



# Iceland Winter Wonders Hiking

## Spectacular Nature on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula

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# Feel the difference

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## **Unrivaled Expertise**

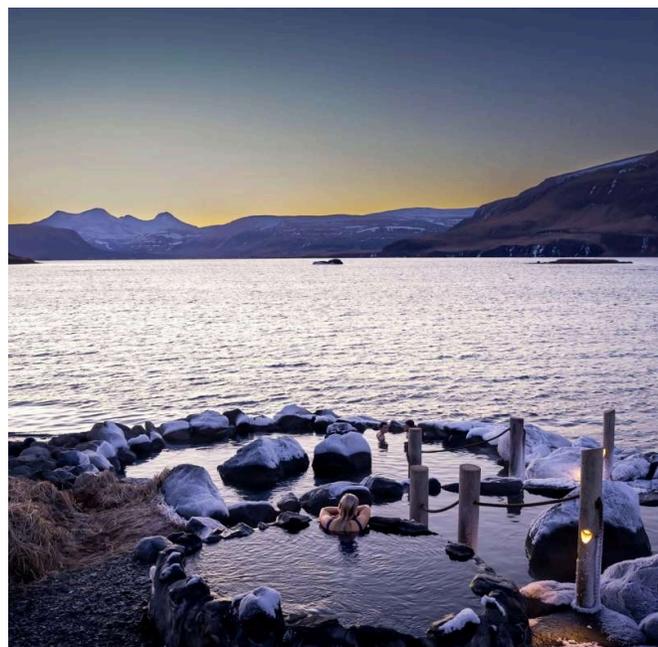
MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

## **Unique Trip Design**

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail - the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

## **Small Groups**

We keep our groups intentionally small - usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





## Leading the Way

### World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





# Why take this trip with us?

## REASON 1

MT Sobek is a legendary pioneering outfitter, who has been operating adventures throughout Europe since 1970.

## REASON 2

Our trips are designed for hikers and travelers who are looking for an authentic adventure, not a tourist experience - and this trip is no exception.

## REASON 3

Hike with expert local MT Sobek guides who know the most beautiful, hidden spots to catch a once-in-a-lifetime view.

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

Moderate hikes, visits to ancient fishing villages, and tastings of local delicacies, all while taking in the diverse landscapes of the Snaefellsnes Peninsula.



### LODGING

Comfortable hotels that exude the warm, friendly hospitality of Icelandic tradition.



### CLIMATE

Expect fog, sun, snow, and rain, sometimes all in a single day. Dress warm!



## KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

### Itinerary

While Northern Lights sightings can't be guaranteed (nature is fickle!), the Snaefellsnes is one of the best places to glimpse the Aurora because it is generally less cloudy than the rest of Iceland. Come with an open mind, and expect both rain and snow, which will determine whether you hike or snowshoe each day.



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Iceland's magical Snæfellsnes Peninsula, an area of diverse, dramatic landscape, provides a taste of the country's winter wonders and a chance to witness aurora borealis light up dark skies. Gape at the mighty Snæfellsnes Volcano, topped by a glacier, discover charming fishing towns and marvel at lava fields, black- and golden-sand beaches and jagged mountains. At the tip of the peninsula, visit Snæfellsjokull National Park's lava cave and pebble beach (aka Black Lava Pearl Beach). See breathtaking basalt columns spectacular waterfalls and delightful hot springs.

### 5 Days

**Start:** Reykjavik, Iceland

**End:** Reykjavik, Iceland

**Departing:**

**Activities:** Hiking & Trekking

**Lodging:** Comfortable Hotels

**Group Size:** 4-16 Guests

**ACTIVITY:**



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*“I've taken six MTS trips and they have all exceeded my expectations. The staff, the food, the logistics and the communications have always been exceptional. Thank you for being my "go to" adventure travel company!”*

- Margaret I.

