

ICELAND WITH NICK VAN GRUISEN

10 - 18 JUNE 2026

FROM
£7,735
PER PERSON

Tour Leader: Nick Van Gruisen


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This exhilarating tour is the perfect introduction to Iceland, 'The Land of Fire and Ice', encompassing not only the wonders of the island's magnificent landscape and prodigious flora and fauna, but also the ancient Viking myth and legend that abounds here.

Following in the centuries-old footsteps of Icelandic travellers, our journey will carry us through some of the most spectacular scenery imaginable. From lush green valleys with roaring torrents to majestic snow-capped volcanos such as Eyjafjallajökull of 'ash cloud' infamy, plunging waterfalls, coastal cliffs, barren lava fields, black sand beaches and bubbling volcanic hot springs. We also explore the charming capital, Reykjavik, with its brightly coloured rooftops and attractive harbour area.

Happily our visit to Iceland coincides with the time when a rich variety of birds, including puffins, gather on the wild sea cliffs. It is also the perfect time of year to view whale in the churning offshore waters.



Gullfoss



Thingvellir National Park



Westman Islands

9-DAY ITINERARY, DEPARTING 10 JUNE 2026

10 June London / Reykjavik

Suggested flight (not included in the cost of the tour) Iceland Air Fl 451 departing London Heathrow at 13.05 hrs arriving Reykjavik Keflavik Airport at 15.15 hrs. Group transfer to the centrally located Parliament Hotel by Hilton where two nights are spent. Facilities include a spa. Dinner at the hotel.

11 June Reykjavik

Private boat trip from Reykjavik's Old Harbour to spot whales (approx. 3 hrs). The various types of whales commonly sighted include minke whales, white-beaked dolphins, harbour porpoises and humpback whales. The boat also passes several islands where summer puffins abound.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon city tour of Reykjavik. Explore the Old Harbour area, which is home to trendy cafés, galleries, and small shops. Visit Hallgrímskirkja Church, an iconic symbol of Reykjavik, where you can take the elevator to the top for panoramic views of the city. Drive through the University district

before stopping at Harpa Concert Hall, known for its unique modern architecture, and take a walk around the Reykjavik waterfront. Dinner under own arrangements.

12 June Reykjavik / Husafell

Depart for a drive northwest to Borgarfjörður, a stunning and historically rich region located in the west of Iceland. The name 'Borgarfjörður' translates to 'The Fjord of the Town', and it is an area defined by natural beauty, with fjords, mountains, waterfalls, and geothermal activity. En route visit Sturlureykir Horse Farm to learn about Icelandic horses and their role in the country's culture. Drive on to Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring and enjoy a walk around the hot spring area.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Continue to Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls. Hraunfossar waterfalls are a series of waterfalls that cascade from underneath a lava field, creating a wide curtain of water. Next to Hraunfossar waterfalls is Barnafoss waterfall, known for its turbulent waters that

rush through a narrow, rocky gorge, and the tragic legend associated with the waterfall and its name. Check in at Hotel Husafell, an eco-luxury resort set in beautiful surroundings on the edge of Iceland's central highlands, where two nights are spent. The hotel offers the opportunity to bathe in its nearby outdoor geothermal pools. Dinner at the hotel.

13 June Husafell / Snaefellsnes

Explore the Snaefellsnes Peninsula starting at Ytri Tunga beach, known for seals basking in the sun. Then visit the picturesque Budir Church, surrounded by lava fields and the sea.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Explore Arnarstapi's coastal cliffs and basalt formations, then visit the nearby Hellnar village for stunning views of the coastline. Head to Kirkjufell mountain and Kirkjufellsfoss waterfall for an iconic photo opportunity. Stop at Erpsstaðir for delicious homemade ice cream before returning to the hotel for dinner.



Atlantic Puffin



Geysir



Eyjafjallajökull Volcano



Gullfoss

14 June Husafell / Bogarnes / Hella

Depart for the drive to the south coast of the island. Stop in Borgarnes to visit to the Settlement Centre and delve into Iceland's Viking history and early settlement.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Visit Laugarvatn Fontana, a geothermal spa, to enjoy a relaxing soak in natural hot pools while taking in the landscape. The hot springs offer a serene experience, surrounded by beautiful nature. Check in at Hotel Ranga, a luxury countryside hotel built in log-cabin style, where the next two nights are spent. The hotel has an onsite observatory and three outdoor geothermal hot tubs. Dinner at the hotel.

15 June Hella & South Coast

Visit Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous waterfalls at the foot of the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano, which erupted in 2010, where you can walk behind the cascading water for an unforgettable experience. This is followed by Skogafoss, a massive waterfall that is both powerful and picturesque.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Continue to Reynisfjara, a captivating black sand beach known for its dramatic basalt columns and striking coastal scenery. End the day at the Lava Show in Vík, an indoor exhibition

that provides a fascinating look into Iceland's volcanic activity with interactive displays. This immersive experience offers insight into the forces that shape Iceland's dramatic landscapes. Dinner at the hotel.

