

Spears Travel, Astronomy Group – Iceland Optional Day Tours – Wed. 22 October 2014



Whale Watching - Reykjavik Harbour

Trip difficulty 1 out of 5 possible. Rated: Easy

Don't miss out on the unforgettable experience on this whale watching cruise departing from the Reykjavik Old Harbour. During the whale watching tour you'll see whales in their natural environment, quite up close and personal. The friendly guides and captain point out where to spot the whales on the surface of the sea and give you interesting

information about the different kinds of whales you can expect to see.

Tour time: 1300; ends apx. 1600-1630

Price: US\$105 per person; for pickup from your hotel add US\$15 per person

Minimum number of participants: 1

Maximum number of participants: n/a

Included: 3 to 3.5 hour whale watching cruise with guide; warm, floatable overalls for your comfort and safety; Wi-Fi, café and souvenirs onboard

Blue Ice Glacier Hiking & Ice Climbing

Trip difficulty 2 out of 5 possible. Rated: Easy

Combo Trip: Glacier Hiking & Ice Climbing Day

Tour from Reykjavík to Sólheimajökull Glacier.

Your tour departure is at 0830, please meet in the lobby of the hotel 15 minutes prior for pickup.

This trip takes you to the frozen glacial tongue of Sólheimajökull. It is a magnificent phenomenon, rugged, raw and ever changing hub of ancient frozen water. Explore the crevasse riddled outlet glacier with its amazing ice formations, sink holes and jagged ridges. Along the way, find an ice wall on the glacier and try your hand at ice climbing. We will provide you with all the tools you need: ice axes, crampons and safety lines. The safety line will make sure that even though you lose your grip you will not fall to the ground. As we drive back to Reykjavik we will stop at the beautiful Skógafoss waterfall. Bring with you warm outdoor clothing and hiking boots or sturdy shoes (glacier hiking shoes can also be rented – your shoe size and pre-payment is required). Raincoats and waterproof pants are also recommended.

Tour ends: apx. 1800

Price: US\$250 per person; add US\$10 per person to rent glacier shoes

Minimum number of participants: 2

Maximum number of participants: 8 per guide

Included: hotel pick up and drop off; transportation; introduction to ice climbing; glacier gear -

hiking gear and safety equipment ; apx. 3 hour guided glacier hike





Over & Under - combination ATV and Caving Tour

Trip difficulty 2 out of 5 possible. Rated: Easy
Combination Day Tour in Iceland. Quad biking adventure to the Hafrafjall mountain and Lava Caving in the Blue Mountains Area.

We will pick you up from your hotel apx. 0900, please be ready 15 minutes prior to the pick up time. A short 15-minute drive from Reykjavík we will find our 650 cc CanAm Outlander Max Quad bikes waiting outside our

base in the outskirts of Mosfellsbær town. There we give you a short security talk and show you how the bikes function. From there we head out on an one hour ATV bike trip to the top of the Hafrafjall mountain. After enjoying the spectacular view over the Reykjavik capital area and mountain Esja we will return back to the base. Driving these powerful machines is a great way to explore the hills and mountains on the outskirts of the city. After the thrilling ATV trip we will return to city for a light lunch and to prepare for the second adventure of the day. After lunch we will take a short drive out to the Blue Mountains area where we will go on our caving adventure. Exploring this magnificent lava cave and discovering the marvels that the volcano created more then 2000 years ago is a trip that everyone will enjoy. The Leiðarendi cave is a perfect example of an Icelandic lava tube and is situated in one of the most active volcanic areas in the world. We will climb, crawl and walk on our travel beneath the surface. What an awesome winter adventure this truly is!

Tour ends: apx. 17:00

Price: US\$330 per person; add US\$60 per person for solo use of an ATV

Minimum number of participants: 4

Maximum number of participants: 12 per guide

Included: hotel pick up and drop off; transportation; 1 hour of ATV quad biking, sharing an ATV; caving; gear

Hot Springs and Lava Cave

Trip difficulty 1 out of 5 possible. Rated: Easy
Combination of hot springs and lava caving. Hengill Volcano Area and into the Icelandic Underground Exploring Lava Caves. Approximately 4 hours hiking.

