

THE WINTER PROGRAMME · OCTOBER — MARCH

Eight days under the *winter sky of Iceland.*

A private programme operated by an Iceland-based team since 1994. Real footage. Real aurora. Real winter. Every detail, every kilometre, every dark sky planned by hand.

8 DAYS · 7 REAL NIGHTS

Winter Iceland Expedition

ICELAND-BASED OPERATOR

OCTOBER — MARCH

A PRIVATE PROGRAMME · ICELAND

Every day designed. *Nothing left to chance.*

What follows is the complete eight-day winter programme — narrative, logistics, hotel area, drive distance, meals and signature photo opportunities for every day. It is built to be presented to the principal traveller exactly as it will be lived on the ground.

CERTIFIED LOCAL GUIDES

4x4 driving, glaciology, aurora forecasting.

SMALL GROUP OPERATIONS

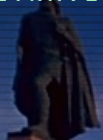
Designed for private groups, family groups and agency-operated departures.

CUSTOM OPERATIONS

Flexible itineraries adapted to group profile, season and operational conditions.

Real footage. Real aurora. Real winter.

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Iceland-based. *Not a reseller from abroad.*

Founded by Carlos Mondragón, living in Iceland since 1994. Three decades of on-the-ground winter experience, real-time aurora and weather decision-making, and a local supplier network. This is the difference between buying an Iceland programme from an overseas catalogue and operating one from Reykjavík.

FOUNDED BY

Carlos Mondragón

LIVING IN ICELAND SINCE

1994 · 30+ years

TRAVELLERS GUIDED

3,000+

OPERATIONS

Iceland-based · Reykjavík HQ

SPECIALISATION

Winter expeditions

SUPPLIER NETWORK

Local · Direct contracts

DECISION MAKING

Real-time weather + aurora

B2B CAPABILITY

Group operation ready

LANGUAGES

English · Spanish support

OPERATOR LICENCE

Ferðamálastofa authorised



KEFLAVÍK → REYKJAVÍK

DAY 01

DAY 01 · ARRIVAL

Welcome to the *edge of the Arctic.*

Private transfer from Keflavík International Airport in a 4x4 prepared for ice. We avoid the standard shuttle route and take you through Reykjanes — Iceland's volcanic doorstep — already letting the landscape begin the story before you reach your hotel. Evening briefing with your guide covering aurora forecast, KP index reading, layering strategy, and the rhythm of the week ahead. If skies are clear and the magnetic forecast cooperates, we run the first aurora hunt the same night.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Private 4x4 airport reception
- Reykjanes volcanic peninsula transit
- Hotel check-in · Central Reykjavík
- Evening briefing with your guide
- Aurora forecast walkthrough (KP · cloud cover · solar wind)
- First aurora hunt window — weather permitting

HOTEL

Boutique 4★ · Reykjavík city centre

DRIVE

≈50 km · 50 min from KEF

MEALS

Welcome briefing

PHOTO OPS

Reykjanes lava road · Harbour reflections · First aurora attempt



REYKJAVÍK · SKY LAGOON

DAY 02

DAY 02 · CAPITAL + GEOTHERMAL

The city, *and the warm Atlantic.*

Morning walking tour of Reykjavík at human scale: the Sun Voyager sculpture, Harpa Concert Hall, the old harbour where the whale-watching fleet sleeps in winter, and Hallgrímskirkja from its observation tower for a 360° view of the snow-covered capital. Afternoon transfer to Sky Lagoon — Iceland's oceanfront geothermal spa — for the full Seven-Step Ritual. We schedule the visit for golden hour: you'll watch the sun set into the North Atlantic while floating in 38°C water.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided walking tour of central Reykjavík
- Hallgrímskirkja tower viewpoint
- Harpa Concert Hall architecture stop
- Sky Lagoon · Seven-Step Ritual (golden-hour booking)
- Atlantic sunset from the infinity-edge lagoon
- Second aurora hunt window after sunset

