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### Post Congress Tour Iceland 2026

Ready, Set and Go! Join IVAS on the Post Congress Tour! There is so much to see and do in Iceland, and this year we have narrowed it down to 4 Icelandic excursions. No long bus rides—more time to relax and experience Iceland's favorite highlights.

The Post Congress tour will take place on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. These shorter Icelandic excursions will have options to meet at a local pick-up spot, whereas some of the tours offer other pick-up options. Review each tour very carefully by checking the google map for the tour selected to ensure that you know where the meeting point is, or if choosing a pickup option in Reykjavík that it is close to your accommodations.

On Sunday we are planning to visit one of the largest Lava tubes in Iceland. This experience is only available with a guided tour. After we will be heading out of the city on a night tour to hunt for the amazing Northern Lights (if weather conditions are favorable). September is a good time to see the phenomenon known as the Aurora Borealis. On Monday, get ready to go whale watching in the morning in search of some of the big marine mammals. After whale watching we have planned a relaxing bathing experience in a natural geothermic pool at the Sky Lagoon. (Much less crowded than the Blue Lagoon)

**These tours are open to the public, which means anyone can join. There is a maximum number for each tour, sign up now, do not wait! Once a tour is full, they will not take any more people.** Each tour will start in Reykjavík and end in Reykjavik at the daily designated meeting time and place, or if you choose a pick-up if offered, it will pick you up and drop you back off where you were picked up from.

**You are responsible for booking and paying for the tours you choose.** Once you have booked your tour, please email [dprevratil@ivas.org](mailto:dprevratil@ivas.org) so that you can be placed on the post Congress tour list, with your name, how many will be in your party, and contact information so you can receive updates and reminders about the tours.

#### **Day 1 – Tour 1 - Sunday, September 20, 2026 (Adapted from the Viator site)**

##### **Lava Tunnel Tour Including Transfers from Reykjavik (Approximately 3 hours)**

- This tour is limited to 30 people
- Cancellation with full refund 24 hours in advance of scheduled booking
- Most travelers can participate – There are stairs
- Remember to dress warmly and wear sturdy footwear

Located just outside of Reykjavik, the Raufarhólshellir Lava Tunnel is one of the most accessible natural wonders in the country. This tour takes you inside the tunnel, a feat only available on a guided tour. You will see magnificent geological features that have been created by ancient lava flows. Learn about the volcanic processes that formed the cave thousands of years ago. This tour includes all necessary safety equipment and instruction. Round-trip transportation from central Reykjavik included.

Walk through the tunnel with your guide and learn about the volcanic processes that formed the tunnel thousands of years ago. This tunnel is of particular interest because of the beauty of its stalactites, whose many colors are illuminated by sunlight from the entrance.

The lava tunnel Raufarhólshellir is located only 30 minutes from Reykjavík. You will witness the inner workings of a volcanic eruption while we walk in the path of lava that flowed thousands of years ago. The lava tunnel is one of the biggest in Iceland and gets up to 30 meters wide and 10 meters high. The lava tube ceiling caved in near the entrance, which creates beautiful columns of light. The fantastic range of colors of the tunnel wall is caused by the different mineral types of rock.

### [Lava Tunnel Half-Day Tour From Reykjavik With Transfer Option 2026 - BOOK NOW](#)

Click on the link above and enter the information listed below to ensure you are with IVAS

- Price for this tour is US\$162.00 per person (Price may vary depending on pick up location and current exchange rates)
- Click on the link ABOVE and choose Sunday, September 20, 2026
- **Choose the 1:00 pm (13:00) tour with pick up**
- **Once you enter your information you will have the option to choose your pickup location**
- Choose the pick-up location of bus stop #5 Harpa, Sculpture and Shore Walk 101 (Very close to the Congress location Harpa Center)
- Or if you see your accommodation listed on the pick-up drop-down menu, find a pickup location closer to you there are also many bus stops to choose from.
- Please be ready at your designated pickup location 30 minutes prior to departure. Vehicles are well marked with the Reykjavik Excursions logo.
- Enter the special instructions text box - **IVAS Group**
- This tour is provided by Reykjavik Excursions

### [Day 1 – Tour 2 - Sunday, September 20, 2026 \(Adapted from the Viator site\)](#)

#### **Northern Lights Bus Tour from Reykjavik with Hot Chocolate (4 hours)**

- This tour is limited to 65 people
- Cancellation with full refund 24 hours in advance of scheduled booking
- This is nature and nature does not always show up - If you don't see the Northern lights, you are able to re-book for free based on availability

The northern lights draw hopeful travelers from across the world to Iceland but knowing how to boost your chances of the best sightings requires skill, practice, and a bit of luck. On this northern light's bus tour, enjoy round-trip travel from your Reykjavik hotel or meeting point and head out into the Icelandic countryside with your experienced guide.

This tour takes you to the countryside of Pingvellir National Park away from the city lights. Clear, cloud-free skies are an essential component of any successful aurora tour. We may need to try a few different locations before finding success. While you await the aurora, our guide will entertain you with tales of old Iceland and the folklore and tall tales used at the time to explain this once mysterious phenomenon.

