

# 8-DAYS

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# ELEMENTAL ICELAND

**CIRCULAR SAGA FROM REYKJAVÍK**



# ICELAND

BEYOND THE ORDINARY CRUISE

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**Reykjavík**

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**Grundarfjörður**

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**Ísafjörður**

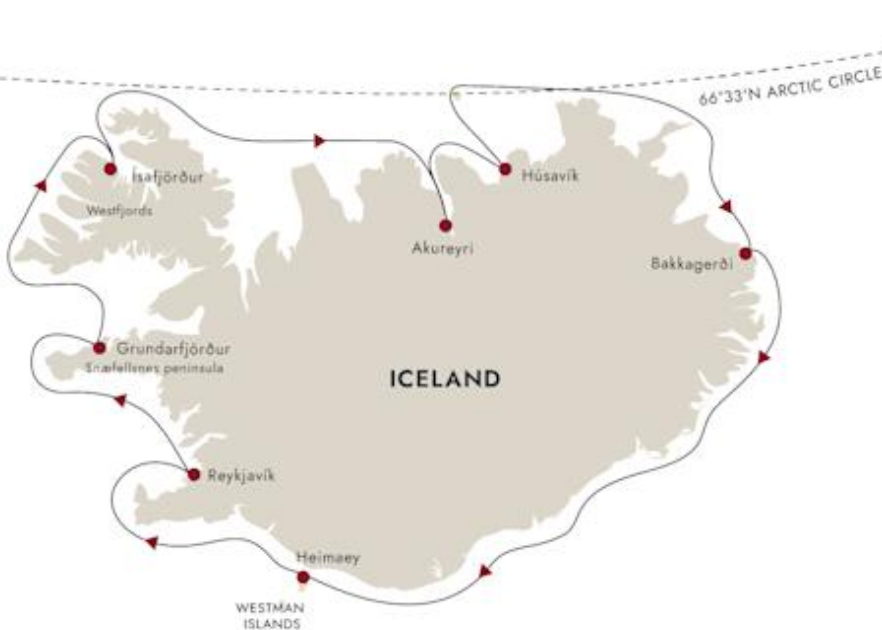
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**Reykjavík**



In Reykjavík, experience modern Iceland's vibrant culture, from stylish boutiques to rich history. As you journey around this young land, discover dramatic scenery—volcanoes, glaciers, waterfalls—and spot whales and puffins along the way.

