

Soap Lake's Northern Lights Quest of Iceland

6 days/5 nights March 19 - 24, 2023





SMALL GROUP GUIDED HOLIDAYS - Soap Lake's "Northern Lights Quest of Iceland"

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Airfare Round Trip from Seattle
- 5 hot breakfasts, 2 lunches & 3 dinners
- Luxury air-conditioned coach
- 5 nights at cherry picked hotels in Iceland
- All restaurant gratuities where applicable
- An expert Tour Guide/Assistant and a professional Driver
- All entrance fees unless otherwise specified in itinerary.
- Free Wi-Fi on coaches so you can stay connected along the way
- Deluxe documents wallet and backpack to keep you organized
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & handling of one suitcase per person
- Tour Guide services and recommendation of restaurants
- Transfers airport/bus/hotel/bus/airport
- Welcome drinks and canapes
- Farewell Dinner at the Blue Lagoon

Hotels - 5 Nights

- Fosshotel Reykjavik | Reykjavik (1)
- Fosshotel Hekla | Brjansstadir (1)
- Fosshotel Nupar | Kalfafell (2)
- Fosshotel Reykjavik | Reykjavik (1)



TRIP GLOSSARY

- Visit - In-depth sightseeing with a Local Specialist or your Travel Director, includes fast track entry (where applicable).
- View - A brief stop to take in the sight and capture photos
- See - See the sight while driving by on the coach

Tour Highlights:

- Diamond Beach
- Blue Lagoon Dinner
- Fridheimar Tomato Farm Lunch
- Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon
- LAVA Center
- Northern Lights Quest by Boat
- Secret Lagoon
- Skogafoss Waterfall
- Strokkur Geyser
- Thingvellir National Park
- The more you escape the lights of the city, the better your chance to see the Northern Lights. Sail away on a comfortable quest not far from Reykjavik's Old Harbor on the first of our nightly opportunities to hunt the aurora borealis.
- See the striking, unique beauty of the iceberg-filled Glacier Lagoon and the glistening ice that covers the sand of nearby Diamond Beach.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- No early check in/late checkout included
- International, domestic and internal airfares
- Travel Insurance, visas
- Items of a personal nature, laundry, phone calls, i beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed in the itinerary, excess baggage, and optional experiences
- Gratuities for local Experts.
- Baggage portage where not stated
- Any airline imposed baggage fees, please check website for details
- Airline seat assignment policies vary and may not be granted or may require an additional fee

