



ICELAND: REYKJAVIK TO THE GOLDEN CIRCLE - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2025)

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Europe, Iceland



7 days from AU\$21,420 pp



18 Guests

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Enjoy three nights in a luxury retreat nestled amidst the grandeur of Iceland's natural landscape
- Discover Iceland's breathtaking Nordic landscape, from geysers and hot springs to waterfalls and fjords
- Visit a family-run greenhouse and sit down to a lunch of freshly prepared tomato-themed dishes
- Cruise Reykjavik Harbour to spot myriad whale species



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Reykjavik, Iceland

Arrive in Reykjavik and transfer to your modern hotel in the city centre. Tonight, join fellow guests for a welcome dinner.

Iceland Parliament Hotel / Meals: D

Day 2: Reykjavik | True Cosmopolitan Capital

Spend the day exploring both the contemporary and traditional sides of this cultured coastal capital. Start with a visit to the National Museum of Iceland, which tells the story of Iceland's founding through some 2,000 objects, including a medieval ship of the type used to settle the island. You then visit Hallgrimskirkja Church, the city's most prominent landmark. Pause to take in the exterior of the Harpa, a cutting-edge performance centre built in 2011. This award-winning structure features a striking coloured-glass façade designed to evoke Iceland's basalt landscape. This afternoon, embark on a thrilling whale-watching boat ride. About 20 species, such as blue whales, fin whales, minke and humpbacks, each with its own characteristics and behaviours, visit Icelandic waters throughout the year. Marvel as these magnificent giants surface, sometimes within a few yards of your vessel, affording you an unforgettable, up-close wildlife encounter.

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Day 3: Golden Circle | Saga Sites

Thingvellir National Park is that rare locale that is significant both as a scenic wonder and a cultural treasure: a UNESCO World Heritage Site where the Vikings established the world's first democratic parliament more than 1,000 years ago. It's also one of the few places you can straddle two continents at once, as the conjunction of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates is exposed here. Next, visit the regularly erupting Strokkur Geyser and stunning Gullfoss, where milky green glacial water plummets down Iceland's most famous waterfall. Tonight, check in to your luxury retreat nestled in the wild Icelandic countryside, and raise a toast to the spectacular icy landscapes around you with an exhilarating Scenic Sundowner.

Torfhús Retreat / Meals: BLD

Day 4: Thorsmork | Jeep Adventure Through Wild Terrain

After breakfast, embark on a Super Jeep tour through Thorsmork (Valley of Thor), a vast nature reserve of snowy peaks, jade-green slopes and glacial rivers trickling through dark volcanic earth. In a land already known for scenic beauty, Thorsmork is a gem among gems, a paradise for trekkers and photographers. Explore today with a skilled driver-guide, who leads you along the trails and rivers while discussing the reserve's history, geology and wildlife. After working up an appetite in the great outdoors, stop in the midst of the wild for an al fresco barbecue lunch, taking in the fresh air and striking beauty of this rugged natural setting. Tonight, indulge in a Chef's Table experience at your hotel.

Torfhus Retreat | Meals: BLD

Day 5: South Iceland | Forces of Nature & Super Foods

Today, witness majestic works of unchecked natural power, starting with the Urriðafoss, the most voluminous waterfall in Iceland, watching as it plummets down to the sprawling Thjorsarhraun lava field. Then, visit Selfoss, where the past intertwines seamlessly with the present, as 35 meticulously restored historic buildings have over time transformed into a bustling cultural hub. Inaugurated in 2021, this centre fuses avant-garde architecture with the rich tapestry of Iceland's heritage. Stop at the Old Dairy Selfoss food hall to savour contemporary Icelandic flavours for a delightful introduction to the nation's evolving food culture. Continue to the Skyrland exhibition to sample skyr, Iceland's distinct superfood, and take in a multi-sensory journey encompassing visuals, aromas, and flavours related to this Viking dairy delicacy. Afterward, view Kerid, a volcanic crater lake. Its caldera is still intact and the lake never drains out because it is at the level of the groundwater. Then, visit greenhouse farmers at Fridheimar to learn how they grow tomatoes year round using geothermal energy. Tonight, experience the diversity of Icelandic food as you enjoy dinner in the greenhouse.

Torfhus Retreat | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Reykjavik | Design Your Day

Return to Reykjavik and enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Embark on a Walking Foodie Tour** of local markets and culinary hotspots to sample the best of Icelandic cuisine.
- **Thrill to the Icelandic Lava Show** with VIP admission to safely view red-hot flowing lava up close.
- **Immerse Yourself in Geothermal Warmth** as you sink into a natural hot tub in Sky Lagoon, overlooking the ocean.

Afterward, return to your hotel. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Iceland Parliament Hotel | Meals: BD

Day 7: Depart Reykjavik

Enjoy breakfast before privately transferring to the airport for your departing flight.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 7.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy® Luggage Handling
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

Customise this Journey

Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke tailor-made journey based on this itinerary.

Map



Accommodation

Torfhus Retreat, Iceland



Inspired by an Icelandic Viking farm at Stöng, Torfhus Retreat represents the classic Icelandic torfhouse style, made of stones, turf and wood. A 'retreat' is the mot juste. Sequestered in the heart of Iceland's magnificent Golden Circle, Torfhus Retreat is a rugged, yet comfortable blend of Icelandic style and relaxed eco-luxury.

Arranged in a row of three suites, each Torfbær Suite offers a luxury bedroom, bathroom and comfortable living area. Reclaimed oak, rustic painted walls and hand-crafted furniture create a warm and cosy chalet-style interior. There's even a geothermically heated basalt stone hot pool sunken into the ground, shared between the three suites, to truly warm the heart and bring back the traditional rejuvenating tradition.

Staying in such a historic hallmark as a Torfbær Suite is a unique experience, immersing yourself in history overlaid with all the modern comforts you could need. The retreat houses a snug restaurant where you can order a hearty soup of the day or tuck in to a typical Icelandic dinner. An on-site deli corner offers a range of light bites and drinks.

Why we like it

- A unique experience in a traditional Icelandic torfhouse, but with all the mod cons
- Rustic furniture with living turf roofs

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- Based in the heart of the Golden Circle
 - Innovative gastronomy – think Nobu-meets-Noma
 - Completely sustainable energy system
 - Our top tip: unwind after a long day with a relaxing soak in the basalt stone pool

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Jun 25, 2025 - Jul 1, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$21,420 pp	AU\$7,340	AU\$0	Available

Jul 9, 2025 - Jul 15, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$21,420 pp	AU\$7,340	AU\$0	Available

Jul 21, 2025 - Jul 27, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$21,420 pp	AU\$7,340	AU\$0	Available

Aug 6, 2025 - Aug 12, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$21,420 pp	AU\$7,340	AU\$0	Available

Sep 10, 2025 - Sep 16, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$21,420 pp	AU\$7,340	AU\$0	Available

Sep 20, 2025 - Sep 26, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$21,420 pp	AU\$7,340	AU\$0	Available

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