled seascapes and marvel at the magnificent basalt rocks in stacked formations along the trails, before returning to Reykjavík.

### Day 11 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to the airport and end of arrangements.

**Departures:** 21, 28 June; 05, 12, 19, 26 July; 02, 04, 09, 16, 18, 23, 30 August.

**Includes:** 10 nights hotel, breakfast daily, transfers, excursions and transport in 4WD coach as shown.

Add extra nights at the beginning or end.

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Landmannalaugar valley – Iceland



# GRAND JOURNEY

## 12 DAYS – SUMMER

### SMALL GROUP TOURING

An unforgettable journey right around Iceland, including Snæfellsnes peninsula and the magical West Fjords.

#### Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive in Reykjavík, transfer to your hotel and free time.

#### Day 2 Golden Circle

Visit Gullfoss waterfall, the geothermal area of Geysir and UNESCO World Heritage listed Þingvellir National Park, before travelling the scenic shores of Hvalfjörður fjord. Overnight in Borgarfjörður, West Iceland.

#### Day 3 Snæfellsnes Peninsula and Lava Cave

Highlights today include Borgarnes, Snæfellsnes Peninsula, lava fields, a lava cave tour and Snæfellsjökull glacier. Two nights in the Patreksfjörður area.

#### Day 4 Iceland's westernmost point

Visit the Folk and Transport Museum, Hnjotur, before continuing through a remote region to Látrabjarg. Walk to the top of Iceland's highest bird cliff to see a variety and vast numbers of Arctic birds.

#### Day 5 West Fjords

Past scenic fjords, beautiful beaches and small fishing villages to Arnarfjörður Fjord, surrounded by high mountains. See Dynjandi then along the southern shores of the West Fjords. Overnight in West Iceland.

#### Day 6 Haukadalur – Akureyri

Visit Haukadalur, a living Viking museum then head north. Learn about the special Icelandic horse before reaching Akureyri, Iceland's second city, for 2 nights.

#### Day 7 Akureyri

Visit Siglufjörður, the Herring Museum, small villages and remote valleys, and a micro-brewery. Afternoon free.

#### Day 8 Goðafoss and Lake Mývatn

Visit Goðafoss Falls then walk in the Dimmuborgir lava field. After visiting Hverfjall ash crater explore Námaskarð and Krafla geothermal areas. This afternoon relax in the waters of Mývatn Nature Baths. Overnight near Lake Mývatn.

#### Day 9 Secrets of the East

Travel to Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall, before continuing through uninhabited highlands to East Iceland to visit a traditional Icelandic fishing village and art gallery. Overnight in the Borgarfjörður-Eystri area.

#### Day 10 Fjords, Glaciers and Ice

A day to admire dramatic fjord landscape and tiny fishing villages on twisty roads, en route to Vatnajökull, Europe's biggest glacier. Past Höfn, stop for a boat ride among the floating icebergs on the glacial lagoon at Jökulsárlón. Overnight near Skaftafell.

#### Day 11 Vatnajökull National Park

Visit Skaftafell, nestled below Iceland's highest mountain. Continue along the south coast, walk black lava beaches and bird cliffs near Vík, before heading to Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfalls and back to Reykjavík, for overnight and a special, farewell dinner.

#### Day 12 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to the airport and end of arrangements.

**Departures:** 04, 11, 25 June; 09, 23, 30 July; 06, 20, 27 August.

**Includes:** 11 nights hotel, breakfast daily, excursions and transfers as shown.

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# GEYSERS, GLACIERS AND WATERFALLS

7 DAYS – SUMMER

## SELF DRIVE

Experience the wonders of south and west Iceland – geysers, hot spring, mystical glaciers, powerful waterfalls Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon and more.

### Day 1 Reykjavík – Hveragerði

Arrive at Keflavík Airport, collect your car then drive to the charming village of Hveragerði for overnight.

### Day 2 South Coast

Travel along the south coast to Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls and the infamous Eyjafjallajökull volcano. On to Dyrhólaey, a rocky headland where many birds nest in summer. Two nights in the Vík area.

### Day 3 Skaftafell – Glacial Lagoon – Vík

Skaftafell National Park is nestled between glaciers and offers great walking and hiking. Continue to the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon – perhaps take a boat ride on the lagoon amongst the icebergs that float here.

### Day 4 Þingvellir – Borgarfjörður and West Iceland

Drive to Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO world heritage site situated in a stunning volcanic landscape. Visit Borgarfjörður and the historic site of Reykholt, the beautiful waterfalls Hraunfoss and Barnafoss and Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring. Overnight in West Iceland.

### Day 5 Snæfellsnes Peninsula

Explore the countless natural wonders of the Snæfellsnes peninsula – the Arnarstapi sea cliffs with varied birdlife and the rocky beach of Djúpalónssandur are some of the highlights – before driving along the north coast to the fishing village of Stykkishólmur. Overnight in the Stykkishólmur or Borgarfjörður areas.

### Day 6 Reykjanes Peninsula – Blue Lagoon – Reykjavík

Drive to Reykjanes peninsula and visit Lake Kleifarvatn, the Krýsuvík geothermal area with bubbling mud pools, Grindavík fishing village and maybe the famous Blue Lagoon, before reaching Reykjavík, for overnight.

### Day 7 Departure

Return your car to the airport and end of arrangements.

**Departures:** Daily April – October.

**Includes:** 6 nights accommodation, breakfast daily and rental car.

Add extra nights in Reykjavík.

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Geothermal landscape, Iceland



# EXPRESS ICELAND

## 8 DAYS – SUMMER

### SELF DRIVE

See many of Iceland's main attractions, travelling right around the island via the Ring Road.

#### Day 1 Reykjavík – Hveragerði

Arrive at Keflavík Airport, collect your car then head along the southern coast of the Reykjanes peninsula to the charming village of Hveragerði for overnight.

#### Day 2 Þingvellir – Gullfoss – Geysir – South Shore

Today's highlights include Þingvellir National Park, spectacular Gullfoss waterfall, Geysir hot-spring area, the south shore with Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfalls, the black sand beaches of Vík and Mýrdalsjökull glacier. Overnight in the Vík area.

#### Day 3 Kirkjubæjarklaustur – Jökulsárlón – Höfn

Visit the village of Kirkjubæjarklaustur then explore Skaftafell NP, a green oasis nestling below the great Vatnajökull glacier. Continue to Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon and onwards to the charming town of Höfn. Overnight in the Hornafjörður area

#### Day 4 Höfn – Reyðarfjörður – Egilsstaðir

Along the rugged East Fjords coastline of towering mountains and charming fishing villages. Take a boat tour to Papey Is where puffins nest in summer or visit Petra's collection of local stones and minerals. Overnight in east Iceland.

#### Day 5 Egilsstaðir – Dettifoss – Húsavík – Mývatn

Across the Möðrudalsöræfi highlands, renowned for their stark, untouched beauty, towards Dettifoss, Europe's mightiest waterfall. Visit magnificent Ásbyrgi canyon then on to Tjörnes peninsula and Húsavík fishing port. Overnight in northeast Iceland.

#### Day 6 Mývatn – Akureyri/Skagafjörður

Explore the Lake Mývatn area, with mystical volcanic formations, pseudo craters, sulphurous slopes and volcanic activity, then see lovely Goðafoss waterfall. Overnight in the Eyjafjörður or Skagafjörður areas.

#### Day 7 Varmahlíð – Borgarnes – Reykjavík

Through the historic Skagafjörður region, renowned for breeding of the special Icelandic horse, then the bay of Húnaflói and across the Holtavörðuhéiði plateau to the Borgarfjörður area, before reaching Reykjavík.

#### Day 8 Departure

Return the car to the airport and end of arrangements.

**Departures:** Daily April – October.

**Includes:** 7 nights accommodation, breakfast daily and rental car.

Add extra nights in Reykjavík.

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Traditional Icelandic farm



# SUPER JEEP EXPLORATION

## 5 DAYS – WINTER

### SMALL GROUP TOURING

Travel in a special Super Jeep, a comfortable 4WD vehicle that will take you off the beaten track. Enjoy exciting adventures along the way, such as glacier hiking, lava cave exploring and bathing in a secret lagoon.

#### Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

On arrival, transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

#### Day 2 South Coast – Eyjafjallajökull Area

Start with an easy caving expedition into an ancient lava tube, then drive through a local farming area, before reaching Eyjafjallajökull area to enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch. Visit a special waterfall, before continuing along the South Coast's famous black sand beaches in a 4WD.

#### Day 3 Eldhraun – Basalt Columns – Glacial Lagoon

Travel along the mountain road crossing a vast lava field, Eldhraun, past Lomagnupur's huge cliffs and incredible basalt columns. Continue to Skaftafell National Park, hike on Svínafellsjökull glacier and visit Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, with its colourful icebergs and lazy seals.

#### Day 4 Hekla Volcano – Golden Circle

Your Super Jeep tour continues along the South Coast, for a delicious picnic lunch. Swim in a natural, warm lagoon, then visit Gullfoss waterfall and the spouting hot springs of Geysir. Stop at UNESCO Listed, Þingvellir, site of Iceland's first parliament, where two tectonic plates are slowly separating. Return to Reykjavík.

#### Day 5 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to Keflavík Airport.

**Departures:** 02, 16 February; 02, 09, 23 March; 06 April.

**Includes:** 4 nights' accommodation, breakfast daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

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# HIDDEN POWERS AND NORTHERN LIGHTS

6 DAYS – WINTER

## REGULAR GROUP TOURING

Discover raw nature – icebergs, hot springs, volcanoes, glacial lagoons and beautiful, rugged landscapes, with plenty of opportunity to hunt for the Northern Lights at night in the countryside!

### Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrival in Reykjavík and transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

### Day 2 Northern Lights Centre and Golden Circle

Visit the Northern Lights Centre in Reykjavík to learn about the Aurora Borealis, then on to Þingvellir National Park, the thermal Geysir and Strokkur area of hot springs and Gullfoss, the "Golden Waterfall". Stop at Skalholt, Iceland's capital during the Middle-Ages, now a cultural centre with a beautiful church.

### Day 3 South Shore and Eyjafjallajökull Volcano

Explore the region of Eyjafjallajökull, visit the Lava Centre and learn about the infamous eruption, then stop at the spectacular waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss, before exploring the black sand and extraordinary rock formations at Reynisfjara beach.

### Day 4 Skaftafell and Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon

Skaftafell NP, an area of outstanding natural beauty, is dominated by Vatnajökull Glacier, Europe's largest. Visit the 180m deep glacial lagoon to see magnificent, blue hued floating icebergs in the milky waters.

### Day 5 Hveragerði, Blue Lagoon and Reykjavík

Visit the village of Hveragerði, directly on top of a geothermal energy area and known as 'the flower village' because of its many greenhouses, then along the coastline of the Reykjanes peninsula to the famous Blue Lagoon. Relax and bathe here, before returning to Reykjavík.

### Day 6 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to the airport.

**Departures:** 09, 11, 18, 25 January; 01, 13, 15, 22 February; 01, 08, 13, 22, 29 March; 03, 05 April; then further departures October – December.

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# NORTHERN LIGHTS EXPLORATION

8 DAYS – WINTER

## REGULAR OR SMALL GROUP TOURING

Explore Iceland's West and Southeast to maximise your chances of seeing the Northern Lights. Also experience Reykjavík, Snæfellsnes Peninsula, the Golden Circle, Blue Lagoon, waterfalls, a black sand beach and more.

### Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive Keflavík Airport, transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

### Day 2 Reykjavík, Borgarfjörður and Waterfalls

Short city tour, then head west to Borgarfjörður. Climb Grábrók volcano crater, visit Europe's most powerful hot spring and Hraunfossar waterfalls, pouring from beneath a wide lava field. Evening search for the Northern Lights.

### Day 3 Snæfellsnes Peninsula and Fjord Cruise

Visit Stykkishólmur fishing town and cruise Breiðafjörður. Onwards to Grundarfjörður and Mt Kirkjufell. Tonight, learn how to photograph the Aurora and then relax in the hotel's hot tub as you gaze upwards at the Arctic sky.

### Day 4 Golden Circle

After Hvalfjörður, take the Golden Circle route – Gullfoss waterfall, erupting Geysir hot springs and magnificent Þingvellir NP. Later, learn about the Icelandic horses' special qualities, and visit a geothermal greenhouse. Tonight, search again for the Northern Lights from the garden of the hotel.

### Day 5 Eyjafjallajökull Volcano

At Eyjafjallajökull, learn about living next to an active volcano. Visit Skógar Folk Museum's turf-roofed houses, then lovely Skógafoss waterfall. Stroll along a black sand beach at Reynisfjara, then on to Kirkjubæjarklaustur. If the Aurora appears tonight, it will be a magical sight.

### Day 6 Skaftafell National Park

Explore Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon and look for seals in the arctic waters. Continue to the tiny turf church at Hof and spend time at Vatnajökull. More opportunities to seek the Northern Lights tonight.

