

## NORTHERN LIGHTS RING TOUR OF ICELAND – 10 DAYS – 2024 & 2025

**TOUR PRICE: £3,710 per person**

**Single Supplement: £490**

**INCLUDES ALL LISTED ON THIS PAGE:**

**FLIGHTS** – From and to the UK with Icelandair. Private transfers from and to Keflavik airport.

**ACCOMMODATION** – 9 nights en suite rooms in high standard hotels, located in stunning areas, including two nights at a top hotel in Reykjavik, close to all amenities.

**FOOD** – 9 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches and 9 evening meals (three courses). With two of the evening meals at top Reykjavik restaurants.

**PRIVATE COACH, GUIDE AND DRIVER FOR THE WHOLE 10 DAYS.**

**EXCURSIONS, VISITS AND ENTRANCE FEES:**

- Photo stop at the Blue Lagoon.
- Settlement Centre Museum.
- Snow tractor ride. Weather permitting.
- Ferry boat to the island of Hrísey.
- Lunch on the island and visit to church.
- Sightseeing tour of Akureyri.
- Goðafoss (Falls of the Gods).
- Mývatn Lake – areas to see – hot mud exploding pools, Pseudo craters, Explosive crater, Dimmaborg and Lava Formations, Krafla power station.
- Mývatn bird museum.
- Nature Baths at Mývatn, entrance fee and towel included. Never out of your depth.
- Glacial lagoon Jökulsárlón with icebergs, with icebergs stranded on the black lava beach.
- Visit to Glacial Tongue, Svínafellsjökull (if open).
- Skaftafell visitors centre to watch a video.
- Reynisfjara black sand beach and basalt columns.
- Skógar museum and Skógar waterfall.
- Seljalandsfoss, Waterfall.
- Visit to greenhouses at Friðheimar, and lecture.
- Strokkur spouting geysirs area.
- Gullfoss Falls (Golden Falls)
- Þingvellir, (Parliament Plains) and the massive chasms from the Rift system.
- Volcano Museum at Hvolsvöllur.

No price increase for 2025



**Day before flight home**, we include a private two hour city sightseeing tour of Reykjavik with your guide, including entrance fee to the National Museum of Iceland. Afternoon free, with Farewell Dinner at top restaurant in the evening.



## Jóna Tours – Iceland

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Jóna Sparey has been organising and personally conducting some tours to Iceland and other countries since 1985, with every aspect of each holiday being carefully planned. 57% of members now return again for more adventures.

## Northern Lights Winter Tour

5 to 14 October 2024 and 8 to 17 March 2025

No price increase for 2025

Auroras are formed in the outermost layer of the atmosphere when electrically charged particles from the sun, collide with atmospheric atoms at an altitude of between 80 and 500 kilometers (50-350 miles), and form visible light.

The selection of photos shown in this brochure will give you some idea of the wonderful displays of nature, but as we all know, with nature it is not always possible to see these extraordinary lights. So when they are actually seen, it is all the more a wonder to behold and the experience will never be forgotten.

This tour will be encircling Iceland in its quest to track down the Northern Lights by visiting different areas of Iceland, with its various weather situations, and as long as the skies are fairly clear, there is every possibility of seeing the unforgettable Aurora Borealis.

This special tour, hunting the Northern Lights, occurs at some of the most spectacular months of the year in Iceland.

Most tour companies usually accommodate their clients in Reykjavik and then organise day tours out into the countryside, restricting the holiday to 4 or 5 days, with little chance of seeing the Aurora Borealis, as Reykjavik is the cloudiest area of Iceland.

This is not a Jóna's way of organising a Northern Lights trip! In fact as far as Jóna knows, her tour company is the only one which circumnavigates Iceland in the winter time, an exciting adventure in itself.

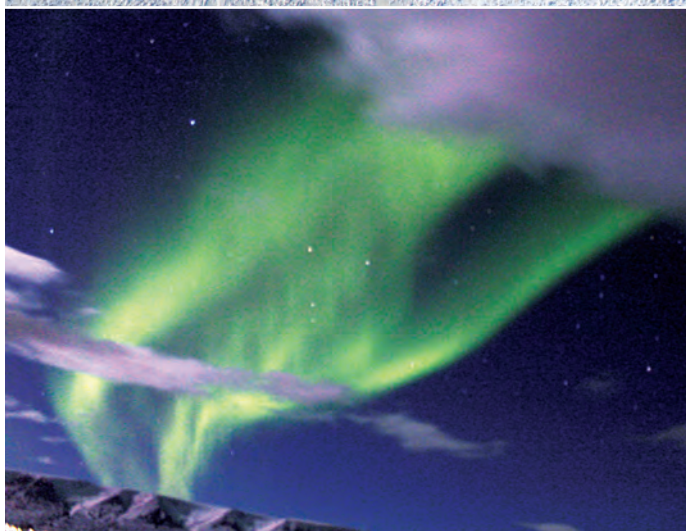
This is a ten day tour, travelling through the West to the North, East and South of Iceland, with many visits and plenty of varied winter landscapes to see along the way. In fact many more chances of seeing the Aurora Borealis, whilst staying at isolated hotels deep in the countryside.

