

# HIGHLAND BASE

## KERLINGARFJÖLL

Winter Activities



Tours	Highlights	Season		Min/max	Price
Super Jeep Transfer	Winter super jeep transfer to Highland Base Kerlingarfjöll	Oct 1 - June 14	Scheduled every day at 13:00	2 pax	ISK 18,000 / ISK 13,500 for children 8-11
Guided Snowmobile Adventure	A fun study trip to examine and understand the anatomy of glacier	Nov 1 - June 14	Scheduled every day at 13:30	Max 20, shared	ISK 24,000 per person - 2 riders ISK 40,000 per person - solo rider
Hverdalir Guided Walking Tour	Explore the mystical Hveradalir valley where geothermal forces create an astonishing hillscape pulsating with extreme beauty.	Oct 1 - June 14	Scheduled every day at 10:00	2 pax	ISK 6,500

## Hiking Tours

Crevasse Field Trip	A fun study trip to examine and understand the anatomy of a glacier	Oct 1 - June 14	On demand	8/20 pax	ISK 22,900
Loðmundur Mountain Mission	A real mountaineering mission to the most iconic peak in the Kerlingarfjöll mountain range	March - Oct	On demand	3/4 pax	ISK 49,000
Snækollur Hike	Highest mountain in Kerlingarfjöll. The greatest view Iceland has to offer. Period.	March - Oct	On demand	4/10 pax	ISK 36,900
Asgard, Mountain of the Gods	A short ascent to a great viewpoint atop a mountain named after the mythological home of the ancient nordic gods, such as Thor, Odin, and Loki.	Oct 1 - June 14	On demand	8/16 pax	ISK 20,900
50 Words for Snow	A family friendly snow exploration and science tour with lots of storytelling and a visit to a snow shelter.	Nov - April	On demand	8/16 pax	ISK 20,900

## Skiing Tours

Hot Spring Ski Tour	Backcountry ski tour up and over the highest mountains in the range, around hot springs and stunning views	All year	On demand	4/6 pax	ISK 52,900
Scenic Nordic Ski Tour	An expedition-style adventure in and around the mountains, to the iconic, pyramidal Loðmundur mountain	Feb - June and Oct -Nov	On demand	4 - 16 pax	ISK 52,900
Backcountry Ski Course	Backcountry skiing 101. The basics, the do's and don'ts in a safe and fun one-day course	All year	On demand	4/6 pax	ISK 62,900
Nordic Ski Course	Learning the traveling style of the early polar explorers	Feb - June and Oct - Nov	On demand	4/12 pax	ISK 62,900



## Winter Super Jeep Transfer

to/from Highland Base Kerlingarfjöll

ISK 18,000 | ISK 13,500 for children 8-11 | One way

Unpredictable conditions. Unbelievable landscapes. Unstoppable super jeeps. Fearless drivers who love to share their knowledge about this epic adventure. Prepare for the ride of your life with Amazing Tours. Whether it takes two hours or five hours, the thrill is timeless.

**Departures:** Every day at 13:00 from October 1 to June 14

**Minimum age:** 8 yrs old

**Duration:** 2-5 hrs

**Meeting point:** Amazing basecamp Skjól, Kjóstaðir 801

[Google map](#)

### What's included?

- Oneway super jeep transfer to or from Highland Base
- English speaking driver guide

### What do I need to bring?

- Water
- Snacks
- Warm and comfortable clothing

### Please note

- Duration of the transfer is weather and road condition dependent (may exceed 2 hours)
- The highland routes are not serviced during wintertime
- Expect bumpy roads

Private transfer options available. Please contact [sales@highlandbase.is](mailto:sales@highlandbase.is) for more information.

# Guided Snowmobile Adventure

ISK 24,000 per person (2 riders)

ISK 40,000 per person (solo rider)

## Zoom into the wild

Glide across sprawling snowscapes. Ascend Fannborg mountain. Motor through icy plains towards the mammoth Hofsjökull glacier.

The adventure is always thrilling and never the same.

