

## The Fossavatn Marathon in Iceland

**Get Ready! This unique Nordic Ski race starts on April 12, 2021 and ends on April 19, 2021**

Most visitors are surprised by the international airport at Keflavik in Iceland. The airport is situated on a peninsula that is an arctic desert composed of lava, moss, and mountains. Forty-five minutes later, they find themselves in a vibrant agreeable city called **Reykjavik**. The contrast is striking! The preserved world of Mother Nature in Iceland offers magnificent vistas that are quite wild, geysers, and of course impressive fjords. Next you are a domestic flight to the small town of d'Isafjörður with a landing strip alongside fjords—it's just magical.

Isafjörður, the principle town within the fjords on the west side of the island is one of the most beautiful natural harbors in the entire country. In its old town, there are still buildings made of wood from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, including the "Tar House" and the "Tour House," which is the oldest building in all of Iceland. It was built in 1785. The Fossavatn marathon is the last Nordic race to be added to the Worldloppet family of races. And this competition is a good way to close the racing season with a 50-km classic ski race just above the spectacular views of the fjords. All of this takes place at the end of April, a time when it is pretty unusual to find any good Nordic ski courses in Europe. In addition to being able to participate in a Worldloppet race, this is a time to discover unique landscapes that are unknown to most people.

Your trip will end with a return by bus along the fjords and through the mountains before you will arrive in the afternoon at the Reykjavik. You will be able to visit the capital and to lengthen your adventure if you want to add the optional activities to your trip.



## Specific Dates during Your Trip:

### Monday, April 12, 2021

You will come in on an international flight to Keflavik airport. Then you will transfer to Reykjavik (about 45 minutes away) to your hotel. Check-in your rooms followed by a first short walk in town (the hotel is located a stone's throw from the pedestrian street) and the evening meal (N.B. This dinner is not included in your package deal.) will be taken either in town or in your hotel at your convenience.

### Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Breakfast in your hotel and then departure of the daily excursion "**Golden Circle**" by bus. The excursion will take you through some of the most spectacular places in the south of the island, such as the **Gullfoss waterfalls** or **Thingvellir National Park**, not to mention the famous **Geyser spitting** water more than 20 meters high. Return to town in the late afternoon after an excursion of about 8 hours. The evening meal is individual and can be chosen either in the pedestrian street or in your hotel (not included in the arrangement).



### Wednesday, April 14, 2021

First a copious breakfast at your hotel before you will be transfer to the domestic airport of Reykjavik (about 5 minutes away from your hotel) and take a domestic flight to Isafjördur that lasts only about 50 minutes. The arrival at the fjords is spectacular and no one can remain indifferent. Then for 10 minutes by bus you will go to your hotel in the small town Isafjördur check-in your room followed by the evening meal in town (at your choice and not included in the arrangement).



**Thursday, April 15, 2021 and Friday, April 16, 2021**

First a copious breakfast and then a transfer by bus (not included in the package) to the stadium which is 15 minutes away in order to reconnoiter a part of the 50 km course. In the afternoon you can re wax your skis (or you can pay someone else to do it in the Nordic ski shop situated in your hotel). Possibility to have the evening meal in town and on Friday in the form of a large "special marathon" buffet in the Isafjörður hotel (evening meals are not included in the package).

Guided sightseeing tour (Thursday or Friday at choice) to explore Dynjandi waterfall and the stunning landscape of the Westfjords from Isafjordur. Dynjandi is one of Iceland's most impressive & majestic waterfalls, and one of the icons of The Westfjords. It is part of a tier of 7 waterfalls, each with their own name. The top tier is called Dynjandi which means "thunderous".

**Thursday, April 16 also features the 25 km skating race!**



**Saturday, April 17, 2021**

It is time for a big breakfast before the race! There will be a bus taking you to the departure stadium. The race starts at 9:00 for the 50 km classic course. There are other distances that are shorter. After the race, the organizers provide buses. A festive evening awaits you with another spectacular buffet followed by the race results announcements and the medals.



### **Sunday, April 18, 2021**

You will have a breakfast before you return to Reykjavik by bus and you will drive along the fjords and go through the mountains. You will have a break for coffee and visit a famous thermal hot springs with the possibility to have a nice relaxing time in the water! You will arrive in the afternoon then you will go to your hotel and then you can either visit the capital. You decide where you want to eat that evening.

### **Monday, April 19, 2021**

You will have a breakfast before you return to the Keflavik international airport and take your return flight.



### **Hotel Horn\*\*\* in Isafjörður**

The Hotel Horn in Isafjörður is situated right in the center of town. All the rooms are spacious and have their own bathrooms. You will take your breakfast on the first floor. It is always a buffet. You can wax your own skis in a space provided especially for the race right in front of the hotel. Possibility to have evening meals either in town for Thursday evening or as a Pasta Party buffet on Friday evening. The festive dinner on Saturday evening takes place in the village's large multipurpose hall (Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening dinners are not included in the arrangement).



### **Important: Backpack for the Fossavatn Marathon:**

Each participant registered for the 25 and 50 km classic distances must carry with them - for safety reasons and as in the Birkebeiner in Norway - a small backpack of 1.5 kg and contain at least: a windproof jacket and an on-pants suit, a beanie and a pair of gloves for cold weather conditions.

**Date: April 12 to April 19, 2021**

**Your organized tour will include:**

- ✓ Bus transfer from Keflavik International Airport to the city
- ✓ 2 nights with breakfast in downtown Reykjavik
- ✓ Guided tour "The Golden Circle" on 13.04. (detail above)
- ✓ Transfer from your hotel to Reykjavik airport for internal flight
- ✓ Domestic flight from Reykjavik to Isafjördur
- ✓ 4 nights in the Horn Hotel in Isafjördur
- ✓ 4 breakfasts in Isafjördur
- ✓ Guided tour to Dynjandi Waterfall (15.04 or 16.04.)
- ✓ Return bus ride from Isafjördur to Reykjavik
- ✓ A waxing room at your disposal before the race
- ✓ 1 night with breakfast on return to Reykjavik (night of 18.04.)
- ✓ Return transfer to Keflavik International Airport

Price per person in a double room: Euro 1650,-/ CHF 1900,-

Price per person in an individual room: Euro 2150,-/ CHF 2480,-

**The guided tour does not include the following:**

- ✓ The cost of registering for the 50 km classic race of Saturday: ca. Euro 100,- / ca. CHF 120,-
- ✓ The cost of registering for the 25 km classic race or skating race : ca. Euro 60,- / ca. CHF 70,-
- ✓ Your international flight (which we can book for you upon request)





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One form per person

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First name, last name

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Date of birth

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Street / Address

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Town, country

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Mobile phone

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E-mail

Double room

Triple room

Single room

Airport, please contact us for flight details \_\_\_\_\_

### Starting BIB / registration for the races:

Please register for the races directly; therefore you will receive all information from the organizing committee first hand.

### Link to registration:

<https://www.fossavatn.com/>

### Air transportation

We will willingly make your reservations for your air flight from the airport of your choice.  
Please ask for more details.

**Please return your filled-out registration via fax, mail, or email to the address shown below:**