# DAY 1

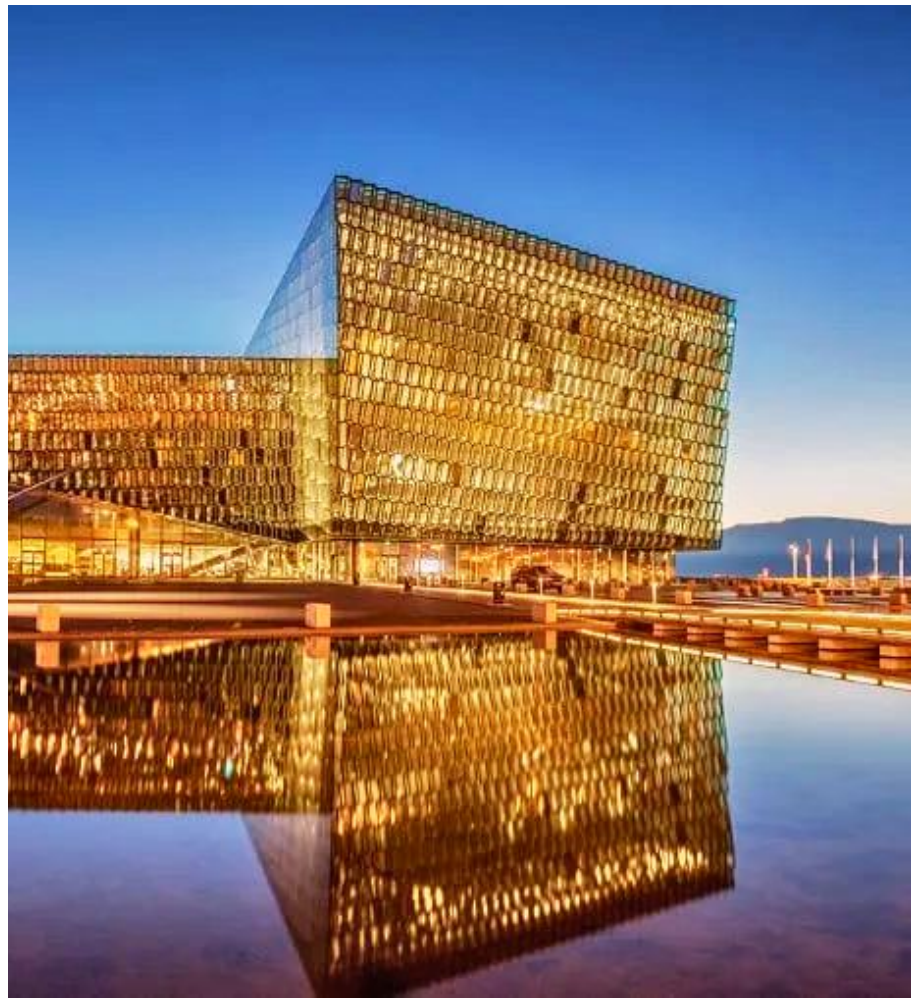
## Reykjavík

### Discover Iceland's Modern Capital

Your expedition cruise starts in Reykjavík – a laid-back city of art, culture and history. It is well worth spending some time exploring this delightful city.

Take a stroll along city's main street Laugavegur with its boutiques and outdoor shops, gaze in awe at the striking Hallgrímskirkja Church, and drop in on the fascinating Reykjavík Art Museum. Your expedition ship awaits you in Reykjavík Harbour. After being welcomed aboard and collecting your complimentary expedition jacket, it's time to settle into your cabin before enjoying your first dinner on board.

If you have the time, we recommend booking a Pre-Program with us and discovering some of Iceland's natural highlights before your cruise begins.





# DAY 2

## Grundarfjörður

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### Gateway to Spectacular Snæfellsnes

The majestic Kirkjufell mountain, one of the best-known landmarks of Iceland, rises just two miles west of the small harbor of Grundarfjörður, a quaint fishing town in Breiðafjörður bay.

Nearby lies Snæfellsnes Peninsula National Park, with the striking, ice-capped Snæfellsjökull volcano at the peninsula's western tip. Its wide array of landscapes has earned it the nickname 'Little Iceland'.

At the national park, you can visit Djúpalónssandur's black sand beach and the Saxhóll crater. Or, take a guided underground tour along a gigantic lava tube.



# DAY 3

## Ísafjörður

### Explore Westfjords' Beautiful Harborside Town

Flanked by towering mountains on all sides, Ísafjörður is a nearly perfect natural harbor and an excellent gateway to the Westfjords region. Stroll around to see the architecture, shop for local handicrafts, and see some of the oldest houses in Iceland.

One of these historic 18th-century buildings is home to Westfjords Heritage Museum, where you can learn about the maritime past of this fascinating port. Or if you prefer something more energetic, you could take the steep hike up to Naustahvilft – the Troll's Throne. You'll be rewarded for your efforts with a stunning panoramic view at the top.

# DAY 4

## Akureyri and Goðafoss

### See Dramatic Moonscapes and Waterfalls

Gaze at snowcapped peaks as we cruise into Eyjafjörður, Iceland's longest fjord. Together with neighboring Skjálfandi bay, it's one of the best places in Europe to spot whales.

Iceland's so-called 'Northern Capital', Akureyri, sits at the base of the fjord. Here, you can enjoy a botanical garden oasis and visit local eateries and museums.

A little further on, witness the picturesque Goðafoss waterfall, where turquoise waters pound against black rocks. You'll witness geology come to life around Lake Mývatn, an active volcanic area and one of the few places to see the Mid-Atlantic Ridge up close.



