

Astrotours with Paul Sutter *presents...*
Iceland's Magical Northern Lights

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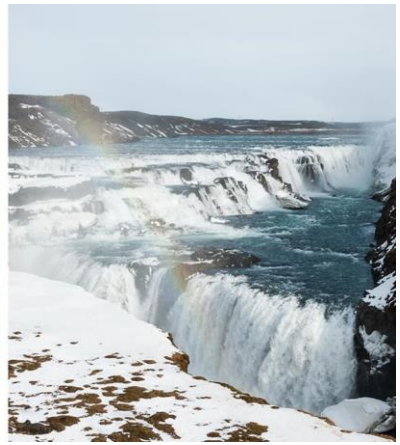
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Collette Experiences

- Explore Skogar Folk Museum, covering all aspects of Icelandic life.
- Experience the energy at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur.
- Learn about the local's struggles during the 2010 volcanic explosion.

Culinary Inclusions

- Savor gourmet Icelandic cuisine at a popular restaurant.

Must-See Inclusions

- Search for nature's dazzling display on a northern lights cruise.
- See Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs.
- Relax in the warm, mineral-rich water of the Blue Lagoon.

Highlights: Reykjavik, Northern Lights Cruise, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Geysir, Gullfoss, Seljalandsfoss, Vik, Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre, Skogar Museum, Skógafoss, Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, Skaftafell National Park, Vatnajökull Glacier, Blue Lagoon

Day 1: Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Overnight Flight Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. In this land of many natural wonders, enjoy the rare opportunity to see the aurora borealis — one of nature's most dazzling light displays, also known as the northern lights.

Day 2: Wednesday, February 7, 2018
Reykjavik, Iceland - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Reykjavik. Get

acquainted with old town Reykjavik on a walking tour featuring Hallgrímskirkja church, city hall, the harbor and Reykjavik's oldest building, now home to the Kraum Icelandic design center. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers at a popular restaurant for dinner, featuring Icelandic cuisine. Then, **take an exhilarating northern lights cruise.** Leave behind the bright city lights and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis – or northern lights – one of nature's wonders. When revealed you will be dazzled by the flickering



display of light bursting with color that unfolds before your eyes. (D)

Day 3: Thursday, February 8, 2018

Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Seljalandsfoss Waterfall - Vik Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders.

Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area.

Icelanders gathered here in A.D. 930 and established what is considered one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site marking the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Experience the eruptive energy of the Icelandic landscape with a stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur. Then, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Next, see the beautiful Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and picturesque waterfalls with a walkway behind it. **Continue southeast to Vik**, the southernmost village in Iceland, surrounded by

beautiful valleys, beaches, cliffs and mountains. After dinner, amidst the peace and stillness of rural Iceland, search for the aurora borealis – the elusive northern lights. (B, D)

Day 4: Friday, February 9, 2018

Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre - Skogar Museum - Vik Drive along

the scenic south shore to the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre. Learn about a family's struggle to live during and following the dramatic 2010 explosion of the infamous Eyjafjallajökull volcano that brought European flights to a halt.

Visit Skogar Folk Museum which contains an outstanding collection covering all aspects of Icelandic life including farm and domestic artifacts, as well as turf-built homes. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Later, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations, cliffs scattered with caves and rich bird life including the Fulmar, Black Guillemot, Razorbill, Gannet and various types of seagulls. See the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. After dinner, gaze at the



sky in search of the northern lights, a truly spectacular sight. *(B, D)*

Day 5: Saturday, February 10, 2018
Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell

National Park - Vik Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and perhaps see some seals swimming in Arctic waters. Travel to Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park. The largest national park in Europe, Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains; an Alpine environment; and the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest. After dinner, continue searching for the shimmering northern lights dancing across the night sky. *(B, D)*

Day 6: Sunday, February 11, 2018 Vik - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavik Drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, known for its rugged landscape, lava fields,

numerous hot springs, and home of the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavik for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. *(B, D)*

Day 7: Monday, February 12, 2018 Reykjavik - Tour Ends Depart for home with many incredible memories. *(B)*

Itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Hotel Reykjavik Centrum, Reykjavik
Days 3 – 5	Hotel Katla Hofdabrekka, Vik
Day 6	Hotel Reykjavik Centrum, Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Experience It! The Northern Lights

Each year, during the winter months, travelers journey to Iceland and venture out into the dark to see the magical but elusive northern lights (aurora borealis). This natural phenomenon is the product of collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun that enter the earth's atmosphere; the results are spectacular! Streaks of colorful light appear across the sky. The colors can vary from white to pink or purple and, most commonly, green. It is known that the best time to witness the lights in Iceland is from late September to mid-April, when the nights are the longest. This light show is truly dazzling and worth the pursuit.

Please Note:

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by observance of religious or local holidays.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at prescheduled times.

The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. **As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed.** Because they are a winter event, you need to be prepared to walk and wait outdoors while looking for them. It is recommended that you wear sturdy non-slip snow footwear and warm clothing including thermals, hat, scarf and gloves. You should also bring a flashlight which is helpful in the dark and when operating your camera at night. Using a tripod is recommended for taking the best photos.

Buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation.

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