



# 2020 SUPERCLUBS NATIONAL TEAM TOUR OF ICELAND

“THE SOCCER EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME”

## REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Daily Training Sessions
- 4 Friendly Soccer Matches against Local and Academy Teams
- Visit the Blue Lagoon: A bright blue mineral-rich swimming pool, with geothermal heated water
- Reykjavik City Tour
- Football Association of Iceland Presentation and Tour of National Stadium
- The Wonders of Reykjavik Tour: Two geothermal sites, dramatic coastlines and quaint, historic towns
- Day trip to Diamond Beach
- The Golden Circle tour: Geysirgeothermal area, Strokkur geyser, Gullfoss Waterfall, Thingvellir National Park, Friðheimar Greenhouse Cultivation Centre



SOCCER EXCELLENCE is proud to offer THE soccer experience of a lifetime. This tour has been custom built for your team to maximize the experience both on and off the field. A conscious effort has been made to keep the cost low without compromising the quality of the tour.

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For 20 years Soccer Excellence has been creating custom tours for teams. Your team will get the opportunity to stay in the beautiful and most northern capital city in the world; Reykjavik, Iceland. Tucked between the Northern Atlantic and Arctic Oceans, the island of Iceland is characterized by its dramatic landscape that boasts volcanoes, geysers, hot springs, lava fields and massive glaciers.

The second largest island in Europe doesn't just offer life-changing sights. With the sun never fully setting between late May and late July, the Icelandic people certainly put that excess of daylight to use. A true sporting nation, Iceland is one of only four European nations to be represented in the most recent European finals in basketball, handball and soccer. Perhaps most importantly, Iceland made it all the way to the 2016 European Championships quarterfinals, defeating Austria and England along the way, as well as tying eventual champions Portugal.

Boasting a population of 321,857 — with over a third of that living in Reykjavik alone — Iceland has proved itself as a soccer hotbed. With more than 20,000 Icelandic soccer players and 575 professional coaches playing across 90 leagues, Iceland has been able to compete on the international level despite its small size. International stars such as Gylfi Sigurðsson (Everton), Eiður Guðjohnsen (Chelsea) and Jóhann Berg Guðmundsson (Burnley) have proven that size doesn't matter when it comes to the international stage.

It's not just a fluke that Iceland has been able to develop so many quality players down the years. Soccer clubs in Iceland begin training kids the moment they can walk, sometimes as young as 2 years old. At a young age, coaches will implement soccer into fun, creative activities while still learning vital skills and thought processes, meaning that players are more than ready by the time they finally step on the soccer field for a competitive game.

With all soccer clubs funded by the government, you can be guaranteed that all soccer facilities and fields are of the highest quality, providing a once-in-a-lifetime experience for traveling players.

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# DEPART UNITED STATES

## DAY 1

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Depart the United States on a scheduled transatlantic flight to Reykjavik, Iceland.

# REYKJAVÍK ICELAND

## DAY 2

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- **TRAINING SESSION:** We will participate in a self conducted Training Session at a local field. These training session are designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day).
- **THE BLUE LAGOON:** Relax and enjoy the world famous bright blue mineral-rich swimming pool, with geothermally heated water in the middle of a large lava field. A swim in the Blue Lagoon can be an amazing experience. Great clouds of vapor rise from the water, parting from time to time to reveal the immense stacks and buildings of power plant and moss-covered lava formations in the back group. The bottom is covered with chalky rocks and slimy white silica mud. Our base for the next 6 nights will be in the greater Reykjavik area. While here breakfast and dinner will be included, as well as a daily lunch or packed lunch (based on the schedule).





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## **DAY 3**

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- **TRAINING SESSION:** We will participate in a self conducted Training Session at a local field. These training session are designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches.
- **REYKJAVÍK CITY TOUR:** Reykjavik is the capital and largest city of Iceland. Its latitude at 64°08' N makes it the world's most northern capital of a sovereign state. It is located in southwest Iceland, with a population of around 120,000 it is the heart of Iceland's economic and governmental activity. Its location, only slightly south of the Arctic Circle, receives only four hours of daylight on the shortest day in the depth of winter; during the summer the nights are almost as bright as the days. On this tour you will get the highlights of the history and culture of Iceland's capital. You will for example stop at Hallgrímskirkja church, Perlan with its fabulous viewing deck, Höfði house where Reagan and Gorbachev met in 1986 to begin the process of ending the Cold War and Harpa concert hall. The guide will provide you with all the essential information regarding Reykjavík's rich culture, history and natural environment. The essential introduction to Iceland's capital!
- **FIRST FRIENDLY MATCH:** We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match).

