

HOLIDAY TYPE: Flexible Dates
VISITING: Iceland

BROCHURE CODE: 5317
DURATION: 3 nights

## In Brief

This three-night trip gives you the chance to escape from everyday life and immerse yourself in natural wonders of Iceland, with bubbling hot springs, and some of the most dramatic scenery on the planet. With two spa lagoons and the famous Golden Circle Tour in between, never has a short break felt so full.

## Our Opinion

(C I'll never tire of Iceland's dramatic landscape - every time I visit I'm reminded why it has become the backdrop for so many epic films and TV shows. This trip completely immerses you in the best of the country's terrain with plenty of time in the geothermal spas to unwind just as the locals do.


## What's included?

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- Transfers: return scheduled Flybus airport shuttle transfers and all activity transfers
- Meals: 3 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- Accommodation: 3 nights standard double/twin room at Hotel Frón (or similar subject to availability, supplements may apply for alternative hotels)
- The following activities and equipment are included: Blue Lagoon entrance (inc. towel and cocktail), Golden Circle Tour, visit the Sky Lagoon (including entry and towel) (order subject to change)
- Emergency contact during your time in Iceland

A note on flights: flights are not included in the holiday price so that the best possible fares and schedule can be found at the time of booking. There are low cost and scheduled flights operating this route and our travel experts will happily provide a quotation and arrange the flights as part of the package.

## Trip Overview

Erupting geysers, cascading waterfalls, soothing hot springs...this short break in Iceland is never short on experiences. Combining our first-hand travel experience with the insights from our local guides, we've created this superb three-night summer stay to ensure you won't miss a breathtaking beat of this exceptional island. What's more, we've included two spa experiences to give you plenty of opportunity to soak up your surroundings in luxurious style.

Kicking off your holiday in true Icelandic fashion with a stop at the famous Blue Lagoon. Heading to this hot spring straight from the airport, you will slip into holiday mode immediately.

Iceland's landscape is completely unique. To ensure you see the best of it, you'll enjoy a tour of the famous Golden Circle to visit the country's most popular natural attractions. This includes Pingvellir National Park, the geyser geothermal area, and the magestic Gullfoss waterfall.

On your final day, you'll experience the Sky Lagoon, a thermal spa newly built in 2021. With its huge infinity pool overlooking the ocean, lagoon bar, and sauna complete with the largest window in Iceland, you won't miss a minute of this stunning view to help you unwind.

This short-break is the perfect combination of Icelandic culture, scenery, and relaxation whilst still giving you time to add on any extras to personalise your trip. Please see our 'Personalise' tab for more information.

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## Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

ARRIVAL AND BLUE LAGOON

When you arrive at Keflavik Airport, you'll make your way to the meeting point for the scheduled Flybus shuttle bus and your first destination - the renowned Blue Lagoon. Here, you'll disembark the bus and store your luggage in the onsite lockers. Starting your holiday in sensational style, you'll change into your swimwear, grab your complimentary cocktail, and slip into the hot spring.

After your time in the Blue Lagoon, you'll be picked up by the shuttle bus and taken to your hotel in Reykjavik. Your city centre location puts you in prime position to sample one of the many local restaurants and delicious food on offer.

## Included Meals: None

## GOLDEN CIRCLE COACH TOUR AND FREE EVENING

Today, you'll get to experience the best of Iceland's natural wonders on the famous Golden Circle tour. You'll travel via bus to visit the Pingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Iceland's first national park. Here, you'll see the meeting point of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates, a stunning geological site.

Next, you'll visit the Haukadalur Valley to discover two geysers which have been active for around 10,000 years. The Strokkur geyser erupts hot water up to 40 metres in the air every 5-10 minutes.

The final stop will be at the iconic Gullfoss waterfalls. Get your cameras at the ready as you witness the power of the water falling over 30 metres. If there is time, you'll also stop at the Secret Lagoon so bring your swimwear and towels for a dip.

You will be out for approximately 8 hours. Lunch is not included but there are several places to purchase food along the way.