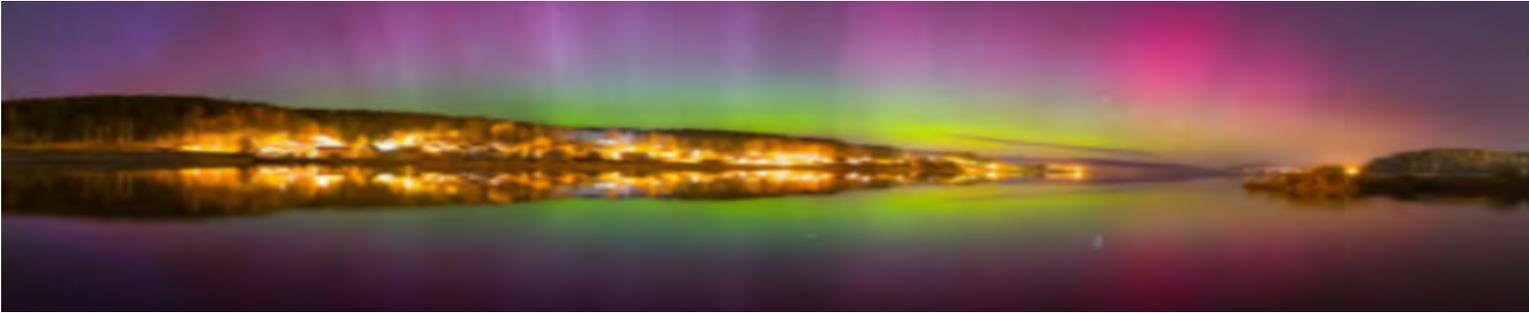
Norther Lights Quest of Iceland

March 19 - 24, 2023
6 Days/5 Nights
10 Meals

\$4299 per person
Double occupancy
Airfare included

\$5134
Single occupancy
Airfare included

NOTE: The features, itinerary and hotels shown for this tour are based on 2022 departures, and may be subject to change for 2023 departures. This tour is subject to CIE Tours' booking guidelines and cancellation penalties. Refer to General Conditions on your CIE Tours group contract. CST# 2021285-20.



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DAY 0: Sat. Mar 18, 2023

Depart to Reykjavik overnight flight
Meal(s) Dinner/Breakfast - In-flight

DAY 1: Sun. Mar 19, 2023

Arrive Reykjavik

Reykjavik Panoramic Tour, Perlan Observation Deck & Northern Lights Quest by Boat

Tour Assistant meets group in the airport arrivals hall and accompanies guests to the hotel. Private Coach - arrives the airport and transfers group to the hotel.

Your tour starts in your hotel at 2:00 PM. Discover capital city Reykjavik on a panoramic tour, experiencing its charming architecture and beautiful, brightly-colored rooftops. Visit the Perlan Observation Deck to see magnificent 360° views of the city and its surroundings. Return to your hotel for a welcome drink and canapés with your group, followed by free time for dinner on your own. Then head to the harbor for your Northern Lights boat quest. Enjoy beautiful views of the city and surrounding mountains as you sail away, watching for the aurora borealis.

Dinner on own

Fosshotel Reykjavik , Iceland
Meal(s): Welcome drinks and canapes

DAY 2: Mon. Mar, 20, 2023
Golden Circle, Secret Lagoon & Fridheimar Tomato Farm

Breakfast at hotel

Tour Guide meets group in the hotel lobby and provides a full-day tour via private coach. Head out on the famed Golden Circle, starting with the spectacular Thingvellir National Park, a meeting place of old Icelandic clans. It is also where the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates meet above ground. Journey to the Secret Lagoon: small and intimate, it's where savvy travelers go to enjoy the Icelandic spa experience. Don't forget your swimsuit! Enjoy a lunch in the greenhouse of Fridheimar Tomato Farm.

Then it's on to the Strokkur Geyser, which erupts every 10 minutes. Stop at Gullfoss Waterfall, one of the most photographed spots in all of Iceland. Move on to your hotel below the Hekla volcano and enjoy dinner with your group. After dark, you might soak in the hotel's outdoor hot tub while watching for the Northern Lights.

Fosshotel Hekla | Brjansstadir, Iceland
Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3: Tue. Mar 21, 2023

LAVA Center, Skógar Folk Museum, Skógafoss Waterfall & Black Sand Beach

Breakfast at hotel

Tour Guide - meets group in the hotel lobby and continues tour via private coach. Visit the LAVA Center to learn about Iceland's volcanoes, and how their eruptions and lava flows have shaped the country over time. Visit the Skógar Folk Museum to explore Iceland's cultural heritage and learn about the lives of Iceland's early settlers through an array of tools, books, and handicrafts. See the Skógafoss Waterfall nearby and then Reynisfjara's black sand beach and rock formations. Dine tonight at your hotel, which is perfectly situated for Northern Lights viewing; it offers wake-up service if the lights are visible after bed time.

Free time for lunch on own.

Dinner at hotel.
Fosshotel Nupar | Kalfafell, Iceland
Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4: Wed. Mar 22, 2023

Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, Diamond Beach & Skaftafell Wilderness Area

Breakfast at hotel

Tour Guide - meets group in the hotel lobby and continues tour via private coach. Visit the Skaftafell Wilderness Area and view some of its wonders: glaciers, waterfalls, a snow-capped volcano and lava fields. Savor lunch with a view of the surrounding countryside at the Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon. Visit the Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, where bright blue and white icebergs dot the waters.

