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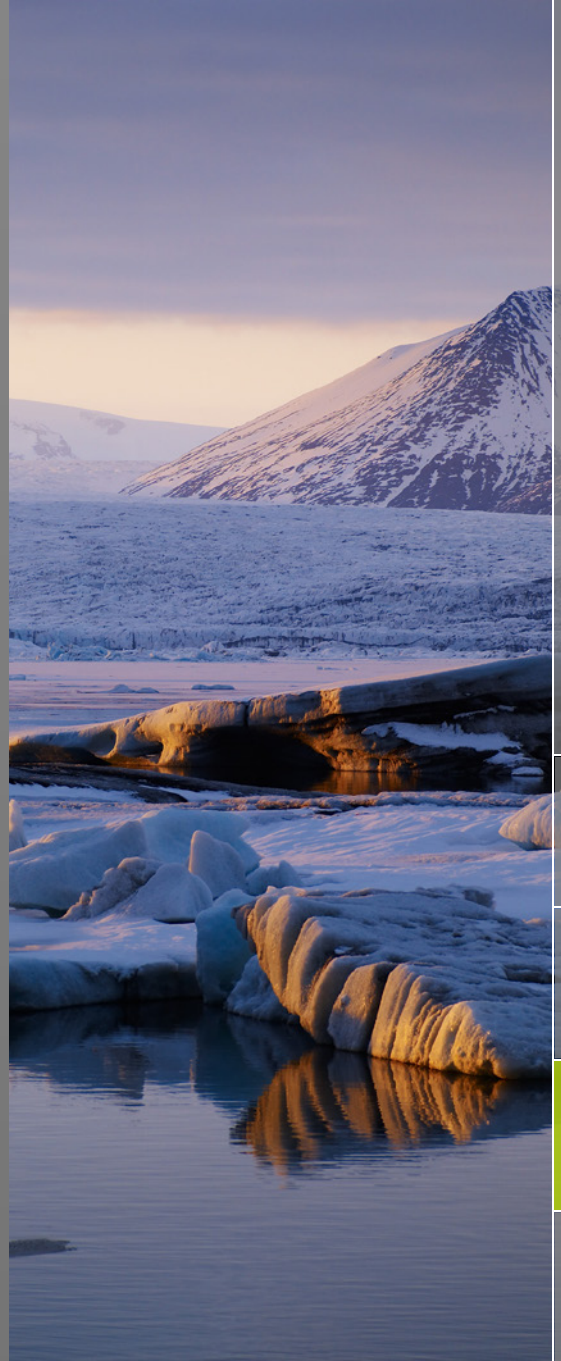
Energise WITH THE FORCES OF NATURE

Iceland is the destination for school groups looking for something that is just a little out of the ordinary. The people are warm and welcoming, the nature is rugged and beautiful, the culture is rich and appealing but nothing is really quite what you would expect. Its breathtaking landscape – with boiling mud pools, spurting geysers, glaciers and waterfalls – is an adventure and inspiration for all.

You may wish to centre your visit on the cosmopolitan city of Reykjavik, surrounded by the pure unpolluted energy of nature and awe-inspiring natural wonders. Capture the magical beauty of the Northern Lights, visit the Volcano House Cinema to experience powerful volcanic eruptions, or take a Whale Watching trip and expand knowledge of these mysterious, complex and remarkable mammals.

Reykjavík's energy also abounds in the city's cultural scene – from the avant-garde to the historical, Reykjavík's galleries, museums and theatres support a vibrant and sophisticated artistic culture. Wherever you go and whatever you choose to do, you will leave Iceland feeling relaxed and re-energised.

Simply spectacular! There is no other way to describe Iceland.