### Day 7 South Shore and Blue Lagoon

Head towards Vík across Eldhraun lava fields, then on to Seljalandsfoss waterfall. Soak in the famous Blue Lagoon, before going out one last time to seek the Aurora.

### Day 8 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to Keflavík Airport.

**Regular Group Departures:** 05, 07, 12, 19, 21, 26 January; 02, 04, 09, 16, 18, 23 February; 02, 04, 09, 16, 18, 23, 30 March; 01, 06, 08 April then further departures October – December.

**Small Group Departures:** 09, 16, 23, 30 January; 06, 13, 20, 27 February; 06, 13, 20, 27 March; 03 April; then further departures October – December.

**Includes:** 7 hotel nights, breakfast daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

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# NORTH ICELAND AND THE AURORA

## 8 DAYS – WINTER

### SMALL GROUP TOURING

Experience the Arctic North on this exploration of West and North Iceland.

#### Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

On arrival, transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

#### Day 2 Volcanoes, Seals, Fjords and Mountains

Journey west to Borgarnes and climb Grábrók volcano crater. Visit the Natural History and seal museum, before stopping at Víðimýri turf church. Continue to Akureyri – capital of North Iceland. Evening walk in search of the Northern Lights.

#### Day 3 Akureyri, Christmas Garden and Goðafoss

Morning at leisure. This afternoon, stop at the Christmas Garden, a small museum all about the festive season. Then on to Goðafoss (Waterfall of the Gods). Continue to Lake Mývatn where you will stay for the next 3 nights. Enjoy an evening lecture and search for the Aurora.

#### Day 4 Explore Lake Mývatn

Easy walk this morning through bizarre lava forms and landscapes with great views of the lake and local birdlife. Explore the hot spring area of Námaskarð with bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras. Evening visit to Mývatn Nature Baths.

#### Day 5 Trolls, Lava Forms and Crater Lake

Morning walk through Dimmuborgir's lava forms, said to be home to trolls. Afternoon at leisure to explore craters and a walk along the lake shores. Enjoy a video presentation on the Northern Lights.

#### Day 6 Iceland's Longest Fjord and Siglufjörður

Visit Mývatn bird museum, then continue to Dalvík and stop at a local micro-brewery. Travel along Eyjafjörður, Iceland's longest fjord and Tröllaskagi peninsula for amazing mountain panoramas and remote fjords. In Siglufjörður, visit the renowned Herring Era Museum.

#### Day 7 Skagafjörður

Over mountains to Skagafjörður (Valley of the Horses), home to many ancient farms. Visit the folk museum and turf farm at Glaumbaer, a local tannery and horse farm, to learn the history and special gaits of the Icelandic horse. Arrive in Reykjavík late afternoon.

#### Day 8 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to Keflavík Airport.

**Departures:** 06, 13, 20, 27 February; 06, 13, 20, 27 March; 09 and 23 October; 06 and 20 November.

**Includes:** 7 hotel nights, breakfast daily; transfers and excursions as shown.

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# GLACIAL ADVENTURE

6 DAYS – WINTER

## SELF-DRIVE

Enjoy the major natural wonders along Iceland's dramatic coastline on this short self-drive trip. If you are lucky, you might see the Northern Lights!

### Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

On arrival at Keflavík Airport collect your rental car and drive to Reykjavík for overnight.

### Day 2 Þingvellir – Geysir – Gullfoss

Head for the UNESCO-listed Þingvellir National Park, where the world's oldest parliament met for centuries on the shores of Iceland's largest lake. Then on through farmland to the geothermal fields of Geysir, with bubbling mud pools and the Strokkur geyser. Continue to the dramatic, two-tiered Gullfoss waterfall, a spectacular sight in winter when frozen mid-cascade. Overnight in the Hella or Hvolsvollur areas.

### Day 3 South Shore – Eyjafjallajökull Volcano

Explore the region close to the towering strato-volcano Eyjafjallajökull. Drive along the south shore to Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls and Reynisfjara beach, with its striking black sands and rock formations. Overnight in Höfn.

### Day 4 Skaftafell NP – Jökulsárlón Lagoon

Today stop at Skaftafell National Park and see the Vatnajökull glacier. Continue to Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, where blue-tinted icebergs float on the aqua waters of the 180m deep lagoon. Overnight in the Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

### Day 5 Hveragerði – Reykjavík

Head towards the village of Hveragerði, known as 'the flower village' because of its many greenhouses. Continue along the coast to the Reykjanes peninsula. Perhaps stop at the Blue Lagoon before returning to Reykjavík for overnight.

### Day 6 Reykjavík Departure

Return the car to Keflavík Airport and end of arrangements.

**Departures:** Daily October – April.

**Includes:** 5 nights accommodation, breakfast daily and rental car.

Add extra nights in Reykjavík at the end.

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# DISCOVER ICELAND AND THE FAROE ISLANDS

8 DAYS – SUMMER

## INDEPENDENT TOURING

Fantastic excursions are combined with plenty of time at leisure in Iceland and the Faroe Islands, so you can enjoy the highlights of both these unique, Arctic countries.

### Day 1 Copenhagen – Reykjavík, Iceland

Flight from Copenhagen to Reykjavík and time at leisure. 4 nights in Reykjavík.

### Day 2 Golden Circle and Blue Lagoon

Visit Þingvellir National Park, the site of the first parliament in the world, where the Great Atlantic rift is clearly visible, slowly pulling Iceland apart. Continue to magnificent Gullfoss Waterfall and then to Geysir geothermal hot spring area. Stop at the Blue Lagoon and enjoy a relaxing dip in the warm, aquamarine waters.

### Day 3 Reykjavík: Day at Leisure

Time at leisure. Perhaps see Hallgrímskirkja, the largest church in Iceland or visit the Harpa Concert Hall on the waterfront.

### Day 4 South Coast, Waterfalls and Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon

Drive along the south coast to discover natural treasures including the waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss, Skaftafell National Park and Vatnajökull glacier. Here you will visit Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, to see icebergs floating in the glacial blue waters.

### Day 5 Reykjavík – Tórshavn, Faroe Islands

Flight to the Faroe Islands. On arrival, transfer to your hotel then time at leisure. Three nights in Tórshavn.

### Day 6 Island of Eysturoy: Gjógv

Travel to the northernmost village on the island of Eysturoy, Gjógv, known for its unique natural harbour and amazing landscapes. See the classic sea cliffs and the rock formations the Giant and the Witch, as well as the highest mountain in the islands, Slættaratindur at 882m.

### Day 7 Tórshavn: Day at Leisure

Day at leisure to explore the old part of Tórshavn, Tinganes and Reyn, with narrow alleys, and charming houses with grass roofs. Or perhaps visit Østrov, known for its contemporary Faroese art and fine craft, or Nordic House which is a Scandinavian culture centre, the Art Museum and Gallery.

### Day 8 Departure Tórshavn – Copenhagen

Transfer to the airport and return flight to Copenhagen.

**Departures:** Daily from May to September.

**Includes:** return flights Copenhagen/Reykjavík, 7 nights accommodation, breakfast daily; excursions, airport transfers (Greenland, FI) and flights as shown.

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Church in Kalsoy island, Faroe Islands



# VOLCANOES AND ICE

## 9 DAYS – SUMMER

### INDEPENDENT TOURING

Combine the dramatic Viking history of Iceland with west Greenland's magnificent icebergs. From Reykjavík explore the geothermal wonders of Gullfoss, Geysir and Þingvellir before travelling to Ilulissat, the "Town of the Icebergs", 300 kilometres north of the Polar Circle.

#### Day 1 Reykjavík Arrival

Arrive into Iceland and transfer to your hotel. 3 nights in Reykjavík.

#### Day 2 City Sightseeing

Morning city sightseeing tour includes the Fish Market, the open air museum Arbær, the towering Hallgrím's Church, the old town, the harbour, the summit meeting house Höfði and the House of Parliament. Afternoon at leisure.

#### Day 3 Golden Circle: Gullfoss Waterfall, Geysir Hot Springs and Þingvellir National Park

Today marvel at Iceland's 3 magnificent "Golden Circle" sights: majestic Gullfoss Waterfall, the erupting hot springs at Geysir, and the fantastic national park of Þingvellir. Tonight enjoy an Icelandic seafood buffet at Restaurant Reykjavík.

#### Day 4 Iceland – Ilulissat, Greenland

Fly from Reykjavík to Ilulissat; meet your local guide on arrival and transfer to your hotel, then a guided town walk. Welcome dinner at the hotel tonight and 4 nights in Ilulissat.

#### Days 5, 6 and 7 Ilulissat Adventures

Days in Ilulissat for some great *optional excursions* such as a walk to the icebergs of Sermermiut, midnight cruise amongst the icebergs, visits to the Old Hunter's Settlements of Rodebay or Ilimanaq, home visit with a local family, cruise to Egi Glacier, meet the huskies, whale safari, hike the Cecily Trail, sightseeing by plane or kayaking. Farewell dinner at the hotel on Day 7.

#### Day 8 Ilulissat – Reykjavík

Transfer to the airport for the flight back to Reykjavík, then overnight in Reykjavík.

#### Day 9 Reykjavík Departure

Transfer to the airport and end of arrangements.

**Departures:** Saturdays from 02 June to 25 August.

**Includes:** return flights Reykjavík – Ilulissat – Reykjavík, 8 nights accommodation, breakfast daily, transfers, meals and excursions as shown.

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For the winter version (mid February – late March) of this tour see our *Volcanoes and Ice: Winter tour*.

Arch Iceberg in Greenland



# DISCOVER GREENLAND, ICELAND AND THE FAROE ISLANDS

13 DAYS – SUMMER

## INDEPENDENT TOURING

From Ilulissat in Greenland, famous for amazing icebergs, to Reykjavík in Iceland, for its unique natural surroundings, including hot springs and volcanic landscapes. Then lastly the Faroe Islands for dramatic scenery, culture and tradition. This tour has it all.

### Day 1 Copenhagen – Ilulissat, Greenland

Flight from Copenhagen to Ilulissat. On arrival transfer to your hotel and time at leisure. 4 nights in Ilulissat.

### Day 2 Ilulissat Icefjord

Take an easy guided walk to the mouth of the Ilulissat Icefjord, for beautiful views over the ice and traces of old Inuit culture.

### Day 3 Icebergs Boat Tour

Today enjoy a fantastic boat trip amongst the huge icebergs of the Icefjord, a truly majestic sight.

### Day 4 Day at Leisure in Ilulissat

Day to relax or enjoy an *optional excursion* to Egi Sermia Glacier, called the "calving glacier" because ice breaks off from it so frequently. Or take an *optional visit* to Rodebay, a small Greenlandic settlement with colourful houses, a little church, and amazing views of the landscape and the icebergs in Disko Bay.

### Day 5 Ilulissat – Reykjavík, Iceland

Flight to Reykjavík. On arrival, time at leisure. 4 nights in Reykjavík.

### Day 6 Blue Lagoon

Visit the famous Blue Lagoon, and relax in the therapeutic, aquamarine waters.

### Day 7 Golden Circle Tour

3 of Iceland's best sights form the Golden Circle; the Geysir geothermal area, stunning Gullfoss Waterfall and historic Þingvellir National Park.

### Day 8 Day at Leisure in Reykjavík

Day to relax and explore this vibrant capital city.

### Day 9 Reykjavík – Tórshavn, Faroe Islands

Flight to the Faroe Islands, then time at leisure. 4 nights in Tórshavn.

### Day 10 Vestmanna Bird Cliffs

Travel via steep mountain roads to Vestmanna; here a boat takes you through narrow sounds, into deep grottoes and sea caves, close to the 2000 feet high cliffs where seabirds nest.

### Day 11 Eysturoy

Tour to Eysturoy and the village of Gjógv, known for its unique natural harbour and unusual rock formations, plus the island's highest mountain.

### Day 12 Day at Leisure in Tórshavn

Explore the lovely harbour area of Vágsbotn or the old parts of town, Reyn and Tinganes, a charming tangle of lanes with tiny black-tarred houses with green turfed roofs.

### Day 13 Tórshavn – Copenhagen

Transfer to airport and return flight to Copenhagen.

**Departures:** Daily from 15 June to 01 September.

**Includes:** Return flights from/to Copenhagen, 12 nights accommodation, breakfast daily, excursions, airport transfers in Greenland and FI and other flights as shown.

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Goðafoss waterfall – Iceland



# SOUTH GREENLAND EXPLORER

## 8 DAYS – SUMMER

### SMALL GROUP TOURING

Enjoy fantastic excursions, easy walks and gentle hikes among South Greenland's beautiful nature. All nights are spent in comfortable hotel rooms with private facilities.

#### Day 1 Narsarsuaq Arrival – Glacier View Point

Flight from Reykjavík or Copenhagen to Narsarsuaq. Enjoy your first hike nearby, for magnificent vistas of the fjord, plains and glacier.

#### Day 2 Viking Ruins, Icebergs and Fjords

Boat transfer to Qassiarsuk (Brattahlíð), the capital of Viking Greenland, for a guided tour of the ruins dating from 985AD. By 4WD to lovely Tasiusaq farm, situated next to iceberg filled Sermik fjord. *Optional* afternoon easy sea kayaking.

