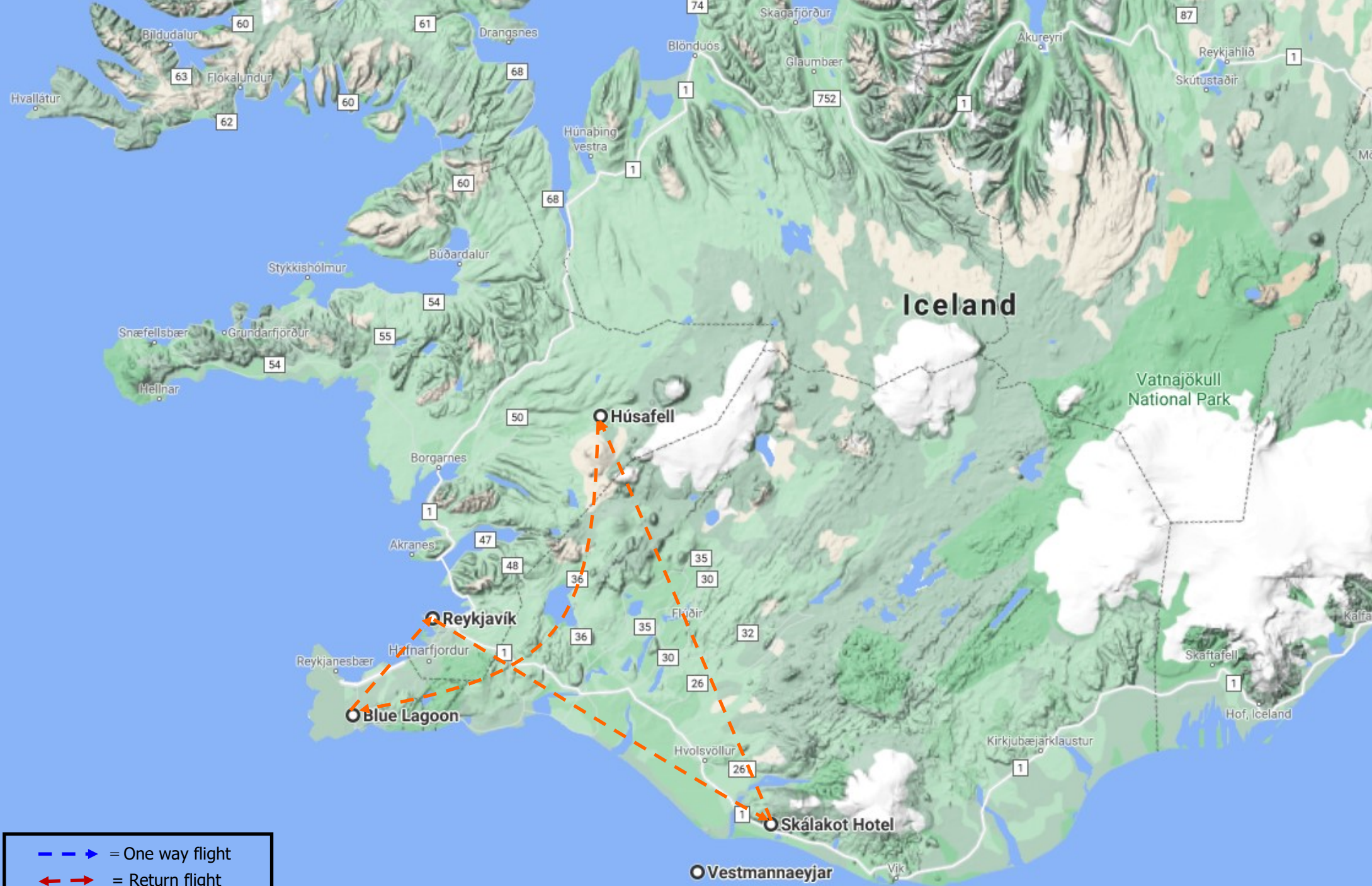


Iceland explored, Laterally





- — — — — = One way flight
- — — — — = Return flight
- — — — — = Drive
- — — — — = Train/Boat

In a Nutshell...