Top Attractions

THE GOLDEN CIRCLE TOUR

The Golden Circle tour allows you to visit some of Iceland's most stunning sights, starting with the Geysir geothermal area where the Strokkur geyser shoots a column of water up to 30 metres (98 ft.) into the air every 4-8 minutes in a thrilling display of nature's forces. The visit continues with Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, created by the river Hvítá, which tumbles and plunges into a crevice some 32 m (105 ft.) deep.

The Golden Circle tour also includes the historical and geological wonder that is Thingvellir National Park, where the American and Eurasian tectonic plates are pulling apart at a rate of a few centimetres per year.

Additionally, the tour includes a visit to the idyllic Friðheimar greenhouse cultivation centre, where you can learn about the magic behind growing delicious, pesticide-free tomatoes and cucumbers with the aid of the geothermal heat that Iceland has in abundance.

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SÓLHEIMAJÖKULL GLACIER WALK

The Sólheimajökull glacier tongue extends from the great Mýrdalsjökull glacier, down to the sandy plains of the Icelandic south coast. The spectacular surroundings are marked by rugged and majestic rock formations thoroughly shaped by the glacier. This is an easy walk on crampons up onto the ice field where a wonderland of ice sculptures, ridges and deep crevasses await your discovery. From the beginning of the tour an experienced glacier guide will teach you how to use basic ice equipment, crampons and ice axe required for your trip into this magical frozen world.

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Top Attractions

BLUE LAGOON

Welcome to one of the wonders of the world!

In a lava field in Grindavik on the Reykjanes Peninsula, just 45 minutes from Reykjavik, you will find the unique experience of the Blue Lagoon – an unforgettable opportunity to energize with the forces of nature. Set in the pure heart of the Icelandic landscape, Blue Lagoon is a truly special world.

Iceland's most popular visitor attraction, the Blue Lagoon is a giant bathtub that pools six million litres of geothermal seawater from 2000 metres beneath the earth's surface. By the time it reaches the lagoon, the mineral-rich milky, aqua blue waters simmer at temperatures between 37 and 39°C. In addition to the lagoon, there's a sauna, steam bath carved out of a lava cave and a massaging waterfall. A shop, café and viewing deck keeps spectators amused.

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WHALE WATCHING

Iceland is the perfect location for whale watching. The cold waters off the coast play host to a diverse marine life. During the summer months in particular, the shores become a veritable feeding ground for multiple species of large marine mammals, giving visitors a chance to observe these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat.

Whale watching excursions are available widely around the country. Daily tours depart from the Old Harbor in Reykjavík, as well as from a few small towns in the north of Iceland.

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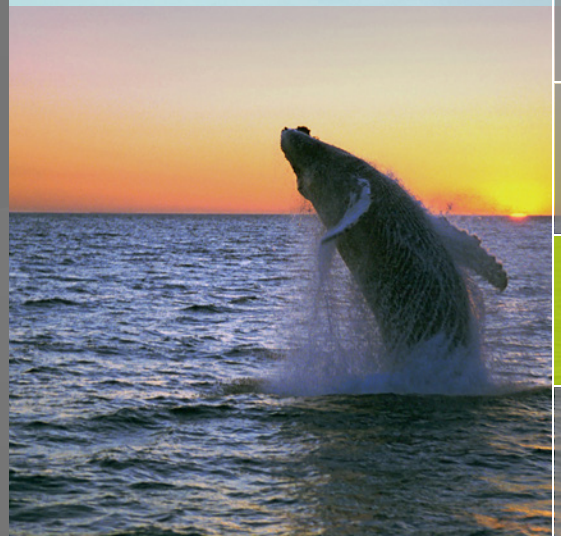

HELLISHEDI POWER PLANT GEOTHERMAL ENERGY EXHIBITION

The Geothermal Energy Exhibition at Hellisheiði Power Plant is a state-of-the-art look into the harnessing of geothermal energy in Iceland. The plant is owned by Reykjavík Energy and is a striking example of how geothermal energy is harnessed in a sustainable manner and a showcase for the rest of the world.