#### Day 3 Narsarsuaq – Qaqortoq

Travel by boat to pretty Qaqortoq town. Venture along some of Greenland's local fjords, passing icebergs en-route. Remainder of the day at leisure.

#### Day 4 Qaqortoq – Narsaq

Explore Qaqortoq or take an *optional excursion* to Hvalsey Church Ruins or the hot springs of Uunartoq. This afternoon, transfer to Narsaq.

#### Day 5 Qaleraliq Camp and Ice Hiking

Morning zodiac ride to base camp, then continue alongside vertical, glacier fronts. Hike with an expert mountain guide on one of Earth's oldest ice masses in a truly unique experience! Afternoon visit to Eqloruutsit glacier front, to look for giant icebergs calving then floating along the fjord.

#### Day 6 Narsaq and Igaliku

Morning free – visit the museum, see shops or stroll in the local area. Then another easy hike along Kongevejen (Path of Kings), to idyllic Igaliku and the Viking ruins of Gardar Cathedral.

#### Day 7 Igaliku Landscape, Qooroq Ice Fjord

Relax in the green hills of Igaliku with spectacular views of Einarsfjord, before hiking to Itilleq. Zodiac ride through Qooroq Ice Fjord, an area of very densely packed ice, to reach Narsarsuaq.

#### Day 8 Flower Valley and Departure

Morning hike to the outstanding Flower Valley, for great views over Kiattut River and glacier, before your airport transfer and return flight.

**Departures:** 26 June; 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 July; 07, 14, 21, 28 August.

**Includes:** Reykjavík or Copenhagen – Narsarsuaq return flights, 7 nights hotel, breakfast daily; transport and excursions as shown.

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# ICEBERGS CRUISE

7 DAYS – SUMMER

## INDEPENDENT TOURING

A fantastic exploration of Greenland. Combine ferry travel along the West Coast with time on land in magnificent Ilulissat, town of the icebergs, and the capital city, Nuuk.

### Day 1 Reykjavík – Ilulissat

Flight from Reykjavík to Ilulissat, then meet your local guide and transfer to your hotel, followed by a guided town walk. Tonight, dinner at the hotel.

### Day 2 Ilulissat – Day At Leisure

Explore Ilulissat on your own or take some of the fantastic guided, *optional excursions*: walk to Sermermiut icebergs, enjoy a midnight cruise with icebergs, visit the Old hunter's settlements of Rodebay or Ilimanaq, visit a Greenlandic home, cruise to Egi Glacier, visit the huskies, go whale watching, hike the Cecily Trail, go kayaking or take a flightseeing tour.

### Day 3 Morning At Leisure – Evening Ferry

Morning at leisure or take another great *optional excursion*. In the afternoon board the ferry and start your southbound cruise along Greenland's West Coast. Short stop at Aasiaat later this evening. 2 nights on board.

### Day 4 Cruising: Sisimiut and Maniitsoq

Morning stop at Sisimiut, for a short walk in Greenland's second largest town. As you cruise along today, enjoy the sights, as icebergs and the coastline pass slowly by. Tonight, stop at the small town of Maniitsoq.

### Day 5 Nuuk Arrival

At around 07:30hrs, arrive in Nuuk and disembark. The capital city is small with traditional, brightly coloured houses. Enjoy a guided walking tour the including Colonial Harbour, Our Saviours Church, Parliament, the Atlantic Harbour and Katuaq Cultural C. Transfer to your hotel.

### Day 6 Nuuk: Day At Leisure

Explore on your own or take an *optional excursion* – a fjord safari or an Icefjord hike to Kapisillit settlement, with a visit to a local family.

### Day 7 Nuuk – Reykjavík

Today fly from Nuuk back to Reykjavík.

**Departures:** Fridays 01 June – 24 August.

**Includes:** Flights Reykjavík – Ilulissat and Nuuk – Reykjavík; airport transfers in Greenland; 4 hotel nights with breakfast; dinner Day 1; 2 nights coastal voyage Ilulissat – Nuuk; guided town tours in Ilulissat, Sisimiut and Nuuk.

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# TOWNS OF ICE

## 5 OR 7 DAYS – SUMMER

### INDEPENDENT TOURING

This tour combines two of Greenland's highlights: Ilulissat with the nearby magnificent Ilulissat Icefjord; and Kangerlussuaq, where Arctic wildlife including Musk Ox, Reindeer and Arctic Foxes may be seen, and from where the Inland Ice Cap can be visited. Choose from 5 or 7 day tours, from either Copenhagen or Reykjavík.

#### Day 1 Copenhagen or Reykjavík – Ilulissat

Flight to Ilulissat; on arrival transfer to your hotel then enjoy a guided town walk. Learn about the town's history, see historical buildings from the Danish trading station days, as well as the fishing harbour, old church and Museum. Welcome dinner at the hotel tonight.

#### Days 2 and 3 Ilulissat: Days at Leisure

Explore Ilulissat on your own or take some guided, *optional excursions*: walk to Sermermiut icebergs, enjoy a midnight cruise with icebergs, visit the Old hunter's settlements of Rodebay or Ilimanaq, visit a Greenlandic home, cruise to Egi Glacier, visit the huskies, go whale watching, hike the Cecily Trail, go kayaking or take a flightseeing tour by plane. Dinner at the hotel on Day 3.

#### Day 4 Ilulissat – Kangerlussuaq

Today fly to Kangerlussuaq. Time at leisure, or take an guided, *optional excursion*: a wildlife safari in search of Musk Ox and Reindeer, a tour by 4WD to the Inland Ice Cap, or a flightseeing small plane tour.

#### Day 5 Kangerlussuaq – Copenhagen or Reykjavík

Today take the return flight back to Copenhagen or Reykjavík, where your tour concludes.

#### Departures:

5 days from Copenhagen: Monday and Friday, June – September.

5 days from Reykjavík: Mondays 16 July – 27 August.

7 days from Copenhagen: Tuesday and Friday, June – September.

7 days from Reykjavík: Saturdays 14 July – 25 August.

**Includes:** flights to/from Copenhagen or Reykjavík; flight Ilulissat – Kangerlussuaq; 4 or 6 hotel nights, breakfast daily, 2 dinners (Days 1, 3); transfers in Greenland, town tour of Ilulissat.

The 7 day tours have 2 extra days in Ilulissat.

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Huge icebergs – Disko Bay, West Greenland



# ILULISSAT, IMAGES OF ICE

## 4 OR 5 DAYS – SUMMER

### INDEPENDENT TOURING

Visit a real iceberg town! Ilulissat is famed for its easy access to the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Ilulissat Ice Fjord, where you can see the amazing huge icebergs shed by the Serneq Kujalleq glacier. Here you can have a taste of traditional Inuit culture, and other Arctic adventures.

#### Day 1 Reykjavík – Ilulissat

Flight from Reykjavík to Ilulissat; on arrival enjoy a guided walk of the town. Time to settle in – perhaps visit the Ilulissat Museum which traces the area's history and the life of local-born explorer Knud Rasmussen. Welcome dinner at your hotel tonight.

#### Days 2 & 3 Days at Leisure

Explore Ilulissat on your own or take some of the fantastic guided, *optional excursions*: walk to Sermermiut icebergs, enjoy a midnight cruise with icebergs, visit the Old hunter's settlements of Rodebay or Ilimanaq, visit a Greenlandic home, cruise to Egi Glacier, meet the huskies, go whale watching, hike the Cecily Trail, go kayaking or take a flightseeing tour. Dinner at the hotel on Day 3.

#### Day 4 Ilulissat – Reykjavík

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Reykjavík.

**Departures:** 4 days: Tuesdays 05 June – 28 August; Wednesdays 06 June – 22 August; Saturdays 02 June – 25 August.

5 days: Tuesdays 05 June – 21 September.

**Includes:** Return flights Reykjavík – Ilulissat; 3 or 4 hotel nights, breakfast daily; transfers in Greenland; guided Ilulissat town walk; 2 dinners at the hotel.

The 5 day tour has an additional day in Ilulissat.

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# AURORA AND POLAR CIRCLE ADVENTURE ICEBERGS AND NORTHERN LIGHTS

5 DAYS – WINTER

## INDEPENDENT TOURING

Kangerlussuaq is one of Greenland's best destinations for Aurora searching and Inland Ice Cap access. Here you can enjoy amazing *optional excursions* such as a Musk Ox and reindeer nature tour, 4WD Inland Ice Cap exploration, dog sledding or a hunt for the Northern Lights.

### Day 1 Copenhagen – Kangerlussuaq

Flight from Copenhagen to Kangerlussuaq, then check in to your hotel and settle in- the town sits at the eastern end of a deep fjord.

### Days 2, 3 & 4 Days at Leisure or *Optional Excursions*

Explore on your own or enjoy one of the fantastic *optional excursions* available:

*Arctic Nature*: into the wilderness to seek wild Musk Ox and reindeer in their native environment. *Inland Ice Cap*: Travel by 4WD to the majestic, Inland Ice Cap, an impressive Arctic landscape of glacial valleys, mountains, frozen desert and rivers. *Husky safaris*: Experience travelling as the Inuit do. Northern Lights hunt.

### Day 5 Kangerlussuaq – Copenhagen

Today fly from Kangerlussuaq back to Copenhagen.

**Departures:** Monday, Thursday, Friday 23 Nov – 27 March (except mid December – mid January).

**Includes:** 4 hotel nights, breakfast daily; return flights as shown. Prices, detailed itinerary and similar tours at [www.nordictravel.com.au](http://www.nordictravel.com.au)

4 OR 5 DAYS – WINTER

## INDEPENDENT TOURING

UNESCO Listed Ilulissat is ideal for viewing nature at its best, with massive icebergs and the Sermermiut Valley. Here you can enjoy great *optional excursions* such as a fjord cruise amongst the ice, dog sledding, snowmobiling and Northern Lights hunts.

Choose a 4 day tour from Reykjavík or 5 day tours from Copenhagen or Reykjavík. The 4 day tour is shown here.

### Day 1 Reykjavík – Ilulissat

Flight from Reykjavík to Ilulissat, transfer to the hotel, then enjoy a guided town walk to see the original trading station buildings, the fishing harbour, the old Zion Church and the museum.

### Days 2 & 3 Days at Leisure or *Optional Excursions*

Explore Ilulissat on your own or enjoy one of the fantastic *optional excursions* available – cruise amongst the icebergs, go dog-sledding, snowmobiling, on snowshoe walks, visit local settlements or walk to the icefjord.

### Day 4 Ilulissat – Reykjavík

Today transfer to the airport and fly from Ilulissat back to Reykjavík.

**Departures:** 4 days from Reykjavík Saturdays 17 February – 27 March.

5 days from Reykjavík: Tuesdays 20 February – 24 March.

5 days from Copenhagen: Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays 02 November 2017 – 28 March 2018 (except mid December to 15 January).

**Includes:** 3 hotel nights, breakfast daily, flights, transfers in Greenland and guided town walk.

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# DISCOVER THE FAROE ISLANDS

## 8 DAYS – SUMMER

### INDEPENDENT TOURING

Experience the Faroe Islands in a truly local way, travelling by ferry, bus and car, visiting small village communities and some of the more remote islands. The bird paradise of Mykines and the Viking island of Skúvoy are just some of the highlights.

#### Day 1 Copenhagen – Vágur, Faroe Islands

Flight from Copenhagen, transfer to your accommodation and time at leisure. Overnight on Vágur.

#### Day 2 Vágur – Sørvágur – Mykines

Morning boat ride to Mykines, the westernmost of the Islands and home to thousands of migrating birds. 2 nights here.

#### Day 3 Mykines

Guided hike on the Mykines Isle – a walking bridge over the North Atlantic Ocean, 35m above the sea, connects the islet with the main island. The free standing rock formations that surround the lighthouse at the edge of the sea cliff are an amazing sight.

#### Day 4 Mykines – Vágur – Skúvoy

Travel by bus and ferry via Vágur to Skúvoy Island, where Viking chieftain Sigmundur Brestisson built the Faroe Islands' first church. Visit a private home for coffee and cake and perhaps take one of the great self-guided walks. Overnight on Skúvoy.

#### Day 5 Skúvoy – Sandoy

Ferry to Sandoy, also called the "Saga island". Guided sightseeing of the island, which has been inhabited since the age of the Vikings. Visit the villages of Sandur, Dalur and Húsavík, and listen to exciting sagas and stories. Overnight at Skálavík.

#### Day 6 Sandoy – Nólsoy

Morning at leisure, then continue to Nólsoy Island, for a guided tour through the village. Afterward, perhaps walk to the top of the island for amazing, panoramic views of Tórshavn and the surrounding islands. Overnight on Nólsoy.

#### Day 7 Nólsoy – Tórshavn

From Nólsoy travel to Tórshavn, and time at leisure – visit the art gallery, museum or the old city quarters, or hike to the historic and cultural centre of the islands, Kirkjubøur. Overnight in Tórshavn.

