

**“ WHERE THE LIGHT
FOLLOWS YOU ”**



Marco Polo Expeditions



“IN THE LAND WHERE FIRE MEETS ICE, EVERY FRAME TELLS A STORY.”

Join us on a 10-day immersive photography journey through Iceland’s surreal landscapes — from frozen lagoons and black sand beaches to glowing auroras and sapphire ice caves. Designed for creators, dreamers, and explorers, this expedition is more than a tour — it’s a story told in light, silence, and motion.



DAY 1

TOUCHDOWN IN THE LAND OF ICE AND FIRE

After a long journey across continents, you land at Keflavík — Iceland welcomes you with crisp air and surreal skies. Today is for slowing down, recovering, and settling in. As you breathe in the Nordic calm, get ready for a journey that will reframe how you see the world.



LOCATION: REYKJAVÍK

ARRIVAL & HOTEL CHECK-IN

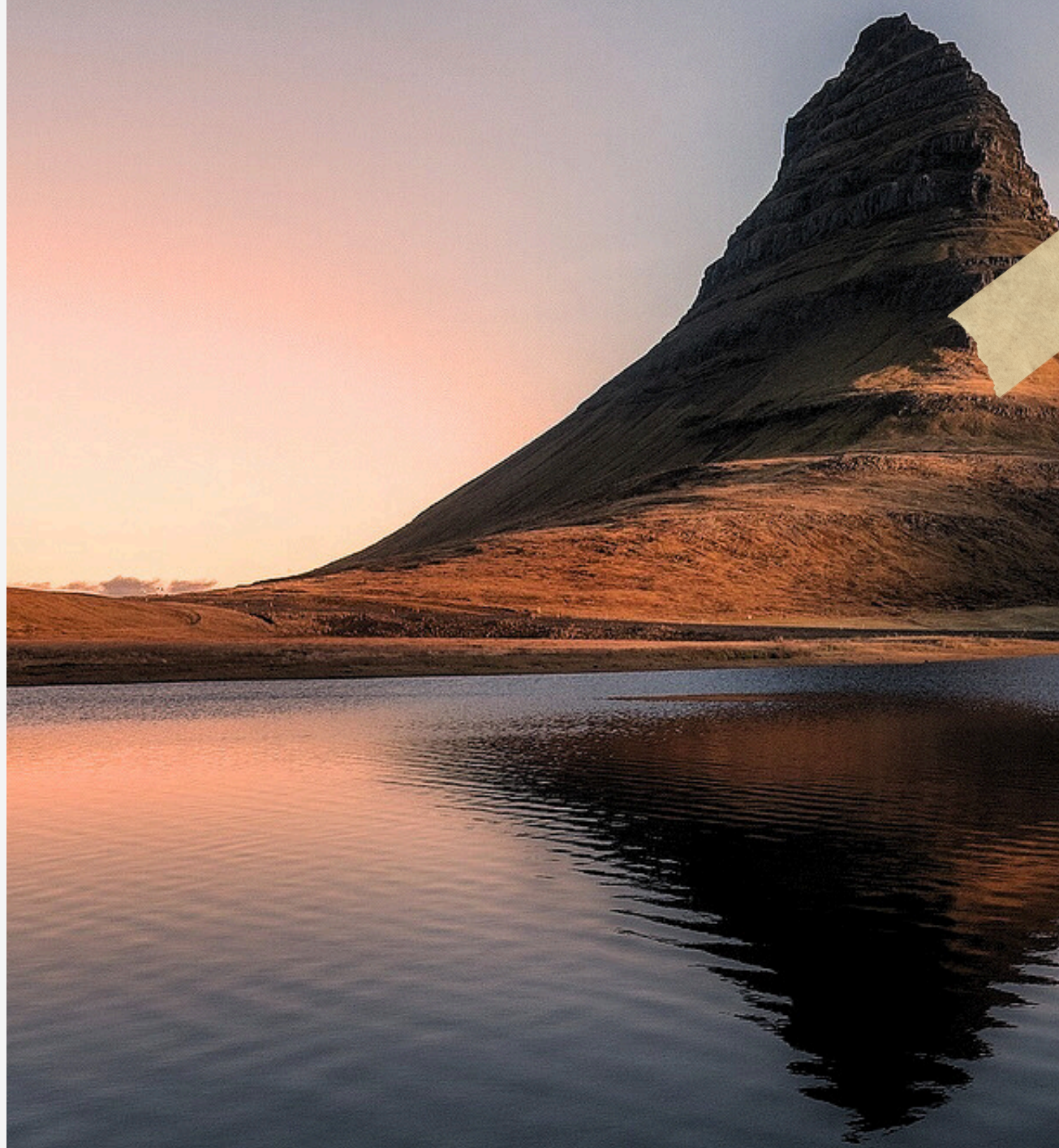
LIGHT WALK

WELCOME SESSION, GEAR PREP, AURORA BRIEFING

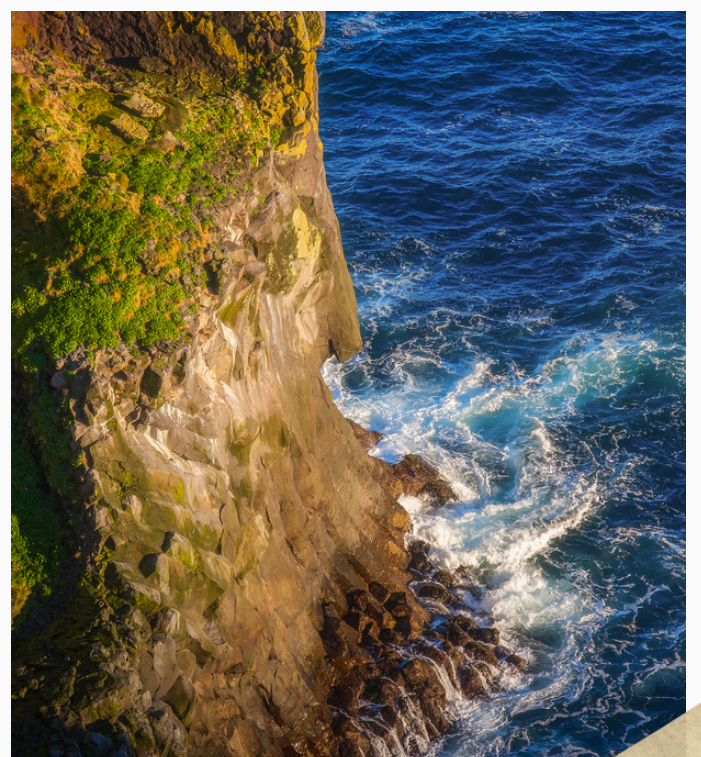
FOCUS: ORIENTATION, MINDSET, GEAR TALK

DAY 2

INTO THE WILD – THE SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA



Our first full day begins with a drive through volcanic fields and fjords toward Snæfellsnes, a place often called “Iceland in Miniature.” We chase the golden light at Kirkjufell and explore hidden beaches, lava craters, and the mystical Búðakirkja. If skies are kind, our first aurora might dance tonight.



DAY 3

From Forgotten Villages to Sacred Light



We begin our day tracing the quiet corners of Snæfellsnes — first stopping at Hellissandur, a sleepy art village where murals meet moss-covered homes. The quaint Hellissandur Church stands still against the wind, waiting to be framed. As evening sets in, we arrive at Búðakirkja — the iconic black church — where twilight paints the land in moody hues. With skies on our side, we wait as the northern lights ripple into view. But the night isn't over yet — we return to Kirkjufell under stars, where the mountain stands tall for our final night shoot, wrapped in aurora.

DAY 4

Golden Circle – Where Earth Breathes Fire



We shift landscapes as geysers erupt and waterfalls roar. The Golden Circle brings us to Iceland's geological core — Thingvellir, Geysir, Gullfoss, and hidden gems like Bruarfoss. By night, we settle in South Iceland, eyes still scanning the sky for green fire.

