



Iceland & the Northern Lights

REYKJAVÍK & AKUREYRI

EXCLUSIVE GUEST SPEAKERS

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A remote Nordic island brimming with legendary volcanoes, glacier-cut fjords, rainbow-laden waterfalls and geysers may sound like the makings of Viking folklore, yet in Iceland's "Land of Fire and Ice," these fantastical, otherworldly scenes are as real as the blue-green auras that dance across the Arctic sky. Experience the natural beauty of this sparsely populated part of the world during an amazing 9-day, 8-night journey specially timed for the optimal viewing of the aurora borealis, otherwise known as the Northern Lights. From cosmopolitan Reykjavík to the harbor town of Siglufjörður and beyond, discover life in this egalitarian nation known for its small population, high standard of living and penchant for books, humor and fresh air. Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of Þingvellir, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet, and where the nation's first open-air assembly was established in 930, lasting until 1798. As your itinerary unfolds, learn about Viking settlers, the herring industry and geothermal energy practices — all while enjoying guided evening excursions where we'll look to the heavens for a light show like no other.

Exclusive Highlights

- Journey to Iceland and enjoy stays at landmark hotels: 4 nights at *Hótel Borg* in Reykjavík and 3 nights at *Siglo Hótel* in Siglufjörður.
- Specially arranged excursions in search of the otherworldly beauty of the naturally occurring aurora borealis, more commonly known as the Northern Lights.
- Explore the wondrous Golden Circle, including the UNESCO World Heritage site of Þingvellir National Park; the two-tiered "Golden Waterfall" of Gullfoss; and Strokkur, an active geyser.



Dear Texas Ex:

Experience the soul-stirring natural beauty of Iceland, learn about its storied history and see its countless wonders — including the magical shape-shifting aura of the elusive Northern Lights. This 9-day, 8-night land adventure features accommodations in the elegant *Hótel Borg* in the cosmopolitan capital of Reykjavík and the Icelandic-style *Hótel Siglo* — located in Siglufjörður, the northernmost town on Iceland's mainland.

Discover Iceland's most popular city on a tour of Reykjavík that includes visits to the Perlan, the National Museum and other iconic landmarks as you immerse yourself in the "Land of Fire and Ice." Feel the thrilling rush of the "Big Three" in the Golden Circle, including the Gullfoss waterfall, the Strokkur geyser and the cracks and gorges of the Atlantic Ocean Ridge at Þingvellir National Park. Play hide and seek around the dark towering lava formations of Dimmuborgir and explore the beauty and bird life of Lake Mývatn. Step back in time in Siglufjörður, where soaring mountains serve as a backdrop for the fascinating Herring Era Museum, just miles from the Arctic Circle.

Throughout your Iceland exploration, enjoy a series of guided evening excursions in search of the aurora borealis. We expect this unique tour to sell out quickly, so book now while space and special savings are still available.

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Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team,
Margaret, Janice, and Catherine

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Day 1 | January 31

Depart your home city.

Day 2 | February 1 B-R

Reykjavík, Iceland

Arrive in Iceland’s capital of Reykjavík and enjoy breakfast en route to the Sky Lagoon, surrounded by eye-catching cliffs. Pack a swimsuit and water shoes in your carry-on if you’d like to take a restorative dip in these mineral-rich waters and swim in the infinity pool overlooking the North Atlantic Ocean.

Depart the Sky Lagoon and head to the city center for a visit to the Hallgrímskirkja, a monolithic Lutheran church

that serves as an ode to modernism and Iceland’s unique landscape. Enjoy lunch on your own before checking into the *Hótel Borg*, a newly renovated boutique hotel located just steps from the National Cathedral and the Icelandic Parliament. Join your fellow passengers for a Welcome Reception in the hotel this evening, followed by dinner on your own at one of Reykjavík’s many restaurants.

Day 3 | February 2 B

Reykjavík

Explore this Nordic nation’s most popular city, beginning with a visit to hilltop Perlan

(also known as The Pearl) — a museum with a rotating glass dome and 360° views.

After lunch, walk back through time at the National Museum of Iceland where you can trace the nation’s history from the Settlement Age, then stroll the old neighborhood where you’ll find time-worn lanes adorned with colorful historic houses and charming shops.

Tonight, enjoy your first guided excursion in search of the Northern Lights.

Day 4 | February 3 B-L

Reykjavík | Golden Circle

Embark on Iceland’s iconic Golden Circle tour and discover the nation’s “Big Three,” beginning with the scenic lava plains at Pingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site just 30 minutes outside of the city. Continue on to the spectacular “golden waterfall” at Gullfoss Falls.

From there, head to the geothermal region for a tour and lunch at Fridheimar





Greenhouse & Stables, a family-run geothermal tomato and horse farm. During your tour you will learn more about Icelandic horses and their extraordinary history.