**Season:** October/November (depending on snow) to June

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Minimum age:** 8 yrs

## Daily tour itinerary

13:30 - Meet at reception for tutorial, prep, and snowmobiling gear up

14:00 - Departure

15:00 - Return

## Inclusions

- Guided snowmobile ride
- Snowmobiling gear (overalls, gloves, safety gear)

## You bring

Warm clothes, socks, gloves, scarf, headwear, waterproof coat, hiking or snow boots, thermals (top and bottom), sunglasses, camera

## Terms & conditions

- A valid driver's license is required.
- Scheduled tours may be delayed or canceled due to weather and road conditions.
- Only one child is permitted per adult.
- Dress according to the weather. In Iceland it is always smart to wear warm, waterproof clothes. Sudden changes in weather are the norm.





## SIGHTSEEING TOUR

# Hveradalir Guided Walking Tour

ISK 6,500

**Explore the mystical Hveradalir valley where geothermal forces create an astonishing hillscape pulsating with extreme beauty.**

Embark on an unforgettable winter adventure in the heart of a primordial wonderland. You'll journey to the Hveradalir geothermal area aboard a super jeep for a snowy trek across steaming hills and bubbling hot springs. Strap on your snowshoes and prepare to feel the heat as you explore this otherworldly landscape. Marvel at the breathtaking visions created by snow banks colliding with searing rivers, and experience a dream of fire and ice that you'll never forget.

**Season:** Available from October 1 to June 14.

**Duration:** 2 hrs

### Daily tour itinerary

09:45 - Meet at Highland Base reception

10:00 - Departure for the super jeep journey to Hveradalir

10:30 - Arrival at Hveradalir for guided hike

11:30 - Return journey

12:00 - Arrival at Highland Base

### Inclusions

- Transfer to Hveradalir
- Guided hike with an English-speaking guide
- Crampons and snowshoes (if needed)

### What to bring

- Warm clothes
- Thermals (top and bottom)
- Warm and waterproof gear (jacket, gloves, socks, scarf, headwear)
- Hiking or snow boots

### Terms & conditions

Scheduled tours may be delayed or canceled due to weather and road conditions.



## HIKE TOUR

### Crevasse Field Trip

ISK 22,900 per person

**A fun study trip to examine and understand the anatomy of a glacier.**

Join us on a short field trip to study the anatomy of a glacier and its crevasses. Learn to use crampons, ice-ax, rope, and harness to safely examine the formation and behavior of glaciers. Witness firsthand how the glaciers are shaping Iceland and venture safely into a glacier crevasse with the help of a professional guide.

**Season:** On demand from Oct 1 - June 14

**Duration:** 2 hrs

**Distance:** 2-3 km, depending on conditions

**Elevation gain:** 100-300 meters

**Skill & fitness level:** Beginner. All fitness levels.

**Transport:** Meet your guide at the hotel. Arrange your own transport to access the hike departure site.

**Gear included:** Ice axe, crampons, helmet, harness

**You bring:** Warm clothes and socks, wind- and waterproof jacket, sturdy boots, gloves, buff, hat, and sunglasses. Water and snacks

**Min/max:** 8/20 pax

**Minimum age:** 10 yrs

This tour adapts to the current snow and ice conditions.



## HIKE TOUR

# Loðmundur Mountain Mission

ISK 49,000 per person

**A real mountaineering mission to the most iconic peak in the Kerlingarfjöll mountain range.**

Loðmundur is the towering iconic north summit of Kerlingarfjöll mountain range, pyramidal in shape and a mountain all peak baggers should have on their list.

The hike itself is a challenging journey over a glacier and along high mountain ridges. Furthermore, to reach the top itself one must take on a steep but short scramble with the assistance of a rope. Our professional guides will lead the way and secure the route with ropes and anchors.

This is not a hike for the faint of heart but the reward is a euphoric feeling of triumph and out of this world views.

**Season:** March - Oct on demand

**Duration:** 7-9 hrs

**Distance:** 10 km

**Elevation gain:** 5-600 meters

**Skill & fitness level:** Explorer. Good fitness required.

**Transport:** Meet your guide at the hotel. Arrange your own transport to access the hike departure site.

**Gear included:** Ice axe, crampons, helmet, harness

**You bring:** Warm clothes and socks, wind- and waterproof jacket, sturdy boots, gloves, buff, hat, and sunglasses. Water, snacks and a light lunch

**Min/Max:** 3/8 pax

**Minimum age:** 12 yrs

This tour adapts to the current snow and ice conditions.