DAY 5

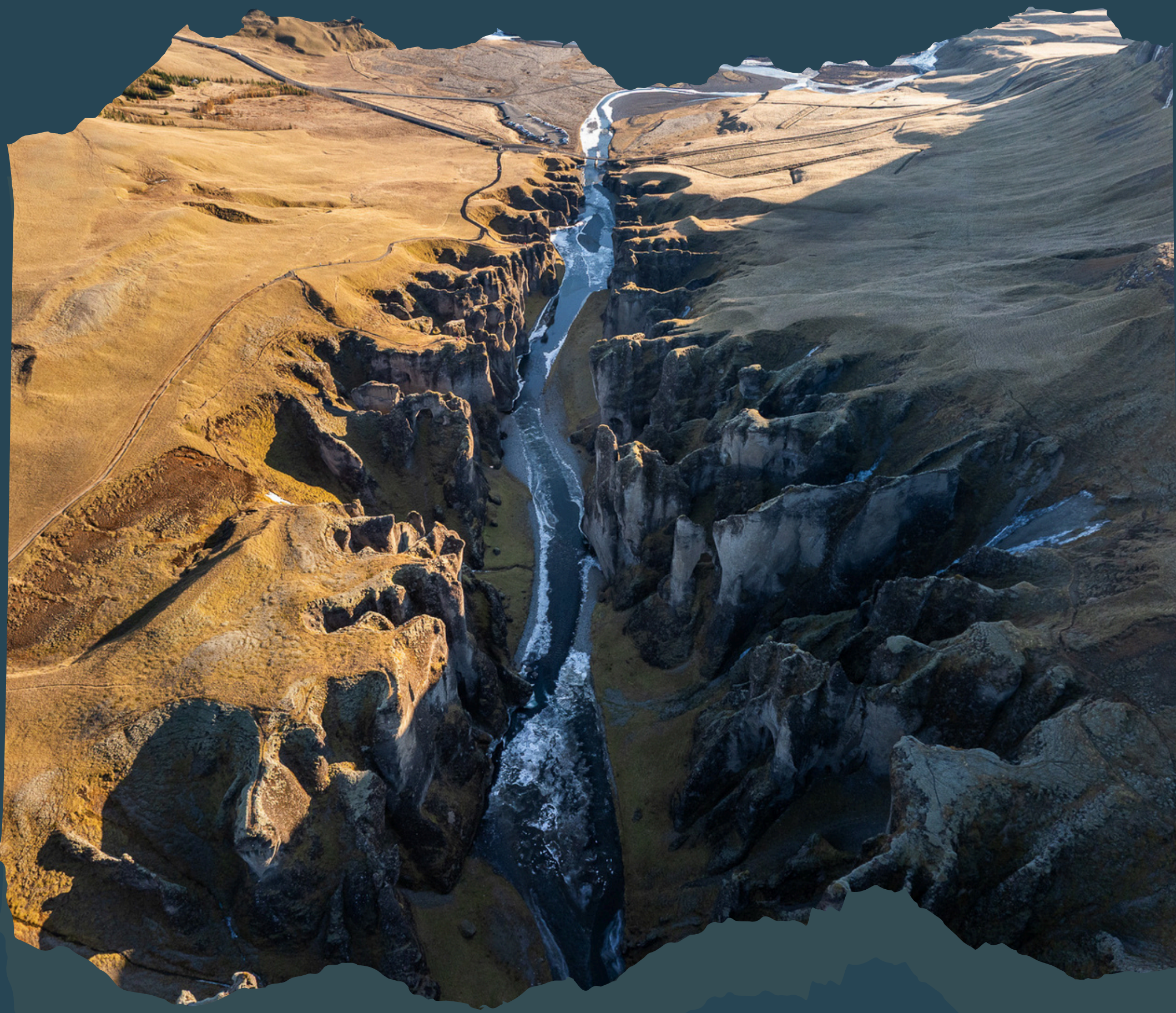
Waterfall Dreams & Black Sand Shores



Seljalandsfoss greets us at sunrise — a curtain of water we walk behind, chasing mist and morning light. Nearby, Gljúfrabúi hides in a canyon, quiet and secret. We then frame the raw power of Skógafoss before heading south toward the dramatic cliffs of Dyrhólaey and the endless black sands below. As golden hour fades, we reach the postcard-perfect village of Vík. But the day doesn't end there — after dinner, we return to Skógafoss, hoping the auroras rise over the falls and light the night with green fire.

DAY 6

The Road Between Worlds



We leave Vik behind and drift deeper into Iceland's quiet power. The day unfolds through Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon — a winding green scar carved by time — and onward to the towering cliffs of Lómagnúpur, rising like sentinels guarding the east. With every stop, the landscapes stretch wider, the silence grows deeper. If the light holds and weather allows, we pause at the creaking ice of Svínafellsjökull. As evening nears, we settle near Diamond Beach — where black sands, ice, and sky blur into one. And if energy permits, we return to the shoreline once more — chasing aurora reflections in the ice-strewn surf.

DAY 7

Beneath the Ice – Before the Mountain

Before the world fully wakes, we walk the edge of Diamond Beach — shards of blue ice glowing under soft morning light. Later, we prepare for one of the tour’s most surreal experiences: a guided journey into a glacial cave. Deep inside the ice, time slows. Every wall is a frozen memory — textured, glowing, and impossibly blue. We take our time to feel it, frame it, breathe it in.

As the day unfolds, we head toward Iceland’s most cinematic peak — Vestrahorn. Golden hour light meets the mountain’s sharp silhouette, and as night falls, we stay — chasing reflections, shadows, and, if the skies allow, the northern lights painting the dunes in silence.




