

# Iceland

## Day One

*Board your overnight flight to Reykjavik!*

## Day Two

### Visit to Perlanfor and Blue Lagoon

Your tour of this wonderful nation begins with the route that leads from Keflavik airport to Reykjavik. The first stop is **Perlanfor**, with an impressive view of the area, an ideal location to snap a few photographs and take in the dramatic scenery. Your next visit is the famous **Blue Lagoon**, a unique wonder of nature featuring pleasantly warm mineral-rich geothermal water in a middle of a black lava field.

### Arrive in Reykjavik

### Leisure Time in Reykjavik

Take the remainder of the day to explore this Icelandic city, taking in some of its beautiful sites and perhaps doing some light shopping.

*Overnight in Reykjavik*

## Day Three

### Whale Watching Tour (Weather Permitting)

An exhilarating whale watching tour awaits you with the opportunity to see many various species of whales, dolphins, seabirds and seals. During this three hour cruise, an expert guide will supply information about marine mammals, giving you an exciting and educational experience.

### Walking Tour of Reykjavik (Weather Alternative)

If the weather does not cooperate, worry not! A three hour guided walking tour in **Reykjavik City Centre** with a local guide will provide a full engagement with this major Icelandic city.

*Overnight in Reykjavik*

## Day Four

### Coach Tour Towards Þingvellir National Park

From Reykjavík, drive over the **Mosfellsheiði heath** and past **Gljúfrasteinn**, home of eminent Icelandic writer and Nobel Prize winner Halldór Laxness.

### Visit to Þingvellir National Park

This park is a place of tremendous interest as a primary site of both Iceland's geological and historical inheritance. Your tour takes you through the fault **Almannagjá** to the place where Europe's eldest national legislative assembly, the **Icelandic Parliament**, was established. Dating back as far as the year 930, this government has convened, in grandiose surroundings during summer, for nearly eight centuries.

### Coach Tour Towards Fljótshlíð

Head along the **Sog River** eventually arriving at the crater **Kerid** before continuing onwards through the fertile farmlands and summer house area of the south. This area is home to the **Gullfoss waterfall**, one of the most beautiful in the country and perhaps even in the world. The **Geysir geothermal area** is another highlight you will experience, with active hot springs including its famous **Strokkur**, which spouts every few minutes.

### Arrive in Fljótshlíð

*Overnight in Fljótshlíð*

## Day Five

### Coach Tour Towards Sólheimajökull

This day's adventure takes you east, kicking off with brief stops at **Seljalandsfoss** and **Skógafoss**, two of the numerous waterfalls along the route. This area is a must see for geology students, and perfect for field trips after volcanic eruptions transformed its stunning landscape in the spring of 2010.

### Walking Tour Across the Sólheimajökull Glacier

This impressive glacier beckons you next, a natural formation that has shaped the landscape in front of it. Here you will make a stop and walk towards the

glacier tongue before a professional team takes over your group. The glacier walk, suitable for everyone, is an easy and safe trek on the white and blue ice. You will explore water cauldrons, waterways and other ice features.

### **Visit to the Village of Vik**

Take a leisurely stroll to the sea shore in this beautiful village, flanked by steep bird cliffs where seals are frequently seen. Depending on weather and time, you may also have the chance to see **Dyrholaey**, a magnificent cliff projecting out of the ocean, and a perfect vista for photo opportunities.

### **Arrive in Hellishólar**

*Overnight in Hellishólar*

## **Day Six**

### **Visit to the Hveragerdi Greenhouse Village**

Experience the wonders of this town by taking a look at the geothermal area in its center. Imagine being able to boil and eat an egg in one of the naturally heating pools this village is known for! For any geography student the greenhouse village is a must, a thrilling display of the world's natural wonders.

### **Visit to the Hellisheidi Geothermal Power Plant**

Located in **Hengill**, a mountain situated on an active volcanic ridge, the plant features two steam turbines active since 2006. The plant meets increasing demand for electricity and hot water for space heating in the industrial and domestic sectors.

### **Visit to Lake Kleifarvatn**

Set in fascinating, stark, moon-like surroundings, this lake is a site of natural beauty at its finest. Near the lake's southern end lies **Krísuvík**, replete with powerful jets of steam escaping from deep below the earth's crust and sulphurous steam rising through numerous vents of a geothermal field. One last stop at the town of **Grindavik** with its sizeable fishing fleet concludes this final coach tour.

### **Arrive in Keflavik**

### **Transfer to Airport for Return Flight**

Your tour guide assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