Your tour departure is at 1130, please be in the lobby of your accommodation 15 minutes prior for pick up. The journey begins by exploring one of the many lava caves in the Blá fjöll mountain range, just east of Reykjavík. You will find out how lava caves are formed and discover the beauty both stalagmites and stalactites. After enjoying the hidden beauties of the underground, we head out to the Hengill geothermal area where an easy hike in magnificently ethereal surroundings brings us to hot springs and bubbling mud pools awaiting



your exploration. The hike continues down through Reykjadalur, the Smokey Valley, where it is possible to enjoy a natural bath in a warm stream.

Tour ends: apx. 1600

Price: US\$229 per person; add US\$10 per person to rent hiking shoes

Minimum number of participants: 2

Maximum number of participants: 16

Included: hotel pick up and drop off; transportation; guiding; caving helmet and headlight



Lava Tour - Horseback Riding (Beginner)

Trip difficulty 2 out of 5 possible. Rated: Easy

Today you will join Ishestar on an Icelandic Horse Riding Tour. Tour times are 1000 (0830 pick up) or 1400 (1245 pick up). Please be ready in the lobby of your accommodation 15 minutes prior to your scheduled pick up time. This three-hour tour includes a two-hour adventurous ride from the Ishestar Riding Centre into the lava fields surrounding Mt. Helgafell volcano to the Old Kaldársel sheep corral or to Lake

Hvaleyrvatn. View rough lava fields and beautiful hillsides. Look for different formations in the lava and try to spot a troll or two. The beautiful Bláfjöll Mountains tower above on the horizon. All riding is on excellent riding paths. Transfer back to your accommodation at 1215 or 1615. Riding gear (overalls, raingear, riding boots, helmets) is provided. You may also choose to wear your own sturdy shoes. There are lockers provided for safekeeping of backpacks and bags while you are riding.

Duration: 3 hours (1.5-2 hours riding)

Price: US\$117 per person

Minimum number of participants: 1

Included: pick up from hotel and drop off after tour; bus transfer to stable; guided horseback ride; riding gear including warm overalls, raingear, riding boots and helmet.

The Black Lava Tour – Horseback Riding and Caving

Trip difficulty 2 out of 5 possible. Rated: Easy

Combination Day Tour in Iceland. Explore a 2200-year-old lava cave in the Blue Mountains and go horseback riding on the Icelandic horse through the lava fields of Hafnafjörður.

Your tour departure is at 0830, please meet in the lobby of the hotel 15 minutes prior for pick up. Our tour starts with an adventurous horse riding tour. We will explore the lava surrounding Mt. Helgafell volcano and ride through lava fields and across beautiful hillsides to the old Kaldársel sheep corral or to Lake Hvaleyrvatn. As we ride through



this magical scenery you will see different formations in the rough lava and you might even be able to spot a troll or two. All riding is on excellent riding paths with the beautiful Bláfjöll Mountains towering above on the horizon. After lunch on the farm we will immerse ourselves into the velvet darkness of the Leiðarendi lava cave. Exploring this magnificent lava cave and discovering the marvels that the volcano created more than 2000 years ago is a trip that everyone will enjoy. Leiðarendi cave is a perfect example of an Icelandic lava tube and it is situated in one of the most active volcanic areas in the world. We will climb, crawl and walk on our travel beneath the surface. This great adventure will show you the Icelandic lava fields from two very different angles, giving you a deep understanding of how Iceland was created and how the primeval forces of nature continue to shape it everyday!

Tour ends: apx. 1600

Price: US\$270 per person; add US\$10 per person to rent hiking shoes

Minimum number of participants: 2

Maximum number of participants: 16

Included: hotel pick up and drop off; transportation; caving; caving gear; horseback riding; riding gear; lunch



Waterfalls and Valleys - Helicopter Tour

Trip difficulty 1 out of 5 possible. Rated: Easy

Glymur waterfall, Þingvellir and Hengill geothermal area.

This fabulous tour takes us to Glymur waterfall and the spectacular valley of Thingvellir, Iceland's historic parliament site. Magnificently revealed from the air, this unique site bears witness to the tearing apart of the Americas and European tectonic plates and the immense geological forces which have

formed Iceland over millennia. Other highlights include geothermal springs, power plants, lava fields and a flight over Reykjavik.

Duration: 70-90 minutes

Price: US\$599 per person

Minimum number of participants: 3

Included: helicopter flight as described

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