



**REYKJAVÍK CITY BREAK – 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS
ITINERARY & OFFER FOR MIDDLETON TRAVEL
GROUP: GIRLS GETAWAY
12 – 17 OCTOBER 2017**





ITINERARY

DAY 1 (THU 12.10): ARRIVAL – TRANSFER TO REYKJAVÍK



Early arrival at Keflavík International Airport (estimated arrival time 06:35). Welcome by your local English speaking guide and private transfer to hotel in Reykjavík for breakfast and check in (estimated arrival time at hotel 08:30/09:00). You will have the rest of the day free to spend at own leisure or until your welcome dinner at 19:00.

WELCOME DINNER AT SKÓLABRÚ RESTAURANT

In the evening; a welcome dinner at the iconic restaurant Skólabrú, located in the heart of Reykjavík and within walking distance from your hotel. At Skólabrú you will get to enjoy distinctly Icelandic food based on Icelandic cultural heritage and local culinary traditions. The Icelandic lamb together with seafood dishes is among the things people like the most (3 course group menu to be decided – vegetarian options available).

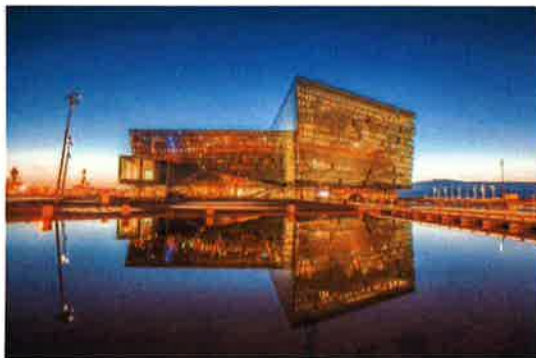
Overnight at 4 Radisson Blu 1919 Hotel in downtown Reykjavík*



DAY 2 (FRI 13.10): MORNING REYKJAVÍK CITY SIGHTSEEING – AFTERNOON FREE – EVENING NORTHERN LIGHTS HUNT

This morning you will meet up with your local guide and depart for a sightseeing tour of the capital area. During the tour we will visit the main landmarks of the city, for example Hallgrímskirkja church, the harbor and the old town center where the Icelandic parliament Alþingi and the Town Hall are situated. In the Town Hall you will also find a large 3D map of Iceland which can be very interesting to explore and get a better overview of the landscape of the whole island.

We will see Höfði house where the all-important summit between former U.S. President Ronald Reagan and former U.S.S.R. Secretary General Mikhail Gorbachev took place in 1986 and drive through Elliðarárdalur and Laugardalur valley with its sports and recreation area and geothermally heated outdoor swimming pool. We will also visit Harpa Concert Hall and Perlan (the Pearl); a glass dome built on hot water storage tanks with an excellent observation platform offering panoramic views of the city and its surroundings.



Duration: approx. 3 hours

Departure: at 09:00

From noon until late evening you will have free time to spend at own leisure.....and maybe do some shopping in downtown Reykjavík.

SHOPPING IN REYKJAVÍK

For the best shopping experience in Reykjavík we recommend you hit the downtown area of the city which is where most of the shops and boutiques are concentrated. Whether you're looking to get a gift or souvenir, something unique from one of our many talented designers or even a midnight

snack, the city centre is well supplied with brand names, obscure fashion shops, quality art studios and convenience stores.

A wander around the city's famous shopping streets of Laugavegur and Skólavörðustígur will lead you to some gorgeous little boutiques and charming shops where you're sure to discover fashion treasures ranging from the ultra-modern and concept-driven to vintage classics from the golden era!

Shopping hours in Reykjavik can vary, however most places are open between the hours of 10am and 6pm during the week with shorter opening hours in some stores during the weekend.



EVENING NORTHERN LIGHTS HUNT*

In the evening you will join your guide on a private guided bus tour in search of the spectacular Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis). You will be whisked out of Reykjavik in search of a night sky that is free of city lights in order to enhance the beauty of the Aurora Borealis as this remarkable natural phenomenon is best enjoyed well away from any light source. Locations visited can vary and depend on where it is most likely the lights will be visible each night.



Duration: approx. 3 hours

Departure: at 22:00

**Please note that the Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon and sightings, therefore, cannot be guaranteed. Depending on weather conditions this tour might be moved to a different date/time as it gets closer to departure.*

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DAY 3 (SAT 14.10): FREE DAY IN REYKJAVÍK – EVENING HORSE SHOW AND DINNER AT FÁKASEL

Today will be free for you to spend at own leisure until late afternoon when we board our bus for dinner and a show at the magnificent Icelandic Horse Park, Fákasel.

