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## **Local Living Iceland—Northern Lights & Reykjavík**

5 days, Reykjavik to Reykjavik

Trip code ELNL

## What's included

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Guided Reykjavík city tour by foot
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- Northern Lights excursion
- Visit to naturally heated pools
- Visit to Kolaportið Flea Market
- Transport between destinations and included activities

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2015 and onwards

## Itinerary

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**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

## Reykjavik

Arrive before evening. If conditions are right, set off to hunt for the Northern Lights.

Share a fully equipped house in Reykjavik with your fellow travellers, using it as a jumping off point for your Local Living adventures.

Tonight, if the conditions are right, we'll set off to hunt for the Northern Lights. If not, we will try again tomorrow.

Note that the Northern Lights are a natural phenomena, and as such, we cannot control them. We do not have formal statistics on the success rate of viewing the Northern Lights, but it is very high because if the chances are not favourable for viewing, we cancel and reschedule the tour. For that reason, we offer the Northern Lights excursion early on in the trip so if the tour is cancelled or not successful, there is additional time to opt to book a second tour.



### Today's Activities

#### ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

Get to know Reykjavik on a guided tour of the city. Stop by Kolaportið, the local flea and fish market, scour the stands for a bargain, then help the CEO buy some fish for dinner. Stop by some naturally heated pools popular with the locals. Enjoy a cooking demonstration with the CEO to learn how to make delicious and hearty Icelandic dishes.

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## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## Today's Activities

Reykjavik City Tour

Reykjavik

Take a tour of the city, learning more about its history, architecture, people and culture.

Kolaportið Flea Market Visit

Reykjavik

Visit the Kolaportið Flea Market, a market that sells everything from vintage clothing and antiques to hand-crafted souvenirs to fermented shark. From wares to food, it's got something for everyone. Enjoy some free time to look around and be sure to ask the vendors about unfamiliar Icelandic food items.

Naturally Heated Pools Visit

Reykjavik

Stop by one of the city's outdoor pools heated by volcanic activity and enjoy a relaxing dip in the warm waters. Just what the doctor ordered! Back during Viking times, the tradition was started to bathe outdoors in these pools and today locals as well as travellers continue to seek out these hot spots.

Days 3–4

## Reykjavik

During your free time, set off and really get to know Reykjavík and its surroundings. Opt to set off by foot to get to know the city, or book a tour to visit some of the natural sites for which Iceland is famous, such as the Golden Circle or the Sólheimajökull Glacier.



### Meals included

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### Today's Activities

Free Time

Reykjavik

Enjoy free time to explore Reykjavík and beyond.



### Optional Activities - Days 3–4

Golden Circle Tour

Reykjavik

19990ISK

5h-6h

Enjoy a tour of Iceland's most famous natural attractions. Tours typically start out with Þingvellir National Park, one of Iceland's most historic sites. From there make your way to the geothermal area near the Geysir hot spring. After, visit Gullfoss waterfall then hop on a snow machine to tour Langokull, Iceland's second largest glacier.

Glacier Hiking on Sólheimajökull (from Reykjavík)

Reykjavik

24990ISK

Learn how to walk safely on the ice of the Sólheimajökull Glacier, explore the ice formations and crevices, and try your hand at climbing an ice wall. The ice flows from the larger Myrdalsjökull glacier to Sólheimajökull, an outlet glacier. The icy landscape with bright, blue caves and ridges is a unique hiking experience, one that is rapidly changing due to climate change. This activity involves approximately 4-5 hours of travel time roundtrip.

Depart at any time. Those with later flights may opt to visit the famous Blue Lagoon.

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## Meals included

Breakfast

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## Today's Activities

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

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## **What is the role of the group leader during this trip?**

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our CEOs (Chief Experience Officer). The aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects.

## **How large will the group be?**

Max 14, avg 10.

## **What meals are included in this trip?**

4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners

## **What are the modes of transportation on my trip?**

Van, jeep, walking.