## HIKE TOUR

### Snækollur Hike

ISK 36,900 per person

**Highest mountain in Kerlingarfjöll. The greatest view Iceland has to offer. Period.**

Many claim that from the summit of Snækollur (Snow Top Mountain) you can, on a clear day, see both the south and north coast of Iceland. Snækollur is the highest peak in Kerlingarfjöll mountains and we can vouch, ocean-view or not, that the scenery is breathtaking.

Hike with a knowledgeable guide up a steep but relatively short ascent and then along the rocky mountain ridge trail to the top. There it is time to take a well deserved snack break while enjoying the amazing views. If conditions allow, the return hike will take us over a small glaciated snowfield, straight down to where we started.

**Season:** On demand from Oct 1 - June 14

**Duration:** 4-5 hrs

**Distance:** 5 km

**Elevation gain:** 550-600 meters

**Skill & fitness level:** Tourer. Moderate to good.

**Transport:** Meet your guide at the hotel. Arrange your own transport to access the hike departure site.

**Gear included:** None

**You bring:** Warm clothes and socks, wind- and waterproof jacket, sturdy boots, gloves, buff, hat, and sunglasses. Water, snacks, and a light lunch

**Min/Max:** 4/10 pax

**Minimum age:** 10 yrs



## HIKE TOUR

# Asgard, Mountain of the Gods

ISK 20,900 per person

**A short ascent to a great viewpoint atop a mountain named after the mythological home of the ancient nordic gods, such as Thor, Odin, and Loki.**

Highland Base is nestled at the roots of Asgardsfjall which literally means the mountain of Asgard. According to norse mythology Asgard was the home of the gods and on this family friendly hike to the summit you will learn about the gods and the relationship of Icelanders to the old nordic religion. A religion that is still actively practised in Iceland. The names made famous in the Marvel movies about Thor, i.e. Odin, Loki, and Freyja are all quite common names in Iceland. And a quick look in the Icelandic phonebook reveals a total of four Thors who are also the sons of Odin!

The hike carries an enormous payoff in views over the center of the Icelandic highlands. You can see the ancient north to south trail of the first inhabitants of Iceland exactly as it was when riders crossed the treacherous landscape bearing tidings from region to region.

**Season:** All year

**Duration:** 2-3 hrs

**Distance:** 3 km

**Elevation gain:** 250 m

**Skill & fitness level:** Novice. Moderate fitness levels.

**Transport:** Meet your guide at the hotel. No transport needed.

**Gear included:** Spikes and snowshoes, if needed.

**You bring:** Warm clothes and socks, sturdy boots, wind- and waterproof jacket, gloves, buff, and a hat plus your water bottle and hiking poles, if you have them.

**Min/max:** 6/16 pax

**Minimum age:** 8 yrs



## HIKE TOUR

# 50 Words for Snow

ISK 20,900 per person

**A family friendly snow exploration and science tour with lots of storytelling and a visit to a snow shelter.**

The fact that we have at least 50 words in Icelandic relating to snow speaks volumes of our relationship with our arctic environment. This is a veritable snow science tour, perfect for those who want to experience the beauty of the winter landscape while learning about the anatomy of snow. Our guide will share fascinating insights and stories about the dangers of winter travel.

Our tour begins with a hike through the snowy terrain where our guide will teach you about the different types of snow. You'll get a chance to learn about the composition of snow, including its density, temperature, and crystal structure. We will talk about the factors that contribute to avalanche risk and how to stay safe when exploring snowy terrain.

During our hike, we will squeeze into a snow shelter for a hot chocolate break and storytelling. There are many different types of snow shelters. Knowing how to build one could ensure your survival when navigating the highlands.

**Season:** Nov - April

**Duration:** 2-3 hrs

**Distance:** 2-3 km

**Elevation gain:** Little to none

**Skill & fitness level:** Novice. All fitness levels.

**Transport:** Meet your guide at the hotel. No transport needed.

**Gear included:** Spikes and snowshoes, if needed

**You bring:** Warm clothes and socks, sturdy boots, wind- and waterproof jacket, gloves, buff, and a hat plus your water bottle.

**Min/max:** 8/16 pax

**Minimum age:** 10 yrs

## SKI TOUR

# Hot Spring Ski Tour

ISK 52,900 per person

**Backcountry ski tour up and over the highest mountains in the range, around hot springs and stunning views.**

A ski tour like you have never experienced before, over a glacier and around amazing hot springs! After a thorough safety brief, we skin up, over a small glacier and up to the so-called Smile (you will understand when you see it!). Then we carve our turns down an amazing slope that leads us to a bubbling hot spring area.

