

OPTIONAL POST-PROGRAM EXTENSION TO ICELAND

4 days | Northern Iceland including Akureyri and Siglufjörður



Extend your stay in Iceland to venture North! Take a once in a lifetime tour to the incredible sights of the Icelandic highlands. Completely inhabitable, the highlands consist of volcanic sand, pumice and lava deserts. Mountains, volcanoes and glaciers loom over the landscape with rivers, waterfalls and oases strewn in various locations.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Drive North!

📍 Akureyri & Siglufjörður

After breakfast at the group hotel, check out and head back to Reykjavik. Check in this afternoon for your short domestic flight to **Akureyri**.

Lunch is by individual arrangement today.



Make the one hour drive into Myvatn where you will check into your local hotel. On the way to the hotel, stop to see the **Goðafoss Waterfall**. The water of the river Skjálfandafljót falls from a height of 39 feet over a width of 100 feet. It is historically significant as the location where in the year 1000, after Lawspeaker Þorgeir Ljósvetningagoði made Christianity the official religion of Iceland, he threw his statues of the Norse gods into the waterfall.

Mývatn Icelandair Hotel was opened in July 2018 with amazing nature at your doorstep. The hotel has free

Wi-Fi, coffee & tea set, hairdryer, satellite tv and bathroom amenities. The hotel has onsite dining for your convenience.

Dinner will be provided at the hotel this evening.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Hotel: Icelandair Hotel Mývatn

DAY 2: SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

Explore Myvatn

📍 Myvatn, Iceland

Start your Askja and Holuhraun private day tour from Lake Mývatn after breakfast. Today you are headed into the highlands. There the wilderness, wide spaces, geology and natural freshwater springs are awe inspiring. A packed lunch will be provided today as you explore.

Having a private tour to Askja Caldera means that the day is altered to your interest. The Askja tour provides numerous opportunities for extra stops and walks.



Askja Caldera region has long lured travelers into the heart of the highlands. The lunar landscape of Askja includes the open deserts of Ódáðahraun, freshwater springs of Svartá and Herðubreiðarlindir. View the incredible new lava field Holuhraun which was Iceland's largest lava flow in 230 years. As a result of this great volume of magma, the lava field is still steaming hot!



On this enlightening tour, you will focus on nature. Since this is a private tour the schedule is flexible and tailor made to your needs. This area is popular for photographers who want to take that extra time needed for the perfect photo. The hiking in Askja Caldera to Víti explosion crater is 2,5 km and takes around 35 to 45 minutes one way. Difficulty level is easy to moderate depending on snow levels and weather conditions. Once at Víti, the group will take their time and absorb the incredible atmosphere of Askja.

Note: Have in mind that the area is in the mid-highlands of Iceland where snow can linger the better part of the summer. Bring warm clothes, waterproof jacket and pants, sunglasses, sunblock, good hiking shoes/boots for walking in snow, food and water.

A late dinner will be provided back at the hotel this evening.

DAY 3: SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

Visit the Icelandic Highlands!

📍 Askja - Ódáðahraun - Herðubreið

After breakfast, you will begin your explorations of the unique **Mývatn** area with its strange formation of lava, cold fresh water springs, boiling pools of mud and steaming volcanic

ground. Lake Mývatn has a rich local culture as the area has been settled from the era of the Vikings.

Today's exploration will include stops to see the Dimmuborgir lava fields, Grjótagjá Cave, Höfði peninsula, Hverir boiling mud pools, Krafla Volcanic area, Lake Mývatn viewpoints, Lúdentarborgir crater rows and more.

A late lunch will be provided at the Vogafjós Guesthouse.

This afternoon visit **Húsavík**, a wonderful small town sometimes referred to as the whale-watching capital of Iceland. Briefly enjoy the scenic views of the arctic coastline and at Skjálfandi bay during a visit to the black sand beach.



Heading onward, stop at the Húsavík Local Micro Brewery for a taste of the latest local Husavik beer and an introduction by the brewer.

End the day with a visit to the Geosea Thermal Baths. The infinity style pools are made with naturally heated seawater from the bedrock, a once in a lifetime experience.

Return to the hotel for dinner.

DAY 4: SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

Fly Home

After breakfast, transfer to the local airport for your flight back to the domestic airport in Reykjavik. Transfer to Keflavik International Airport for your flight home this afternoon.

PROGRAM INFO

Date & Length: 4 days September 22–25, 2019

Extension cost: \$2,999 per person | *Single supplement: \$499*

Inclusions: Group airport transfers and baggage handling, meals and activities as mentioned, all tips and accommodations based on double occupancy. Coach class flight from Akureyri to Reykjavik domestic airport (bag fees may apply).

Not Included: Hotel incidentals and meals not mentioned.

To participate in the optional extension, complete and return the extension registration form. Return no later than 90 days prior to departure or within five days of receiving the information.

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HOTEL INFORMATION
Icelandair Hotel Mývatn

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Icelandair Hotel Mývatn is a new 59 room hotel, with a relaxed and simple environment. A great base to kick off your shoes and get comfortable after a long day of exploring the natural beauty and experiences in the area. The hotel’s design is innovative, emphasizing simplicity fun, curious objects, and different spaces. They have onsite dining and comfortable rooms designed with an Icelandic flair.

According to the influx of tourists that visit Iceland every year, one of the main appeals of the “land of fire and ice” is its pure and pristine nature. Icelandair Hotel Myvatn realizes its responsibility towards the environment and works by the international standard for environmental management, ISO 14001.

Icelandair Hotels continuously focuses on improving the environment without compromising its services and pleasing its guests.