Head to nearby Diamond Beach and marvel at glistening natural ice sculptures on the black sands. Return to your accommodation and dine independently this evening.

Dinner on own

Fosshotel Nupar | Kalfafell, Iceland
Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 5: Thu. Mar 23, 2023
Seljalandsfoss Waterfall, Reykjavik & The Blue Lagoon

Breakfast at hotel

Tour Guide - meets group in the hotel lobby and continues tour via private coach. Journey to the beautiful Seljalandsfoss Waterfall where, weather permitting, the sure-footed can walk the trail that takes you behind the 60-meter falls. Travel back to Reykjavik, possibly visiting any itinerary sights you might have missed due to weather. Spend the rest of the afternoon independently exploring the city. In the evening, visit the Blue Lagoon, a geothermal spa in a man-made lake surrounded by lava fields; share in a farewell dinner and lagoon entry with your group.

Lunch on own

Fosshotel Reykjavik | Reykjavik, Iceland
Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6: Fri. Mar 24, 2023
Reykjavik Airport

Depart to Seattle, day flight

Breakfast at hotel

Assistant - meets group in the hotel lobby and accompanies guests to the airport via private coach.

Meal(s): Breakfast
In-flight Meal(s); Lunch, Snack

ADDITIONAL INCLUDED TOUR INFORMATION



Diamond Beach is also known as Breiðamerkursandur in Icelandic. This iconic attraction takes its name from the glittering icebergs scattered across its shore like a field of diamonds. These stunning icebergs were once part of the Breiðamerkurjökull glacier. After breaking away, the blocks of ice floated lazily around Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon before ending up on Diamond Beach. Wander amongst diamond-like icebergs of dazzling blues and whites and varying sizes. As you explore this stunning black sand beach, you'll discover plenty of perfect photo opportunities and fall in love with Iceland's natural beauty.



The Blue Lagoon, run by a company called Blue Lagoon Iceland, is a spa and human-made geothermal pool located about 45 minutes from Reykjavik in the Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark. A moss-covered lava field surrounds the azure lagoon, taking visitors into the heart of an otherworldly landscape. It's most famous for its steamy mineral-rich water and soft white silica mud, both of which have healing effects on the skin. Locals and visitors have long enjoyed the benefits of bathing in the Blue Lagoon and spreading silica mud on their skin, and scientists have even studied its curative powers. For example, according to this study published in *Experimental Dermatology*, the lagoon's silica and algae demonstrated the capacity to improve skin function and prevent premature aging. It's no wonder some refer to the Blue Lagoon as the true fountain of youth.



Friðheimar in Iceland – a thriving family business growing tons of tomatoes using eco-friendly methods. Growing tomatoes requires plenty of warmth and plenty of light. With this in mind, Iceland doesn't seem like the ideal place to start a tomato farm. In winter, average Icelandic temperatures can struggle to get much above freezing. And in the depths of December there are only four or five hours of daylight each day. But despite these challenges, the folks at award-winning Friðheimar Tomato Farm – in Reykholt in the Golden Circle region – have managed to create the perfect growing conditions for tomatoes. By using state of the art technology, and harnessing sustainable energy to provide warmth and light, the farm produces around 370 tons of the juicy red fruits each year.



Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon

Jökulsárlón literally means glacial river lagoon and that is what Jokulsarlo glacier lagoon is, a large glacial lake in southeast Iceland on the edge of Vatnajökull National Park. It developed into a lake when the surrounding glaciers started receding into the Atlantic Ocean. Huge blocks of ice break off the glacier and float on the lagoon. Jokulsarlón glacier lagoon is a stunning sight, blue/green water full of blue, white and turquoise icebergs streaked with black volcanic ash. The icebergs are composed of ice that is over a thousand years old and forms into unique and wonderful shapes. It's an Iceland glacier lagoon that looks different every time you visit and is teeming with fish and wildlife in the summer and winter months. The lake has quadrupled in size since 1970 and is now the deepest lake in Iceland.