#### Day 8 Tórshavn – Copenhagen

Transfer to the airport and return flight to Copenhagen.

**Departures:** Every Sunday in June, July and August.

**Includes:** Return flights from/to Copenhagen, 7 nights accommodation, breakfast daily, transport, departure airport transfers in FI and excursions as shown.

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Saksun – Streymoy, Faroe Islands



# EXPLORE THE FAROE ISLANDS

## 8 DAYS – SUMMER

### INDEPENDENT TOURING

From your base in Tórshavn enjoy fabulous guided excursions, both natural and cultural experiences that showcase this truly unique place.

#### Day 1 Copenhagen – Tórshavn, Faroe Islands

Flight from Copenhagen; on arrival transfer to your accommodation. Time at leisure.

#### Day 2 Tórshavn: Eysturoy and Gjógv

From Tórshavn to the northernmost village on the island of Eysturoy, Gjógv, known for its unique natural harbour and setting. See classic sea cliffs and rock formations the Giant and the Witch, and the highest mountain in the islands, Slættaratindur at 882m. After lunch continue to the picturesque village of Saksun.

#### Day 3 Tórshavn: Vestmanna Cliffs and Kvívík

Morning free to explore the town, then enjoy a boat trip past the stunning Vestmanna bird cliffs, and into and through several sea caves and grottoes. Then stop at an old viking farmstead in the beautiful village of Kvívík, on the way back.

#### Day 4 Tórshavn: Sandoy The Saga Island

Take the ferry across to beautiful, green Sandoy Island, with great views of Hestur and Koltur en route. Learn the story of the sagas, and visit the church, the small villages and the bird cliffs.

#### Day 5 Tórshavn: Walking Tour

Walking tour in the old city quarters of Tinganes and Reyn, with small alleys and charming, grass roofed houses – your guide will entertain you with stories about the past and present. See the Cathedral and the charming neighbourhood of Vágsbotn, with its many boats. After perhaps visit the National Faroese Museum.

#### Day 6 Tórshavn: Borðoy, Viðoy, and Kunoy

Today head north, taking the sub-sea tunnel from Leirvík, then on to the islands of Borðoy, Viðoy, and Kunoy. Here the natural beauty of the landscape is dominated by high, steep mountains. Stop on the way back at the fishing village of Klaksvík, to visit Christians Church.

#### Day 7 Tórshavn: Day at Leisure

Day on your own or perhaps take an *optional excursion* to either Nólsoy Is or Mykines Is.

#### Day 8 Departure Tórshavn – Copenhagen

Transfer to the airport and return flight to Copenhagen.

**Departures:** Every Thursday in June, July and August.

**Includes:** Return flights from/to Copenhagen; 7 nights accommodation in Tórshavn, breakfast daily, airport transfers in FI and excursions as shown.

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# CLASSIC CIRCLE

8 DAYS – ALL YEAR

## SELF-DRIVE

The Faroe Islands offer unique nature, exciting history and rich culture. Take your senses with you on this self-guided road trip.

### Day 1 Copenhagen – Vágur, Faroe Islands

Flight from Copenhagen to Vágur; pick up your car and start exploring the island. 1 night on Vágur.

### Day 2 Vágur – Streymoy – Eysturoy

From June – August take an *optional* boat to the Vestmanna bird cliffs. Or visit the unique Saga Museum. Continue to Tjørnuvík, surrounded by steep mountains, to see impressive rock formations. On to Streymoy and the village of Eiði for beautiful surroundings and views of the highest mountain in the islands. 2 nights on Eysturoy.

### Day 3 Eysturoy: Gjógv and Ambadalur Valley

Gjógv village has a unique natural harbour – there are great walks from here including one for views of the birdcliffs and the beautiful valley Ambadalur.

### Day 4 Eysturoy – Northern Islands

From Leirvík take the tunnel to Klaksvík to explore the Northern Islands, each offering dramatic landscapes. On the island of Viðoy is the most northern village in the islands, Viðareði. 1 night in the Northern Islands.

### Day 5 Northern Islands – Tórshavn

Visit Kunoy Island and the tiny village of Kunoy with a panoramic view of Kalsoy island. Then back to Eysturoy and Sældarfjørður village before continuing to Tórshavn, for 2 nights.

### Day 6 Sandoy Island – the Saga Island

Day trip to visit the beautiful green island of Sandoy, also called the Saga-island, with a wealth of history and nature. Continue to Skopun to see the villages of Dalur and Húsavík.

### Day 7 Tórshavn Exploration

Enjoy Tórshavn – visit Kirkjubøur, the Faroe Islands' historical and cultural centre, or explore the charming older parts of the town. Then back to Vágur for 1 night.

### Day 8 Vágur – Copenhagen

Return the car at the airport and take the flight back to Copenhagen.

**Departures:** Daily all year.

**Includes:** Return flights from/to Copenhagen, 7 nights accommodation, breakfast daily, rental car.

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# INTRODUCTION TO SPITSBERGEN

## 4 DAYS SUMMER AND 5 DAYS WINTER

### INDEPENDENT TOURING

Spitsbergen is a truly unique place of wild nature, glaciers and polar bears – over 60% of the archipelago is nature reserves, national parks and bird sanctuaries. Enjoy Longyearbyen town – visit the Svalbard Museum, the North Pole Expedition Museum and the Svalbard Kirke, or browse the shops for a unique souvenir.

**SUMMER:** After mid-May the snow disappears, flowers and birds start to appear, the glaciers start calving and the midnight sun appears.

#### Day 1 Longyearbyen Arrival

On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

#### Day 2 Dog Sledding On Wheels

Husky dogs need just as much love and exercise in the summer! Enjoy dog sledding on wheels, where the dogs pull you along in small wooden wagons, while you enjoy the rich countryside of the arctic in summer. After the tour, help settle the dogs back into the yard, before enjoying lunch.

#### Day 3 Day at leisure or *Optional* Hikes

Day to relax or try some great *optional* guided hikes, both short and long, or fjord trips.

#### Day 4 Longyearbyen Departure

Transfer back to the airport.

**Departures:** Daily June – September.

**Includes:** 3 nights hotel, breakfast daily, excursion and transfers as shown.

Add extra nights.

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**WINTER:** Enjoy great winter fun – snowmobiling, dog sledding, and snowshoeing – plus looking for the Northern Lights in these remote skies!

#### Day 1 Longyearbyen Arrival

On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

#### Day 2 Snowmobile Adventure

Experience the thrill of the Arctic on a snowmobile, driving through valleys into the wilderness. Your route varies according to the weather, so you can experience the magic of the landscape, the excitement of snowmobile driving, and wonderful views. No previous experience is necessary.

#### Day 3 Guided Snowshoe Walk

Meet your guide to be fitted out then decide on today's route, depending on local conditions. Along the way, enjoy the breathtaking silence. And there's no better way to spot wildlife!

#### Day 4 Dog Sledding to the Ice Cave

Transfer to the kennel to meet some four-legged friends. Once we start the safari, the only noise is the whisper of the sled runners gliding over the ice. At the glacier, we take a look inside and explore the fantastic formations of ice and rocks shaped by nature's own forces.

#### Day 5 Longyearbyen Departure

Transfer to the airport.

**Departures:** Daily February – mid May.

**Includes:** 4 nights hotel, breakfast daily, excursions and transfers as shown.

Add extra nights.

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# CAPITALS OF SCANDINAVIA

10+ DAYS – ALL YEAR

## INDEPENDENT TOURING

Explore the great cities of Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm and Helsinki. Travel by ferry and train, with accommodation and introductory sightseeing all included. Add extra nights or the tour can be done in reverse.

### Day 1 Copenhagen Arrival

After arrival, perhaps visit Hans Christian Andersen's statue, Gefion Fountain, Nyhavn's old harbour, the Little Mermaid, Rosenborg, Amalienborg and Christiansborg Palaces or Tivoli Gardens (mid April – late September).

### Day 2 Copenhagen Harbour and Canal Tour

Today, take a boat tour along the city's waterways, cruising the harbour and canals past the main sights. Then browse Strøget pedestrian plaza for Danish designs or try some famous new Nordic cuisine.

### Day 3 Copenhagen – Oslo Overnight Ferry

Morning at leisure. Afternoon departure on overnight ferry to Oslo, through Kattegat Strait.

### Day 4 Oslo Panoramic City Sightseeing

Morning arrival in Oslo, then enjoy a panoramic city tour. Later, maybe visit the world-famous Viking Ships, Fram Polar Exploration Museum, Kon-Tiki Museum or Museum of Cultural History.

### Day 5 Oslo – Day At Leisure

You might like to visit Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Munch Museum or Holmenkollen Ski Jump, stroll along Karl Johan boulevard, or try the bars and cafés of the old wharf area.

### Day 6 Oslo – Stockholm By Train

Departure by train from Oslo to Stockholm. Take a canal tour or explore the Old Town (Gamla Stan), with its narrow cobbled streets and antique shops.

### Day 7 Stockholm City Sightseeing

Morning panoramic city tour, passes many famous landmarks. Afternoon at leisure.

### Day 8 Stockholm – Helsinki By Overnight Ferry

Morning free, before afternoon departure on the overnight ferry to Helsinki, sailing the Stockholm archipelago, past numerous small islands.

### Day 9 Helsinki City Tour

Morning arrival in Helsinki then mid-morning panoramic city tour. Afterwards perhaps visit Senate Square, New Opera House, Uspenski Cathedral, Parliament House, Finlandia Hall, Sibelius Park and Monument, Church in the Rock, or sample the harbourside stalls and markets.

### Day 10 Helsinki Departure

End of arrangements.

**Departures:** Daily all year.

**Includes:** 7 hotel nights, 2 overnight ferries, daily breakfast, other transport and excursions as shown.

Add extra nights or the tour can be done in reverse.

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Viking Ship Museum, Oslo



# DISCOVER SCANDINAVIA

11+ DAYS – ALL YEAR

## INDEPENDENT TOURING

From Sweden to Denmark, then on to Norway – with transport, accommodation and city sightseeing all booked, just enjoy yourself! Add extra nights or do the tour in reverse.

### Day 1 Stockholm Arrival

Explore Gamla Stan's narrow cobbled streets and quaint shops, see the Royal Palace, Parliament Buildings and the famous Blue Hall and Golden Rooms of City Hall.

### Day 2 Stockholm Panoramic City Tour

Morning panoramic city tour then maybe visit Djurgården Island, the great 17<sup>th</sup>C warship of the Vasa Museum, Skansen Open-Air Museum, Gröna Lund Amusement Park and more.

### Day 3 Stockholm – Copenhagen By Train

Take the train across the heart of Sweden, over the Oresund Bridge and on to Copenhagen.

### Day 4 Copenhagen Canal and Harbour Cruise

After your morning cruise, perhaps visit the Viking Ship Museum, Amalienborg and Christiansborg Palaces or in mid April – late September, Tivoli Gardens.

### Day 5 Copenhagen – Oslo By Overnight Ferry

Morning free, before afternoon departure on the overnight ferry to Oslo, cruising Kattegat Strait.

### Day 6 Oslo Sightseeing Tour

Morning arrival in Oslo then join a panoramic city tour. Later you could visit the great Viking Ships, Kon Tiki or Fram Polar Expedition Museums, Oslo Opera House, Akershus Castle and more.

### Day 7 Oslo Day At Leisure

More time to explore. Wander Vigeland Sculpture Park, go up to Holmenkollen, visit the Munch Museum or just stroll the old wharf area with its many bars and cafés.

### Day 8 Oslo – Flåm: Flåm Railway

Depart Oslo bound for Myrdal Mountain Station and connect with the famous, scenic Flåmsbana train. Your amazing ride ends in the fjord village of Flåm.

### Day 9 Flåm – Bergen: Fjord Cruise

Time at leisure, then cruise the lovely fjord to Gudvangen. From there by bus up the scenic, twisting road via Stalheim Canyon to Voss. Then it's "all aboard" for the train to Bergen.

### Day 10 Bergen Day at Leisure

Visit the Flower and Fish Markets, Bryggen Harbour and the Hanseatic Quarter, ride Mt. Fløyen funicular to the top for great views, or visit Troidhaugen, the magical home of composer Edvard Grieg.

### Day 11 Bergen Departure

Arrangements end.

**Departures:** Daily all year.

**Includes:** 9 hotel nights, 1 overnight ferry, breakfast daily, other transport and excursions as shown.

Add extra nights, do the tour in reverse or add Helsinki at the start.

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Fjord in Norway



# UNIQUE FJORDS AND ROYAL CAPITALS

## 7 OR 11 DAYS – SUMMER

### SMALL GROUP TOURING

Journey through Norway's deep fjords, icy glaciers, picturesque villages and green mountains, visit Bergen, Hardanger and Sognefjords, Jostedal Glacier, the Flåm Railway and Oslo, then the cities of Stockholm and Copenhagen.

You can do 7 days Bergen to Oslo, 7 days Oslo to Copenhagen, or enjoy the whole experience.

