



Elemental Iceland Cruise

June, 2027

Cost based on dates, cabin selection, airfare + options.
Call for pricing + cabin availability.

Experience the full circle of Iceland's wonders on the Elemental Iceland - Circular Saga cruise, departing from Reykjavík with HX Expeditions on the 500-passenger *MS Fridtjof Nansen*. This journey starts from the vibrant culture of Iceland's capital region and quickly moves into the raw, untamed beauty of its fire and ice sculpted landscapes. After a land-based pre-tour in the famed "Golden Circle", we will circumnavigate one of the world's youngest countries to witness its many and varied natural contrasts—from active volcanoes and powerful geysers to majestic glaciers and waterfalls. This is your chance to see Iceland's legendary puffins and whales up close and experience a land where modern life manages to coexist alongside active primordial forces of nature.

TOUR INCLUDES

- Local home pick-up service and luggage handling
- All onboard meals and beverages
- Small expedition boats during cruise
- Reykjavík: Explore the capital's culture (Laugavegur, Hallgrímskirkja Church)
- See Kirkjufell Mountain and Snæfellsnes Peninsula ('Little Iceland')
- Ísafjörður: hike to Nauðstahlvít for panoramic views
- Whale watch in Eyjafjörður
- Visit Akureyri and the Goðafoss waterfall
- Prime whale watching in Húsavík
- Cross the Arctic Circle
- Húsavík Culture
- Explore the huldufólk (elf) settlement
- Heimaey Volcanic History and climb Mount Eldfell
- Find nesting puffins at Stórhöfði on Heimaey

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Elemental Iceland Cruise: Day by Day

Day 1: Discover Iceland's Modern Capital Reykjavík

Start your expedition cruise in Reykjavík, a city rich in art and culture. We recommend exploring the city's highlights like the main street Laugavegur and Hallgrímskirkja Church. Board the *MS Fridtjof Nansen*, settle into your cabin, and enjoy dinner.

Day 2: Charming Grundarfjörður

The quaint fishing town of Grundarfjörður lies near the majestic Kirkjufell mountain. Nearby is Snæfellsnes Peninsula National Park ('Little Iceland'), featuring the ice-capped Snæfellsjökull volcano. Explore the park's diverse landscapes, including Djúpalónssandur's black sand beach, the Saxhóll crater, or a gigantic lava tube.

Day 3: Ísafjörður

Explore Ísafjörður, a beautiful harborside town and gateway to the Westfjords, flanked by towering mountains. Stroll through the town to see historic architecture and shop for local handicrafts. Visit the Westfjords Heritage Museum, or take the hike up to Naustahvílt (the Troll's Throne) for stunning panoramic views.

Day 4: Akureyri and Goðafoss

Cruise into Eyjafjörður, Iceland's longest fjord and a prime area for whale watching. The fjord's base holds Akureyri (Iceland's 'Northern Capital'). Nearby, you can witness the picturesque Goðafoss waterfall and explore the active volcanic area around Lake Mývatn, where the Mid-Atlantic Ridge is visible.

Day 5: Húsavík and the Arctic Circle

Visit Húsavík, famous for its whale watching in Skjálfandi bay, often visited by humpback and minke whales. Learn more at the Húsavík Whale Museum. Húsavík is the gateway to northern highlights like Dettifoss waterfall and Ásbyrgi canyon. Later, we sail past Grímsey island, crossing the Arctic Circle.



Day 6: Bakkagerði

Explore the tiny, remote settlement of Bakkagerði, a place folklorically beloved by elves (huldufólk). This popular hiking area features lush valleys and colorful rhyolite scenery. In season, the coastal cliffs are home to fulmars, eiders, and puffins. We may visit the Hafnarhólmi Atlantic puffin colony, a gem for nature lovers.

Day 7: Heimaey

Discover Heimaey, the only inhabited island in the Westman Islands, which still bears the scars of a powerful volcanic eruption. Visit the Eldheimar museum to see an excavated home frozen in time. Hike to Stórhöfðito find puffins (nearly eight million nest here) or climb Mount Eldfell for incredible views of the town below.

Day 8: Back to Reykjavík, Journey Home

Your expedition cruise concludes back in Reykjavík. Take this chance to enjoy the city at your own pace, seeing missed sights or relaxing in a traditional heittur pottur (geothermal pool). From here, your journey home begins.



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