

ROOMS WITH A VIEW

LAGOON SUITE, THE RETREAT AT BLUE LAGOON

Bill Gates once paid to reserve the entirety of the Blue Lagoon, an iconic geothermal bathing spot, for a private swim in its mineral-rich waters. Since the recent opening of The Retreat at the Blue Lagoon and its luxury Lagoon Suites, it's now possible to attain this level of privacy from the comfort of a breathtaking hotel suite, with a portion of the lagoon accessible only from your private terrace. Suites are built on a hardened 800-year-old lava flow, with beds looking directly out to the turquoise lagoon through floor-to-ceiling windows. Living rooms open onto extensive private terraces from which to take the plunge. The Retreat also offers a world-class spa, utilizing the soothing properties of the lagoon's waters.

From \$2,255 per night. Contact Gudjon Valberg, general manager, contact@bluelagoon.com, +354 420 8700, retreat.bluelagoon.com

PANORAMA SUITE, ION CITY HOTEL

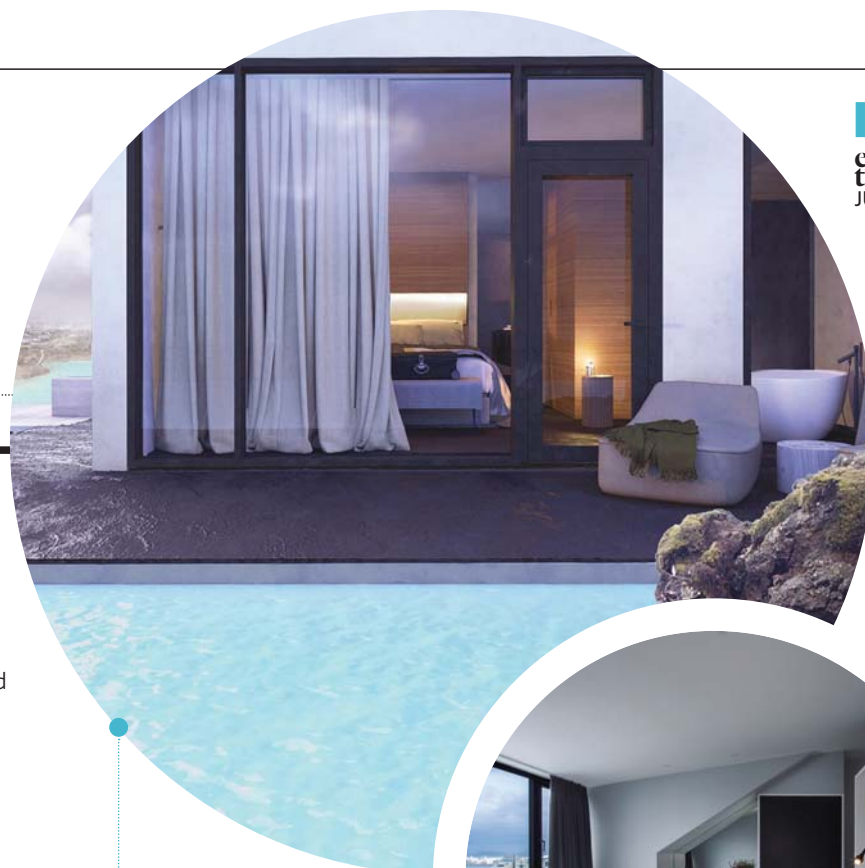
With sweeping views of Reykjavík's stunning bay and city center, the Panorama Suite is a showstopper. Even its private sauna and freestanding bathtub offer scenic vistas. A dining room and fully stocked bar, with a private chef and bartender, make the space perfect for entertaining. Part of the Design Hotel group, the sleek, neutral-toned hotel is the work of renowned Icelandic architectural duo Minarc. Ideally situated on the city's main avenue, Laugavegur, you'll be within walking distance of the capital's best restaurants, bars and galleries.

From \$1,100 per night. Contact Monika Sirvyte, general manager, ioncity@ioniceland.is, +354 578 3730, ioncity.ioniceland.is

ESJA CORNER SUITE, TOWER SUITES

Offering one of the highest viewpoints in Iceland's capital, the Esja Corner Suite takes its name from Esja, the volcanic mountain range it faces. Panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows with ocean, city and mountain views engulf the suite. It's said that on a clear day, if you look to the west, Snæfellsjökull — a 700,000-year-old glacier-capped stratovolcano — is also visible, and a high-quality telescope is provided for stargazing and aurora hunting. Champagne is included on arrival, as is a fully stocked bar, which can be curated by a wine expert. Organic breakfast is delivered daily to your door. Suites can also be combined to create a private wing.

From \$2,115 per night. Contact Jóhannes Ásbjörnsson, owner, info@towersuites.is, +354 416 0000, towersuites.is



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The Retreat at Blue
Lagoon



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Esja Corner Suite,
Tower Suites



Chic bathroom in
the Esja Corner
Suite, Tower Suites

WHERE TO EAT

Vox

This stylish establishment — mentioned in the 2018 Michelin Guide — celebrates Icelandic ingredients. Located within the Hilton Reykjavík Nordica, Vox serves up a locally sourced tasting menu with the likes of arctic char with cauliflower, almonds and trout roe; and langoustine ravioli, accompanied by an exceptional wine list.

vox.is

Dill

The first restaurant in Iceland to receive a Michelin star, Dill features New Nordic cuisine at its finest. Committed to embracing traditions in a contemporary way, it offers a seven-course tasting menu curated weekly. Complex flavors are showcased in dishes such as tusk, kale and black garlic; and pear, almond and birch. Be sure to book in advance.

dillrestaurant.is

Sjávargrillid

If you're looking for extraordinary local specialties in a relaxed atmosphere, book a table at Sjávargrillid. Its award-winning chef has curated a multicourse 'grill feast of delicacies' so diners can experience the diverse and unique tastes of Iceland. This can include puffin, whale and, for the brave among you, fermented shark.

sjavargrillid.is