16 June Hella & Westman Islands

Take a morning ferry to Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Islands), known for its vibrant puffin colonies. Spend the day exploring the island's stunning landscapes. Take a circle boat tour around the islands to view dramatic cliffs and puffins up close.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Visit the Eldheimar Museum, which offers an insightful look into the 1973 volcanic eruption that dramatically impacted the island's residents. The museum showcases the eruption's history and its lasting effects on the community. Take the ferry back to the mainland. Dinner at the hotel.

17 June Hella / Golden Circle / Reykjavik

Today visit the 'Big Three', Geysir, Gullfoss and Thingvellir, collectively known as the Golden Circle and undoubtedly one of the highlights of a visit to Iceland. Start your day by visiting the famous Geysir Hot Springs area, where the Strokkur Geyser spouts every few minutes, shooting a column of piping hot water up to 20 metres (60

feet). Then, head to Gullfoss, the breathtaking 'Golden Falls', one of Iceland's most iconic and powerful waterfalls. Here the River Hvita drops 32 metres (96 feet) in two falls, a great volume of icy water thundering majestically down, creating an awesome spectacle.

Afterward, explore Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with outstanding scenery. The area is surrounded by mountains and encompasses a vast lava plain of green moss and wild flowers. The beautiful canyon running through the park is actually the meeting point of two of the earth's tectonic plates, the North American and the Eurasian. Drive on back to Reykjavik where a further night is spent at the Parliament Hotel. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

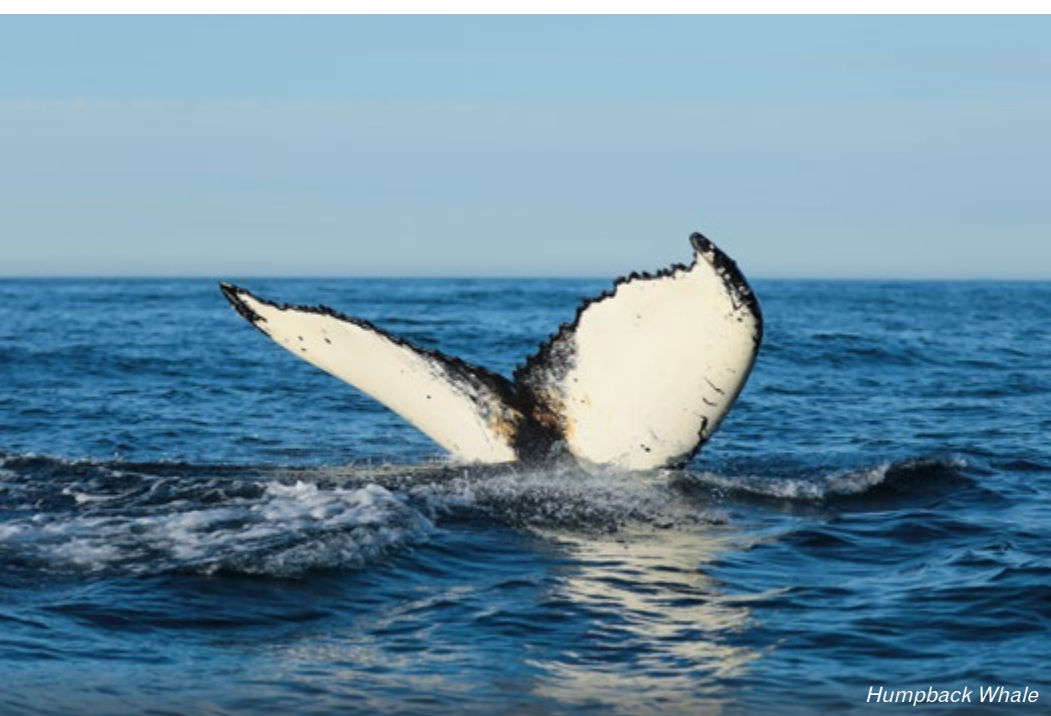
18 June Reykjavik / London

Morning at leisure with options to visit the National Museum of Iceland, Settlement Museum or Saga Museum.

Lunch under own arrangements. Transfer to Keflavik Airport. Suggested flight (not included) Iceland Air FI 454 departing at 16.10 hrs arriving London Heathrow at 20.20 hrs.



Northern Lights



Humpback Whale



Reykjavik

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Tour Price	£7,735
Single Supplement	£1,845

Please note we have not included the cost of the flights in the tour price.

Please contact us for prices should you wish to book them through us.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Accommodation throughout as shown in the itinerary
- Breakfast daily; 7 lunches; 7 dinners
- All entrance fees, visits and excursions
- Transportation as per the itinerary
- Gratuities in restaurants for included meals
- Gratuities to guide/s; gratuities to driver/s
- Porterage
- Local English-speaking guide/s
- The services of your tour leader throughout

PRICE EXCLUDES

- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Items of personal expenditure (e.g. telephone calls / laundry etc.)
- Government levies or taxes introduced after costing and publication of this programme on 14/03/25



YOUR TOUR LEADER



NICK VAN GRUISEN

Raised in Northumberland, in the 1970s Nick spent five years as a professional guide in Botswana and southern Africa. He then joined the Tiger Mountain group, pioneering cultural, trekking and wildlife holidays throughout the Indian subcontinent. He founded Worldwide Journeys and Expeditions in 1991, from which The Ultimate Travel Company emerged in 1998.



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