HOTEL

Boutique 4★ · Reykjavík city centre

DRIVE

≈20 km in-day · short transfers

MEALS

Breakfast · Lagoon café option

PHOTO OPS

Sun Voyager dusk · Sky Lagoon infinity edge at sunset



GOLDEN CIRCLE

DAY 03

DAY 03 · CLASSIC ICELAND

Three landmarks, *one winter morning.*

We leave the capital before sunrise to reach Þingvellir National Park in low golden light — the only place on Earth where you can walk between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates above water. From there to the Geysir geothermal field, where Strokkur erupts every six to eight minutes against a backdrop of steam, snow and rust-coloured silica. We finish at Gullfoss — the Golden Falls — partially frozen and far more dramatic in winter than in summer. We transfer to the South Coast as the light fades, with the third aurora window open from our countryside hotel.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sunrise at Þingvellir National Park
- Walk between tectonic plates (Almannagjá)
- Geysir geothermal field · Strokkur eruptions
- Gullfoss · frozen edges, winter flow
- Transfer to South Coast countryside hotel
- Third aurora hunt from rural sky

HOTEL

Countryside 4★ · Hella /
Hvolsvöllur area

DRIVE

≈280 km · 5 h total drive time

MEALS

Breakfast · Local lunch

PHOTO OPS

Strokkur eruption sequence ·
Gullfoss winter rainbow ·
Rural aurora



SÓLHEIMAJÖKULL · SKÓGAFOSS · VÍK

DAY 04

DAY 04 · GLACIERS + WATERFALLS

Step onto the *frozen body of Iceland.*

Morning glacier hike on Sólheimajökull, an outlet tongue of the Mýrdalsjökull ice cap. Certified glacier guide, crampons, helmet and ice axe included. You'll walk over crevasses, blue ice ridges and ash-striped sections that record past volcanic eruptions — a literal timeline carved into ice. Lunch beneath Skógafoss, the 60-metre waterfall, with the option to climb the 527 steps to the rim viewpoint. Afternoon to the village of Vík — Iceland's southernmost settlement — and the black-sand beach below the church. Fourth aurora window from a low-light-pollution coastal sky.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided glacier hike · Sólheimajökull
- Crampons, helmet, ice axe included
- Seljalandsfoss waterfall (walk behind)
- Skógafoss · optional 527-step rim climb
- Vík village & black-church viewpoint
- Fourth aurora window · coastal dark sky

HOTEL

Countryside 4★ · Vík / Mýrdalur area

DRIVE

≈150 km · 3 h drive + glacier time

MEALS

Breakfast · Trail lunch

PHOTO OPS

Blue ice on Sólheimajökull · Skógafoss rainbow · Vík church on bluff



JÖKULSÁRLÓN · DIAMOND BEACH · ICE CAVE

DAY 05

DAY 05 · THE ICE LAGOON

Where the glacier *meets the Atlantic.*

The signature day of the programme. We drive east along the South Coast — past the Eldhraun lava field and the Skeiðarársandur outwash plain — to reach Jökulsárlón, Iceland's deepest lake, where icebergs calve directly from the Breiðamerkurjökull glacier and drift to sea. Across the road: Diamond Beach, where those same icebergs wash up on black volcanic sand and glitter like cut crystal. Mid-afternoon we enter a natural blue ice cave inside the Vatnajökull ice cap with a certified guide — access is exclusive to winter months and changes every season as the glacier moves.

HOTEL

Countryside 4★ · Vík / Mýrdalur area

DRIVE

≈380 km round-trip · long but iconic day

HIGHLIGHTS

- Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon shoreline
- Diamond Beach · iceberg photography
- Natural blue ice cave · Vatnajökull
- Certified ice-cave guide & equipment
- Eldhraun moss-covered lava field stop
- Fifth aurora window · return to Vík

MEALS

Breakfast · Café lunch en route

PHOTO OPS

Icebergs on black sand · Cathedral-blue ice cave interior



REYNISFJARA · DYRHÓLAEY · RETURN

DAY 06

DAY 06 · VOLCANIC COAST

The black coast *of the north Atlantic.*

Morning at Reynisfjara — the basalt-column black sand beach with the Reynisdrangar sea stacks rising offshore. We brief on sneaker-wave safety on arrival; in winter the Atlantic is unpredictable and this is mandatory. Short transfer to Dyrhólaey promontory for the elevated view — the natural arch, the lighthouse, and on clear days a full sweep from the Mýrdalsjökull glacier to Vík. Afternoon transfer back toward Reykjavík with a stop at Seljalandsfoss illuminated at night — the only major waterfall in Iceland you can walk behind, partially frozen in winter.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reynisfjara basalt columns & sea stacks
- Sneaker-wave safety briefing (mandatory winter)
- Dyrhólaey promontory & arch viewpoint
- Seljalandsfoss night-lit · walk behind
- Stop at Hvolsvöllur lava centre (optional)
- Sixth aurora window · rural Reykjanes

