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# Iceland's Midnight Sun: Glaciers, Geysers, and the Golden Circle

**September 13 – 22, 2026** 



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10 Days • 15 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Reykjavík, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Akranes, Breidafjördur Bay Cruise, Lava Exhibition Center, Vík, Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, Sky Lagoon

### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Centerhotel Grandi, Reykjavik Days 4, 5 Vesturland Hotel, Borgarnes

Days 6 – 8 Hotel Dyrholaey, Vik

Day 9 Centerhotel Grandi, Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Sunday, September 13, 2026 Overnight Flight Set out on a journey full of dramatic contrasts. Come to know Iceland; a place where steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving behind thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords.

Day 2: Monday, September 14, 2026 Reykjavík, Iceland Begin in the capital city of Reykjavík. Get to know your fellow travelers during an Icelandic lunch at a popular local restaurant. Next, join a walking tour of old town Reykjavík and learn about the city hall, the harbor, the Parliament building, and the nearby cathedral dating from 1796 before checking into your hotel later in the afternoon. (L)

Day 3: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík Travel the Golden Circle and experience renowned natural wonders. Marvel at the double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, the explosive Geysir thermal area, and the famous Thingvellir National Park where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Along the way, stop at a family-run dairy farm to enjoy various cheeses and their famous ice cream during a light lunch. Your day ends with a visit to Friðheimar's stud farm and greenhouse cultivation center to learn about the tradition of breeding Icelandic show horses as well as how pesticide-free produce is grown with the aid of geothermal energy before returning back to Reykjavík. (B, L)

Day 4: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 Reykjavík - Akranes - Borgarnes Explore the western side of Iceland's coastline and visit Akranes, an old fishing town at the base of Akrafjall Mountain. Don't forget to capture a photo of one of the most picturesque lighthouses\* in the world. Perhaps, you'll climb up the stairs to take in its stunning views. Listen to mysterious stories about this area, or take a leisurely walk along the historical harbor if you choose. Continue to Deildartunguhver, the highest-flowing hot spring in Europe. Stroll along several wooden walkways and observation points to explore the hot springs safely. Listen to local stories and legends while visiting Barnafoss, which translates to "the Children's Falls." Your day comes to an end in Borgarnes, a small West Iceland town with deep Viking roots. (B, D)

Day 5: Thursday, September 17, 2026 Borgarnes - Stykkishólmur - Grudarfjörður - Borgarnes Begin your day with stunning views on your way to Stykkishólmur, located in the northern part of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Search for marine birds before joining a nature cruise of Breiðafjördur Bay. As you drift across the water, sample fresh scallops and sea urchin roe straight from the ocean. You might spot puffins,\*\* cormorants, and the white-tailed eagle soaring as you look out at the shoreline. After, enjoy lunch on your own in this picturesque fishing town dotted with traditional wooden houses before continuing your journey on to Grudarfjörður. Take in views of Mount Kirkjufell with its iconic shape and freestanding form; this is one of the most photographed landscapes in Iceland. Witness Kirkjufellsfoss, a beautiful series of waterfalls, before returning to Borgarnes for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Friday, September 18, 2026 Borgarnes - Vík Learn about geothermal renewable energy on a visit to Hellisheiðavirkjun, the largest power station in Iceland and the second largest geothermal power station in the world. Visit the Lava Exhibition Center and delve into Iceland's past and present volcanic eruptions. Afterward, witness Seljalandsfoss, a rushing waterfall where you may walk behind the water for unique views from the inside out. Arrive in Vík, Iceland's southernmost village, and one of the most remarkable spots in Iceland. (B, D)







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Day 7: Saturday, September 19, 2026 Vík - Reynisfjara - Vík Drive along the scenic south shore to the Skógar Museum. Discover its turf-built houses and its collection of farm and domestic artifacts. Nearby, find the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the tallest in Iceland. Behold Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach scattered with caves and surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs. You might also spot some nesting puffins\*\* along the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a volcanic peninsula towering over the ocean. And finally, take in stunning views on Sólheimajökull Glacier, part of Iceland's fourth largest ice cap. (B, D)

Day 8: Sunday, September 20, 2026 Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Vík This morning, travel to Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, marvel at the vistas and snowy mountain peaks as you board a cruise on an amphibian boat\*\*\* along the huge icebergs. Explore

this extraordinary landscape as you search for seals swimming in cold waters. (B, D)

Day 9: Monday, September 21, 2026 Vik - Reykjavik Today, make your way back to Reykjavik while taking in stunning backdrops as you approach the Reykjanes Peninsula. Visit a local studio and learn about Icelandic traditions of wool dyeing using natural ingredients and traditional techniques. Later, visit the scenic Sky Lagoon\*\*\*\* and experience the Icelandic tradition of geothermal bathing. Take a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters and enjoy sweeping ocean views. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and reflect on your adventures in the Land of Fire and Ice. (B, D)

Day 10: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 Reykjavík - Tour Ends Depart for home with memories of your Icelandic adventure. (B)

## **Experience It! Geothermal Greenhouses**

Growing food in Iceland has historically been a challenge for residents due to the cold climate, unproductive land, and at times, a lack of natural light. Discover how modern technology defies these natural challenges with geothermal greenhouses. At a family-run greenhouse, learn how they are able to harness the natural warmth from the ground's geothermic waters and use it to create a year-round Mediterranean climate. Join a horticultural expert for an insider's look at innovative growing methods used to produce a large variety of tomatoes that are able to thrive in this otherwise challenging environment.

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### **Important Tour Information:**

Book Now rates valid until Mar 14, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an onthe-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

\*\*\*\*Children under the age of 12 are not permitted at Sky Lagoon and an alternative will be provided.

\*If you wish to climb up the Akranes Lighthouse, there are four levels with steep pitched stairs to each mezzanine.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Appropriate clothing is critical to fully enjoying your trip. Iceland's weather conditions are ever-changing and require sturdy waterproof shoes and layers of waterproof and windproof clothing.

Most natural sites such as waterfalls, beaches, and lava fields require walking on unpaved, uneven surfaces rendered slippery by ice and rain.

Due to long-distance travels to the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, you may expect free time after 1:30 p.m. for lunch on your own.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour

On occasion, some activities may not be available due to inclement weather.

\*\*Puffins can usually be viewed mid-May through mid-August.

\*\*\*During the months of April and October, the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon cruise may not operate due to seasonality. This is reflected in the land price for these time periods.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Coaches which may not be lavatory equipped may be used on this program. In this case, stops are made during travel periods. Due to the remoteness of the sites we visit, the travel time between restrooms may be up to 2 hours.

Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Icelandair gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 10:00 a.m.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

#### **Travel Requirements:**

**IDENTIFICATION** 

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of March 07, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 15, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until March 14, 2026.

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