Tonight you have a free evening to spend in the city as you please.
Included Meals: Breakfast

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FREE MORNING AND VISIT TO THE SKY LAGOON

Your final day in Iceland can be set at entirely your own pace. Choose from our selection of activities in our 'Personalise' section to fill your morning with another Icelandic excursion. For lunch, we recommend seeking out one of the many food markets or street food vans located just a short walk away from the hotel and in Reykjavik's city centre.

At 3pm, you'll be picked up from the hotel and transferred to the Sky Lagoon. This spa opened in 2021 and has been designed to pay homage to the local nature and culture with a modern, luxurious twist. Upon arrival, you'll start your 7-step spa experience based on Icelandic traditions.

After your sensational spa experience, you'll be transferred back to your hotel for your final night in Reykjavik.

Tonight your dinner is included at the family run Hofnin restaurant overlooking the harbour.
Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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## DEPARTURE

After breakfast this morning, it is unfortunately time for your short-break in Iceland to come to an end. You'll check out and catch the Flybus back to the airport.

Depending on your flight time, you may have the opportunity to visit the Blue Lagoon beforehand. Please ask our Travel Experts at the time of booking to discuss your options.

Included Meals: Breakfast

## Personalise this tour

## Our pick



## Fly Over Iceland Experience

Around the world, Iceland is known for its incredible landscapes and dramatic views. Due to the remote location of some of these incredible settings, the FlyOver Iceland experience has opened in the harbour area of Reykjavik. Using state-of-the-art technology, from your seat suspended before a 20-metre spherical screen, you will feel as if you are literally 'flying over Iceland' as you explore the vast glaciers, majestic fjords, dramatic ravines and many other attractions.

The experience lasts for 30-45 minutes in total. The old harbour area is a 30 minute walk from your accommodation.

## Other options

ACTIVITIES


## Reykjavik Food Tour

Why not experience Reykjavik in the tastiest way possible? On this 3-4 hour tour, which starts just 700 metres from your hotel, you will not only get an introduction to the city, but also the delicious local foods and produce on offer.

Your knowledgeable guide will highlight points of interest as they escort you to 5-6 local restaurants, some of which you would probably never discover by yourself.

The delicious dishes you will sample are all made according to Icelandic tradition and family recipes, but please do not worry - fermented shark will not feature on the menu!

## Included Accommodation

## Hotel Frón (Nights: 1-3)



Fantastically located in Iceland's cosmopolitan capital of Reykjavik, Hotel Frón is just a short walk from the many shops, restaurants, bars, museums and galleries that make up this lively city. Don't be afraid to ask the staff any questions as they are well-informed and friendly, and are more than willing to help with anything you need during your stay here.

Our holiday is based in the double/twin room at Hotel Frón but there is a range of rooms available for customers. Hotel Frón also offers apartments (both standard and deluxe, studio, one or two-bedroom) and for those looking for a little bit of extra luxury for your stay, they also have suites available. To enquire, or receive a quotation, on this then please ask our Travel Experts and they will be happy to provide you with more information.

## Room Type

Double/Twin rooms: Modern, fashionable and cosy, these rooms are a great base for your stay in Iceland. Furnished in a contemporary style that mirrors the city in which you're staying, these rooms are a fantastic place to come back and relax after a busy day. All rooms are en-suite and have a shower, a minibar, satellite TV, free Wi-Fi, a hairdryer and a safe to store valuables.

## The Specifics

## Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

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## Minimum and maximum age

If a specific minimum age applies to this holiday, it can be found in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page.

Unless otherwise stated in the in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Artisan holiday is typically 8 years old (there may be younger children in some destinations who have booked with other companies). If an adult-only environment is important to you, then please contact our Travel Experts and they will advise on the best dates and destinations for you. If you are looking for a holiday designed specifically for families then please see our sister company www.activitiesabroad.com

## Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

## Terms and Conditions

Our full booking terms and conditions can be found on our website: https://www.artisantravel.co.uk/ booking-conditions

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