#### Day 1 Bergen Arrival

Arrival in Bergen. Time at leisure.

#### Day 2 Bergen – Hardangerfjord – Norheimsund

Morning sightseeing tour includes the Fish Market and historical wharf area, Bryggen. Drive to green and beautiful Hardangerfjord, known as the orchard of Norway.

#### Day 3 Norheimsund – Flåm – Balestrand

Continue via Voss to Stalheim and idyllic Flåm village, for a leisurely fjord cruise to Gudvangen. On to Vangsnes, crossing the Sognefjord, the longest and deepest fjord in Norway, to charming Balestrand, where you will stay for two nights.

#### Day 4 Balestrand: Glacier Day

Visit Europe's largest glacier, Jostedal. Unlike many others, you can get right up close! After lunch, explore the Glacier Centre before returning to Balestrand.

#### Day 5 Balestrand – Flåm – Myrdal – Oslo

Cross the Sognefjord to Flåm and the Flåm Railway – one of the world's most beautiful rail journeys, with panoramic views of wild, majestic Norwegian landscapes. On to Oslo, for your next two nights.

#### Day 6 Oslo Sightseeing

City tour including Vigeland Sculpture Park, Holmenkollen Ski Jump and the Opera House. Afternoon at leisure – explore Oslo's many museums including the Viking Museum and the Kon-Tiki Museum, or relax in the cafés and restaurants around the old wharf area.

#### Day 7 Oslo – Stockholm

Travel through beautiful and idyllic countryside to Stockholm. Time for you to explore on your own. Bask in the unique atmosphere of the Old Town (Gamla Stan) and wander through its narrow and historic streets. Two nights in Stockholm.

#### Day 8 Stockholm Sightseeing

This glorious, ancient city is built over 14 islands and is affectionately known as the Venice of the North. City sightseeing past major sights including the Cathedral, Stortorget Square and Fjällgatan, where you can marvel at panoramic views of the city. The afternoon is free.

#### Day 9 Stockholm – Copenhagen Over the Oresund Bridge

Depart Stockholm bound for Copenhagen, via Malmö – the two cities connected by the engineering wonder that is the Oresund Bridge. After crossing the bridge arrive in Copenhagen, for 2 nights here.

#### Day 10 Copenhagen City Tour

See the old waterfront district of Nyhavn, Royal Palace at Amalienborg, the Little Mermaid and more. The rest of the day is free – visit Torvehallerne covered market, Tivoli Gardens, the Museum of Carlsberg or the many other art, culture, history and design museums.

#### Day 11 Copenhagen Departure

Arrangements end this morning.

#### Departures:

Bergen – Oslo 7 Days 03, 24 June; 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 July; 05, 12, 19 August.

Bergen – Copenhagen 11 Days 03, 24 June; 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 July; 05 August

Oslo – Copenhagen 7 Days 07, 28 June; 05, 12, 19, 26 July; 02, 09 August

**Includes:** 10 hotel nights, breakfast daily; transport and touring as shown.

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# GRAND TOUR OF SCANDINAVIA

## 15 DAYS – SUMMER

### REGULAR GROUP TOURING

A comprehensive exploration of Scandinavia, with time in the Norwegian fjords and the option to add St Petersburg at the end.

#### Day 1 Copenhagen Arrival

On arrival, transfer to hotel and time at leisure.

#### Day 2 Copenhagen Sightseeing

City tour includes Royal Amalienborg and Christiansborg Palaces, Gefion Fountain, Nyhavn and the Little Mermaid. Afternoon visit to Tivoli Gardens.

#### Day 3 Copenhagen – Oslo By Overnight Ferry

Morning at leisure. This afternoon, board the ferry for overnight cruise to Oslo.

#### Day 4 Oslo Arrival and City Tour

Morning arrival in Oslo. City tour includes Vigeland Sculpture Park and Fram Museum. Time at leisure.

#### Day 5 Oslo – Ulvik

Visit the famous Viking Ship Museum then depart Oslo toward Geilo through delightful Halling Valley and across the mountains, with a stop at Vøringsfoss waterfall. At the end of the day, descend the amazing Mabodal Canyon, cross Hardanger Bridge and around the Fjord.

#### Day 6 Ulvik – Bergen

Continue via the beautiful towns of Øystese and Norheimsund to Bergen. City tour includes the Fish and Flower Markets, Bryggen Harbour, the old Hanseatic Quarter and the funicular to Mt Fløyen.

#### Day 7 “Norway in a Nutshell” and Balestrand

Depart Bergen towards Voss. Descend Stalheim Canyon to Flåm village then take the Flåm Railway to Myrdal, ascending 2,838 feet in less than 1 hour. Cruise along Sognefjord to Gudvangen then across the Vika Mountains before a short ferry ride to Balestrand.

#### Day 8 Balestrand Day at Leisure

Relax at the hotel enjoying spectacular views, visit the local aquarium or art gallery, rent a bike or row boat.

#### Day 9 Balestrand – Geiranger

Ferry to Sogndal then by road past Fjaerland and Jostedal Glacier to Briksdal Glacier, and up the glacier itself in open cars. On to Hellesylt to cruise the spectacular Geiranger Fjord, past the Bridal Veil and Seven Sisters waterfalls.

#### Day 10 Geiranger – Oslo

Cross the rugged Grotli Mountains to Lom, with its 14<sup>th</sup> C stave church. Continue via Lake Vaga into Gudbrands Valley and Lillehammer. Afternoon cruise on Lake Mjøsa, Norway's largest lake, before returning to Oslo.

#### Day 11 Oslo – Stockholm

Drive towards the Swedish border through lush, Värmland province to Karlstad on Lake Vänern, then to Stockholm.

#### Day 12 Stockholm City Tour

City tour includes Royal Palace and Theatre, Parliament Buildings, City Hall and the Old Town “Gamla Stan”. Free time – visit the famous Vasa Museum or take a canal tour.

#### Day 13 Stockholm – Helsinki By Overnight Ferry

Time at leisure before afternoon departure on overnight ferry to Helsinki, cruising past beautiful small islands.

#### Day 14 Helsinki Exploration

Morning arrival in Helsinki. City tour includes Senate Square, Uspenski Cathedral, Parliament House, Finlandia Hall and Sibelius Park and Monument, Underground Temple then time at leisure.

#### Day 15 Helsinki Departure

Transfer to airport.

**Departures:** 23, 30 June; 07, 14, 21, 28 July.

**Includes:** 14 nights, daily breakfast; transfers, transport and touring as shown.

Add extra nights at the beginning or end OR to end in St Petersburg, see our *Grand Tour of Scandinavia + St Petersburg* tour.

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# NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL

4 DAYS – ALL YEAR

## INDEPENDENT TOURING

National Geographic Traveller Magazine has named the Flåm Railway one of the Top 10 Train Journeys in Europe. Enjoy this spectacular railway ride plus the cultural charms of Oslo and Bergen.

### Day 1 Oslo Arrival

Arrive in Oslo. Explore the many museums celebrating the city's maritime heritage – the Viking Ship, Fram Polar Exploration, Kon-Tiki and Maritime Museums. Enjoy the Munch Gallery or stroll the vibrant old Bryggen wharf area of cafés, bars and restaurants.

### Day 2 Oslo – Myrdal – Flåm: Flåm Railway

By train through the picturesque countryside of mountains, valleys, rivers and farms, to tiny Myrdal station where you board the world famous Flåm Railway for a 20km journey through tunnels in and out of mountains, past waterfalls and wild, beautiful scenery, to the charming village of Flåm, nestled deep in the fjord, and surrounded by steep mountains. In the village enjoy Ægir Brewery and the Flåm Railway Museum, as well as delightful easy walks. Dinner tonight at the hotel.

### Day 3 Flåm – Gudvangen – Voss – Bergen

Spectacular two hour cruise on the UNESCO-protected Nærøfjord from Flåm to Gudvangen. Then by bus up the twists, turns and hairpin bends of spectacular Stalheim Canyon, with wonderful views of the Stalheimsfossen and Sivlefossen waterfalls, to the lakeside town of Voss. From here, take the train to Bergen, an old Hanseatic trading city full of history and tradition. Visit the Fish and Flower markets, take the funicular up Mount Fløyen, and explore the shops, cafés and centuries old wooden houses of the old maritime area.

### Day 4 Bergen Departure

Arrangements end after breakfast.

**Departures:** Daily all year (except late December).

**Includes:** 3 nights hotel, breakfast daily, excursions and transport by train, ferry and bus as shown.

Add extra nights and sightseeing in Oslo or Bergen, or do the tour in reverse.

Or add Stavanger – see *Stavanger and Pulpit Rock tour*

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The Flåm Railway between Myrdal and Flåm – Norway



# FJORDS AND GLACIERS

## 6 DAYS – SUMMER

### INDEPENDENT TOURING

Visit Oslo and Bergen and the charming towns of Balestrand and Flåm, explore the awesome Jostedalbreen Glacier, cruise the Aurlands and Sognefjords, and more.

#### Day 1 Bergen Arrival

Arrive in Bergen, a lively city beautifully situated on the fjord and surrounded by mountains, and a long history as a Hanseatic trading port. Visit the Fish and Flower markets, take the funicular up Mount Fløyen, and explore the shops, cafes and centuries old wooden houses of the old maritime area.

#### Day 2 Bergen – Balestrand: Sognefjord

Ferry from Bergen to Balestrand, along Aurlandsfjord then Sognefjord, Norway's deepest and longest fjord. Balestrand is a delightful village sitting right on the shores of the fjord, and is famous for magnificent scenery and pure, clean air. 2 nights here at the charming Kvikne's Hotel, operating since 1877.

#### Day 3 Fjærland and Jostedalbreen Glacier

Cruise to Fjærland (Book Town), with book shops everywhere! On to the fascinating Glacier Museum in Jostedalbreen National Park, then to Bøyabreen and Supphellebreen, the 2 arms of this mighty glacier, the largest in Europe.

#### Day 4 Balestrand – Flåm

Today take the ferry from Balestrand to the lovely village of Flåm, also on the Sognefjord. Visit the local brewery for a tasting, explore the railway museum, or walk up the valley floor to the charming old wooden church.

#### Day 5 Flåm – Oslo: Flåm Railway

Travel on the world famous Flåm Railway, past steep mountains and waterfalls to Myrdal mountain station, then on to Oslo, along northern Europe's highest-altitude railway line. In Oslo visit the Viking Ship Museum, the Vigeland Sculpture Park, or the Opera House, and stroll the old wharf area full of restaurants and outdoor bars.

#### Day 6 Oslo Departure

Arrangements end after breakfast.

**Departures:** Daily June – August.

**Includes:** 5 nights hotel, breakfast daily, excursion, transport by train, ferry and bus as shown.

Add extra nights and sightseeing in Oslo or Bergen, or do the tour in reverse.

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# SCENIC NORWAY

## 8 DAYS – SUMMER

### REGULAR GROUP TOURING

See the best of Norway's fjords, ride the famous Flåm Railway, enjoy spectacular lakes and waterfalls, as well as discovering Oslo and Bergen.

#### Day 1 Oslo Arrival

Arrive in Oslo, transfer to hotel and time at leisure.

#### Day 2 Oslo – Ulvík: Mountains and Fjords

Visit the world famous Viking Ship Museum then depart Oslo, driving to Geilo and across Hardanger Mountain Plateau. Stop at Vøringsfoss Waterfall then descend Måbødal Canyon for Hardangerfjord Bridge. On to Ulvík.

#### Day 3 Ulvík – Bergen: Hanseatic City

Drive via Øystese and Norheimsund to the old Hanseatic city of Bergen. Sightseeing includes the Fish and Flower Markets, Bryggen Harbour's gabled packhouses, the old Quarter and Mt Fløyen funicular, for great fjord views.

#### Day 4 Bergen – Flåm – Balestrand

From Bergen via Dale to Voss. On to Myrdal and Flåm, to board the famous Flåm Railway, descending 2838ft in less than 1hr. Cruise on the fjords, then by coach through Stalheim Canyon. Cross the Vika Mountains to Balestrand.

#### Day 5 Balestrand: Day in the Fjords

Time at leisure – relax on the hotel terrace, rent a bike or rowboat, visit the aquarium or art gallery.

#### Day 6 Balestrand – Geiranger

Start with a fjord cruise, then drive to Fjærland alongside Jostedal Glacier, to Skei. Ascend Briksdal Glacier in open cars, before continuing to Geirangerfjord past the Bridal Veil and Seven Sisters waterfalls, to Geiranger.

#### Day 7 Geiranger – Oslo

Cross the rugged Grotli Mountains to Lom and a 14<sup>th</sup>C stave church. Continue via Lake Vågå into Gudbrands Valley, stop in Lillehammer then onwards beside Lake Mjøsa, Norway's largest lake, to Oslo.

#### Day 8 Oslo Departure

Transfer to the airport and end of arrangements.

**Departures:** 05, 12, 19, 26 June; 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 July; 07, 14 August.

**Includes:** 7 hotel nights, breakfast daily; excursions and transfers as shown.

Add extra nights at the beginning or end.

