

Iceland

An Essential Destination for Bird Watchers



Icelandair Hotel Loftleidir is proud to present upcoming weekly lectures on bird watching in April and May. Our renowned lecturer is Erling Aspelund who has decades of experience in tourism, with special emphasis on geology and birdlife. He will also be available for our guests for further consultation after each lecture.

The lecture is scheduled on Tuesdays at 18.00.

In Iceland you will find stunning and accessible locations for bird watching. Not only is there a great variety of species but a high probability of sightings (provided it is the right time of the year). An example of species in Iceland is the Sea Pie, Herlequin Duck, the Great Northern Diver, Gyr Falcon, White-tailed Eagle and Purple Sandpiper and many, many more.

This year we are suggesting a trip to East Iceland, all the way to Hofn. We are also suggesting a couple of options for transportation depending on how you would like to manage your time. You can drive both ways or perhaps drive one way and fly back to Reykjavik from Hofn. Guests will book their own car and plane tickets. Guests will also book accommodation on each hotel website depending on availability and best available rate and how many nights they wish to spend at each location. This way you can have complete freedom on your journey.

1st DAY: ARRIVAL DAY | KEFLAVIK - REYKJAVIK

From Keflavik International Airport, it takes about 50 minutes to drive or take the Flybus/taxi to Reykjavík. Hotel Loftleidir offers a free hotel shuttle and we recommend that you take advantage of a trip to the city centre and see what the town has to offer.

Meeting with Erling Aspelund who will tell you everything about the birdlife in Iceland.
*Please note the lecture can also be on day 2 or 3 depending on your arrival day.

Overnight at Icelandair Hotel Loftleidir

<http://www.icelandairhotels.com/>

2nd DAY: SOUTH COAST

HIGHLIGHTS: Thingvellir National Park, Geysir, Gullfoss, Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss waterfall

By driving down to South Iceland you can see many of the best wonders of nature. We recommend that you drive to Thingvellir National Park and then on to the great area of Geysir and the waterfall Gullfoss. After that you drive along the South Coast on to Skogar. Just before you arrive to Skogar we recommend a stop at Seljalandsfoss waterfall, where you walk behind the waterfall and make a wish. From there you drive on to Skogar waterfall. At Skogar you will find a very interesting museum that shows you how we used to live. At the museum you can see a variety of stuffed birds and animals, skeletons, eggs, plants etc
<http://www.skogasafn.is>

From Skogar you drive on to Vik and if you make a stop there we recommend that you visit Víkurprjón, Icelandic Wool Factory. From Vik you drive on to Kirkjubæjarklaustur.

Overnight at Icelandair Hotel Kirkjubæjarklaustur

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3rd DAY: VATNAJOKULL GLACIER

HIGHLIGHTS: Skaftafell National Park – Vatnajokull Glacier – The Glacier Lagoon (Jokulsarlon)

Today you will drive along the south coast heading east. You will see beautiful stones at the black sand beach, plus see or even venture onto the largest glacier in Europe, Vatnajokull glacier. What's more, you can go and check out the famous Glacier Lagoon where they filmed the James Bond film, "Die Another Day". From the Glacier Lagoon you will drive on to Hofn. From Höfn you can go on a snow scooter tour, just ask at the hotel and they will help you to find the right tour for you.

Overnight at Hotel Höfn

<http://www.rikivatnajokuls.is/hotelhofn/english>

4th DAY: SOUTH EAST ICELAND BIRD OBSERVATORY AND BIRDWATCHING

Today we recommend a visit to South East Iceland Birds Observatory, we recommend that you look at their website <http://www.fuglar.is/index.php> at this website you can read about the rarities of the day and what to expect to see during your stay.

Overnight at Hotel Hofn

<http://www.rikivatnajokuls.is/hotelhofn/english>



5th DAY: KIRKJUBAEJARKLAUSTUR

Drive back to Kirkjubaejarklaustur and spend the night. At Kirkjubaejarklaustur we highly recommend that you look at the chapel that was built in honour of Jon Steingrímsson, the pastor of the parish during the large eruption in 1783. On the day the lava flow threatened to destroy his church, he decided to conduct a service. During his preaching and passionate prayers, the lava branch stopped and the church was saved. Since then this mass has been known as The Mass of Fire.

Overnight at Icelandair Hotel Kirkjubaejarklaustur

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6th DAY: KIRKJUBAEJARKLAUSTUR – REYKJAVIK

Drive from Kirkjubaejarklaustur on to Reykjavik, if you did not drive to Thingvellir National Park and Geysir area on the way to Kirkjubaejarklaustur we recommend that you do that on the way back to Reykjavik.

Overnight at Icelandair Hotel Loftleiðir

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Please note that this package is just a suggestion, you can add more nights at Hofn, Kirkjubaejarklaustur or Loftleidir depending on your schedule.

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