HOTEL

Countryside 4★ · South-West Iceland

DRIVE

≈200 km · steady return

MEALS

Breakfast · Coastal lunch

PHOTO OPS

Basalt columns ·
Reynisdrangar stacks ·
Frozen Seljalandsfoss



SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA

DAY 07

DAY 07 · ICELAND IN MINIATURE

One peninsula, *every Iceland in a day.*

Snæfellsnes — known as 'Iceland in miniature' — concentrates glacier, volcano, lava field, sea cliff, fjord and fishing village into a single 90-km peninsula. We start at Kirkjufell, the church-mountain that became famous as a Game of Thrones location and which, paired with Kirkjufellsfoss waterfall, is one of the most photographed scenes in Iceland. South side: Arnarstapi cliffs, the Gatklettur stone arch, and Djúpalónssandur's black-pearl beach. We finish at the foot of Snæfellsjökull — the stratovolcano Jules Verne chose as the entrance to the centre of the Earth.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kirkjufell mountain & Kirkjufellsfoss
- Arnarstapi sea cliffs & basalt arch
- Djúpalónssandur black-pearl beach
- Snæfellsjökull stratovolcano viewpoint
- Búðir black church on the lava field
- Final aurora hunt · dark-sky peninsula

HOTEL

Countryside 4★ · Snæfellsnes
or Reykjavík

DRIVE

≈350 km round-trip · scenic
full day

MEALS

Breakfast · Harbour-village
lunch

PHOTO OPS

Kirkjufell triangle composition
· Black-pearl beach · Búðir
church



REYKJAVÍK → KEFLAVÍK

DAY 08

DAY 08 · DEPARTURE

Until next *winter.*

Relaxed breakfast and morning at leisure in Reykjavík — final espresso, last walk along the harbour, opportunity to collect the photo recap delivered by your guide on a USB drive (a Black Ice Travel signature). Private 4x4 transfer to Keflavík International Airport timed to your flight. Your guide stays with you to check-in. Black Ice Travel maintains a 24/7 contact line for the return journey home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Breakfast & morning at leisure
- Photo recap delivered on USB
- Optional last-minute Icelandic design shopping
- Private 4x4 transfer to KEF
- Guide accompaniment to airport check-in
- 24/7 contact line for journey home

HOTEL

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DRIVE

≈50 km · timed to flight

MEALS

Breakfast

PHOTO OPS

Harbour mooring lines ·
Frosted Icelandic horses on
the way to KEF

7 real nights *in Iceland.*

Many international programmes advertise eight days but provide only five nights on Icelandic soil. This programme is built differently — designed for comfort, photography and winter exploration, operated directly from Iceland.

- ✓ 7 real nights in Iceland
- ✓ Multiple Northern Lights opportunities
- ✓ Glacier Walk included
- ✓ Ice Cave experience included
- ✓ Sky Lagoon included
- ✓ Snæfellsnes Peninsula included
- ✓ South Coast and Glacier Lagoon
- ✓ Operated directly from Iceland
- ✓ Designed for comfort, photography and winter exploration

Winter Iceland *Expedition.*

A clean summary of the eight-day winter programme. Built to help travel agency product managers evaluate, position and sell the experience with full operational clarity.

DURATION

8 Days / 7 Real Nights

ACCOMMODATION

4 Nights Reykjavík

1 Night Hella Area

2 Nights Vík Area

INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- ✓ Golden Circle
- ✓ Sky Lagoon
- ✓ Glacier Walk
- ✓ Ice Cave
- ✓ South Coast
- ✓ Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon
- ✓ Diamond Beach
- ✓ Snæfellsnes Peninsula
- ✓ Multiple Northern Lights opportunities
- ✓ Iceland-based driver guide
- ✓ Airport transfers
- ✓ Daily breakfast

WINTER ICELAND EXPEDITION

8 days · 7 real nights · October to March

OPERATED FROM ICELAND

Carefully selected

3 to 4 star hotels.