**Tour price includes – see page 4**

**Full itinerary on page 2 (overleaf)**



Photo: Mik Peach





# Northern Lights Winter Tour

ICELAND – 10 days – 2024 & 2025

## PROPOSED ITINERARY

NB: Subject to change, for your benefit.

### Day 1

Landing at Keflavik airport around 15.00 hrs. On the way to our hotel we visit the famous Blue Lagoon and its thermal waters for a photographic stop. Accommodation at Hotel Hamar in Borgarnes in the west.

### Day 2

After departing from our hotel we visit the Settlement Centre Museum, we then journey northwest, (along the way are many beautiful stops for photography), and travel on towards our destination, Akureyri, the capital of the North where we will be staying for two nights at the beautifully situated Country Hotel. At the hotel we enjoy a Buffet Dinner.



View from our hotel in Akureyri

### Day 3

The day starts with an exciting snow tractor ride across the mountains - weather permitting. After we take a ferry boat to the island of Hrísey, to see the birds in their winter plumage and visit an island restaurant to enjoy a local fresh fish lunch. Sightseeing tour of Akureyri.

### Day 4

We travel to the beautiful waterfall Goðafoss, (Falls of the Gods) then onto the famous Lake Mývatn, to see the pseudo craters, waterfalls, hot mud pools and an explosive crater plus a bird museum. We finish the day bathing in a huge thermal pool of hot water, called the Natural Baths. Then totally relaxed, we return to a lakeside hotel and dinner.

### Day 5

Today we have an exciting journey across the north of Iceland towards the East coastal areas. Journeying across the wild interior, we make a lovely stop for lunch at Fjallakaffi in Möðrudal. Here, situated in the rugged wilderness of Iceland, you will find Möðrudalur á Fjöllum - a farm that has been around since the settlement of Iceland. Then onto our hotel at Egilsstaðir, situated by the shores of the longest lake in Iceland, for one night and dinner.

### Day 6

We now continue our journey along the east coastal road, travelling in and out of beautiful fjords, to our hotel destination south of Höfn. A visit to a mineral stone museum, where all stones have been collected by one lady from the surrounding mountains. Our hotel for one night is at a thriving farm, the excellent hotel called Smyrlabjörg.

### Day 7

An exciting day, as we drive past the massive glacial tongues of Vatnajökull Glacier (the largest glacier in Europe) as they sweep down between the mountains. We see the huge glacial lagoon, filled with ice bergs that have broken off from the main glacier. Great for photography, we visit stranded ice bergs on the black lava sands. We make a visit to a beautiful black sand beach called Reynisfjara at Vik to see the basaltic columns. Our last stop of the day is at Skógar to see the wonderful waterfall Skógarfoss, plus a very interesting visit to the Skógar Museum.

Then our one night stay and dinner at the Country Hotel Dyrhólaey, which is situated high on a hill with wonderful views of the sea.

### Day 8

A busy day on our way back to Reykjavik, of waterfalls and geysirs, visiting the waterfall called Seljalandsfoss. Visit to greenhouses at Friðheimar. Then across country to the famous Geysir area, to watch Strokkur erupt boiling water high into the air. Then onto Gullfoss waterfall (the Golden Falls), all these waterfalls are so dramatic at this time of the year, being partly frozen.

On to Þingvellir (the Parliament Plains), to see the massive fissure caused by the two oceanic plates pulling Iceland apart. If time and light is available we will make other interesting visits such as the incredible Lava Centre at Hvolsvöllur. Back to Reykjavik to our hotel, Skuggi for two nights and dinner at top restaurant in Reykjavik.

### Day 9

The day starts with a two hour sightseeing tour of Reykjavik and after lunch the rest of the day is free for you to explore the capital Reykjavik, to visit its Art Galleries and National Museum of Iceland (a very interesting and modern museum). Full information will be given on what is available to see and where each visit is situated. The centre of Reykjavik is buzzing, and a visit should be made to the Town Hall where a huge map of Iceland is on display and you can follow the route we made around the island. The Town Hall sits beside the huge lake, take some bread with you to feed the numerous varieties of birds there. Dinner at one of Reykjavik's top restaurants.

### Day 10

Flight back to the UK.



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