Catch the Strokkur geyser in action as it sprays a fountain of water and steam high into the air. On the road back to Reykjavík, learn how Icelanders make the most of geothermal forces during a short visit to Hellisheiði Power Plant.

Day 5 | February 4 **B-L**

Reykjavík | Siglufjörður

Enjoy a scenic drive to Siglufjörður, the northernmost town on Iceland's mainland, located 28 miles from the Arctic Circle. This picturesque area, tucked between rugged mountains at the tip of the

Tröllaskagi peninsula, is the herring fishing capital of the North Atlantic. Stop for an authentic local lunch, then check into the *Hótel Siglo*. This afternoon, travel to Hauganes, a small fishing village on the western coast of Eyjafjörður bay. This idyllic region is known for its stunning coastal scenery, whale watching and warm geothermal waters. Visit the family-run Baccalá Bar and enjoy a tasting of the renowned salted codfish.

Day 6 | February 5 **B-L**

Siglufjörður | Goðafoss | Mývatn | Namaskarð | Dimmuborgir

Visit Goðafoss, the “waterfall of the gods,” where the wooden idols of Norse mythology were cast

into the rushing waters as Icelanders voted to adopt Christianity. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and marvel at the breathtaking scenery of Lake Mývatn and the tiny craters of Skutustadur. See Namaskarð's gurgling sulfur cauldrons and the “dark castle” lava formation of Dimmuborgir. As night falls, prepare for an outing in search of the aurora borealis.

Day 7 | February 6 **B-L**

Siglufjörður | Akureyri

Step into Siglufjörður's past as a tiny fishing hub at the Herring Era Museum, featuring a restored salt house and factory. Depart for Akureyri, Iceland's “Capital of the North.” After lunch at a local eatery, and visit the Forest Lagoon,



Pingvellir National Park, Iceland



Siglufjörður, the northernmost town of mainland Iceland



located in the Vaðlaskógur forest. Savor a soak in one of the spa's geothermal pools. After dinner on your own this evening, embark on another quest for the Northern Lights.

Day 8 | February 7 B-L-D

Siglufjörður | Hraunfossar | Reykjavík

As we journey back to Reykjavík, admire the unique

and striking landscapes. Savor a hearty lunch at the family-run Hraunsnef farmhouse restaurant, which offers an authentic Icelandic farm-to-table experience as part of your day-long excursion.

Upon arrival in Reykjavík, check in to the *Hótel Borg* with the afternoon at leisure

to relax or explore the city at your own pace. Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 9 | February 8 B

Transfer to the Reykjavík airport for your flight back to your home city.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions. Northern Lights sightings are not guaranteed.

Exclusive Guest Speakers



Elin Björk Jónasdóttir

Iceland native Elin Björk Jónasdóttir is a climate science and policy expert at the Icelandic Ministry for Environment, Energy and Climate. She is a former head of the Icelandic Meteorological Office's natural hazard monitoring and weather forecasting department. For the past 15 years, she has worked on severe weather events in Iceland, including volcanic eruptions.



Sævar Helgi Bragason

Sævar Helgi Bragason is a science educator and communicator. He has a background in geology and astronomy and years of experience teaching astronomy to all ages. He is the author of best-selling books on science, including "Iceland at Night: Your Guide to Northern Lights and Stargazing in Iceland." His website is the number one source for aurora and stargazing information in Iceland.



The Northern Lights illuminate “dark castle” lava formations at Dimmuborgir



The geothermal pass of Námaskarð



Eruption of Strokkur geyser in Iceland

INCLUDED FEATURES



- 4 nights in Reykjavík, Iceland, at the *Hótel Borg*.
- 3 nights in Akureyri at the *Kea Hótel*.
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Hótel Borg

A sophisticated landmark in the heart of Reykjavik, *Hótel Borg* has been welcoming heads of state and travelers for nearly a century. Overlooking the gardens and cafes of Iceland's main square, the hotel is surrounded by illustrious landmarks. Appreciate the understated elegance of Art Deco interiors, including custom furnishings, large bathtubs and heated marble floors. The lower level has a dedicated spa, while restaurants, cafes and shops are just steps away.



Siglo Hotel

Built into the Siglufjörður harbor, the *Siglo Hotel* offers classic rooms with views of the surrounding mountains and marina. Each room offers a romantic window seat to watch the world go by in this charming little Icelandic haven. Enjoy the hotel's many amenities, including outdoor spas and a great room with a fireplace to relax after a day of touring.

2026 DEPARTURE DATE | January 31 to February 8 | **Tour Begins: February 1**

Occupancy	Standard Rate	Extended Savings Rate*
Double	\$5,495	\$4,495
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