## What transportation will we take on this trip?

Most day excursions (both optional and included) will include private transportation to and from the activity and your CEO can help arrange any other transportation services you might need.

## Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?

We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

## Where will we stay during the trip?

Fully equipped house in Reykjavik (4 nts).

## What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?

We stay in a family-style house in central Reykjavik within comfortable walking distance to downtown. The house has a combination of twin-share and double bedrooms, along with a comfortable living room, fully equipped kitchen and multiple shared bathrooms. Clean sheets and towels will be provided upon arrival to be used for the duration of the tour. The house is professionally cleaned before and after each group's stay, but the group is asked to assist in keeping the house clean and tidy during the tour. In Iceland, it is standard practice to remove shoes before entering a home, and it is requested that tour participants do the same in this house.

## What is the joining hotel?

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

## What are the joining instructions?

Upon exiting the airport, take the shuttle bus service, Flybus. Cost is 2500ISK. It will drop you off anywhere in Reykjavik. The office is located on the main shopping street in Reykjavik.

Please meet with your CEO at the latest by 4pm at the Arctic Adventure Office. Once there, you will be transferred to your Reykjavik Local Living accommodation.

Please note:

If you are arriving earlier, you will be able to drop off your luggage at the office for the day. If you are arriving after 4pm, please make your way to the office and they will contact your CEO to pick you up or provide you with directions to the local living property.

## What happens if I experience problems when arriving?

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

## Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER

G Adventures Berlin office: +4915203076785

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, from calls within North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from within UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from within Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from within Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from within New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

## What should be on my packing list?

### Health & Safety:

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

## **What should I consider when planning my personal expenses and discretionary spending for this itinerary?**

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

## **How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?**

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## **Do I need to pay a departure tax?**

There is currently no departure tax when leaving Iceland.

## **Should I be tipping on my trip?**

Tipping in Iceland is not customary. In many cases, a service charge is added to the bill which means that it is not necessary to add a tip. If you wish to express your satisfaction with the service in a bar or restaurant, then a gratuity of 10% or to round up the amount of the bill is perfectly acceptable.

Tipping during the tour program is similarly not expected, but it can be a way to express satisfaction with the persons who have assisted on your tour. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from the equivalent of \$3-5 USD per day depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

At the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline €30-40 per person, per week can be used.

## What activities are optional on this trip?

### Reykjavik

- Golden Circle Tour (19990ISK per person)
- Glacier Hiking on Sólheimajökull (from Reykjavík) (24990ISK per person)

### Grindavik

- Blue Lagoon Visit (35-165EUR per person)

## Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any personal medical requirements. Please be aware that quite often we are in remote areas and away from medical facilities, and for legal reasons our leaders are prohibited from administering any type of drug including headache tablets, antibiotics, etc. When selecting your trip please carefully read the brochure and itinerary and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Please refer to the Physical Ratings for trip specific information. G Adventures reserves the right to exclude any traveller from all or part of a trip without refund if in the reasonable opinion of our CEO they are unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group.

## What do I need to know to about safety and security on my trip?

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards), have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

## What are the trip specific safety considerations?

Like anywhere in the world, major cities have areas safer than others, use common sense, be aware of your surroundings and mind your personal belongings. Also, please look at weather reports before packing to ensure your clothes are warm enough for the Icelandic winter.

## What rules should I know before joining this trip?

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Some tours include adventure activities that require extra coverage (e.g. crampon use); please review your itinerary and make sure that you are covered for all included activities. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

## What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

Earn 5% off your next G Adventures Tour (up to \$100 USD)\*

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us and to thank you for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% discount (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) off your next G Adventures holiday. All you need to do is submit the form within 4 weeks of the completion of your tour, and you'll be able to join the thousands of travellers who have taken 2, 3, 4 or even 10 or more tours with us!

Discount cannot be combined with other offers or applied to 'Independent' style trips. Maximum discount value is \$100 USD (or equivalent currency). Valid for new bookings only. G Adventures reserves the right to withdraw or modify this offer at any time without notice. Limited to one discount per person.

## How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

## Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

## What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

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