# DAY 5

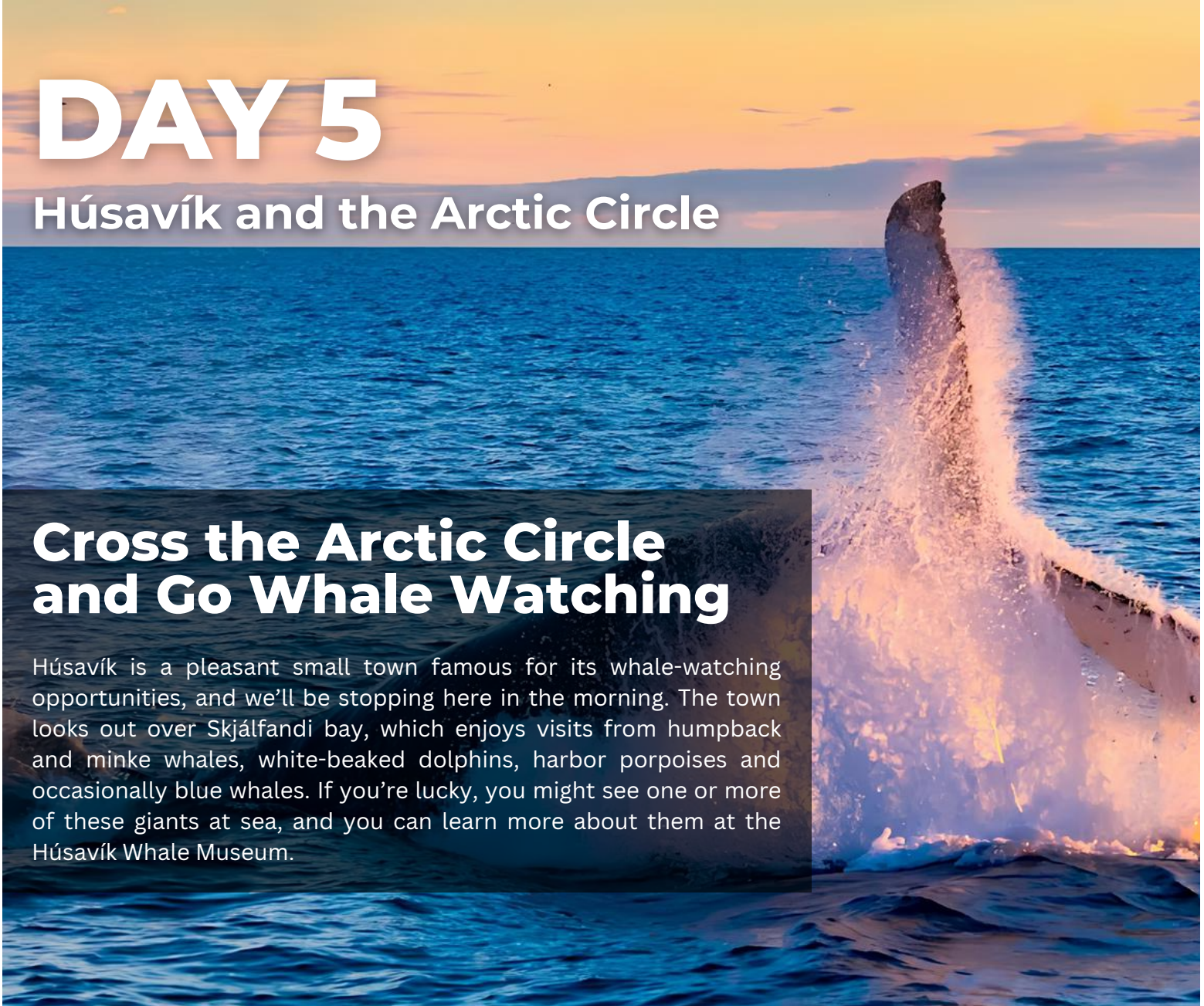
## Húsavík and the Arctic Circle

### Cross the Arctic Circle and Go Whale Watching

Húsavík is a pleasant small town famous for its whale-watching opportunities, and we'll be stopping here in the morning. The town looks out over Skjálfandi bay, which enjoys visits from humpback and minke whales, white-beaked dolphins, harbor porpoises and occasionally blue whales. If you're lucky, you might see one or more of these giants at sea, and you can learn more about them at the Húsavík Whale Museum.