For Bergen – Oslo (6 days), see our *Land of the Fjords* tour:

07, 14, 21, 28 June; 05, 12, 19, 26 July; 02, 09, 16 August.

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# ARCTIC DELIGHTS TROMSØ

## 6 DAYS – WINTER

From your base in Tromsø, above the Arctic Circle, enjoy wonderful winter activities and search for the fabled Aurora!

### Day 1 Tromsø Arrival

Arrive in Tromsø and time at leisure.

### Day 2 Dog Sled Safari and Northern Lights Hunt

Enjoy amazing coastal landscapes on a husky safari – meet the dogs, ride the sled and enjoy a unique meal in a traditional Sami tent. Tonight, hunt for the Northern Lights just outside the town – sit cosy by the fire whilst you gaze up at the night skies.

### Day 3 Reindeer Sleigh and Sami Culture

Reindeer sledding is the oldest form of transport in the north. Travel by sleigh to a Sami village to learn about Lapland's culture and history and the vital role of reindeer, and try your hand with a lasso.

### Day 4 Snowmobile Adventure and Ice Dome visit

Today transfer to a wilderness camp for an exciting snowmobile safari, travelling over frozen lakes and through snowy landscapes, so you can really experience the arctic air. Then enjoy a guided visit to the Ice Dome, a massive structure made from blocks of ice, and a light meal in the Dome.

### Day 5 Snowshoe Walk and Northern Lights Cruise

Morning snowshoe walk to explore spectacular winter forests and take a closer look at local wildlife. In the evening, search for the Northern Lights on a dinner cruise and also get great views of Tromsø.

### Day 6 Tromsø Departure

Arrangements end after breakfast.

**Departures:** Daily December – March.

**Includes:** 5 nights hotel, breakfast daily and excursions as shown.

Add extra nights and/or excursions.

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# WINTER WEEK

## 7 DAYS – WINTER

### INDEPENDENT TOURING

Enjoy winter in southern Norway, with 2 nights each in Oslo, Flåm and Bergen, plus the Flåm Railway, a day on the beautiful Sognefjord, a snowshoe hike into the forests and more.

#### Day 1 Oslo Arrival

Arrive in Oslo; explore the old area of Bryggen, bustling with bars and cafés, or the Opera House.

#### Day 2 Oslo City Sightseeing

City sightseeing tour includes Vigeland Sculpture Park, Holmenkollen Ski Jump, the Viking Ship, Fram Polar and Kon-Tiki Museums, and more.

#### Day 3 Oslo-Myrdal – Flåm: Flåm Railway

Travel from Oslo to Myrdal on the Bergen Railway, Northern Europe's highest-altitude railway. At Myrdal, board the fabulous Flåm Railway for a 20km ride through wild and magnificent scenery, to the charming village of Flåm. Two nights here.

#### Day 4 Flåm: Fjord Cruise and Snowshoe Hike

Morning cruise on the fjord – the waterfalls are frozen, the water is calm and clear, and snow lies on the steep mountains. Afternoon guided snowshoe hike for some amazing views, then tonight enjoy a five course Viking feast at the award winning Aegir Brewery.

#### Day 5 Gudvangen – Voss – Bergen

3 hour cruise from Flåm to Gudvangen along the Nærøy and Sogn Fjords, the longest and deepest fjords in the world. From Gudvangen travel by bus up twisting Stalheim canyon to Voss, then by train to Bergen, for two nights.

#### Day 6 Bergen

Bergen is a lovely city beautifully situated on the fjord and surrounded by seven mountains, with a long history as a Hanseatic trading port. Stroll the historic old wharf area of timbered houses, or the fish and flowers markets, or take the funicular to Mt Fløyen for a panoramic view of Bergen.

#### Day 7 Bergen Departure

Arrangements end after breakfast.

**Departures:** Daily January – March.

**Includes:** 6 nights hotel, breakfast daily, excursions and transport as shown.

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# SNOWHOTEL DELIGHTS

## 3 DAYS – WINTER

### NORTHERN LIGHTS AND WINTER FUN

In Norway's far north, search for the Northern Lights by snowmobile, eat freshly caught North Sea King Crabs, take an exhilarating dog-sled ride to the Russian border and spend a night in the unique SnowHotel.

#### Day 1 Kirkenes Arrival: Aurora King Crab Safari

Arrive in Kirkenes and time at leisure. Evening search for the Northern Lights and King Crab Safari by snowmobile sled, in the wilderness between Finland and Russia. Feast on freshly caught crabs and a glass of wine, whilst searching for the fabled Aurora. Overnight at hotel.

#### Day 2 Husky Safari and SnowHotel Overnight

Today the dogs do the hard work! Enjoy the silence of the breathtaking landscapes, while travelling through the winter wilderness with your own team of huskies.

Tonight experience the SnowHotel, a stunning piece of architecture created each winter. After dinner acquaint yourself with some of the resident reindeer, before retiring for a very different overnight. Choose between a Snow Igloo or a cosy traditional "gamme" cabin.

#### Day 3 SnowHotel Departure

Indulge in a sauna and have breakfast before returning to Kirkenes, where arrangements end.

**Departures:** Daily late December – late April.

**Includes:** 1 night hotel, 1 night SnowHotel either cold or warm accommodation with dinner, breakfast daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

Add extra nights and/or excursions.

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# STOCKHOLM CLASSIC BREAK

4 DAYS – SUMMER

## CITY STAY

Stockholm, one of the most beautiful capitals in the world, is built on 14 islands, and connected by 57 bridges. With 750 years of history and rich cultural life, this is a truly extraordinary place.

### Day 1 Stockholm Arrival

Arrival in Stockholm and time at leisure.

### Day 2 City and Waterways Tour

Panoramic coach tour through the central city via landmarks including the Royal Palace, Parliament Buildings, Djurgården Island, Skansen open-air museum and the old town, Gamla Stan, with its narrow cobbled streets and numerous antique shops. Continue by boat under 15 bridges and through two locks, around the inner city, old town, Södermalm, Lilla and Stora Essingen islands, and the peaceful green area of Djurgården. Remainder of the day at leisure.

### Day 3 Drottningholm Palace

Today visit Sweden's best-preserved royal castle and the private residence of the Royal Family, Drottningholm Palace. Situated on an island on Lake Mälaren and built in the 1600's, the Palace is a magnificent and historic building. Travel on a century-old steamer to this world heritage site. Includes the State Apartments, the Chinese Pavilion and the beautiful landscaped gardens.

### Day 4 Stockholm Departure

Arrangements end after breakfast.

**Departures:** Daily mid April – mid October.

**Includes:** 3 nights hotel, breakfast daily, excursions as shown.

Add extra nights and/or excursions, or another Classic City Break.

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# CRUISE STOCKHOLM – HELSINKI – ST PETERSBURG – HELSINKI/ STOCKHOLM

6 OR 7 DAYS MARCH – DECEMBER

Cruise by ferry from Stockholm to Helsinki and enjoy 3 days of touring in St Petersburg. 6 or 7\* day cruises offered. No Russian visa is required.

## Day 1 Stockholm Departure

Early evening departure from Stockholm and overnight on board.

## Day 2 Helsinki – St Petersburg

Late morning arrival in Helsinki and time to explore, before evening departure for St Petersburg; overnight on board.

## Day 3 St Petersburg: City Tour

Morning arrival in St Petersburg and enjoy a panoramic city tour including the Admiralty, St Isaac's Cathedral, St Nicolas Cathedral, Palace Square, Smolny Convent and Peter & Paul Fortress. The tour ends at your hotel.

## Day 4 Hermitage Museum OR Yusupov Palace

Today choose between a guided visit to the fabulous, treasure filled Hermitage Museum OR historic Yusupov Palace. Second overnight at hotel.

Small Throne Room, Hermitage Museum – Winter Palace, St Petersburg, Russia

## Day 5 Palace Visit and St Petersburg Departure

Enjoy a guided tour to either Catherine's Palace including the famous Amber Room OR Peterhof Summer Palace and gardens. Then transfer to the wharf for evening departure. Overnight on board.

## Day 6 Helsinki Arrival

Early morning arrival in Helsinki and end of arrangements.

**Departures 6 day cruise:** 27 March; 10, 24 April; 08, 22 May; 05 June; 31 July; 14, 28 August; 11, 25 September; 09, 23 October; 06, 20 November; 04, 19 December.

\* The 7 day cruise includes a day in Tallinn and returns to Stockholm; departures 04, 18 April; 02, 16, 30 May; 25 July; 08, 22 August; 05, 19 September; 03, 17, 31 October; 14, 28 November; 13 December.

**Includes:** 3 or 4 nights ferry, 2 nights hotel, transfers and excursions as shown.

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# EXPERIENCE THE ICEHOTEL

## 4 DAYS – WINTER

Situated 200km north of the Arctic Circle, the original Icehotel at Jukkasjärvi is a very special place. Spend 1 night in an Ice Room and two nights in warm accommodation, enjoying great winter fun.

### Day 1 Kiruna Arrival and Aurora Snowmobile Hunt

On arrival at Kiruna, transfer to the Icehotel. Time at leisure until your evening Northern Lights Hunt by snowmobile. 2 nights in warm hotel accommodation.

### Day 2 Husky Safari

Today experience a fantastic two hour dog-sledding safari. There is nothing like the sensation of friendly dogs whisking you silently along forest tracks. The "musher" does all the hard work of driving, while you relax as a passenger and enjoy the ride.

### Day 3 Reindeer Safari, Sami Culture and Ice Room

Free time before a visit to the nearby reindeer farm. Meet the reindeer, enjoy a sleigh ride and learn about the importance of reindeer in traditional Lapland life and Sami Culture. This evening experience the Ice Room! Surrounded by silence, you sleep on a comfy thick mattress, covered with reindeer skins, in a room built from blocks of ice. Changing rooms, toilets and saunas are right nearby in the warm section of the hotel.

### Day 4 Kiruna Departure

This morning, enjoy hot lingonberry juice, a sauna and breakfast. Arrangements end with transfer to Kiruna Airport.

**Departures:** Daily late December – late April.

**Includes:** 2 nights warm + 1 night cold accommodation, breakfast daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

If you don't want to stay overnight in an Ice Room, you can spend all nights in warm accommodation and just visit an Ice Room.

Also offered as a 3 day tour.

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Icehotel – Jukkasjärvi, Sweden



# COPENHAGEN CLASSIC BREAK

4 DAYS – MAY TO SEPTEMBER

## CITY STAY

Copenhagen is one of the best small cities in the world. With a history that dates back to 1043, the city is full of cultural landmarks, beautiful and significant buildings, charming waterways, interesting sights and museums.

### Day 1 Copenhagen Arrival

Arrival in Copenhagen and time at leisure. Walk the pedestrian street Strøget, visit the Nyhavn area of lively bars and restaurants and sample some famous new Nordic Cuisine! Most of the city's attractions can be reached on foot, offering the opportunity to experience a lot in a short time.

### Day 2 City and Waterways Tour

Today enjoy guided sightseeing by coach and canal boat. Pass many of the city's statues and landmarks such as the Tivoli Gardens, Christiansborg Palace, the Round Tower, stop at the Little Mermaid then at the Royal Residence of Amalienborg Palace for the Changing of the Guards. Continue by boat around the harbour and it's idyllic waterways, past beautiful churches, castles, listed houses and modern architecture, including the Opera House, Black Diamond, old Stock Exchange, Our Saviour's Church and more.

### Day 3 Historic Castles

Visit the fabulous Frederiksborg and Kronborg Castles, with a photo stop at Fredensborg Castle. Head north through the Danish Riviera, with views across the Øresund Strait to the coast of Sweden. The first stop is Hillerød and magnificent Frederiksborg Castle, then Fredensborg Castle, and finally Helsingør (Elsinore) and Kronborg Castle, the setting for Shakespeare's Hamlet.

### Day 4 Copenhagen Departure

Arrangements conclude today after breakfast.

**Departures:** Daily May – September.

**Includes:** 3 nights hotel, breakfast daily, excursions as shown.

Add extra nights and/or excursions, or another Classic City Break.

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Nyhavn – Copenhagen, Denmark



# DISCOVER DENMARK

## 5 DAYS – ALL YEAR

### INDEPENDENT TOURING

Travel by train from Copenhagen across country to the Viking town of Århus, then on to Odense, birthplace of Denmark's most famous son, Hans Christian Andersen.

#### Day 1 Copenhagen Arrival

Arrival in Copenhagen and time at leisure. Visit the Tivoli Gardens, the Little Mermaid or Christiansborg Palace – there are also many art, culture, history and design museums.

#### Day 2 Copenhagen – Århus

Train from Copenhagen to Denmark's second city, through farming country and past small villages, some founded by Vikings over 1000 years ago. Arrive in Århus and explore the canal area, as well as the city's sights, sounds and architectural attractions.

#### Day 3 Århus – Time to Explore

A visit to Den Gamle By (the Old City) is a must. This open-air museum houses a collection of 75 historic and original homes from across Denmark, brought here and recreated into a typical 1800's market town.