- Day 1 - Fly to Reykjavik, Iceland & Stay at The Konsulat Hotel
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- Day 10 - Departure. Welcome home

Flights...

Date	Airline & Flight Number	From	Departs	To	Arrives	Class
Day 1	TBC	London	TBC	Reykjavik	TBC	TBC
Day 10	TBC	Reykjavik	TBC	London	TBC	TBC

Your Recommended Itinerary...

Day 1 - Fly to Reykjavik, Iceland

Fly to Iceland. Upon arrival in Reykjavik you will be welcomed by a laterallife representative who will assist with your luggage and transfer you to the Reykjavik Konsulat hotel located in prime location downtown with easy access to shopping, sightseeing and gourmet restaurants.

The remainder of the day is at your leisure and you can enjoy the hotel's spa area or take a walk around downtown.

Accommodation: The Konsulat Hotel

Meals: None

Day 2 - Inside the volcano

This morning you will walk to a shuttle pickup close to your hotel that will take you to the **Þríhnjúkagígur volcano** for an unforgettable experience. The drive is approximately 40 minutes.

After a safety briefing, you start with a light hike (approximately 2 miles) up to Þríhnjúkagígur where you will be lowered into the volcano's magma chamber. The volcanic chamber is the size of a football field and is so tall that you could fit the Statue of Liberty in it!

Once you finish exploring the volcano you will be served traditional Icelandic meat soup. After your walk back to basecamp, board the shuttle back to Reykjavik.

Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Accommodation: The Konsulat Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3 - Transfer to the South coast & Quad biking

Check out of your hotel and meet your guide in the lobby for a drive along the south coast of Iceland. You will see some dramatic landscape, first up being the beautiful waterfalls **Seljalandsfoss** and **Gljúfrabúi** secret waterfall with their amazing caves.





Seljalandsfoss waterfall



Seljalandsfoss waterfall has a cave behind it which allows you to walk all the way around it. **Gljufrabúi** waterfall is only a short walk away but hidden away in a cave so not as many people see it or know about it. You can actually walk into the opening of the cave and see it up close. It is a great place to try fresh glacial water straight from the source and never bottled.

En route your guide will give you the option of visiting the **Lava Centre** at Hvolsvöllur. The Lava Centre is an interactive, high-tech educational exhibition depicting volcanic activity, earthquakes and the creation of Iceland over millions of years. Experience live earthquakes and examine the various volcanic—eruptions and lava flows, volcanic and rift systems, faults and glacial floods that make Iceland a showcase of volcanism (*entry not included - payable locally*).

A short drive away is **Skógafoss waterfall** with a width of 25 metres (82 feet) and a drop of 60 m (200 ft). Due to the amount of spray the waterfall consistently produces, a single or double rainbow is normally visible on sunny days. According to legend, the first Viking settler in the area, Þrasi Þórólfsson, buried a treasure in a cave behind the waterfall.

You can have lunch at Gamla Fjósið (the old farmhouse), a cute and quaint little restaurant located on a farm nearby. Your dining experience will be as authentic as it gets and their Volcano soup will leave you wanting more for months to come.

From there you will drive over to the infamous **Reynisfjara** which is a black pebble beach and features an amazing cliff of regular basalt columns resembling a rocky step pyramid, underneath there is an amazing cave which has been used as a film location for international films. Out in the sea are the spectacularly shaped basalt sea stacks Reynisdrangar.

The dramatic scenery and black sand at Reynisfjara attracts a lot of tourists but you will avoid the crowds by heading out on an ATV tour which takes you to parts of the beach which are hard to reach otherwise. This tour is private so you can entirely customise its pace to your needs.

Arrive to Skálakot Manor Hotel, by **Eyjafjallajökull** glacier and volcano. The infamous volcano became well known in 2010 when its eruption partialized air traffic in Europe for weeks and left many foreigners curious about the complexity of the Icelandic language as news presenters struggled with its pronunciation.