You can also visit the Eurovision Song Contest Exhibition, showcasing the contest's history with costumes, props, and memorabilia from past performances, alongside sets and items from the 2020 film Eurovision Song Contest: The Story of Fire Saga, set and filmed in Húsavík.

Húsavík is also regarded as the gateway to many of the highlights of the north, including Jökulsárgljúfur National Park, the waterfall of Dettifoss and the horseshoe-shaped valley of Ásbyrgi, which according to the Icelandic myths, was made by the eight-legged horse of Odin. Later, we will sail along the coast of Grímsey island without landing, cross the Arctic Circle, and continue on to our next destination.



# DAY 6

## Bakkagerði



## A Place Beloved by Puffins and Elves

Your Iceland cruise continues to the tiny, remote settlement of Bakkagerði. According to folklore, Bakkagerði is inhabited by a large population of local land spirits or elves, known as huldufólk, meaning 'hidden people'. Walk around town to explore this magical place.

This popular hiking area features lush valleys and gorgeous scenery among colorful rhyolite rocks. In season, the coastal cliffs are home to fulmars, kittiwakes, eiders and puffins. We may also visit the Atlantic puffin colony on Hafnarhólmi, a true gem for nature lovers and wildlife photographers.



# DAY 7

## Heimaey

### The Town That Defied a Volcano

Heimaey is the only inhabited island in the Westman Islands, off Iceland's southern coast. It has a fascinating history and still bears the scars of the powerful volcanic eruption that nearly destroyed the island.

Visit Eldheimar, a museum that features an excavated home frozen in time, and learn more about the eruption and its aftermath. You could also take a hike to find puffins at Stórhöfði, where nearly eight million of them nest every summer. Don't pass up the chance to climb Mount Eldfell to the volcano's summit, where you'll have incredible views of the town below.





# DAY 8

Reykjavík



## Enjoy Reykjavík at Your Own Pace

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Your Iceland expedition cruise concludes back in Reykjavík. This is a great chance to see the places you missed when you arrived. You can even relax with friends in a heittur pottur, or geothermal pool – literally a 'hot pot' – an important part of Icelandic culture.



# WHAT'S INCLUDED

## A STAY IN A CABIN OF YOUR CHOICE

- Daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Wine, beer, and spirits available at meals and throughout the day and evening (subject to licensing laws; excludes premium drinks)
- All day coffee, tea, and soft drinks
- Fine dining in restaurant Lindstrøm included for suite guests
- A complimentary water bottle to refill on board and take home
- Wind and waterproof expedition jacket
- Professional photos from your trip taken by our onboard photographer
- Complimentary Wi-Fi. Please note that streaming is not supported.
- Use of sauna, hot tubs, pool, fitness room, lounges, and more
- Gratuities included. Fantastic service is standard at HX (though if you'd like to leave something extra, it's always appreciated).
- Range of included activities

## ONBOARD ACTIVITIES

- In-depth lectures and discussions hosted by our knowledgeable Expedition Team
- Use of our Science Centre, including the library and advanced biological and geological equipment
- The Citizen Science Program allows guests to assist with ongoing scientific research
- An onboard professional photographer will give tips and tricks for taking the best landscape and wildlife photos
- Informal gatherings with the crew for daily briefings
- Daily briefing with the Expedition Team about the plans for the next day

## LANDING ACTIVITIES

- Escorted landings with small expedition boats
- Necessary equipment for activities, such as walking poles, will be provided on board on loan. Your HX travel documents will have a recommended packing list.
- Expedition photographers on hand to assist you

## INCLUDED ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

These activities are included with your trip. Dates and times will be confirmed closer to departure, you'll just need to reserve your spot after booking.

- Husavik - Whale Museum Visit
- Local Living Walk of Bakkagerði
- Heimaey - Lava and History Walk
- Grundarfjörður – Shuttle to Kirkjufjell
- Dynjandi Waterfall
- Akreyri – Lake Myvatn – Jewel of the North

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## NOTES

All planned activities are subject to weather and ice conditions

- Excursions and activities are subject to change
- Please make sure you meet all entry and boarding requirements
- Depending on your flight times, an additional overnight stay might be needed (not included)



# SAILING DATE

**2026**

**MAY 26 → JUN 2**

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**2027**

**MAY 19 → MAY 26**

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