The LAVA Centre sits between five of Iceland's greatest volcanoes. The main exhibition, designed by Basalt Architects and Gagarín, reveals the epic forces of nature that shape our planet and created Iceland. Visitors get a crash course in volcanology while experiencing the extreme forces associated with volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. Iceland has some of the most active volcanic systems in the world with eruptions every two to three years. The land is shaped by these epic forces with ever-changing landscapes wherever you go. The challenge was to give people an in-depth understanding of the geological powers that can be found in the different volcanic systems in Iceland, let visitors feel the underlying activity and teach them

how to read the landscape on their travel around the island. Designed by Basalt Architects and Gagarín, every installation was based on the best scientific knowledge available from both recorded data and live data from leading geological institutions and universities in Iceland. Visitors experience earthquakes created by real seismic data and even hear the movement of magma within Eyjafjallajökull Central Volcano.



Northern Lights Quest by Boat

The Northern Lights, also known as aurora borealis, are caused by interactions between solar wind and gas molecules very high up in our atmosphere. Our sun, 150 million km (93 million mi) away, is constantly emitting solar wind which is made up of charged particles such as protons, electrons, and alpha particles. Solar wind is sent out in all directions, and some of it makes its way towards the Earth, arriving here around 40 hours later on average. The charged particles then collide with molecules of oxygen and nitrogen in the ionosphere, causing the gases to become excited and begin to glow. The light the gases emit are the Northern Lights!



Secret Lagoon

The Secret Lagoon, known locally as Gamla Laugin, is the oldest swimming pool in Iceland. It was made in 1891 at Hverahólmí, a geothermal area near Flúðir. This village is renowned for its volcanic activity, which is used for horticulture and agriculture in the form of many greenhouses. This helps Iceland produce fresh food throughout the year. What makes it place special are the rich natural resources of warm water coming from hot springs. Vaðmálhver, Básahver, or Litli Geysir (active geyser which spouts every few minutes, showing off for the guests), provide 100% of the water supply in the lagoon. The pool water flows continuously, and it takes only 24 hours to its complete replacement. Warm, clean, rich in sulfur, stays at 38-40 Celsius all year round. Relaxing and healthy in any weather.

Skogafoss is a waterfall in the south of Iceland at the cliffs of the former coastline. After the coastline had receded seaward (it is now at a distance of about 5 kilometres (3.1 miles) from Skogar village), the former sea cliffs remained. Skogafoss is unique because the waterfall comes directly from two glaciers, Eyjafjallajökull and Myrdalsjökull. If you climb the 370 steps to the top of Skogafoss waterfall you'll be rewarded with an awe-inspiring view out over south Iceland's coastline. This is also the start of the Fimmvorduhals pass, a popular hiking route. Standing at 60 meters (197 ft) tall, the heavy veil of water is impressive and walking close enough envelops visitors in a cloud of spray, sound and refracted light. Due to the amount of spray the waterfall consistently produces, a single or double rainbow is normally visible on sunny days.





Strokkur Geyser

is one of the most persistent geysers in the world and lies in the Haukadalur valley at the base of Laugarfjall hill. Geysers are a rare geological feature present in only a few locations around the world. Iceland, known for its hydrogeological activity, is lucky enough to have many examples of this beautiful natural phenomenon. The magic of a geyser is created when surface water is heated by bubbling magma that lies beneath the earth's surface. The boiling water becomes highly pressurized and is forced toward the surface through porous rock, where it erupts with magnificent results. The water below Strokkur Geyser's surface reaches around 250°F before rising to the surface and shooting skyward. Despite Iceland's long history of volcanic activity, the first known eruption of Strokkur Geyser wasn't until 1789. Older records, however, can be unreliable, and it's almost certain that Strokkur was also active in the more distant, undocumented past. A gargantuan earthquake in the 1780s is suspected of having cleared the conduits of the geyser below the surface, allowing water to flow freely and visitors to behold this naturally occurring sight more regularly. Through the nineteenth century, Strokkur Geyser erupted frequently and with magnificent force, reaching up to 196 feet high. A huge earthquake at the turn of the twentieth century once again blocked the water channels, and the geyser was dormant until humans intervened in 1963. On the scientific community's advice, the local government manually unblocked the geyser, and it's been happily erupting every five to ten minutes since.

