## READY TO PLAN FOR YOUR TRIP? Iceland's Northern Lights

## WEATHER & DESTINATION SPECIFIC INFORMATION

**Time Zone:** Time Zone: Iceland is on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) throughout the year and does not observe daylight saving time. Iceland is 5 hours ahead of the US Eastern Time Zone and 6 hours ahead of the US Central Time Zone.

Weather: Average High/Low

| City      | March     | April     | July      | Oct.      | Nov.      |
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| Reykjavik | 37°F/28°F | 43°F/33°F | 57°F/48°F | 45°F/36°F | 39°F/31°F |

**Currency:** For your convenience, you may wish to exchange some US dollars to foreign currency prior to departure; however this can also be done while abroad. Fees apply to all currency exchanges. The unit of currency in Iceland is the Icelandic Krona (written as ISK or kr). Coins are in denominations of 100 kr, 50 kr, 10 kr, and 1 kr. Bank notes are in denominations of 5000 kr, 2000 kr, 1000 kr and 500 kr. Currency exchange rates fluctuate on a daily basis. A helpful website for referencing current rates is www.oanda.com.

**Electrical Current:** The electric current in Iceland is 220 volts, 50 cycles. Electric outlets and plugs differ from those in North America. An adapter is required to plug your device into an electrical socket.

However, a voltage converter is only required if your device is not compatible with 220 volts. Check the voltage of any device that you are thinking of bringing. If the tag on your device lists 110-220 volts then you will not need a converter. Adapters and converters are available at luggage, department, and electronics stores.

**International Driver & Guide Gratuities:** Your driver and guide will be with you for the majority of your tour. Should they meet expectations, providing a gratuity is suggested to show your appreciation. The suggested gratuity to your driver is 600-700 Icelandic Krona per person, per day and 800-900 Icelandic Krona per person, per day to your guide.

**Meal Expenses:** For the meals not included with the tour expect to spend the equivalent of \$20 – \$60 USD per person, per day. Tipping is invariably included in meal prices in Iceland and tipping is never required. However, if you are very pleased with the service provided, Icelanders are generally not offended if they are offered a gratuity. It is not necessary to tip for fast food, cafeteria-style meals, or drinks served in a pub.

**Packing:** Casual clothing and dressing in warm layers are recommended. Wear shoes with good treads. Bring a bathing suit for the Blue Lagoon. Towels and a bag for wet suits will be provided. Bring a hair tie for longer hair when in the lagoon to avoid tangles from high levels of silica.

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