Hotels are selected based on location, operational reliability, guest comfort and access to the experiences included in the programme. Final assignments may vary by departure date and availability.

REYKJAVÍK

4 NIGHTS

- Center Hotels Plaza or similar
- Center Hotels Arnarhvoll or similar
- Fosshótel Reykjavík or similar

Centrally located Reykjavík hotels with convenient access to restaurants, cultural attractions, shopping and the harbour district. Breakfast included.

HELLA AREA

1 NIGHT

- Hotel Stracta or similar
- Hotel Hella or similar

Located in South Iceland with excellent access to the Golden Circle, waterfalls and dark skies for Northern Lights opportunities. Breakfast included.

VÍK AREA

2 NIGHTS

- Hotel Vík í Mýrdal · Hótel Kría · Hotel Dyrhólaey or similar

Strategically located for glacier activities, Jökulsárlón excursions, black-sand beaches and multiple Northern Lights opportunities. Breakfast included.

Not stock. *Our nights.*

Every photograph that follows was taken on a Black Ice Travel hunt — by our team or our clients — on the dates and at the locations shown. We do not buy aurora photography. We earn it, one cold night at a time.



SOUTH ICELAND · OCTOBER 2025

KP 5

AURORA GALLERY

Real aurora captures from Black Ice Travel expeditions. Dates, locations and KP indices recorded in the field.



REYKJANES PENINSULA
FEB 2024

Kp 5



SOUTH COAST
OCT 2023

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EAST ICELAND
MAR 2024

Kp 6



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FEB 2024

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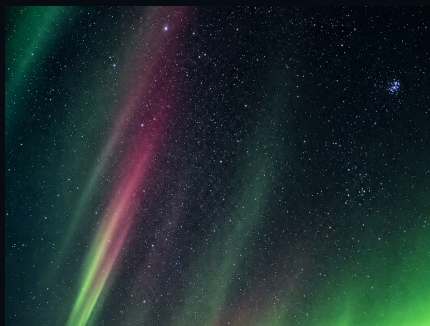
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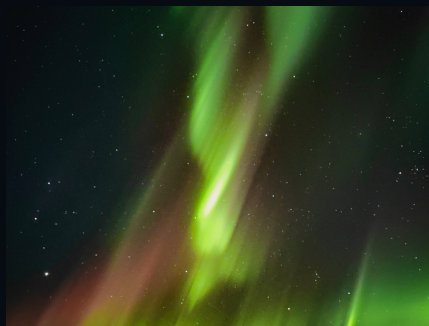
SKÓGAFOSS AREA
JAN 2024

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VÍK AREA
FEB 2024

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SOUTH ICELAND
OCT 2025

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REYKJAVÍK OUTSKIRTS
FEB 2023

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EAST ICELAND
FEB 2023

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REYKJANES
FEB 2023

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SOUTH COAST
MAR 2024

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WHAT IS INCLUDED

Everything you need *to live an Icelandic winter.*

A complete, operator-grade inclusion list. Designed for travel agencies and principals who need clarity on exactly what is delivered on the ground.

INCLUDED · ON THE GROUND

- ✓ 7 Hotel Nights
- ✓ Daily Breakfast
- ✓ Iceland-Based Driver Guide
- ✓ Glacier Walk
- ✓ Ice Cave Experience
- ✓ Sky Lagoon
- ✓ Golden Circle

INCLUDED · EXPERIENCES

- ✓ South Coast
- ✓ Jökulsárlón
- ✓ Diamond Beach
- ✓ Snæfellsnes Peninsula
- ✓ Multiple Aurora Opportunities
- ✓ Airport Transfers
- ✓ Local Support Throughout The Journey

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RESERVE YOUR WINTER

Let us hold
the dark sky for you.

Write to our private-expedition desk. We answer within 24 hours with a contract draft, calendar of available dark-moon windows, and a personalised proposal.

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