

SSA & Sparks Travel Clubs present:

Iceland's Magical Northern Lights

December 5-11, 2018



Experience It! The Northern Lights

Each year, during the winter months, travelers journey to Iceland and venture out into the dark to see the magical but elusive northern lights (aurora borealis). This natural phenomenon is the product of collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun that enter the earth's atmosphere; the results are spectacular! Streaks of colorful light appear across the sky. This light show is truly dazzling and worth the pursuit.

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HIGHLIGHTS... Reykjavik, Northern Lights Cruise, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Geysir, Gullfoss, Seljalandsfoss, Vik, Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre, Skogar Folk Museum, Skógafoss, Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, Skaftafell National Park, Vatnajökull Glacier, Blue Lagoon

7 Days • 10 Meals: 5 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

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Day 1 Overnight Flight

Day 2 Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

Days 3 - 5 Hotel Katla Hofdabrekka, Vik

Day 6 Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

Complete Tour Package Includes: Transportation To/From Reno Airport (From Carson City); Complete Tour Package As Outlined Below; Round-Trip Airfare (Including Taxes) From Reno; All Gratuities For Local Guides & Drivers Throughout The Tour; All Admissions & Taxes For Included Features; Fully Escorted (With A Minimum Of 15 Guests) By Frontier Travel & Tours Team Member; Baggage Handling Throughout Tour (One Bag Per Person); And More!

Don't let the name Iceland fool you: *The winters here aren't particularly bad. Iceland, near the Arctic Circle, actually has a cool, temperate climate due to the North Atlantic Current that carries Gulf Stream warming north. This warm current ensures generally higher temperatures for Iceland than in most places of similar latitude in the world. Winters in this island country are mild and windy. There are some variations in the climate between different parts of the island: The south coast (where we'll be) tends to be warmer, wetter, and windier than the north, and snowfall in winters is more common in the north than in the south. Known as the Land of Ice and Fire due to its many volcanoes, there is always the possibility of volcanic activity in Iceland.*

Day 1: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Overnight Flight Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. In this land of many natural wonders, enjoy the rare opportunity to see the aurora borealis – one of nature's most dazzling light displays, also known as the northern lights.

Day 2: Thursday, December 6, 2018 Reykjavik, Iceland

Your tour opens in Reykjavik. Get acquainted with old town Reykjavik on a walking tour featuring Hallgrímskirkja church, city hall, the harbor and Reykjavik's oldest building, now home to the Kraum Icelandic design center. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers at a popular restaurant for dinner featuring Icelandic cuisine. Then, take an exhilarating northern lights cruise. * Leave behind the bright city lights and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis - or northern lights - one of nature's wonders. When revealed you will be dazzled by the flickering display of light bursting with color that unfolds before your eyes. *

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Day 3: Friday, December 7, 2018 Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Seljalandsfoss Waterfall - Vik

Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Icelanders gathered here in A.D. 930 and established what is considered one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes - Thingvellir's rugged rift valley - a UNESCO World Heritage site marking the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Experience the eruptive energy of the Icelandic landscape with a stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur. Then, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Next, see Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most picturesque waterfalls with a walkway behind it. Then it's on to Vik, the southernmost village in Iceland, surrounded by beautiful valleys, beaches, cliffs and mountains. After dinner amidst the peace and stillness of rural Iceland, search for the aurora borealis. * (B, D)



Day 4: Saturday, December 8, 2018 Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre - Skogar Museum - Vik

Drive along the scenic south shore to the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre. Learn about a family's struggle to live during and following the dramatic 2010 explosion of the infamous Eyjafjallajökull volcano that brought European flights to a halt. Visit Skogar Folk Museum which contains an outstanding collection covering all aspects of Icelandic life including farm and domestic artifacts, as well as turf-built homes. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Later, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations, cliffs scattered with caves and rich bird life including the Fulmar, Black Guillemot, Razorbill, Gannet and various types of seagulls. See the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights, * a truly spectacular sight. (B, D)

Day 5: Sunday, December 9, 2018 Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell National Park - Vik

Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and perhaps see some seals swimming in Arctic waters. Travel to the largest national park in Europe, Vatnajökull, known for having Iceland's highest mountains; an Alpine environment; and the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest. After dinner, continue searching for the shimmering northern lights dancing across the night sky. * (B,D)



Day 6: Monday, December 10, 2018 Vik - Blue Lagoon

Drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, numerous hot springs, and home of the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavik for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 Reykjavik - Tour Ends

Depart for home with many incredible memories. Your flight returns you to Reno and home! (B)



Special Notes for this tour:

*The Northern Lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed. The Northern Lights cruise is weather dependent and may be cancelled in the event of serious weather.

Because the northern lights are a winter event, you will be walking and waiting outdoors while looking for them. It is recommended that you wear sturdy non-slip snow footwear and warm clothing including thermals, hat, scarf & gloves.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Tour Cost: \$4,130.00 per person double occupancy
\$350.00 additional single supplement

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The Fine Print....

This tour is operated by Collette Travel Service, Inc. Frontier Travel & Tours **STONGLY RECOMMENDS** the purchase of Collette's Travel Protection Plan at the additional cost of \$280.00 per person. Payment of this travel protection fee guarantees a full refund of all payments, including deposit (less \$280 cost of the Travel Protection Plan) made *in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure*. Payment for Travel Protection Plan must be made at time of deposit. Travel Protection Plan also includes interruption, delay & medical benefits, contact Frontier Travel for full policy information.

A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon sign-up. The required deposit is reduced to \$250 per person if purchasing the Travel Protection Plan (\$530 total due) upon sign-up. Space is limited, book early to confirm your space.

Final payment is due by October 1, 2018. Guests may make partial payments anytime between sign-up and final payment date.

For guests not purchasing the Travel Protection Plan, the following cancellation penalties will apply:

Prior to June 1, 2018	full refund
June 2-October 1, 2018	\$500 per person deposit retained
October 2-November 5, 2018	Non-refundable air cost + 30% of land cost
November 6, 2018 - departure	No refund

Passports ARE REQUIRED on this departure. Please be sure to complete your reservation form EXACTLY as noted on your passport. Change fees will be charged for corrections made after initial booking.

Airfare for this tour IS included and is currently scheduled from Reno to Seattle to Reykjavik, Iceland, subject to change. Cost for one checked bag is included. Additional bag may be added at the cost of \$100 round-trip service fee.

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Registration Form & Credit Card Authorization will be sent to you for completion, after sign-up.