If you want to continue shopping this day and you prefer the mall experience and those global brands, you can take a trip to Kringlan, the largest shopping mall in Reykjavik. Kringlan offers a wide variety of over 180 shops, a selection of places to eat and a range of services. At Kringlan you will find everything from a public library and a cinema to some of the finest fashion shops and restaurants in town under one roof. You might also want to visit Smáralind – Iceland's largest and most modern shopping center which welcomes you with more



than 100 shops and businesses on three floors. The enjoyable „street“atmosphere, beautiful architecture and comfortable lighting ensure that customers feel at ease and wish to enjoy the mall's multiple features again and again.

Besides shopping you can find many interesting museums, restaurants and cafés in Reykjavík and of course a wide selection of swimming pools.

SWIMMING IN REYKJAVÍK

Experience pure thermal energy and take a dip in one of Reykjavík's many thermal pools and spas! Not only a great source of natural therapy but an important part of our culture and a tonic for the body and mind! Whether you go for a swim, take a healing soak in a hot pot, or indulge in a thermal steam bath, you will leave feeling relaxed and re-energized. Laugardalslaug is the city's largest pool with extensive facilities, located in Laugardalur Valley. Its facilities include a 50m outdoor pool, outdoor children's pool and paddling pool, two waterslides, numerous hot tubs, steam bath, gym and a mini golf course.



FÁKASEL – THE ICELANDIC HORSE PARK

In the late afternoon we make our way to Fákasel Horse Park where you will be introduced to the unique story of the Icelandic horse, its distinctive features and its important role in Icelandic history and culture.

The Legends of Sleipnir, employs large-scale multimedia and special effects to weave together history, old Norse mythology and exhibition riding to demonstrate the Icelandic horse's beauty and uniqueness. The result is a magical theatrical experience that emphasizes the Icelandic horse's special features and pays tribute to its historical relationship with humans throughout Iceland's history.

17:45 Departure from hotel in Reykjavík (approx. 50 minute drive to Fákasel)

19:00 Horse show (duration 45 minutes)

20:00 Dinner at Fákasel (3 courses)

21:30 Estimated departure time from Fákasel

22:30 Estimated arrival time at hotel in Reykjavík (and who knows – maybe we will get an extra bonus and see the Northern Lights during our drive)



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DAY 4 (SUN 15.10): THE GOLDEN CIRCLE DAY TOUR



Today we visit some of the most interesting and famous sites of Iceland; the Geysir area, Gullfoss waterfall and Þingvellir National Park as we travel along the so-called Golden Circle route. Þingvellir, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of the geological wonders of the world. There you can see the effects of the tectonic plate movements which have opened various cracks and fissures in the earth's crust, and it was here that the Icelandic Parliament was founded in the 10th century.

After taking a walk in the unique landscape of Þingvellir we continue to our lunch stop at Efsti Dalur dairy farm where the same family has lived since the late 17th century. At Efsti Dalur guests can watch the farmers at work, watch the cows and young cattle directly through a window in their daily environment and witness the making of milk products such as ice-cream, skyr and cheese. The restaurant offers cuisine made from local ingredients and delicious homemade ice-cream, coffee and cake. For lunch we will enjoy a traditional Icelandic beef meat soup with a selection of vegetables and sides, freshly baked bread and homemade skyr.



After lunch we continue our journey to the famous geothermal area of Geysir. There the Strokkur hot spring ejects its water column high into the air every 5 – 10 minutes or so and numerous other small springs are boiling and bubbling. Then we only have a short drive to reach Gullfoss, a magnificent waterfall which Icelanders refer to as the “golden” waterfall, surely one of the most beautiful in Iceland. Return to Reykjavík.



Duration: approx. 8 hours

Departure: at 09:00

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DAY 5 (MON 16.10): MORNING FREE / AFTERNOON BLUE LAGOON VISIT

Morning free to spend at own leisure.

In the afternoon you will be picked up at your hotel and transferred to the famous Blue Lagoon where you can enjoy a relaxing bath in enchanting surroundings.



The Blue Lagoon is a unique geothermal spa situated in the youngest lava field in west Iceland. It offers many recreational options such as bathing in the milky blue water, enjoying an outdoor massage or spa treatment (*needs to be booked in advance*), or simply walking in the spectacular surroundings of the Lagoon.

On site there is also a fantastic restaurant with á la carte menu, a smaller cafeteria and bar, and the Blue Lagoon shop; selling skin care products based on the unique blend of Blue Lagoon geothermal seawater active ingredients: minerals, silica, and algae, as well as various Icelandic designer clothing and art.



Duration: approx. 4 hours

Departure: at 14:00

14:50 – Estimated arrival at the Blue Lagoon

15:00 – Entrance booked at the Blue Lagoon (comfort package)

- ✓ Admission to the Blue Lagoon bathing area
- ✓ Silica Mud Mask
- ✓ Use of 1 towel
- ✓ 1st drink of your choice
- ✓ Algae mask

17:15 – Estimated departure time from the Blue Lagoon

18:00 – Estimated arrival time at hotel in Reykjavík

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DAY 6 (TUE 17.10): DEPARTURE

Pickup from hotel and private transfer to Keflavik International Airport.

END OF SERVICES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VISIT