Enjoy dinner at the hotel or have your guide take you to another restaurant upon his recommendation based on your dietary preferences.

Accommodation: Skálakot Manor Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4 - Zodiac boat tour on Glacier Lagoon

Today your guide will drive you further east along the south coast of Iceland where you will get to see more remote locations and unique landscapes.

First stop at **Fjaðrárgljúfur canyon**. It is a magnificent and massive canyon, about 100 meters deep and about two kilometres long. The canyon has sheer walls, and is somewhat serpentine and narrow.

Continue further east to the Skaftafell national park where you can embark on a hike to see **Svartifoss waterfall**. This narrow 66 feet high waterfall is located in a horseshoe shaped gorge and derives its name, 'Dark waterfall', from the fact that it is framed by dark hexagonal basalt columns. These are very pronounced and make for a truly spectacular sight.

Finally you will arrive at **Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon** and Diamond Beach. It used to be covered in thick glacial ice until the 1930's when the glacier started retreating, the lagoon today measures 7 square miles (20 km²). More than 300 feet of ice still breaks away each year, reshaping the lagoon and filling it with icebergs - causing an alarmingly beautiful sight.

The water is freezing cold and contains a mixture of salt and freshwater giving it a blue-green colour. There is plenty of fish and birdlife by the lagoon and the vast sand area of Breiðamerkursandur, and hundreds of seals stay there in winter.

Board a Zodiac by the lagoon and go on a private 1 hour boat ride, between the Icebergs and towards the glacier. You might even witness a piece of the glacier calve off!

Accommodation: Skálakot Manor Hotel

Meals: Breakfast





Fjaðrárgljúfur canyon



Day 5 - Horse riding & the Vestmannaeyjar Islands

Today you embark on a horseback ride from the Skálakot Farm. This is a private activity so you can learn all the tricks of the trade and travel at a comfortable speed.

Return to the car with your guide and drive to Landeyjahöfn where you board the ferry Herjolfur which will take you over to the Vestmannaeyjar islands. *The ferry ride takes approximately 40 min.*

Vestmannaeyjar is a cluster of volcanic islands that came to international attention in 1973 with the eruption of Eldfell volcano, which destroyed many buildings and forced a months-long evacuation of the entire population to mainland Iceland. Approximately one fifth of the town was destroyed before the lava flow was halted.

Once you get ashore your guide will take you to Gott restaurant for lunch. Afterwards you head down to the docs to do a boat tour on a 800hp rib. The rib will take you around the islands, showing you some amazing caves and you will also get a chance to see some Icelandic puffins since the islands are famous for their large puffin colonies.

There are many museums, exhibitions and sites to visit on the island that the guide can take you to, depending on your interests.

Accommodation: Skálakot Manor Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Day 6 - Golden Circle

Today you check out of Skálakot and embark on the classic Golden Circle tour and enjoy seeing some of the most beautiful sites in Iceland.

Gullfoss waterfall is by many considered to be the most beautiful in Iceland. The water plummets down 32 meters in two stages into a rugged canyon whose walls reach up to 70 meters in height.

Continue to the **Haukadalur geothermal area**, where you have various geothermal features: Geysers, mud pools, fumaroles, algal deposits. You will see erupting hot springs, the dormant Geysir and active Strokkur, one of Iceland's

Haukadalur geothermal area



most famous geysers - erupting about every 4–8 minutes 15 – 20 m high, sometimes up to 40 m high.

On the Golden circle route you will pass the Fridheimar **geothermal tomato farm**. The Greenhouse farm grows tomatoes 365 days a year getting help from the forces of nature. The farmers opened up a restaurant in the greenhouse in 2011 and serve lunch and coffee every day. You have the option to stop by for a taste of their tomato soup or a cup of coffee. Their tomato based drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are also delicious.