#### Day 4 Århus – Odense

Continue by train to Odense, birthplace of storyteller Hans Christian Andersen. See his humble home, now a dedicated museum, visit Odin's Tower, St Canute's Cathedral (1081) and the 16<sup>th</sup> C Odense Palace.

#### Day 5 Odense – Copenhagen Departure

Morning free for a last wander around Odense, before taking the afternoon train back to Copenhagen. On arrival there, arrangements end.

**Departures:** Daily all year.

**Includes:** 4 nights hotel, breakfast daily, trains Copenhagen – Århus – Odense – Copenhagen including seat reservations. Add extra nights.

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The Little Mermaid – Copenhagen, Denmark





# WINTER AT KAKSLAUTTANEN ARCTIC RESORT

4 DAYS – WINTER

## NORTHERN LIGHTS AND WINTER FUN

Stay in a log cabin and a glass or snow igloo in the fantastic Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort in Lapland, and enjoy great winter family fun. There is something for everyone, and at night, you may even see the Northern Lights appear.

### Day 1 Kakslauttanen Arrival

Transfer from Ivalo airport to the hotel. Spend two nights in a cosy log cabin with kitchenette, fireplace and sauna.

### Day 2 Husky Safari

Following a brief introduction take a guided dog-sled safari. Experience the wonders of winter nature as you travel over snowy tracks through the forest. Lunch is served before returning to the village.

### Day 3 Reindeer Farm and Sami Culture and Igloo

Today enjoy a visit to a local reindeer farm, where Sami herders take you on a sleigh ride and tell you of their traditions and way of life. Then get ready for a unique overnight in a glass or snow igloo, and the chance to explore the Ice Gallery, Ice Bar and Ice Chapel.

### Day 4 Kakslauttanen Departure

Enjoy a morning sauna before transfer to the airport.

**Departures:** Daily November – April, except 23–27 December when the tour has a 5 day Christmas itinerary with added Aurora Search by Horse-drawn Sleigh, Visit to Santa's Home and Tieva Chapel and festive Xmas Dinner – see *Christmas at Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort*.

**Includes:** 2 nights cabin, 1 night glass or snow igloo, daily breakfast and dinner, transfers and excursions as shown.

Add extra nights and/or activities such as snowshoeing, visit Santa, horse sleigh rides, Northern Lights Hunt, ice-fishing, snowmobiling and Snow Tank rides.

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# ADVENTURES IN ROVANIEMI

## 5 DAYS – WINTER

### NORTHERN LIGHTS AND WINTER FUN

Rovaniemi has more to offer than just Santa Claus! Enjoy a Husky Sled Ride, a Snowmobile Safari, a Northern Lights Picnic, an Aurora Hunt by Snowmobile or Reindeer Sleigh, and more.

#### Day 1 Arrival in Rovaniemi

Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Time to explore.

#### Day 2 Husky Safari and Northern Lights Picnic

Visit the local husky farm, meet the dogs then head off on a fantastic 15km ride, driving your own team. In the evening, leave the city behind to search for the beautiful Northern Lights, with a Lappish picnic served along the way.

#### Day 3 Snowmobile Safari in the Wilderness

Drive a snowmobile along snowy tracks through the arctic wilderness, and enjoy the thrill of speed and the fun of a totally new winter experience.

#### Day 4 Day at Leisure and Aurora Hunt

Today explore the town, or you might like to add an *optional* visit to Santa Claus Village, ice fishing, snowshoeing, more sled rides or Ice Floating. Then tonight hunt for the Aurora by snowmobile or whilst sitting snugly in a reindeer drawn sleigh, looking for the Northern Lights to paint the sky!

#### Day 5 Rovaniemi Departure

Transfer to the airport and end of arrangements.

**Departures:** Daily mid November – early April.  
(except 22–28 December).

**Includes:** 4 nights hotel, breakfast daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

Add extra nights and/or activities. Maybe you would like to add 1 night in a glass or snow igloo. Please enquire. Prices, detailed itinerary and similar tours at [www.nordictravel.com.au](http://www.nordictravel.com.au)





# WHITE FOOTPRINT

## 5 DAYS – WINTER

### NORTHERN LIGHTS AND WINTER FUN

In the heart of Lapland is the Pallas-Yllästunturi National Park, where high mountain fells are surrounded by forests. The snow falls thickly here, making it an ideal place to enjoy fantastic yet easy outdoor winter fun.

#### Day 1 Kittilä Arrival

On arrival at Kittilä transfer to your hotel and make yourself at home.

#### Day 2 Time at Leisure and Husky Safari

This morning enjoy the beautiful winter surroundings – relax in the hotel grounds, or enjoy the sauna. In the afternoon, transfer to the nearby husky farm to meet the eager huskies, enjoy a tour of the farm, and then take a 17km safari.

#### Day 3 Day for *Optional* activities

Today choose from the fantastic *optional* excursions available – more dog sledding, snowmobiling, reindeer sleigh rides, snowshoeing, ice fishing, reindeer handicrafts, Lappish food and culture experiences, skiing and more.

#### Day 4 Snowmobile Safari

Today meet your snowmobile guide – after a safety and driving lesson, start your engines! Travel through snow covered forests, over frozen lakes and swamps, and past the perfect fell scenery, on an exciting safari of about 30km.

#### Day 5 Kittilä Departure

Transfer to Kittilä airport and end of arrangements.

**Departures:** Sunday, Monday and Tuesday 07 January – 21 April.

**Includes:** 4 nights accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily, transfers and excursions as shown.

Add extra nights and/or activities.

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF LAPLAND

## 8 DAYS – WINTER

### NORTHERN LIGHTS AND WINTER FUN

Enjoy the best of winter in Lapland, with a visit to a reindeer farm and sleigh ride, a snowmobile safari, dog sledding, aurora hunts, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, ice fishing and more.

#### Day 1 Kittilä Arrival

On arrival at Kittilä transfer to your hotel. Time to relax, or visit the Arctic Spa and Smoke sauna.

#### Day 2 Husky Safari and Northern Lights Walk

Transfer to the husky farm to meet the eager huskies, take a tour of the farm then enjoy a dog sledding safari. In the evening, learn about the fascinating phenomenon of the northern lights, and walk to a prime viewing spot nearby.

#### Day 3 Snowshoeing and Cross-Country Skiing

Morning guided snowshoe walk, one of the oldest modes of Lapland transportation. In the afternoon, learn the basics of cross-country skiing then set off on tracks that start right next to the hotel.

#### Day 4 Reindeer Farm Visit and Ice Restaurant

Visit a 100 year old Lappish farmhouse, reindeer farm and museum – try lasso-throwing, then enjoy a short reindeer sleigh ride through the forest. Lunch in the Ice Restaurant of the Snow Village with its fabulous bar, sculptures, and impressive snow buildings.

#### Day 5 Ice Fishing and Snowmobile Adventure

Off to the lake today to try your luck with ice-fishing. Afterwards, a snowmobile safari through the snow covered forests, over frozen lakes and creeks and along perfect fell scenery.

#### Days 6 and 7 Time at leisure

Today and tomorrow time to spend as you wish. Hire snowshoes or cross country skis and go out on your own, try some more sled rides or take a sauna. On your final night enjoy a fabulous dinner where some unique Lappish specialities are served.

#### Day 8 Kittilä Departure

Transfer to Kittilä airport and end of arrangements.

**Departures:** Saturday and Sunday 31 December – 21 April.

**Includes:** 7 nights accommodation with full board, transfers and excursions as shown.

Extend your stay with a night in a Snow Igloo or an amazing Aurora Dome.

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# CHRISTMAS IN SANTA'S HOME TOWN

5 DAYS – 23 DECEMBER

Meet Santa and his festive helpers, and enjoy Christmas above the Arctic Circle, with some great winter fun.

## 23 December Rovaniemi Arrival

Arrive in Rovaniemi and transfer to your hotel. Take a walk around town – explore the stores and shops for some last minute Christmas shopping.

## 24 December Reindeer Farm and Christmas Eve

A fantastic trip to a local reindeer farm today to meet the reindeer herders, who will be showing off their finest traditional, Lapp clothing. After learning about the role of reindeer in local culture, enjoy a sleigh ride, travelling through the snowy forests. Then it's time to help decorate a real Christmas tree at the farm. In the evening, celebrate with a traditional Finnish Christmas buffet in a northern yuletide atmosphere. After dinner, Santa Claus comes to visit!

## 25 December Santa Claus Village and Northern Lights Hunt

A guided tour of the sights of Rovaniemi ends at Santa Claus' Village. Here, cross the Arctic Circle and receive a certificate of crossing, then meet Santa in his office, and send cards with a special Arctic Circle postmark from his Post Office. In the evening, a hunt for the legendary Northern Lights, with a fire inside a tepee nearby to keep you warm, as you experience the unique Finnish night.

## 26 December Fun In The Snow

Boxing Day is a day for having outdoor fun. Transfer to a local husky farm to meet the happy huskies and their owners, and enjoy an easy sled ride into the snowy forest. Then get ready for snowmobile driving, through the snowy wilderness forests (children sit in sleighs pulled by the guide).

## 27 December Rovaniemi Departure

Arrangements end with a transfer to the airport.

**Departure:** 23 December.

**Includes:** 4 nights hotel, daily breakfast and dinner, transfers and excursions as shown.

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Reindeer Sled Ride © Visit Finland



# JOURNEY THROUGH THE BALTICS

7 DAYS – ALL YEAR

## INDEPENDENT TOURING

This great tour explores the fantastic Baltic capitals on your privately guided walking tours. A private car with driver takes you between cities.

### Day 1 Tallinn Arrival

Transfer to hotel, then time at leisure to visit this extremely well-preserved, Medieval town.

### Day 2 Tallinn City Sightseeing

Privately guided, Old Town walking tour includes castles, cathedrals and medieval Town Hall. Afternoon free or *optional excursion* to Kadriorg Park's baroque palace and KUMU, the award-winning Estonian Art Museum.

### Day 3 Tallinn – Riga

Transfer by private car along Estonia's coast, past fishing villages and summer houses. Arrival in Riga with time at leisure to explore the 'Capital of Art Nouveau'.

### Day 4 Riga City Sightseeing

Privately guided, Old Town walking tour includes Riga Castle, Dome Cathedral, St Peter's Church, Swedish Gates, Three Brothers, Large and Small Guild Houses, and the Freedom Monument. Afternoon at leisure or *optional excursion* to the Ethnographical Open-Air Museum or to Jurmala for its famous, 19<sup>th</sup>C wooden architecture.

### Day 5 Riga – Vilnius

Transfer by private car to Vilnius, where Renaissance, Baroque, Gothic and Classical architectural styles stand side by side. Time at leisure to see the city.

### Day 6 Vilnius City Sightseeing

Privately guided, Old Town walking tour includes Vilnius Cathedral, the Old University, Gediminas Tower, Peter and Paul and St Anne's Churches and Gates of Dawn. Afternoon free or *optional excursion* to Trakai for Lake Galve, the majestic medieval capital and legendary Trakai Castle.

### Day 7 Vilnius Departure

Transfer to airport, where your tour concludes.

**Departures:** Daily all year.

**Includes:** 6 hotel nights, breakfast daily, arrival and departure transfers, private tours and car/driver between cities as shown.

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View from St Olaf's Church – Tallinn, Estonia



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BALTICS

## 8 DAYS – SUMMER

### REGULAR GROUP TOURING

Visit 3 of the Baltic's magnificent capitals – Vilnius, one of the oldest European baroque cities, Riga, a kaleidoscope of architectural styles and Tallinn, famous for its authentic medieval heritage.

#### Day 1 Vilnius Arrival

*Optional transfer* airport to your hotel; time at leisure.

#### Day 2 Vilnius

City tour includes Old Town walk, Peter and Paul Church, Vilnius Cathedral, Gediminas Tower, St Anne's Church, Old University and Gates of Dawn. Afternoon, *optional excursion* to the medieval castle and capital, Trakai.

#### Day 3 Vilnius – Riga

En-route to Riga, visit magical Hill of Crosses, one of the most holy sites of Catholic Lithuania. Onwards to Latvia and beautiful Rundale Palace. Afternoon arrival in Riga.

#### Day 4 Riga

*Optional excursion* to Gauja National Park and Sigulda, followed by *optional excursion* to the Ethnographic Open-Air Museum's displays of 18<sup>th</sup>C life. Tonight's *optional excursion*, an organ recital at the historic Dome Cathedral.

#### Day 5 Riga

City walking tour explores the Old Town, Riga Castle, Dome Cathedral, St Peter's Church, Swedish Gates, Three Brothers, Guild Houses and Freedom Monument. Afternoon *optional excursion* to seaside Jurmala, renowned for its wooden architecture.

#### Day 6 Riga – Tallinn

Continue along the Latvian coast to the Estonian summer resort of Pärnu and the northern forestlands before afternoon arrival in Tallinn.