Experienced guides are on-hand to provide informative presentations about sustainable green energy as a global energy resource, since geothermal resources can be found worldwide.

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FRIDHEIMAR GREENHOUSE

Friðheimar is very much a family affair, run by Knútur Rafn Ármann and his wife Helena Hermundardóttir.

At Friðheimar, they grow tomatoes all year round, despite Iceland's long, dark winters, under artificial lighting in greenhouses. Visitors gain an insight into the processes of greenhouse horticulture, with a short and informative talk on the subject – and in fact it is quite remarkable that it should be possible to grow vegetables in this cold climate, by creating warm Mediterranean conditions, all year round, through the long dark winter. Visitors enjoy the special experience of entering a greenhouse with its fragrance of tomato plants – and then sitting down to a feast of the famous Friðheimar tomato soup with fresh, baked bread – with tomato plants all around. And some like to raise a glass of tomato schnapps!

The Atrium also includes an exhibition about the use of geothermal heating in Icelandic horticulture. And visitors can take away delicious food souvenirs such as Tomato Jam, Cucumber Salsa and Tomato Drink.

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Popular Attractions

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Hallgrímskirkja church, Reykjavik
- Gullfoss Waterfall
- Strokkur geyser
- The National and University Library of Iceland
- Vatnasafn / Library of Water
- Austurland Archive
- Akureyri Botanical Garden
- Höfdi House

ACTIVITIES

- Aurora Borealis northern lights
- Laugavegur Hiking Trail
- Gjábakkahellir Cave
- Leiðarendi Cave
- Icelandic Horse Riding
- Maelifell Volcano, Myrdalsjökull Glacier Park
- Kirkjufell Mountain
- Skaftafell Ice Cave, Vatnajökull National Park
- Snæfellsjökull glacier
- Vatnajökull glacier

MUSEUMS

- Akranes Photografical Museum
- Akureyri Museum
- Aquarium and Museum of Natural History - Saeheimar
- Reykjavik City Museum
- Borgarnes Museum
- East Iceland Heritage Museum
- Eirikstaddir - Living Museum
- Eyrarbakki Maritime Museum
- Húsavík Museum
- Húsavík Whale Museum
- Reykjanes Heritage Museum

GALLERIES

- Reykjavík Art Museums
- The National Gallery of Iceland
- Reykjanes Art Museum
- Lá Art Museum (Listasafn Árnesinga)
- Gallery Kóbolt
- Gallery Stödlakot
- Einar Jónsson Museum
- Akureyri Art Museum

HOTEL CABIN

Borgartún 32, 105 Reykjavík

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HOTEL INFORMATION

Opened in May 1997, Hotel Cabin is a modern hotel offering travelers visiting Reykjavík comfortable and economic accommodation right in the heart of the city. The hotel is excellently located within a walking distance from the city center as well as the Laugardalur area.

LOCATION

Located along Faxaflói Bay's scenic waterfront promenade, a 5-minute walk from the large, geothermal Laugardalslaug Swimming Pool

FEATURES

Free private parking, lobby bar, salad bar and conference/reception rooms

BEDROOMS

All rooms have a TV, desk and private bathroom

ROOMS

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HOTEL ÖRK

Breiðumörk 1c, 810 Hveragerði

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HOTEL INFORMATION

This countryside hotel is located in the village of Hveragerdi, 45 km from Reykjavik. Set in beautiful surroundings, Hotel Örk offers free private parking and free Wi-Fi. An outdoor pool with a waterslide, hot tub, geothermal sauna and beauty / massage parlour are also to be found on site.

LOCATION

Located in a small village often called the Hot Springs Capital of the world, only 30 minutes drive from Reykjavik

FEATURES

Restaurant, 9-hole golf course, outdoor swimming pool, hot tubs, sauna, ping-pong/pool table.

BEDROOMS

Private bathroom, TV, refrigerator, telephone and free WIFI

ROOMS

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