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EXPLORE ICELAND: NORTH AND SOUTH

8 days | Reykjavík | Akureyri region

Welcome to a country that's so singular and environmentally diverse, you might as well be on a different planet. Experience stunning fjords and breathtaking waterfalls, then travel to a red mountain where mud boils and steam flows out of the earth. Journey through the Dimmuborgir lava formations, which some believe are trolls exposed to the sun, then walk along the gap separating two tectonic plates. This adventurous trip is not for the faint-of-heart or weak-of-limb; it will keep you moving, climbing, and hiking—and constantly questioning how your surroundings can possibly be real.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 7 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director; 2 full days with local guides
-  **Entrances:** Viking World; Whales of Iceland; Whale watching excursion, Herring Museum; Ektafiskur Ehf; Blue Lagoon; Ektaskur Ehf local experience; university lecture; Þingvellir National Park geology walk; greenhouse visit; Fridheimar Farm; Gauksmyri Horse Stables
-  **Personalized learning guide:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; 6 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; European breakfast and dinner daily; 2 included lunches



Anyone can see the world.

YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your Tour Director in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. Expert local guides will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

– MELISSA, TRAVELER



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What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Reykjavík

- Board your overnight flight to Iceland.

Day 2: Reykjavík

- Meet your tour director at Keflavík International Airport.
- Enjoy breakfast, then explore a replica viking ship at Viking World.
- Discover a blend of culture, history, and natural beauty during your walking tour of Reykjavík.
- Learn about various species of whales and see life-sized models during your visit to Whales of Iceland.

Day 3: Reykjavík | Akureyri region

- Journey away from Reykjavík towards the Akureyri region, a quaint seaside town in northern Iceland.
- Along the way, enjoy a hike to the top of Grábrók Crater for a bird's-eye view of mossy lava elds.
- Tour the charming yet surprisingly cosmopolitan Akureyri.

Day 4: Akureyri region

- Stand in awe below Goðafoss, one of Iceland's most spectacular waterfalls.
- EWalk along the shore of Lake Mývatn where you can spot volcanic rock formations or native Icelandic waterbirds.
- During lunch, enjoy a short hike. Or, choose to take a dip in the milky blue, mineral-rich Mývatn Nature Baths.
- Be transported to another planet as you walk among the boiling mud pots and steamy natural hot springs of Nammajall.
- Explore millennia-old lava formations that some believe to be ancient trolls exposed to the sun at Dimmuborgir.

Day 5: Akureyri region

- Spend half a day searching for the tell-tale plume of mist from breaching whales during your whale watching excursion.
- At the mouth of Iceland's largest fjord, meet the shermen of Ektaskur Ehf and learn how this small business trades globally.
- Be transported to a 1930s Icelandic shery and relive the Herring Era at the Herring Museum.

Day 6: Akureyri region | Reykjavík

- Meet with a University of Akureyri Oceanographer for a personal take on Iceland's ocean, biodiversity, and climate changes.
- On your way back to Reykjavík, stop for lunch at the Gauksmyri Horse Stables. Then, enjoy a close up look at Iceland's unique horses.
- Stop for a short hike to Barnafoss, a waterfall that flows through the mossy riverbank into the Hvítá river.

Day 7: Reykjavík

- Stand where two tectonic plates meet at Þingvellir, a national park that played a pivotal role in Iceland's history.
- In a land of waterfalls, Gollfoss stands alone: walk to its edge and try to spy a rainbow in the mist.
- Visit Geysir, the namesake of every geyser in the world. Watch as Strokkur, another geyser, erupts every few minutes.
- Learn how one greenhouse produces 20% of Iceland's tomatoes so close to the Arctic Circle during your visit to the Fridheimar Farm.

Day 8: Reykjavík

- See Bessastadir, the official home of Iceland's President.
- Wander among steam vents, boiling mud pots, and flowing hot springs at Krýsuvík.
- After a few days of hiking, you deserve some spa time. Relax in the warm, geothermal waters of the Blue Lagoon.
- Board your flight home.

Day 9: Depart for home

Experiencing Iceland has definitely been the greatest time of my life! Looking at the beauty, the nature was something that my eyes have never encountered before. Climbing up mountains, walking up glaciers, getting wet by waterfalls, and sinking my feet in the black sand beaches were moments that I cannot relive anywhere else but Iceland. EF Tours did an amazing job preparing this trip and anybody...everybody should be given the chance to travel the world!

– GENESIS, STUDENT

 Via Facebook

I loved my tour of Iceland. The scenery is like nothing I have ever seen. I learned so much about geothermal energy, volcanoes, geysers, earthquakes, and more. Our tour guide was so informative about traditional Icelandic ways of life, so we learned so much more than we expected. We fell in love with this country, its people, its customs, and its way of life. Truly a trip of a lifetime!

– EMILY, STUDENT

 Via Facebook

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3. _____

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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.

—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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