Thingvellir National Park

The Þingvellir area is praised as the national shrine of Iceland due to its great historical and geological significance. Iceland's first national park was established there in 1928, and the Þingvellir area has now been recognized for its outstanding universal value and listed as a UNESCO world heritage site. The name Þingvellir literally means "Assembly Plains," and the place symbolizes the history of Iceland. The Alþingi, or Iceland's parliament, was founded there as early as 930, making it the oldest operating parliament globally. The parliament continued to convene at the fields of river Öxará for 868 years or until 1798. Therefore, many significant events of Iceland's history have taken place there, and Icelanders consider it the nation's birthplace. The magical landscapes at Þingvellir are formed in the unique geographical setting of a rift valley in the divide between the North-American and Eurasian continental plates. The lava fields at Þingvellir are torn apart by tectonic forces, leaving admirable gorges and fissures. The most impressive of them, Almannagjá, is the focal point of the national park. A hiking path leads through the enormous cleft to the "law rock" and Öxará river, enveloped by stunning walls of basalt rocks.



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Northern Lights Quest of Iceland

March 19 - 24, 2023 - 6 Days

Traveler Information

Print name (first/middle/last) EXACTLY as it appears on the Passport you will be using while traveling.

Traveler 1: _____

Traveler 2: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____ Email: _____

Cell #1: _____ Cell #2: _____

Roommate's Name (if not Traveler 2): _____

Tour Price & Payment Information

___ Air/Land Tour Double Occupancy \$4299 per person

___ Air/Land Tour Single Occupancy \$5134

Price Includes:

Airfare/Land tour as per provided itinerary. All rates quoted are in US Dollars, accommodations including breakfast as listed, all services as listed in your itinerary, luggage allowance on ground transportation is based on one standard sized suitcase and one small carry-on per person. Additional luggage must be arranged in advance, fees may apply. Skip-the-line entry where available, queuing for security may still apply, applicable taxes & fees in force at time of confirmation, changes, including per person city taxes, coach permit fees, etc., taking effect after confirmation may result in a supplement added to your final prices, airline fuel surcharge of \$430, and taxes/fees of \$200 are included but subject to change until tickets are paid and issued.

Airport Transfers:

A group transfer will be provided as long as the group arrives and departs on the start and end dates of the tour on the same flight. One round trip group transfer per coach is included in the price quoted. If requested, additional airport transfers (group or private) can be provided at a supplementary cost.

Not Included:

Travel insurance, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, gratuities to the local city guides, excess baggage and portage, optional experiences, transfers not stated within tour, Visa, passport, and entry/exit fees, any airline imposed baggage fees, please check website for details, airline seat assignment policies vary and may not be granted or may require an additional fee

Non-refundable deposit due at time of reservation:

\$500.00 per person

Final payment due date January 26, 2023

Europe Express may request additional deposit prior to final payment subject to tour requirements.

Total Amount of Deposit to be Paid: _____

Security Information

To make your vacation as enjoyable as possible and to assist us in preparing official documentation, please provide the following:

Traveler 1: ___ Male ___ Female

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____

If air is included: Add Redress #, if available: _____

Passport Number: _____ Citizenship: _____

City/State/Country of Birth: _____

Date of Issue: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Traveler 2: ___ Male ___ Female

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____

If air is included: Add Redress #, if available: _____

If traveling internationally:

Passport Number: _____ Citizenship: _____

City/State/Country of Birth: _____

Date of Issue: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Passport information not required for US domestic travel.

