



# Iceland Volcano Marathon Optional Extension

## EAST ICELAND HIGHLIGHTS

14 to 18 AUGUST 2023

### PRICES PER PERSON

### TWIN SHARE

### SINGLE ROOM

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

\$4508 AUD

\$5637 AUD

Visit the Vök Baths, see the famous glacier lagoon, drive along the black sand beaches, and explore Skaftafell National Park.

Along the way, hike to as many waterfalls as your heart desires!

### Day 1 - 14 Aug: Vök Baths & Hengifoss Waterfall

After being picked up in Húsavík, you will leave Mývatn and driven to the east, across lava fields and the Möðrudalsöræfi desert land, crossing a glacial river along the way. A stop will be made in this apparent wilderness at the farm of Möðrudalur. This is the highest inhabited farm in Iceland at 469 meters above sea level, and they run a highland cafe, Fjallakaffi.

From there, you will be driven down off the desert highland plateau into a lush valley where several waterfalls will be seen descending from the hills that loom above the road. The next stop will be at the Vök Baths on the beautiful Lake Urriðavatn. This is a hot spring destination like no other - the hot water is so pure; it's certified as drinkable! Admission to the baths, 2 drinks, and towel rental is included in the package (see 'inclusions').

After some time at the baths, the tour continues to Seyðisfjörður, a harbour town located in the heart of what is considered to be Iceland's most beautiful fjord. The drive will then backtrack beside the shores of Lake Lagarfljót. Along the way, there will be a chance to hike up to the Hengifoss waterfall. At 128 meters high, this is the third highest waterfall in Iceland - but what really makes it special is the eye-catching patterns woven by red clay and black basalt on the cliff face behind the narrow ribbon of water. The hike up takes approximately one hour, and along the way there is a possibility to stop at the smaller, but just as beautiful, Litlanesfoss waterfall.

The tour continues onto Egilsstaðir, the final destination for the day. Dinner will be served at your hotel.

*Meals: Dinner*



### PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- 4 Nights' Accommodation: Check in: 14 Aug | Check out: 18 Aug 2023
- Private bus with driver as per the itinerary
- All Meals (4 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches and 3 Dinners)
- Admission fee to Vök Baths, including 1 herbal drink, 1 drink at the pool bar, and towel rental.
- Amphibian boat tour on Jökulsárlón
- Local English speaking guide as per the itinerary

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## Day 2 - 15 Aug: Glacier Lagoon & Skaftafell National Park

After breakfast at the hotel, the drive will continue south along the coastal ring road, which offers beautiful panoramic views. Once reaching Höfn, there will hopefully be a good view of Iceland's largest glacier, Vatnajökull, which the drive will follow for the rest of the day. One of its outlet glaciers ends in an ever-growing glacial lagoon known as Jökulsárlón. Icebergs break off and float across the lagoon, down a short river and out to the ocean. Here, everyone will embark on an amphibian boat tour that will take you from land across the lagoon to experience the magical ice up close. If lucky enough, you might spot some seals playing around in the lagoon or nearby on the shore of "Diamond Beach" - known as such because chunks of ice become stranded in the black sand and glitter like diamonds.

After the boat tour, the tour continues by bus down to Skaftafell National Park, where you will have the afternoon to explore. Perhaps you want to walk through the birch forest to Svartifoss waterfall or follow the mountainside to the glacial moraine. Or perhaps you just want to relax and enjoy the late sun. Dinner will be served at your hotel.

*Meals: Breakfast and dinner*

## Day 3 - 16 Aug: Vík, Skógafoss, & Seljalandsfoss

The day begins with breakfast at the hotel followed by a drive through moss-covered lava fields and the sands of glacial rivers before reaching the village of Vík, where the famous black sand beach stretches as far as the eye can see. There is also an impressive view of the Reynisdrangar cliffs rising out of the ocean - no fears about bad weather, either, as the cliffs look even more mystical when shrouded in fog.

The drive continues along the Eyjafjöll mountains with views of the Eyjafjallajökull glacier - under which rests the infamous volcano of the same name that erupted in 2010 and caused disruption in air traffic all over Europe. The next stop is Skógafoss, one of the most impressive waterfalls along the way. One can ascend to the top of the waterfall, and on a clear day, the view out is spectacular.

Further along there is also a chance to stop at the iconic Seljalandsfoss waterfall, which is known for the fact that visitors can walk behind it. Don't forget your raincoat if you do so! A short walk away is another gem hidden in the narrow gorge: Gljúfrabúi, which translated means "canyon dweller." If you wish to enter the fairy-like cave into which Gljúfrabúi drops, make sure your footwear is waterproof.

The day will end in the small town of Hvalsövellur. Here, you will visit the Lava Center, where you can learn all about volcanoes, seismic activity, and the most recent volcanic eruptions. Visitors can view a short film and walk through the interactive, high-tech educational exhibition. Dinner will be served back at the hotel.

*Meals: Breakfast and dinner*



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## Day 4 - 17 Aug: The Golden Circle

The exploration of Iceland comes to a close with a tour of some of the most iconic sites in the country: the Golden Circle. Centred around three key attractions, the Golden Circle describes a commonly driven loop that incorporates all three. The first stop is the famous Gullfoss waterfall, also known as 'The Golden Falls.' This waterfall descends in two cascades into the deep gorge of the Hvítá glacial river, and it is not uncommon to spot a rainbow in the vicinity.

From Gullfoss, it is just a short drive to the Geysir geothermal area. The most active of the geysirs, called Strokkur, spouts a column of water roughly 20-25 meters into the air every 5-10 minutes. Be ready with your camera!

Finally, the tour continues on to Þingvellir (Thingvellir) National Park. Thingvellir is known as the birthplace of the nation of Iceland, and it is where Viking chieftains established the first assembly in 930 AD - which makes it the earliest known version of a formal parliamentary system. The park also contains unique geology and natural landscapes, and visitors can observe what is known as the continental drift, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates are drifting apart. This is one of the few places in the world where such a shift can actually be seen!

Arrival back in Reykjavík will be early in the evening, where the last night is spent.

*Meals: Breakfast*

## Day 5 - 18 Aug: Departure Day

Sadly, it is time to bid farewell to Iceland after breakfast at the hotel. Guests need to arrange their own shuttle bus to Keflavík airport.

Getting back to Keflavik Airport from Reykjavik city is roughly a 45 minutes' drive. The Airport Direct shuttle is an easy and convenient service that can be added when booking your seat. As an Iceland Volcano Marathon participant, you receive a 10% discount per person when booking online, by using the promo code: "NT2023". The promo code is valid for airport shuttle services in the period of 6th August until 20th August 2023. Here is the link for the Airport Direct shuttle website: <https://airportdirect.is/>

*Meals: Breakfast*

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