

**EXPLORE
REYKJAVÍK**

GUIDE TO REYKJAVÍK

IF YOU DO ONE THING: THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

No visit to Reykjavík is complete without a trip into the countryside to visit the natural wonders on the Golden Circle route. Visit Thingvellir National Park, the ancient site of Iceland's parliament from the 10th to 18th centuries, the jaw-dropping Gullfoss waterfall and explosive Geysir geothermal area, while taking in the country's epic scenery and seemingly endless rainbows along the way.



Iceland is a land of gushing waterfalls, steaming hot springs, mammoth glaciers and double rainbows. A mysterious, otherworldly island, it showcases vast and stunning landscapes. At its heart, the world's most northerly capital, Reykjavík, offers the perfect base for a hip city break, just a stone's throw from some of the country's astonishing geological must-sees. A vibrant cultural hub with a burgeoning epicurean and music scene, Reykjavík is a year-round destination. Summer showcases the midnight sun with almost 24-hour daylight, while winter brings adventures on the snow and ice, plus the arrival of the northern lights. With the freshest air, the friendliest locals and mountain and ocean views throughout the city, it's always a good time to visit Reykjavík.

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INCREDIBLE ICELAND

CHASE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

While the aurora borealis can sometimes be spotted from the city center, it's worth heading away from the capital's bright lights with an aurora hunter for the best chance of spotting the elusive colorful display. September through to April offer the best aurora forecasts.

VISIT HALLGRÍMSKIRKJA

Towering over the city, Reykjavík's eye-popping Lutheran church Hallgrímskirkja is Iceland's tallest building and can be seen from pretty much everywhere. Take the short elevator ride to the top for views over the capital's colorful rooftops.

CATCH A CONCERT AT HARPA

With a design inspired by the basalt landscape of Iceland, this eerily beautiful concert hall, located

in the harbor area, has a fantastic schedule of programming, from opera to jazz, reflecting Reykjavík's cultural diversity.

JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH

Thrill seekers can take a private tour of the dormant Thrihnukagígur volcano, descending 394ft past its brightly stained walls, deep into its cavern. Once inside, headlamps are provided for an hour of exploration.

TAKE A DIP IN THE BLUE LAGOON

Just 35 minutes outside of Reykjavík, this vast world-famous geothermal pool is an absolute must. Relax in the thick turquoise waters, surrounded by jet-black volcanic lava fields, while basking in the healing properties of the water and mud masks provided on-site.



Bask in the silica, algae and minerals that make the Blue Lagoon so special