

PREMIUM

12D9N

ICELAND & GREENLAND

TOUR CODE: ENIGLS (Validity: 1 Apr to 31 Oct 2018)

Experience the natural majesty of the volcanic Iceland and glacial Greenland as you bring yourself into a picturesque Arctic world of glaciers, icebergs and fjords.



COLOURFUL HOUSES OF ILLULISSAT, GREENLAND.

PACE

Relaxed Active

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HIGHLIGHTS

GREENLAND

ILULISSAT

- Old Settlement – Sermermiut
- Whale watching
- Disco Bay

ICELAND

REYKJAVIK

- Blue Lagoon geothermal spa
- Perlan (The Pearl)
- Höfði House
- Hallgrímskirkja Church
- Statue of Leifur Eiriksson

GOLDEN CIRCLE

- Thingvellir National Park
- Strokkur Geyser
- Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall

SOUTH COAST

- Svatnifellsjökull glacier tongue
- Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon
- Reynisfjara Beach
- Seljalandsfoss Waterfall
- Skógafoss Waterfall

3-4★HOTELS

REYKJAVIK Grand Reykjavik Hotel

SELFOSS Selfoss Hotel

SOUTH ICELAND Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon

ILULISSAT Hotel Icefjord

DELICACIES

Meal Plan

9 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners



DAY 1

HOME ▶ REYKJAVIK

Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and depart for Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland.

DAY 2

REYKJAVIK

Meals on Board, Dinner

Check in to your hotel and spend the rest of the day free at leisure in Reykjavik to recharge and take a breather.

DAY 3

REYKJAVIK ▶ ILULISSAT

Breakfast, Dinner

Take a flight from Reykjavik Domestic Airport to Ilulissat, the third largest town in Greenland. Upon arrival, go on a guided walk at the town's Old Settlement where you will see buildings belonging to the first Danish settlement. Then proceed to the abandoned settlement, Sermermiut to see Inuit relics and artifacts from 4,000 years ago and learn about the Inuit way of life and customs before the Europeans came to Greenland.

DAY 4

ILULISSAT

Breakfast, Dinner

Today, head to Ilulissat harbour and depart for your **whale-watching activity**. You will sail out into the ice-fjord, before reaching Disco Bay. Here, you'll be immersed amongst enormous icebergs, which will mesmerise you until the creatures of the deep begin to appear. Greenland's arctic seas are teeming with food, making them some of the best whale-watching areas in the world. You will have a chance to see humpback whales, renowned for their acrobatics, and fin whales, the second largest creatures ever to live on Earth. The rare and long-living bowhead whale, however, is also sometimes seen,



ICEBERG WITH HOLE IN DISKO BAY, ILULISSAT, GREENLAND

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as are many other species such as orcas. Greenland is also home to many seals, so keep an eye out on the bergs and in the waters to catch sight of them

DAY 5 ILULISSAT

Breakfast

Today, you will spend the day at leisure where you can explore Ilulissat and experience the atmosphere and life in the town. This evening, embark on an optional unique Midnight Sun Sailing Cruise where you will sail among magnificent icebergs. With the midnight sun hanging low on the horizon, it can be difficult to distinguish night from the day. Reflections from the soft, warm light highlight the tips of the icebergs and mountain tops with an orange tinge, and the water's surface reflects an almost purple hue. Marvel at how the icebergs change from white and blue to shades of orange and red when struck by the Midnight Sun.

DAY 6 ILULISSAT > REYKJAVIK

Breakfast, Dinner

Take a domestic flight back to Reykjavik and proceed to the amazing **Blue Lagoon geothermal spa**, famous for its healing mineral-rich waters surrounded by jet-black basalt lava. Then followed with a **Reykjavik city tour**, which starts with **Perlan** (The Pearl) – a fantastic dome-shaped glass building supported by six massive water tanks, with an impressive water feature that runs from the basement into the atrium. Then, visit the beautiful **Höfði House** and the **Hallgrímskirkja Church**, where you can view the novel exterior of the Lutheran parish church tower along with the **statue of Leifur Eiriksson** situated in the front.

DAY 7 REYKJAVIK

Breakfast

Enjoy a free day at leisure, shopping, sightseeing and exploring the city. You could also join an optional tour that departs from Reykjavik, to the Langjökull glacier, Iceland's second largest glacier. Onboard a monster truck, for a once in a lifetime adventure deep inside one of the world's largest man-made ice caverns. The caverns are composed of an extensive system of tunnels and chambers that stretch close to 300 metres into the solid ice cap towards a breath-taking natural ice cave at the heart of the glacier.

DAY 8 REYKJAVIK > GOLDEN CIRCLE TOUR > SELFOSS

Breakfast, Dinner

Embark on Iceland's classic sightseeing tour – the **Golden Circle** – to discover some of the most spectacular scenery and historic sites in Iceland. The first stop will be at **Thingvellir National Park**, a place of historical significance and geological interest. You can also visit the **Althing**, an open-air assembly in the park where Iceland's oldest existing parliament first assembled in 930 AD. Next, admire Iceland's most popular waterfall, the **Gullfoss**, and if you're lucky, you may even be able to catch sight of a rainbow arching over the tumbling waters flowing into the deep gorge. Continue to the nearby geothermal area, a site bubbling with activity and an abundance of hot springs. Here, you will be able to view the lively **Strokkur geyser** which spouts water 30 metres into the air every 15 minutes.

DAY 9 SELFOSS > JÖKULSÁRLÓN > SOUTH ICELAND

Breakfast, Dinner

Today, we will make our way to the **Svínafellsjökull glacier tongue**. Svínafellsjökull is a breath-taking outlet glacier of the **Vatnajökull glacier** and the scenery and views are simply stunning. It is a great place to get close to a glacier tongue. You could see the ice breaking apart and forming hundreds of cracks and stacks of an endless formation, the unbelievable realization when close to this demolishing part of nature, the beauty of this amazing landscape, so bright and clean, but yet so powerful. And so, we will be doing a **glacier walk**. At the outset of our tour, an experienced guide teaches you how to use basic glacier equipment like crampons and ice axes, the required equipment for this tour. Finally arrive in **Jökulsárlón**, Iceland's famous glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs. Enjoy some free time to explore this extraordinary wonder of nature, where you may even be lucky enough to see some seals. Note: Glacier walk are subject to weather conditions and are for age 10 years and above.

DAY 10 SOUTH ICELAND > REYKJAVIK

Breakfast, Dinner

Enjoy a stroll along the black sandy shores of **Reynisfjara Beach** and see the magic of nature in the form of its famous basalt columns that stacks up into the shape of a pyramid. Next, we will continue to **Skogafoss waterfall**, one of the biggest

waterfalls in the country. Due to the amount of spray the waterfall consistently produces, a single or double rainbow is normally visible on sunny days. Finally, a scenic drive with a view of Iceland's natural beauty and stop at the unique **Seljalandsfoss waterfall**, a narrow cascade plunging over a 60-metre high cliff. You may even venture on the footpath leading to the back of the waterfall for a different perspective and equally breath-taking pictures.

DAY 11 REYKJAVIK > HOME

Breakfast

Enjoy the rest of your day at your leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 12 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your trip with our company and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

Suggested Excursion:

- (Reykjavik) Ice cave: €300
 - (Ilulissat) Midnight Sun Sailing Cruise €120
- These additional activities enrich your experiences; however, it is entirely optional and will be at your own discretion. Minimum group size may apply and subject to schedule.*

Tipping Guideline: (based on 12D8N)

- €96 per person

Note:

- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- Activities are subject to weather conditions.
- During major events and festivals, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.