- Hit the best viewing spots according to weather conditions on the day
- Sip hot chocolate as the northern lights dazzle in the skies above (weather permitting)
- Enjoy round-trip transfers from Reykjavik
- **Dress in warm, wind and waterproof clothing and footwear.**

### [Reykjavik Northern Lights Bus Tour with Hot Chocolate 2026 - BOOK NOW](#)

Click on the link above and enter the information listed below to ensure you are with IVAS

- Price for this tour is US\$97.00 per person if choosing to pick up at Bus Stop #5 (Price may vary depending on pick-up location and current exchange rates)
  - Click on the link ABOVE and choose Sunday, September 20, 2026
  - **Choose the free pick up from bus stop #5** (The FREE pick-up location of bus stop #5 Harpa, Sculpture and Shore Walk 101)
  - **Choose the 8:30 pm (20:30) tour**
  - Or choose another pick-up spot which may increase your costs if not one of the free bus stop pickup points.
  - You must arrive 30 minutes before to ensure you do not miss the tour.
  - Enter the special instructions text box - **IVAS Group**
  - This tour is provided by Bus Travel Iceland
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### **Day 2 – Tour 1 - Monday, September 21, 2026 (Adapted from the Viator site)**

#### **The Original Classic Whale Watching from Reykjavik (Approximately 3 hours)**

- This tour is limited to 196 people
- Cancellation with full refund 24 hours in advance of scheduled booking
- This is nature and nature does not always show up - If you don't see a whale or dolphin, you are able to re-book for another day for free based on availability

Get the chance to see marine mammals in the wild on this whale-watching cruise from Reykjavik. Whales and dolphins are seen on more than 90% of tours in both summer and winter. With a local guide, cruise the coastal curve of Iceland to marvel at whales in their natural habitat. Keep your eyes peeled for the local wildlife as you listen to your guide's fun facts about the majestic creatures.

Enjoy this cruise in Faxaflói bay in search for whales and other wildlife. Stunning views on the horizon and excellent onboard services provided. Feel free to borrow our overalls to stay warm on the outside deck. Most common whales we encounter are humpback whales and minke whales, although other species make their way into the bay a handful of times a year.

- If conditions in Reykjavík are unfavorable, the tour may either be cancelled or depart from an alternative Harbor, which could extend the duration by 1-2 hours.
- Meeting point - Elding Whale Watching - Ægisgarður 5c, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland
- Meet in the ELDING ticket office located at Ægisgarður 5c by the Old Harbor district in Reykjavík. Once at the pier, simply follow the red color to find us! Be sure to arrive at least 30 minutes before boat departure to ensure enough time to check in and board the boat.

### **Reykjavik Group Whale-Watching Cruise With Wildlife Exhibition 2026 - BOOK NOW**

Click on the link above and enter the information listed below to ensure you are with IVAS

- Price for this tour is US\$105.00 per person (Price may vary depending on current exchange rates)
- Click on the link ABOVE and choose Monday, September 21, 2026
- **Choose the 9:00 am tour**
- Meeting point - Elding Whale Watching - Ægisgarður 5c, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland (This is a 10-minute walk from the Harpa Center)
- Please arrive 30 minutes before the boat departs to check in.
- Enter the special instructions text box - **IVAS Group**

- This tour is provided by Elding Whale Watching

## **Day 2 – Tour 2 - Monday, September 21, 2026 (Adapted from the Viator site)**

### **Sky Lagoon Ticket with 7-Step Ritual and Transfers from Reykjavik**

- This tour is limited to 50 people
- Cancellation with full refund 24 hours in advance of scheduled booking

If you're looking for a place to relax and rejuvenate during your time in Iceland, find it at Sky Lagoon, a geothermal oasis on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean. This package includes transportation from Reykjavik, admission to the lagoon, and a 7-step spa ritual that is sure to awaken and revitalize your senses.

Immerse yourself in the breathtaking geothermal pool at Reykjavík's Sky Lagoon, a thermal spa inspired by Icelandic nature and culture. Stretching out before you is the dramatic view of the North Atlantic Ocean, while the infinity pool offers stunning sights, including the presidential residence at Bessastaðir. For an unforgettable experience, embrace Skjól, the 7-step spa ritual crafted to rejuvenate body and mind, and included with every visit. This modern ritual invites you to relax and refresh in a serene atmosphere, all while surrounded by the untamed beauty of Iceland.

### **Reykjavik to Sky Lagoon Round-Trip Transfer With Admission 2026 - BOOK NOW**

Click on the link above and enter the information listed below to ensure you are with IVAS

- Price for this tour is US\$205.00 per person if choosing to pick up at Bus Stop #5 (Price may vary depending on pick up location and current exchange rates)
- Click on the link ABOVE and choose Monday, September 21, 2026
- **Choose the Saman Pass-Pick up 30 min prior**
- **Choose the 3:00 pm (15:00) time**
- **Once you enter your information you will have the option to pick your pick up location**
- Choose the pick-up location of bus stop #5 Harpa, Sculpture and Shore Walk 101 (or your accommodation or closer bus stop if listed)
- You must arrive 30 minutes before the pick-up time
- Enter the special instructions text box - **IVAS Group**
- This tour is provided by Reykjavik Excursions - Vehicles are well marked with the Reykjavik Excursions logo.
- This tour includes pick up at various location around the city, transportation to the Sky Lagoon, entrance fee, a towel, Skjól Ritual Spa and transportation back to your original pick-up location or meeting point.

**Important Note** – You will need to look at return times. Feel free to decide on your return transfer from Sky Lagoon. Here is the return timetable: From Sky Lagoon: 16:30 - 17:30 - 18:30 - 19:30 - 20:30 & 21:30. By choosing your own return time you can stay as long as you like.

Any question please email Debbie at [dprevratil@ivas.org](mailto:dprevratil@ivas.org).

Remember to email Debbie and let her know which tours you have booked, how many in your party and your contact information so you can receive important updates about the post Congress Tour.