

# SENSATIONAL ICELAND

07 Nights / 08Days

This 8 day tour highlights Iceland's most memorable attractions including Lake Mývatn, Geysir hot spring area, both Gullfoss and Dettifoss waterfalls and Glacier lagoon to name only a few. Our experienced local guide will make sure you will have a memorable tour beyond expectation.

## Day1 – Reykjavik Centerhotel Plaza

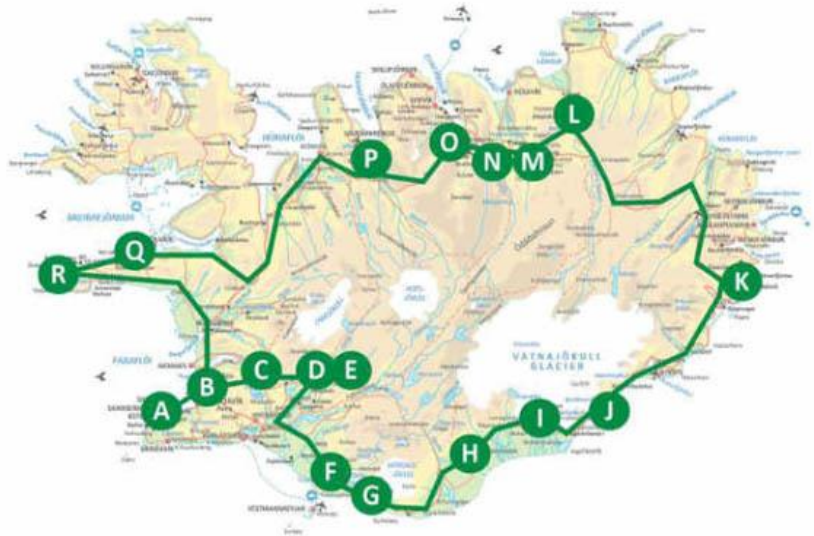
Arrival transfer from Keflavik airport to Centerhotel Plaza (transfer optional) with or without a visit to the Blue Lagoon. Centerhotel Plaza is located right in the heart of Reykjavik city centre making it an excellent base for you to explore the capitals compact centre on your own.

## Day 2 – Golden Circle

We start the day by visiting Þingvellir (Thingvellir) National Park where the forces of the Great Atlantic Rift are clearly visible with the North American and European tectonic plates drifting apart at a rate of 2-6 cm per year. It is an area of truly outstanding beauty as well as geological and historical significance. Next highlight of the day is Gullfoss, Golden waterfall, which is considered by many to be the most beautiful in the country. The neighbouring Geysir hot spring area with the world famous Geysir and Strokkur hot springs and boiling mud pools. We learn about the forces of volcanic activity at Eyjafjallajökull Visitor center as well as making a stop by the picturesque Seljalandsfoss and view the fantastic Skógafoss waterfall before heading to Kirkjubæjarklaustur area for dinner and overnight.

## DAY 3 – Glacier and Glacier Lagoon

Today we cross Eldhraun, the largest mass of lava to have ever flowed on the face of the earth, on



our way to Skaftafell National Park. Skaftafell is an enchanting green oasis flourishing between many surrounding glaciers. We drive along Vatnajökull glacier to before getting to the magnificent Jökulsarlón Glacier lagoon. Here you have the opportunity for an optional boat tour for a closer look at the icebergs in the lagoon. Then we travel along the East Coast with its many fjords and dramatic coastline, passing villages Höfn and Djúpvogur. Our accommodation for the night is in Breiðdalsvík area.

## DAY 4 – Lake Mývatn area

Leaving Breiðdalsvík we drive through the highland Plateau Möðrudalsöræfi to the most powerful waterfall in Europe, Dettifoss before exploring the renowned Lake Mývatn area. Mývatn is a shallow eutrophic lake in a dramatic landscape dominated by volcanic landforms such as pseudocraters and the lava pillars in Dimmuborgir. Mývatn is a geothermal area with high activity and a place where all your senses will be called upon as we stop at Námaskarð's bubbling sulphur mud-pits and steaming vents. We make a stop at Goðafoss Waterfall before reaching our accommodation in Akureyri.

## DAY 5 – Free day in Akureyri

An optional whale watching tour is available.

## DAY 6 – Over Sagaland to Snæfellsnes

We visit the Folk museum in Glaumbaer Skagafjörður which is located in a traditional turf farmhouse before we head south via the farmland of Húnavatnssýslur to Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Overnight in the area.

## DAY 7 – Snæfellsnes

Today we drive around Snæfellsnes peninsula with its stunning landscape of black sandy beaches, bird cliffs, volcanic craters, charming fishing village and the iconic Snæfellsjökull glacier the inspiration of Jules Verne's *Journeys to the Center of the Earth*. We then head for Reykjavik for overnight in Centerhotel Plaza.

## DAY 8 – Departure

Breakfast in hotel. The transfer to the airport is not included but can be arranged on request.

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