A vibrant green aurora borealis (Northern Lights) dances across a dark, starry night sky. Below the lights, a range of dark, jagged mountains is visible, partially covered in snow. The scene is framed by a torn paper effect at the top and bottom.

DAY 8

Iceland's Cinematic Crown & The Long Road Home

We begin the day at Vestrahorn — soft morning light sweeping across black dunes and jagged peaks. It's a quieter session now, familiar and focused, capturing whatever mood the mountain offers. By mid-morning, we start our westward journey, pausing where the land still calls to us. We stop at Hofskirkja, Iceland's iconic turf church, then make our way to the haunting DC Plane Wreck, where twisted metal meets black desert. If time and light allow, we frame a few final gems — cliffs, lava fields, or a quiet beach. The road winds on, but the story continues to unfold, one frame at a time.

A black and white photograph of a rugged, snow-capped mountain range. The landscape is perfectly reflected in a calm body of water in the foreground, creating a symmetrical, mirror-like effect. The sky is clear and light-colored.

DAY 09

Reykjavík : The Final Exposure



We arrive back where it all began. Reykjavík welcomes us with street colors and quiet cafés. Some explore the Hallgrímskirkja church, some grab one final drone shot, some just breathe. In the afternoon, we visit the Blue Lagoon — a warm, slow soak to close this cold, wild story. It's not the end, really — just the last page of this chapter.

DAY 10

The Quiet Goodbye

As all journeys must, this one too finds its end — but gently. We make our way to Keflavík Airport, helping you catch your morning flight home, or begin a few more days of solo wandering in Reykjavík. For those staying back, we'll share hidden cafés, local galleries, and photo-friendly corners of the capital. Whether you depart or linger, Iceland will stay — in your images, your bones, your breath. This was more than a tour. It was a story told in light.



This isn't just a photography tour. It's an invitation to slow down, to chase light in its purest form, and to experience Iceland not just as a destination — but as a canvas.

Whether you're a seasoned photographer or just beginning your creative journey, this expedition is built to push your eye, sharpen your instincts, and reconnect you to what drew you to the lens in the first place.

From glowing auroras to glacier caves, windswept cliffs to quiet churches — every stop on this journey is designed to challenge, inspire, and move you.

If you're looking for more than a tour — if you're looking for an experience that stays with you long after the shutter clicks — we'd love to have you with us.

Join the story. Frame your own.



WHAT'S INCLUDED



All Ground Transportation

Comfortable group transport across Iceland for the full duration of the tour — from Reykjavík to remote glaciers and back.



Accommodations

9 nights of stay across handpicked guesthouses and hotels, shared with a fellow participant. Clean, warm, and well-located for early morning shoots and late-night aurora chases.



Entry Fees & Permits

All required site access fees, parking charges, and permits (including ice cave entry) are covered.



On-Field Photography Mentorship

You'll receive hands-on guidance throughout — from technical assistance to creative storytelling. Whether you're learning the basics or refining your signature, we've got you covered.



Itinerary Planning & Location Scouting

Every spot is pre-scouted for light, weather, and accessibility — so you can make the most of every shoot.



WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED



Meals (Lunch, Dinner, Snacks)

Food is not included. Expect to spend
We'll stop at local cafés, dine together,



Travel Insurance

Highly recommended. Please arrange your
own travel insurance for medical coverage
and emergencies.



Ice Cave Experience (€150–€180)

This magical, guided adventure is optional
and payable directly on location. We'll
help you book it in advance.



Blue Lagoon Entry (€60–€120)

A relaxing end to the tour — fee to be
paid by you directly. We'll handle the
scheduling.



International Flights

Participants are responsible for booking
their own flights to and from Iceland.
We're happy to guide you with timing and
cost-effective options.



Unforeseen Expenses

Costs arising from itinerary changes due
to weather, road closures, or personal
reasons are not covered.



ESSENTIALS FOR ICELAND



Photography Gear:

Camera body (DSLR or mirrorless)

Wide-angle & telephoto lenses


Tripod (sturdy — wind is real)

ND filters / polarizer

Extra batteries & memory cards

Lens cleaning kit

Drone (optional, with spare propellers)



Clothing:

- Thermal layers
- Waterproof & windproof jacket
- Insulated gloves
- Wool socks, beanie
- Waterproof hiking shoes
- Quick-dry innerwear

Other Essentials:

- Power adapter (Iceland uses Type F plugs)
- Portable charger / power bank
- Sunglasses (yes, even in Iceland)
- Reusable water bottle
- Light snacks (energy bars, etc.)
- Basic medications & personal care kit



READY TO JOIN THE JOURNEY?

Spots are limited for this small-group expedition.
Reach out to reserve your place and start your Iceland story.

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