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Jóna Sparey has been organising tours to Iceland and other countries since 1985, with every aspect of each holiday being carefully planned. 57% of members now return again for more adventures.

ICELAND - WESTERN WILDERNESS + HORNSTRANDIR 28TH MAY - 10TH JUNE 2025 (14 DAYS)

Personal, small group holidays



THE WESTFJORDS OF ICELAND... One of Iceland's best kept secrets.

Isolation and a sparse population have preserved the unspoiled nature of Iceland's oldest region, dating back 16 million years. Despite the absence of volcanic activity, the area boasts ancient and verdant landscapes with many unique features. This special North Western Peninsula tour extends north to Hornstrandir, just 5 miles from the Arctic Circle, immersing you in dramatic landscapes where tourism fades away. Table mountains line the horizon, bordered by blue fjords frequented by whales, and diverse terrains include steep mountain roads and exclusive yellow and red sandy beaches.

Snaefells Peninsula features a 700,000-year-old glacier-capped stratovolcano, lava fields, waterfalls, black and white sand beaches, caves, picturesque villages and towns along with stunning coastline views with rugged rocks and frozen trolls emerging from the Atlantic waves. The powerful energy in this area, recognised by many, supports the belief in cosmic or mystical centres fostering a connection to your inner self or other realms.

Isafjörður the capital of the Westfjords region of northwest Iceland, known for its dramatic landscapes. The old town has wooden houses with corrugated tin roofs built by fishing merchants in the 18th and 19th centuries. The Westfjords Heritage Museum features exhibits showcasing the town's maritime history.

Heydalur is an isolated farm, a place of great beauty and peacefulness where you can sit in thermal pools, horse ride, enjoy home cooking and relax in nature's beautiful surroundings.

Látrabjarg is Europe's largest bird cliff and home to millions of seabirds, including puffins, guillemots and the largest razorbill colony in the world. Látrabjarg is the most westerly point of Iceland and therefore Europe. One of many other waterfalls in the region, Dynjandi waterfall cascades down from a height of 100 metres. Local museums are recognised for their creative and intimate approach.

Hornstrandir is one of Europe's last wildernesses, a breathtakingly beautiful hard-to-reach nature reserve of soaring mountains and cliffs with stunning walking trails. The Hornvík Bay is only 5 miles from the Arctic Circle.

Western Wilderness Itinerary

28th May - 10th June 2025

DAY 1

Fly into Keflavik transfer to **Hamar Hotel** on the west coast for our first night.

DAY 2 – Snæfellsnes peninsula

Explore the Snæfellsnes peninsula; Snæfellsnes Glacier, Gerðuberg basalt columns, Buðir church. Drive to Stykkisholmur picturesque fishing port with a visit to Bjarnarhofn Shark Museum en route. Possible boat trip to see bird colonies and sea eagles.

One night at **Hotel Stykkisholmur**.

DAY 3 – Drive to Flókalundur

A 200 mile drive to Flókalundur with many interesting stops along the way. The route takes us around the breathtaking scenery of nine fjords. Two nights at **Hotel Flókalundur**.

DAY 4 – Látrabjarg seabird colonies, red sand beach.

We explore Rauðasandur (red sands) and Látrabjarg the furthest westerly point of Europe (excluding the Azores). Látrabjarg is the largest seabird cliff in Iceland and one of Europe's largest; home to over one million birds. Second night at **Hotel Flókalundur**.

DAY 5 – Isafjorður, Dynlandi Waterfall

Early departure, making our way over high mountains to the northern capital of Isafjorður. Time to get close to the mighty Dynlandifoss waterfall with a height of 100 metres; the largest waterfall of the Westfjords. Later in the afternoon perhaps a short boat trip in search of humpback whales, or a guided tour exploring the history of the area. Fisherman's museum in Isafjorður or Bolungarvik. Time and weather permitting drive to the top of Bola mountain for breathtaking views. Two nights at **Hotel Isafjorður**.

DAY 6 – Boat trip to Hornstrandir

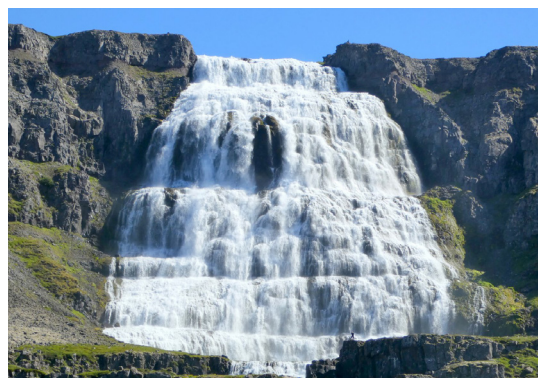
Today, weather permitting, we take a boat trip to Hornstrandir which is inaccessible by road. This remote area was abandoned by farmers and fishermen in the mid 1950's and has been left to nature. A local guide will lead us on walks in this isolated and uninhabited nature reserve. Second night at **Hotel Isafjorður**.