## **DAY 4**

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- **PROFESSIONAL TEAM TRAINING SESSION:** We will participate in a Training Session at a local field with the staff of a professional team.
- **FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF ICELAND:** We will take a special visit to the Football Association of Iceland's headquarters. We will enjoy a presentation on Icelandic Football and the rise of the Icelandic national team in recent years. We will then have an opportunity for a question and answer session, followed by a tour of the National Stadium. (Subject to final confirmation).



## **DAY 5**

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- **PROFESSIONAL TEAM TRAINING SESSION:** We will participate in a Training Session at a local field with the staff of a professional team.
- **THE WONDERS OF REYKJANES:** Get a little bit of everything Icelandic on this varied tour which includes two geothermal sites, dramatic coastlines and quaint, historic towns. Between the lava fields and geothermal hot spots, you will really get a feeling of the life and power of this young land. Half of the attraction of this tour is the beautiful scenery you pass, starting with the endless lava fields and the quaint and historic small town Eyrarbakki, which you pass through en route to the legendary Strandakirkja church. You can see the ground cooking at two different geothermal areas: Krýsuvík and Gunnuhver, and enjoy delicious lobster soup in Grindavík. Take in the magnificent coastline and dramatic breaking waves by the Reykjanesviti lighthouse, and finally step out on the "Bridge Between the Continents" which connects the American and Eurasian tectonic plates, all while surrounded with the breathtaking scenery of the Reykjanes peninsula.
- **SECOND FRIENDLY MATCH:** We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team.

## **DAY 6**

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- **TRAINING SESSION:** We will participate in a self conducted Training Session at a local field. These training session are designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches.
- **DIAMOND BEACH:** Diamond Beach Iceland (real name Jokulsarlon Beach) is one of the most magnificent and fun spots for tourists and photographers alike in the country. This is where you can observe sparkling icebergs escaping the lagoon and washing up on the black sand beach. This is a surreal place where you are surrounded by small and huge blocks of ice of many shapes and colors over black sand.



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- **TRAINING SESSION:** We will participate in a self conducted Training Session at a local field. These training session are designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches.

- **THE GOLDEN CIRCLE:** The Golden Circle tour allows you to visit some of Iceland's most stunning sights, starting with the Geysirgeothermal area where the Strokkur geyser shoots a column of water up to 30 metres (98 ft.) into the air every 4-8 minutes in a thrilling display of nature's forces. The visit continues with Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, created by the river Hvítá, which tumbles and plunges into a crevice some 32 m (105 ft.) deep. The Golden Circle tour also includes the historical and geological wonder that is Thingvellir National Park, where the American and Eurasian tectonic plates are pulling apart at a rate of a few centimetres per year. Additionally, the tour includes a visit to the idyllic Friðheimar Greenhouse Cultivation Centre, where you can learn about the magic behind growing delicious, pesticide-free tomatoes and cucumbers with the aid of the geothermal heat that Iceland has in abundance.

- **THIRD FRIENDLY MATCH:** We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team.

## **DAY 8**

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- **PROFESSIONAL TEAM TRAINING SESSION:** We will participate in a Training Session at a local field with the staff of a professional team.
- **ATTEND A PROFESSIONAL GAME:** (Not included in tour inclusions).

## **DAY 9**

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- **TRAINING SESSION:** We will participate in a self conducted Training Session at a local field. These training session are designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches.
- **FOURTH FRIENDLY MATCH:** We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team.
- **“FREE DAY”:** Enjoy a chaperoned walk around Reykjavik City seeing the sights, soaking up the culture and shopping at the local stores.





### PLEASE NOTE:

This is a sample itinerary and actual events may vary or can be tailored dependent upon certain requests from your group, please be aware that this alteration to the itinerary may in some way alter the final cost for the tour.

Soccer Excellence may in its absolute discretion make changes to or cancel any section of the above mentioned soccer tour should circumstances beyond the company's control make such actions necessary. These include: inappropriate weather conditions, schedule changes, advertised facilities not available, transportation problems and failure of other suppliers of services or goods to the company. If the above occurs then Soccer Excellence will attempt to substitute the changed section of the tour to an equal or better standard.

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### DAY 10

Check out and transfer to the airport for return flight back to the US.

## TOTAL COST

**\$2349.00** (FOR PLAYERS)

**\$2299.00** (FOR PARENTS)

### TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- 8 nights in Reykjavik (double occupancy)
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner everyday
- 4 games against suitable opposition
- 3 training sessions with staff of professional club (trying to finalize club names now)
- Visit Icelandic Football Association and tour of Laugardalsvöllur (Iceland National Stadium)
- 2 complete uniform packages
- Multiple training sessions
- Trip to Reykjavik City Center
- Day trip to Diamond Beach
- Golden Circle Tour
- All ground transportation
- Full time tour guide.

### TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Trans-Atlantic flight.
- Any optional site seeing trips not listed above in tour inclusions.

To nominate a player or if you have any questions, please contact:

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