Passports and VISAS

All guests must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from return date. It is the responsibility of each guest to ensure any applicable visas for all countries visited have been obtained prior to departure. Failure to obtain correct documentation will mean the guest will be unable to participate in particular shore excursions and may be denied boarding and/or entry into certain countries. Meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and costs is the sole responsibility of guests.

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Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Tel: _____ Cell: _____

Health

Some areas may involve considerable walking, stairs or inclines. Travelers should be in reasonably good health, persons requiring assistance advised to be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing assistance. All needs of this nature must be relayed in advance of travel. Initial here to indicate you have read and understand this:

___ Dietary dietary restrictions, if any: _____

___ Handicapped /mobility assistance needed - check mark and list below:

Emergency Contact

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Telephone: _____

Terms and Conditions

All payments for land/ tours arrangements (ticketed by CIE Tours) will be refunded if applicable less the cancellation fee as outlined below.

Group Refund and Cancellation Policy

The following per person cancellation charges will be assessed:

- 99 - 66 days prior to departure, Loss of Nonrefundable Deposit
- 65 - 16 days prior to departure deposit and 30% per person of tour cost
- 8 - 15 days prior to departure deposit and 50% of tour cost
- 7 - 1 days prior to departure, deposit and 90% of tour cost
- On departure day deposit and 100% of tour cost

If an individual in the group cancels causes a roommate to be accommodated in a room for sole occupancy, single supplement fees may be charged to remaining traveler.

Tours/Excursions:No refund if a particular tour/excursion is canceled.

Change Fee:\$100 per change for any changes made after booking.

Air Cancellation Penalty: Penalties will apply based on the airline booked. Airline conditions will be advised when airline seats are confirmed by the airline. Air that has been ticketed is non-refundable at 100% penalty.

Pre/Post Accommodation(s):Between 14 days and day of departure 100% of accommodation costs.

Talent/Artist:RGE Travels/Holiday Cruises & Tours are not responsible for the content or cancellation of talent/artist before and during tour.

Itinerary:RGE Travels/Holiday Cruises & Tours are not responsible for any changes to itinerary before and during tour by CIE Tours and other Vendors.

Booking Terms and Conditions:These conditions incorporate the basis upon which bookings are accepted by RGE Travels/Holiday Cruises & Tours and CIE Tours. By making a booking you are agreeing to these terms & conditions. These must be studied prior to making the commitment of paying the deposit as they must be referred to. Additional terms and conditions may be applicable to group bookings and will be advised as they become known.

General Information:

Suggested tipping rates (per person traveling) for your Tour Guide/Assistant are \$7.50, or applicable currency equivalent, per person, per day, \$4 or applicable currency equivalent, per person, per day, suggested for the Coach Driver and \$1 – 2 or applicable currency equivalent per person, per day, suggested for Local Experts.

Travel Documentation:Electronic travel documents will be sent to the email address 3 -4 weeks prior to departure.

Air Travel:If purchasing own air travel please provide the flight information in writing no later than 65 days prior to departure.

Baggage Allowance:One suitcase per person is included in the tour price. Due to limited coach capacity the sum of the length, width & depth of the case should not exceed 160cm (63 inches), and weight should not exceed 20kg (44 Lbs). Charges may be levied in the event these limits are exceeded & the promise to transport you may be invalidated.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is available and strongly recommended. Travel insurance is offered to protect your dollar investment due to unforeseen circumstances and should be purchased 14 days of your reservation deposit.

Insurance quote will be provided at no charge, however there is no obligation, you are welcome to purchase travel insurance on your own from your preferred provider. Travel insurance quotes are provided through Travel Guard/Travel Ex. For any illness, cancellations or changes, the client will follow Travel Guard/TravelEx policies and regulations.

All guests will be required to adhere to all protocols established by CIE Tours and all Vendors providing services for tour.

My signature (s) below indicate that I have reviewed and agree to all terms and conditions set forth in this reservation form.

Traveler 1: _____

Traveler 2: _____

Date: _____

REQUIRED: Typed full name will be used as signature

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