After some exploration, we skin back up to the Smile and swoosh back down to where we started.

**Season:** All year on demand

**Duration:** 4 hrs, depending on conditions

**Distance:** 5-7 km, depending on snow conditions and skill level

**Elevation gain:** 500-1000 meters, depending on snow, weather, and experience

**Skill & fitness level:** Tourer. Moderate to fit.

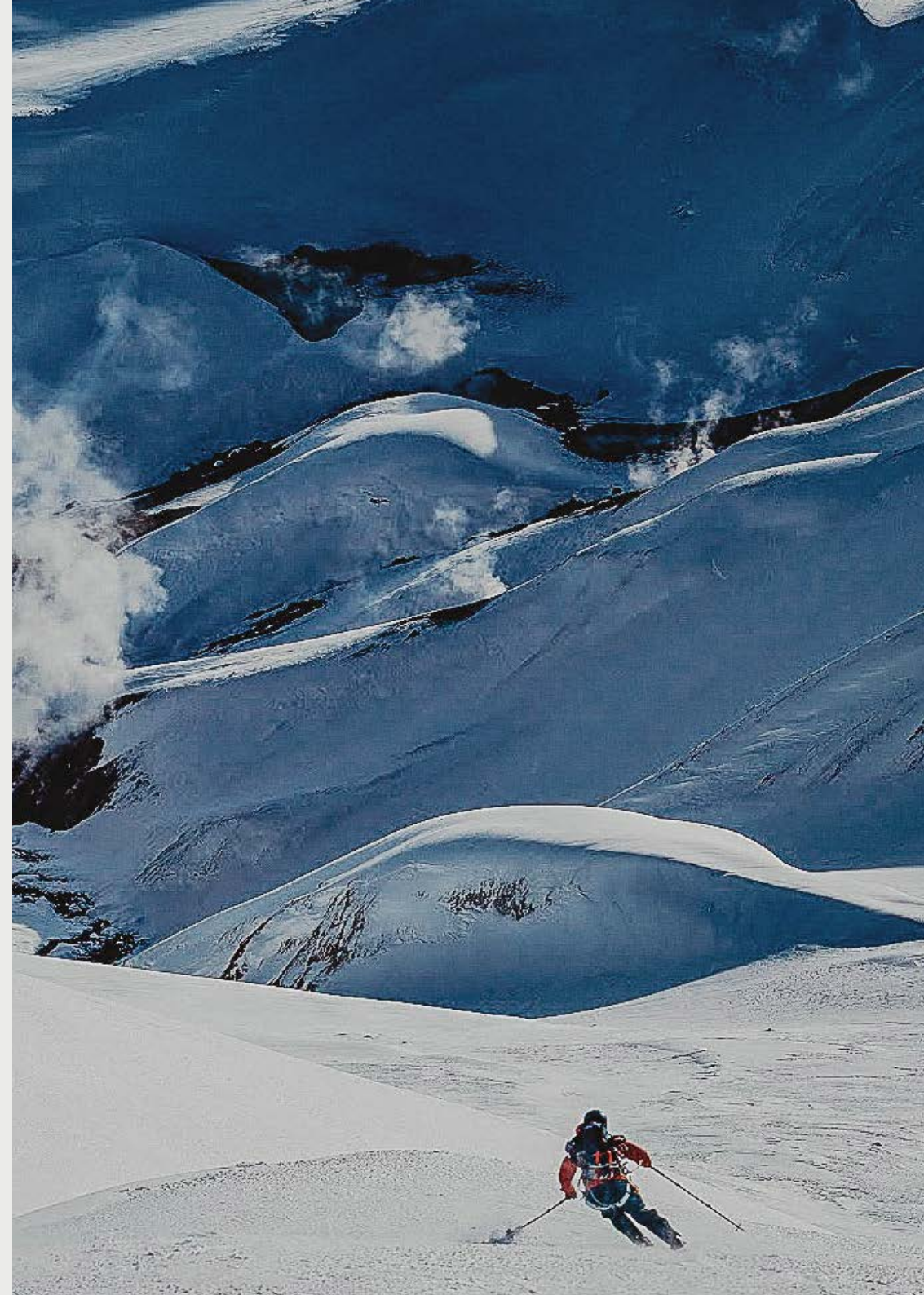
**Transport:** Meet your guide at the hotel. Arrange your own transport to access the hike departure site

**Gear included:** All necessary ski equipment, avalanche safety gear, ski helmet and ski goggles. Split board option available on request.

