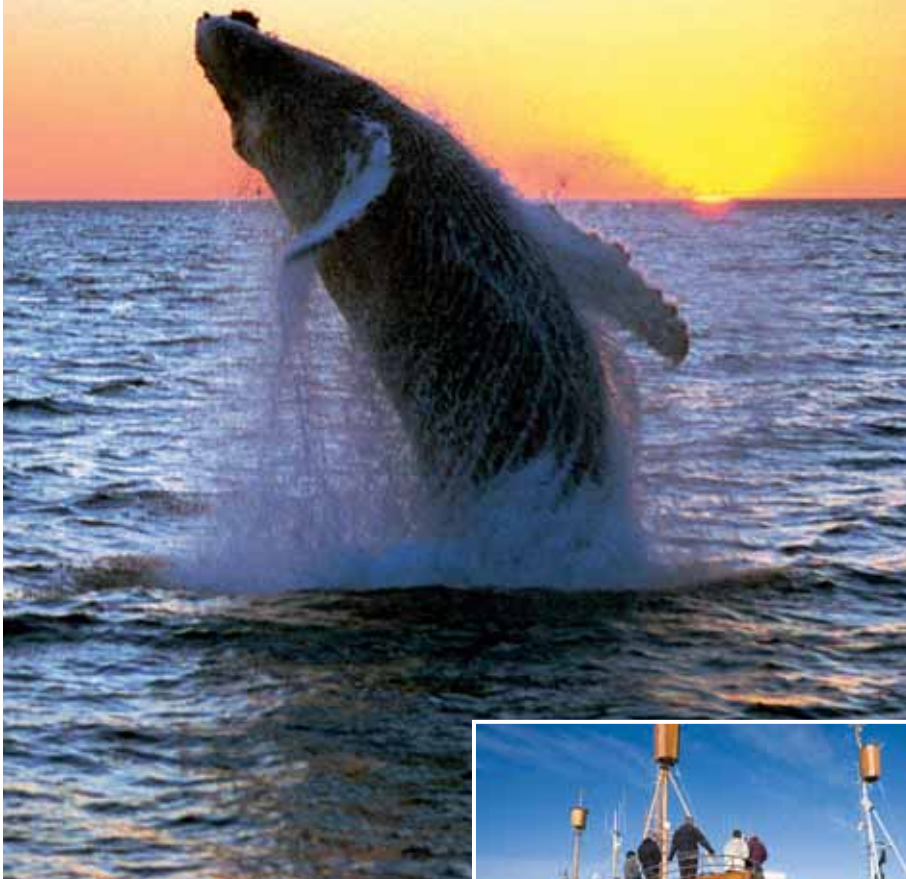


Enjoy this unique and exclusive opportunity to spot for whales under the midnight sun, sailing from the fishing village of Húsavík to the diminutive island of Grímsey on the Arctic Circle. Land on the island at midnight and barbecue under the stars. Follow up with days by Lake Mývatn a geological extravaganza with pseudo craters, steaming vents and tortuous rock formations.



Whales under the midnight sun



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WHALES UNDER THE MIDNIGHT SUN

DAY 1 UK-ICELAND Scheduled Icelandair flight to Akureyri in Northern Iceland via Reykjavik. Collect hire car and drive to Húsavík. Check-in at Fosshotel Húsavík for 2 nights.

DAY 2 HÚSAVÍK Time to look around this colourful fishing village, get up on whale facts at the Whale Museum and sample the freshest fish on the planet at one of the harbour side restaurants. Mid to late afternoon board a traditional wooden, carved built trawler adapted for passengers and whale spotting and head out in the Skalfandi bay en route to Grímsey, an island whose northern tip lies across the Arctic Circle. Your guide keeps you alert for minke, fin, humpback, sei and other species as well as dolphins and porpoise before landing on the island for a barbecue under the midnight sun. Enjoy locally farmed lamb washed down with Viking beer before sailing south back to Húsavík where you dock at around 2:00 am.

DAY 3 HÚSAVÍK – MÝVATN After a long lie-in take either the shorter route along the

undulating Holasandur to Reykjahlíð by Lake Mývatn or drive around the Tjörn peninsula in to Ásbýrgi canyon, a vast horseshoe-shaped depression formed by glacial flooding, via Dettifoss. Hotel Reykjahlíð for 2 nights.

DAY 4 MÝVATN Time to explore the extraordinary scenery and wildlife in the area: the wooded headland at Höfði with its lava pillars; contorted black towers of Dimmuborgir; the pastel coloured Námafjall ridge with its steamy surroundings and smouldering, sulphurous Krafla

DAY 5 MÝVATN - REYKJAVÍK Drive along through Frjorskadalur with its meandering river and alongside Eyjafjörður, drop off car and domestic flight to Reykjavík. Self transfer to Hotel Centrum for 2 nights.

DAY 6 REYKJAVÍK Time to chill out in this capital of ultra cool, look around the city or take a tour out to Gullfoss and Geysir.

DAY 7 REYKJAVÍK – UK Mid morning transfer to Keflavik Airport via the Blue Lagoon for a valedictory bathe before return flight to UK.

DEPARTURE DATES

Fridays 13 June – 11 July

Prices in £ per person

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Prices include scheduled Icelandair flights from Heathrow to Akureyri via Keflavik and return from Keflavik • Air Iceland flight from Akureyri to Reykjavik • All airport departure taxes and passenger service charges • IN FLIGHT CABIN SERVICE on International flights • 6 nights accommodation in twin room(s) with private WC/shower • Breakfasts throughout • Rental car for 4 days (4 x 24 hrs) (group A Toyota Yaris or similar) including unlimited mileage; theft protection & collision damage waiver insurance and all local taxes • WHALE WATCHING EXCURSION • ROAD ATLAS, ALL ICELAND GUIDE, CD AREA GUIDE.