

City tour – The Magical History Tour

Great way to start your stay in Reykjavik – City tour in in Tuk Tuk cars

Date: June 1st

Pick up from Hilton Hotel

Departure: 10:30

Duration: 75 min

Max participants: 36

Price: 7.500 ISK



Experience the magic of history in the oldest part of Reykjavík. See how the town expanded from the harbour, hear the exciting tales of yesteryear, feel the atmosphere of the city's most sought after residential area, smell the aroma of the city's newest and most exciting restaurants mixing with the more traditional sea-related activities. Our guides will take you on a journey through time and weave a magical thread of fun and facts for you to experience. Our Tuk Tuk's provide an easy access to the narrow, cobbled streets of the old town and give you an insider's look on Reykjavík of today, with a touch of the past.

Our 75 min tour gives you a thorough look at Reykjavík of the old, with its fishing cottages by the harbour and the more extinguished houses on the hill of Þingholt, from the revival of Grandi, where modern times meet the fishing shacks, to the ingrained neighbourhoods where every house is of a different colour, with the pond at its centre. We give you an insider's view on how the residents of today stand firmly in the Reykjavík of the past. A great way to see the city's landmarks.

Hiking at mount Esja

Date: June 1st

Pick up from Hilton Hotel

Departure: 13:00

Duration: approx. 4-5 hours

Price: 9.000 ISK

Included: light refreshment, guide and bus drive



One really nice hiking trail close to Reykjavik is at Mount Esja. Mount Esja is often called the "city-mountain" and dominates the skyline to the north of Reykjavik. Mount Esja is actually a synonym for a large mountain range. But we are going to stick with the most popular hiking trail which leads from a place called Mógilsá which is about a twenty minute drive from Reykjavik. It has a big parking lot, a really nice café, and a trail leading up to the top of Esja.

After a short walk up the trail you come to cross-roads where you can choose to go left or right. The left path is slightly shorter but it is steeper and takes you through some swampland. It is nothing serious but you can get your feet wet if you don't look where you are going. If you go right the path is a bit longer but not as steep. It is rocky at times and due to gravel it can be slippery if you are on the way down. So be careful. The two paths converge at large stone marker called "Steinn" which means

“Stone” in English. It has a great view that includes Reykjavik, the town of Mosfellsbaer and the surrounding countryside. It is the perfect place to strike up conversations, when the weather is good the hiking trails up to “Steinn” are crowded and people converge there and have a well-deserved breather. If you want to record your trip for posterity you can sign the guest book kept there in a metal box. “Steinn” is about 250 meters from the top. After passing “Steinn” the path becomes increasingly difficult

Reykjavik Erupts

Date: June 4th

Pick up from Hilton Hotel

Departure time: 12:00

Duration: 4-5 hours

Price 13.550 ISK



Seltún, The most active volcanic system at the Reykjavik area erupts every 500-1000 years. The last eruption was 850 years ago so in fact the system is overdue. When an eruption starts the magma chamber underneath Seltún expands causing a break out that can rip the earth open as close as few kilometres from the city.

On our way to Seltún we will see where the lava ran last time and where it is most likely that it will run to shore next time – which is over one of the newest districts in the capital area. Apart from being the center of volcanic activity, Seltún is a highly active and stunningly beautiful geothermal area with hot springs and boiling fumaroles all around.

We take a walk around the area with a guide specialized in the geology and volcanic activity of the area. It is a perfect time to take pictures, enjoy the nature and each other’s company.

Maríuhellar; On our way from Seltún we stop at Maríuhellar, a perfect and easy to access example of a lava tube cave. We explain how these caves are formed during an eruption and take a look into



the caves while enjoying a complimentary refreshment. Stories about the former residents of the cave, ordinary people, outlaws, elves and trolls might follow.

Elliðaárdalur; We park a short walk away from the river and when we get there we can see the lava that ran through this part of the city some 4.600 years ago. The power and district heating company in Reykjavik has made a precautionary plan in case of an eruption that would lead to a

lava stream running down this valley. We enjoy the beautiful area and a perfect view point over the waterfalls, answer questions about the area, take pictures (and perhaps a snaps for those who want) before going back to the hotel.

Golden Circle tour and Friðheimar

Date: June 4th

Pick up from Hilton Hotel

Departure time: approx. 09:00

Duration: whole day event 9 - 10 hours

Included: guide, lunch entrance to Friðheimar

Price: 21.000

Min participants: 20



Our first stop takes us to Thingvellir National Park where the Icelandic parliament was founded over 1000 years ago. At Thingvellir you will see how the earth is ever so slowly pulling apart along the North-America and Eurasian tectonic plates and you will be able to stand where the Viking settlers stood centuries ago to edict national laws.

Next, you will visit the Gullfoss waterfall, which many consider to be the queen of Icelandic waterfalls, as it is both high and mighty and stumbles dramatically in a deep gorge. After Gullfoss waterfall we will head for Geysir geothermal area in Haukadalur where you can see geysers, hot springs, steam vents and eerie blue algae. Strokkur is one of the largest and most powerful geysers and erupts almost every 5 minutes.

At Geysir we will stop for lunch. After lunch we will go to Friðheimar. Visitors gain an insight into the processes of greenhouse horticulture, with a short and informative talk on the subject – and in fact it is quite remarkable that it should be possible to grow vegetables in this cold climate, by creating warm Mediterranean conditions, all year round, through the long dark winter. Visitors enjoy the special experience of entering a greenhouse with its fragrance of tomato plants –



And some like to raise a glass of tomato schnapps!

The Atrium also includes an exhibition about the use of geothermal heating in Icelandic horticulture. And visitors can take away delicious food souvenirs such as Tomato Jam, Cucumber Salsa and Tomato Drink.