

## ICELAND

Enter a mythical land of Vikings, sagas, and glaciers on a tour of "the Land of Fire and Ice." Tour the capital city of Reykjavík before discovering the Blue Lagoon, towering geysers, and the country's majestic waterfalls and landscapes.

### *Why Brightspark?*

#### **Safety And Security**

We regularly conduct strict audits of our vendors, ensuring they act in accordance with safety, security, and quality standards.

#### **Our Tour Directors**

You deserve the best, so we only use experienced and enthusiastic Tour Directors who are experts on their destinations.

#### **Quality, Custom Tours**

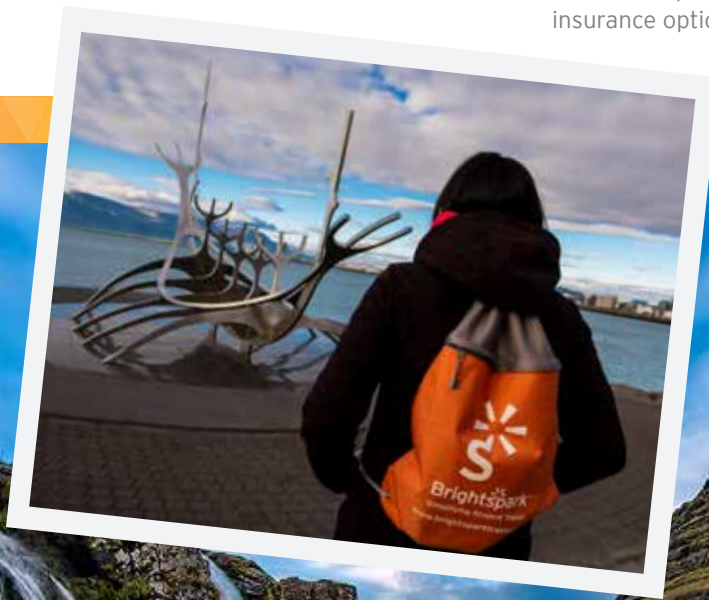
Our programs are designed for you, by you. From STEM-based DC tours to performance trips to some of our country's top music cities, we have a destination for every budget and every passion.

#### **Industry Experience**

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#### **Travel Protection & Incident Coverage**

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### Day 1: Board your flight to Iceland.

### Day 2: Reykjavík

- Meet with your tour director at **Keflavík International Airport**.
- Board your private motor coach and travel to the **Viking Museum** in Hafnarfjörður, home to the Viking ship *Íslendingur* (The Iceman). The ship is an exact replica of the famous Gokstad ship, an archaeological treasure found almost intact in Norway in 1882.
- Enjoy a panoramic tour of **Reykjavík**. The capital city of Iceland is home to 130,000 people – more than a third of the country's population. Sites include the **Old Harbor**, **Harpa Concert Hall**, the modern **Hallgrímskirkja** (Church of Hallgrím), sculptures and art installations, and streets lined with distinctive architecture.

### Day 3: Grindavík & Reykjavík

- Discover the invigorating waters of the **Blue Lagoon**, one of the 25 wonders of the world and Iceland's most popular tourist attraction. The man-made geothermal spa is located in a black lava field creating mineral-rich waters.
- Experience Icelandic lore at the **Saga Museum**, where creative exhibits introduce visitors to key figures in Iceland's past and illuminate thousands of years of Icelandic culture and tradition.
- Spend the afternoon on a **whale watching tour**.

### Day 4: Golden Circle

- Board your private motor coach and drive over **Hellisheiði plateau** to **Hveragerði**, where you'll discover plants and flowers grown in large greenhouses heated by natural thermal water.
- Continue to **Kerið**, a crater lake in the Grímsnes area, and then to **Gullfoss**, the Golden Waterfall.
- Take a short drive to the **Great Geysir**, the first geyser known to modern Europeans. Nearby, you might see **Strokkur**, one of the most active geysers in the area, spouting up to 100 feet.
- Explore **Pingvellir**, a historic site and national park that was home to **Alþing**, the site of Icelandic parliament from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. The canyon running through the park is actually the meeting point of two tectonic plates!

### Day 5: South Shore

- Travel to the sites featured in *Njáls Saga*, one of Iceland's most famous narratives. First, stop at **Seljalandsfoss** waterfall. Continue past **Dyrhólaey**, a stone peninsula with an archway carved by the waves. Finally, stop for lunch at the seaside village of **Vík í Mýrdal**, known for its famous black basalt sand beaches and the Reynisdrangar rocks.
- Take a glacier walk along the expansive **Sólheimajökull Glacier**. Put on your crampons (specialized ice and snow footwear) for a tour that mixes breathtaking views with exhilarating adventure.
- Visit the **Skógafoss Waterfall** and the **Skogar Museum**, a cultural heritage collection of over 15,000 folk artifacts.

### Day 6: Eastern Region

- Explore the melding of fire and ice at **Skaftafell National Park**, now part of the larger **Vatnajökull National Park**. Among the natural sights you can admire in the area are the Vatnajökull, Skaftafellsjökull, and Svínafellsjökull glaciers; the Kristínartindar Mountain; and the Svartifoss waterfall.
- Hop aboard an amphibian boat for a tour of the **Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon**. Sail along massive icebergs and observe the local wildlife – keep your eyes open for a seal sighting!

### Day 7: Depart to the airport for your flight home.