DAY 7 – Heydalur valley

Arrive in time for lunch at tranquil Heydalur then time to relax in the thermal pools, go horse-riding or take walks in this beautiful area. Two nights at **Country Hotel Heydalur**.

DAY 8 – Reykjanes Olympic Thermal Pool

Today we explore the area and enjoy a picnic lunch at Reykjanes Hotel, a former country school. Take a relaxing dip in the Olympic size thermal pool and enjoy walks in the area, plus other visits. Second night at **Country Hotel Heydalur**.



DAY 9 - Drangnes Lunch and Hotel Djúpavík

Journey to Djúpavík Hotel with stop at coastal town of Drangnes for a swim in the thermal swimming pool and dip in the hot tubs overlooking the sea. Fresh fish lunch at local restaurant. Through the beautiful and dramatic area we make many stops of interest along the way to **Hotel Djúpavík** for two nights.

DAY 10 - Herring Factory and Beachside Pool

Conducted tour of the amazing Herring Factory which is located close to our hotel. We visit a thermal swimming pool situated on the beach in the afternoon. Time to walk and explore this stunning area, including visits to small craft museums. Second night at **Hotel Djúpavík**.

DAY 11 - South to Húsafell and Delidartunguhver hot spring

Scenic route along the coast to Húsafell, a large farm and church site with incredible beauty. Then visit to Delidartunguhver which is considered Europe's largest and most powerful hot spring area, due to its high flow rate and very hot water. **Hotel Húsafell** for one night.

DAY 12 - Barnafoss, Hraunfoss and Reykjavík

Every Icelandic waterfall has a unique feature, today we visit two; rapid Barnafoss waterfall (children's waterfall) bursts out of a lava plain on the river Hvítá (white river). This waterfall has a dark history in folklore. The beautiful Hraunfossar waterfall (lava waterfalls) is a series of waterfalls formed by rivulets streaming over a distance of about 900 metres. Arrive in Reykjavík early evening and dine at top restaurant. Two nights at **Hotel Skuggi**.

DAY 13 - Day of Options in Reykjavík - Ascend or Descend!

As most members have already experienced the Reykjavík city sightseeing tour instead we offer two alternative options not included in the tour price. Descend into a dormant volcano and explore its massive lava chamber or weather permitting a helicopter tour over the vast lava fields created by recent volcanic eruptions. (I took this trip several years ago and it is a truly emotional and unbelievable experience to see how our planet is formed). FlyOver Iceland simulation experience in the early evening and conclude our final evening with a celebratory dinner at another top Reykjavík restaurant. Final night at **Hotel Skuggi**.

DAY 14 - End of Tour and Flights Home

(Please note this itinerary is subject to change for your benefit. There are many extra and alternative visits and sites that we may include or exchange, too many to mention here. Our daily schedule is subject to weather conditions and available time).



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TOUR PRICE: £5,850 per person

Single Supplement: £680

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

TRANSPORT

From and to the UK with Icelandair. Private transfers from and to Keflavik airport, accompanied by your private guide.

PRIVATE 4x4 COACH accompanied by private GUIDE and DRIVER

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Full board accommodation in both country and city hotels for 13 nights. Includes; 13 buffet breakfasts, 13 cafe lunches, 13 three-course evening meals with two of the evening meals at top Reykjavik restaurants.

EXCURSIONS, ENTRANCE FEES AND VISITS included in tour price:

- Settlement Museum at Borgarnes
- Boat trip on widest fjord for bird life
- Hellissandur Museum
- Snaefells glacier
- Bjarnarhöfn Shark Museum and chapel
- Latrabjarg cliffs and bird colony
- Arctic Fox Center, Sudavik
- Herring Museum, Djupavik
- Boat trip to Hornstrandir
- Ósvör Maritime Museum, Bolungarvik
- Samúel Jónsson's Art Farm
- Bola Mountain-top
- Isafjörður Museum
- Museum of Icelandic Sorcery and Witchcraft
- Bjarnarfjörður beachside thermal pool
- Hraunfossar Waterfall
- Hnjotur Museum (Egill Olafsson)
- Hrafnseyri (Jon Sigurdsson)
- Reykjavik excursion for all members
- ... and many other visits.