Your drive continues to **Pingvellir**, the most beloved national park in Iceland. Pingvellir is a very significant place for Icelanders not only because it is a place where you can actually see the North-American and Eurasian tectonic plates glide apart but because the Althingi parliament was formed there in 930 AD, and is protected by UNESCO. Pingvellir has also become known as a filming location for the Game of Thrones.

After visiting Pingvellir your guide will take you to your next hótél, Hótél Húsafell where you will stay for the next two nights. Your guide will leave you to enjoy the area as you will access your next two day's activities directly from your doorstep.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel's excellent restaurant.

Accommodation: Hótél Húsafell

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7 - Glacier adventure & Hot spring hike

Embark on a discovery of the second largest glacier in Iceland. You will be picked up at Hotel Húsafell and, along with a small group of other people, you will take a monster glacier truck further up the glacier until you finally reach the entrance to largest man made ice cave in the world leading you deep into the glacier. As you walk these extraordinary ice tunnels you get an informative lecture on geology and can see layers from recent and ancient volcano eruptions and the effect global warming is having on our glaciers.

Return back to Hótél Húsafell for dinner and after dinner a local guide will lead you on an evening hike to visit the local **hot spring**.

Accommodation: Hótél Húsafell

Meals: Breakfast





Day 8 - Caving

Today you will have a relaxing day at the hotel, having the opportunity to explore the area on your own, swim, bike etc.

At a scheduled time you will be picked up by a shuttle for a 90 minute visit to a neighbouring cave. The stunning beauty of **Víðgelmir lava cave** lies within the amazing colours and rock formations that used to hide in the dark - not anymore! With feature lighting at selected locations this impressive cave can now be enjoyed in all its glory. The experienced guide will tell you all about the unique geology and impressive history at Víðgelmir.

Accommodation: Hótel Húsafell

Meals: Breakfast

Day 9 - West to Reykjanes & to the Blue Lagoon

Your guide will pick you up again and you will explore the **Húsafell area** further, discovering its beautiful landscapes. You can go visit two waterfalls that are right next to each other. Barnafoss is a powerful waterfall with the glacial river running forcefully through the basalt canyon. Hraunfossar waterfall is a natural work of art where you see the water emerge from the lava fields and fall gently into the river below.

You will also have the option to visit a geothermal spa, go on a hike and visit a local brewery.

En-route to your next hotel at the Blue Lagoon there are many optional places to stop at. The guide will tailor the tour to your needs.

The Silica Hotel is the original hotel at the Blue Lagoon. It has its own private lagoon and relaxed atmosphere. Your rooms include tickets to the original Blue Lagoon located just next door.

Tonight you will have a dinner reservation at Moss Restaurant with an optional visit to their impressive wine cellar for a glass of champagne prior to your meal. Seated at a table in Moss Restaurant, looking out at the majestic landscape, you can travel the island by way of the culinary creations that emerge from the kitchen. With a la carte and set menus that move effortlessly from the mountains, to the farmlands, to the rivers, to the oceans, each dish opens the door to the living heritage and diverse delights of Icelandic cuisine.



Blue Lagoon



Accommodation: Silica Hotel at Blue Lagoon

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10 - Departure

At a pre-arrange time, or about two / two and a half hours before your flight, your guide will pick you up and bring you to Keflavik International Airport in time for your departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast

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Laterally sleeping...

The Konsulat Hotel, Reykjavik

Once a 1900's department store operated by Consul Thomsen's family, this charming building has been renovated with modern amenities and nods to Reykjavik's vibrant culture. It's a quick walk from the hotel to the Iceland Parliament, Harpa Concert Hall, the Laugavegur main shopping street, and top restaurants and nightlife.

The guest rooms are uniquely Icelandic with eclectic architecture and natural building materials. Suites offer more space and a separate living area and the Diplomat Suite is a corner room with a private terrace.

www.hilton.com/en/hotels/rekcuqq-reykjavik-konsulat-hotel

Skálakot Manor Hotel, Southern Coast

Skálakot is a relatively new boutique hotel in Iceland, owned and operated by the farmers at Skálakot horse farm. Staying at Skálakot offers visitors a unique opportunity to stay at a luxurious accommodation while experiencing the Icelandic culture and being exposed to traditional farm life.