#### Day 7 Tallinn

Morning walking tour sees the Medieval Old Town and Hall, Toompea Castle, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and Dome Church. Afternoon *optional excursion* to Kadriorg Park and KUMU, headquarters of the Art Museum of Estonia.

#### Day 8 Tallinn Departure

Arrangements end with *optional transfer* to the airport.

**Departures:** 25 March; 22 April; 06, 13, 20, 27 May; 03, 10, 17, 24 June; 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 July; 05, 12, 19, 26 August; 02, 09, 16 September.

**Includes:** 7 nights hotel, breakfast daily, transport and touring as shown.

For 5★ hotels see *Highlights of the Baltics Deluxe*

**Departures:** 17 June; 01, 15, 29 July; 12, 26 August  
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To add Helsinki, see *Cities of the Baltics*

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The Three Brothers – Riga, Latvia



# IMPRESSIONS OF THE BALTICS

## 10 DAYS – SUMMER

### REGULAR GROUP TOURING

This circle tour spends time in the 3 Baltic capitals plus Gauja National Park and Cesis in Latvia, Trakai Castle and Klaipeda plus Samogitia National Park in Lithuania, before the coastal road takes you from Pärnu, back to Tallinn.

#### Day 1 Tallinn Arrival

*Optional transfer* from airport to hotel, before time at leisure.

#### Day 2 Tallinn – Cesis

From Lahemaa National Park visit Palmse and Vihula Manor Houses. Onwards to Tartu's Old Town and University then to Cesis, a Hanseatic city with winding streets, a ruined castle and some beautiful gardens.

#### Day 3 Cesis – Vilnius

Through Gauja National Park to Sigulda's Episcopal Castle and ruins of the Castle of the Knights of the Sword. Take a tour of magnificent Rundale Palace, before heading to Vilnius.

#### Day 4 Vilnius Old Town – Trakai Castle – Klaipeda

Old Town tour – Cathedral, Gediminas Tower, Peter and Paul and St Anna's churches and Old University. Continue to Trakai Castle on beautiful Lake Galve, then Klaipeda.

#### Day 5 Klaipeda

*Optional excursion* to Curonian Spit, between the Baltic Sea and Curonian Lagoon, with small fishing villages, pine forests and endless dunes. After the Hill of Witches' sculptures, travel to Nida resort town and visit High Dunes, Thomas Mann's summerhouse.

#### Day 6 Klaipeda Old Town – Hill of Crosses – Riga

Tour Klaipeda with its narrow, cobbled streets and old Guild Houses, Theatre Square and Aennchen von Tharau Fountain. Continue to Samogitia National Park, picturesque Lake Plateliai, then the Hill of Crosses holy site, before arriving into Riga.

#### Day 7 Riga Old Town and Jurmala

See Riga's architectural kaleidoscope during an Old Town walking tour – Riga Castle, Dome Cathedral, St Peter's Church, Swedish Gates, Three Brothers, Large and Small Guild House and Freedom Monument. Afternoon, *optional excursion* to seaside Jurmala for its wooden architecture.

#### Day 8 Pärnu Summer Resort and Tallinn

Travel the coastal highway to Pärnu, before continuing through forestlands to Tallinn.

#### Day 9 Tallinn Old Town, Kadriorg Park and Kumu

Explore Tallinn's medieval Old Town – city walls, Toompea Castle, Dome Church, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Old Town Hall and Great Guild Hall. Afternoon *optional excursion* visit Kadriorg Park and KUMU Art Museum.

#### Day 10 Tallinn Departure

*Optional transfer* from hotel to airport, where the tour concludes.

**Departures:** 11, 25 May; 08, 15, 22, 29 June; 06, 13, 20, 27 July; 03, 10, 17, 31 August.

**Includes:** 9 nights hotel, breakfast daily, transport and touring as shown.

Add extra nights before or after the tour.

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Trakai Castle – Lake Galve, Lithuania



# CRUISE HELSINKI – ST PETERSBURG – HELSINKI/STOCKHOLM

## 5, 6 OR 7 DAYS – MARCH TO DECEMBER

Cruise by ferry from Helsinki to St Petersburg and enjoy 3 days of touring in the Imperial City. No Russian visa is required. 5, 6 or 7 day cruises offered – the 5 day itinerary is shown here.

### Day 1 Helsinki – St Petersburg

Early evening ferry departure from Helsinki; overnight onboard.

### Day 2 St Petersburg: City Tour

Morning arrival in St Petersburg and enjoy a panoramic city tour including the Admiralty, St Isaac's Cathedral, St Nicolas Cathedral, Palace Square, Smolny Convent & Peter and Paul Fortress. The tour ends at your hotel.

### Day 3 Hermitage Museum OR Yusupov Palace

Today choose between a guided visit to the fabulous, treasure filled Hermitage Museum OR historic Yusupov Palace. Second overnight at hotel.

### Day 4 Palace Visit and St Petersburg Departure

Enjoy a guided tour to either Catherine's Palace including the famous Amber Room OR Peterhof Summer Palace and gardens. Then transfer to the wharf for evening departure. Overnight on board.

### Day 5 Helsinki Arrival

Morning arrival in Helsinki and end of arrangements.

**Departures:** 5 day cruise: 28 March; 05, 11, 19, 25 April; 03, 09, 17, 23, 31 May; 06 June; 18, 26 July; 01, 09, 15, 23, 29 August; 06, 12, 20, 26 September; 04, 10, 18, 24 October; 01, 07, 15, 21, 29 November; 05, 14, 20 December.

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Palace Square and Winter Palace – St Petersburg, Russia



# RUSSIAN CAPITALS

7 DAYS – SUMMER

## REGULAR GROUP TOURING

Explore the treasures of St Petersburg and its outlying palaces, before taking a rail journey to majestic Moscow, the wonderful capital of Russia.

### Day 1 St Petersburg Arrival

*Optional transfer* from airport to hotel, before time at leisure.

### Day 2 St Petersburg

Morning sightseeing includes Peter-Paul Fortress, St Isaac's Cathedral, Church of the Bleeding Saviour, Nevsky Convent and much more. Afternoon, *optional excursion* to impressive, Catherine's Palace including Amber Room.

### Day 3 St Petersburg

Morning, *optional excursion* to Peterhof's Grand Palace, Great Cascade and Water Avenue. Afternoon, *optional excursion* to the renowned Hermitage Art Museum.

### Day 4 St Petersburg – Moscow

Morning, *optional* canal cruise before train to Moscow, with River Volga landscapes. Late afternoon arrival.

### Day 5 Moscow

Morning sightseeing includes Red Square, Theatre Square, Sparrow Hills, Moscow University, Kremlin grounds. *Optional excursion* to the famous Moscow Metro. Evening *optional*, White Flotilla river cruise.

### Day 6 Moscow

Full day *optional excursion* to Sergiev Posad for the Trinity Lavra of St Sergius Orthodox monastery. Evening *optional* to the Old Russian Circus.

### Day 7 Moscow Departure

*Optional transfer* from hotel to airport, where your tour ends.

**Departures:** 08, 15, 22, 29 May; 05 June; 17, 24, 31 July; 07, 14, 21, 28 August; 04, 11, 18 September.

**Includes:** 6 nights hotel, breakfast daily, transport and touring as shown.

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Carriage near the Hermitage in St Petersburg



# MOSCOW AND ST PETERSBURG EXPLORATION

7 DAYS – ALL YEAR

## INDEPENDENT TOURING

Explore the cultural highlights of two great cities, with privately guided city sightseeing in each, including car/driver. Complement these with *optional excursions* to complete your explorations, to see the many wonderful sights.

### Day 1 Moscow Arrival

On arrival, private transfer to hotel. Moscow is the Mother of Russia – a genuine Russian city with a Kremlin and onion-domed cathedrals.

### Day 2 Moscow City Sightseeing

Morning, privately guided three-hour city sightseeing tour with highlights such as Red Square, Theatre Square with the Bolshoi Theatre, Sparrow Hills with Moscow University and more. Choose your own afternoon *optional* – Pushkin Museum, Novodevichy Convent or the Kremlin.

### Day 3 Moscow

Time at leisure or add an *optional excursion* to Sergiev Posad and 14<sup>th</sup>C, Trinity of St Sergius Monastery.

### Day 4 Moscow – St Petersburg By Train

Private transfer to Moscow train station, for train to St Petersburg. On arrival, private transfer to your hotel. Time at leisure.

### Day 5 St Petersburg City Sightseeing

Morning, privately guided three-hour city sightseeing tour includes Peter-Paul Fortress, Winter Palace, St Isaac's Cathedral, Church of the Bleeding Saviour, Nevsky Convent and more. Choose your own afternoon *optional* – Hermitage Museum or St Isaac's Cathedral visit.

### Day 6 St Petersburg

Explore the Imperial City on your own or choose another *optional excursion* – Peterhof Palace or Zarskoye Selo and Catherine's Palace.

### Day 7 St Petersburg Departure

After breakfast, private transfer to the airport.

**Departures:** Daily all year.

**Includes:** 6 hotel nights, breakfast daily; transfers, touring and transport as shown.

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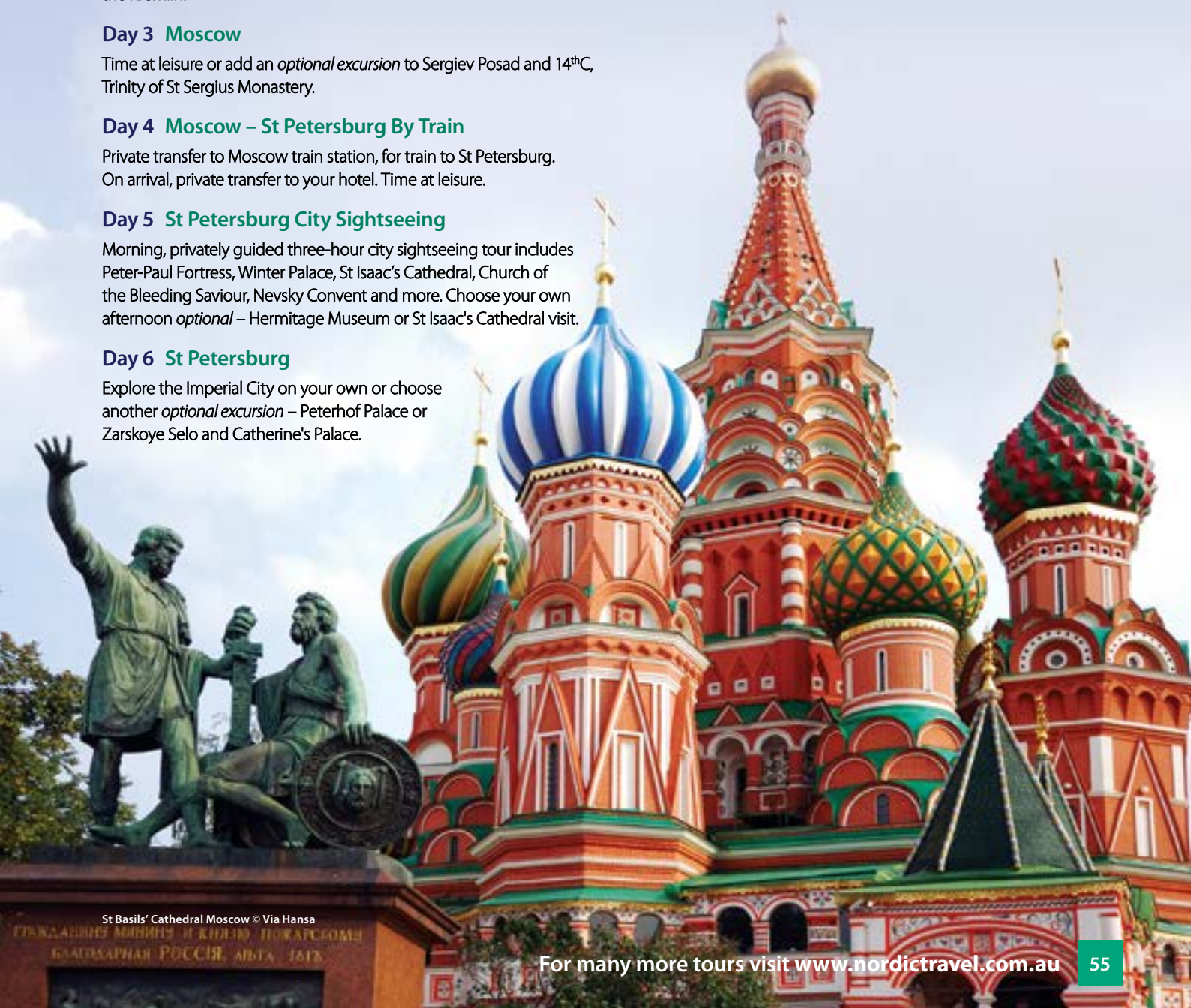
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This tour can also be done in reverse, St Petersburg to Moscow.

To add the Baltic cities of Tallinn, Riga and Vilnius, see our *Journey through the Baltics* tour.

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