# The Itinerary

DAY  
01

## Arrive in Reykjavik, Iceland

Touch down at Keflavik International Airport, where your guide awaits to transfer you to Reykjavik, with a breakfast stop along the way, or at the hotel. Check into your hotel and spend an afternoon at leisure in Iceland's capital city. Your guides will stay at your service for a walk around town or city sightseeing recommendations. Meet your group for a welcome drink, orientation, and dinner.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Iceland Parliament Hotel, Reykjavik

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 45-minute private van transfer

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DAY  
02

## Explore Snaefellsnes South

Set a course for the Snaefellsnes Peninsula, today focusing on the southern part. A scenic, 2.5-hour drive brings you to the tiny village of Hellnar, an ancient fishing port with a beautiful old harbor. Visit the cold-water spring found at the lava's edge (it was dedicated to the Holy Virgin, who according to legend once appeared here). Hike along the coast amidst basalt rock formations to the picturesque harbor village of Arnarstapi, then drive on to Buoir, where you'll stay for the next two nights. Before calling it a day, visit Buoir's iconic black church and nearby golden-sand beach, then hike across the Buoahraun lava field, up to the Buoaklettur crater and back. Enjoy dinner back at the hotel, but don't go to bed without taking the chance to hunt for the Northern Lights.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Buoir, Buoir

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2.5-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 3-4 hours/4.2 miles hiking with 328' elevation gain

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03

## Discover Snaefellsnes North

Today, continue on to Snaefellsnes National Park and the northern reaches of the peninsula. Your first stop is at the Pufubjarg bird cliff, home of nesting puffins and fulmars. From here, hike along the rugged coastline to the Londrangar basalt cliffs, a geologic wonder that looks like a huge rock castle, and Malarrif, where you can see the lighthouse and explore the beach. Drive on to the western point of the peninsula to visit the 8,000-year-old lava tube cave, Vatnshellir, and then onwards to Black Lava Pearl Beach (Djupalonssandur), with its breathtaking coastal cliffs, mysterious rock formations, strong surf, and amazing black pebbles. Continue north, where you'll have the opportunity to climb up to the crater of Saxholl, then stop for lunch at the fishing village Olafsvik. Finally, explore the picturesque Kirkjufell mountain and the idyllic town of Stykkisholmur before returning to Buoir to overnight at your hotel.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Buoir, Buoir

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2.5-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** A few short hikes totaling 2-3 hours/2.4-3.7 miles

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## Hike to Waterfalls & Soak in Hot Springs

Drive to the beautiful Borgarfjordur area to witness the Hraunfossar waterfall and Europe's most powerful hot spring, Deildartunguhver. On the return trip to Reykjavik, stop to hike or snowshoe to the Glymur waterfall or into the Glymur gorge. Take a much-anticipated stop to soak weary muscles in the Hvammvik nature baths (for a true invigoration, dip into the cold sea between trying out the eight hot pools). Return to Reykjavik in the afternoon and enjoy a farewell dinner in town before spending your final evening at the hotel.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Iceland Parliament Hotel, Reykjavik

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 3 hours/4.6 miles hiking with 804' elevation gain

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## Depart from Reykjavik

After breakfast, explore Reykjavik at your leisure before transferring to Keflavik International Airport for your flight home.

**MEALS:** Breakfast



# Where You'll Stay

**These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.**

## **Iceland Parliament Hotel**

The Hotel Parliament by Hilton sits enviably in the heart of the city, next to the Icelandic Parliament - Alþingi and across from Austurvöllur. Walk just five minutes to the Reykjavik Cathedral and Harpa concert hall. Guests have access to a first-class restaurant and a well-appointed spa.

## **Hotel Buoir**

The charming Hotel Buoir is well known for its exquisite cuisine sourced from fresh ingredients directly from local farmers and fishermen. Every room has a spectacular view, either toward the glacier, the sea, the mountains, the famous black church, or the lava field. Gather with fellow guests in the comfortable lounge after a day of exploring to enjoy a drink from the bar and the view of the mountains and Atlantic Ocean.

# Departure Dates

**Book early for a greater choice of available dates.**

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

March 14-18, 2024

# What's Included

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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