Guests may enjoy activities in the surrounding area, including canoeing, horse riding, fishing and hiking, to name a few. Each room and suite features a fusion of luxury and modern amenities.

www.skalakot.is

Hótel Húsafell, Húsafell

Hótel Húsafell is one of National Geographic unique lodges of the world and is a destination on its own. The hotel showcases an architectural design that is in harmony with the environment and boasts views of the surrounding nature. With an average of three sightings per week during winter, the hotel is one of Iceland's best spots for watching the Northern Lights.

Guests also have access to two geothermal pools, two hot tubs, and a waterslide. This comfortable boutique 4 star eco resort offers gourmet dining options, peaceful nature, hot springs and friendly locals in the area. Local activities include swimming, golfing, mountain biking and hiking.

www.husafell.com

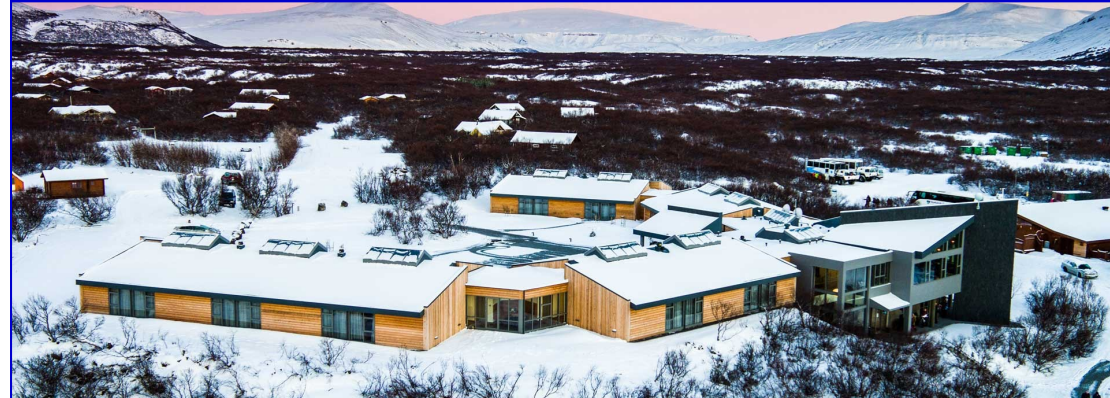
Silica Hotel, Blue Lagoon

The Silica Hotel is the original hotel at the Blue Lagoon and offers a unique stay at the pristine geothermal Blue Lagoon in Norðurljósavegur, Iceland. Guests staying at this hotel are able to view the Northern Lights with premium entry to the Blue Lagoon and access to the private Silica Lagoon while enjoying the serene, wild landscape surrounding the hotel.

The guestrooms are furnished in a modern and simple fashion and include views of the mountain and or lagoon with a private veranda.

Lava Restaurant and Moss Restaurant serves fresh, local and seasonal Icelandic cuisine while luxury treatments and massages are also available. In this otherworldly landscape, guests will find it easy to allow tensions to melt away by bathing in the on-site geothermal pools.

www.bluelagoon.com/accommodation/silica-hotel



What's Included...

- All accommodation on a twin/double share basis with private facilities
- Breakfast throughout, other meals as specified
- Private excursions and transfers including entrance fees
- English speaking guides on excursions

What's Not Included...

- Items of a personal nature - phone calls, laundry, minibar etc
- Gratuities & Portage
- Early check-in / late check-out
- Departure taxes
- Excess baggage fees
- Beverages during meals
- Insurance cover
- Visas

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For payment of any international flights, we ask for a debit (no surcharge) or credit card (surcharge applies) which will then be processed through our flight issuing agent and financially protected under their ATOL or IATA licences.

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