**You bring:** Warm clothes and socks, wind- and waterproof jacket, gloves, buff, hat, and sunglasses. Water and snacks

**Min/Max:** 4/6 pax

**Minimum age:** 12 yrs



## SKI TOUR

# Scenic Nordic Ski Tour

ISK 52,900 per person

**An expedition-style adventure in and around the mountains, to the iconic, pyramidal Loðmundur mountain.**

A sightseeing expedition that takes us over the plains north of the mountain range. The mission is to reach the towering Loðmundur summit in all its magnificent glory.

We will be heading east with Hofsjökull Glacier on our left and Kerlingarfjöll mountain range on our right. In front of us the tower of Loðmundur grows bigger by each step on our trusted skis.

We will set up camp below Loðmundur and enjoy our lunch with the robust appetite that only outdoor activities bring. After lunch break we head back along a different and a bit more challenging route towards the Highland Base, skiing along Asgarðsfjall, the mountain of the gods.

**Season:** On demand Feb-June and Oct-Nov

**Duration:** 4-5 hrs

**Distance:** 10-12 km depending on snow conditions

**Elevation gain:** Mostly flat but some moderate uphill and downhill

**Skill & fitness level:** Beginner to Explorer. Moderate to fit.

**Transport:** Meet your guide at the hotel. No transport needed.

**Gear included:** Nordic skis, boots, poles

**You bring:** Warm clothes and socks, wind- and waterproof jacket, gloves, buff, hat, and sunglasses. Water, snacks, and a light lunch

**Min/Max:** 4/16 pax

**Minimum age:** 12 yrs

This tour adapts to the current snow and ice conditions.



## SKI TOUR

# Backcountry Ski Course

ISK 62,900 per person

**Backcountry skiing 101. The basics, the do's and don'ts in a safe and fun one-day course.**

Icelanders have learned to ski in the remote and beautiful mountain range of Kerlingarfjöll for decades and now you can too!

Learn the basics from the best. Our elite ski guides teach skiing at all levels and will also cover the main subjects of safe backcountry etiquette and avalanche awareness.

We will start by going over the basics of backcountry skiing, before heading up the slopes for a fun ride down. After a couple of runs we will return to Highland Base for a hearty lunch break before heading out again to show those slopes what we are made of.

**Season:** All year on demand

**Duration:** 8 hrs w/lunch break at Highland Base (lunch not included)

**Distance:** 1-3 km depending on snow conditions and skill level

**Elevation gain:** 3-500 meters depending on snow, weather, and experience

**Skill & fitness level:** Beginner to Explorer. Adjusted to participant fitness level.

**Transport:** Meet your guide at the hotel. Arrange your own transport to access the hike departure site.

**Gear included:** All necessary ski equipment, avalanche safety gear, ski helmet, and ski goggles. Split board option available on request.

**You bring:** Warm clothes and socks, wind- and waterproof jacket, gloves, buff, hat, and sunglasses. Water and snacks.

**Min/max:** 4/6 pax

**Minimum age:** 12 yrs



## SKI TOUR

# Nordic Ski Course

ISK 62,900 per person

### Learning the traveling style of the early polar explorers

We love Nordic skiing! There is absolutely no better way to explore Icelandic nature during winter than on Nordic skis. This is how the early explorers navigated to both poles and is still the preferred method of travel for all polar and glacier expeditions.

Nordic skis are similar to Cross Country skis, only slightly broader and thus better suited for venturing into the wild. In this course you will learn from our expert guides the basics of the time-honored tradition of nordic skiing and enjoy exploring the magnificent highland landscape of Kerlingarfjöll mountains.

**Season:** On demand Feb - June and Oct - Nov

**Duration:** 6 hrs w/lunch break at Highland Base (lunch not included)

**Distance:** 3-5 km depending on snow conditions

**Elevation gain:** Mostly flat

**Skill & fitness level:** Novice to Explorer. Adjusted to participant fitness level.

**Transport:** Meet your guide at the hotel. No transport needed.

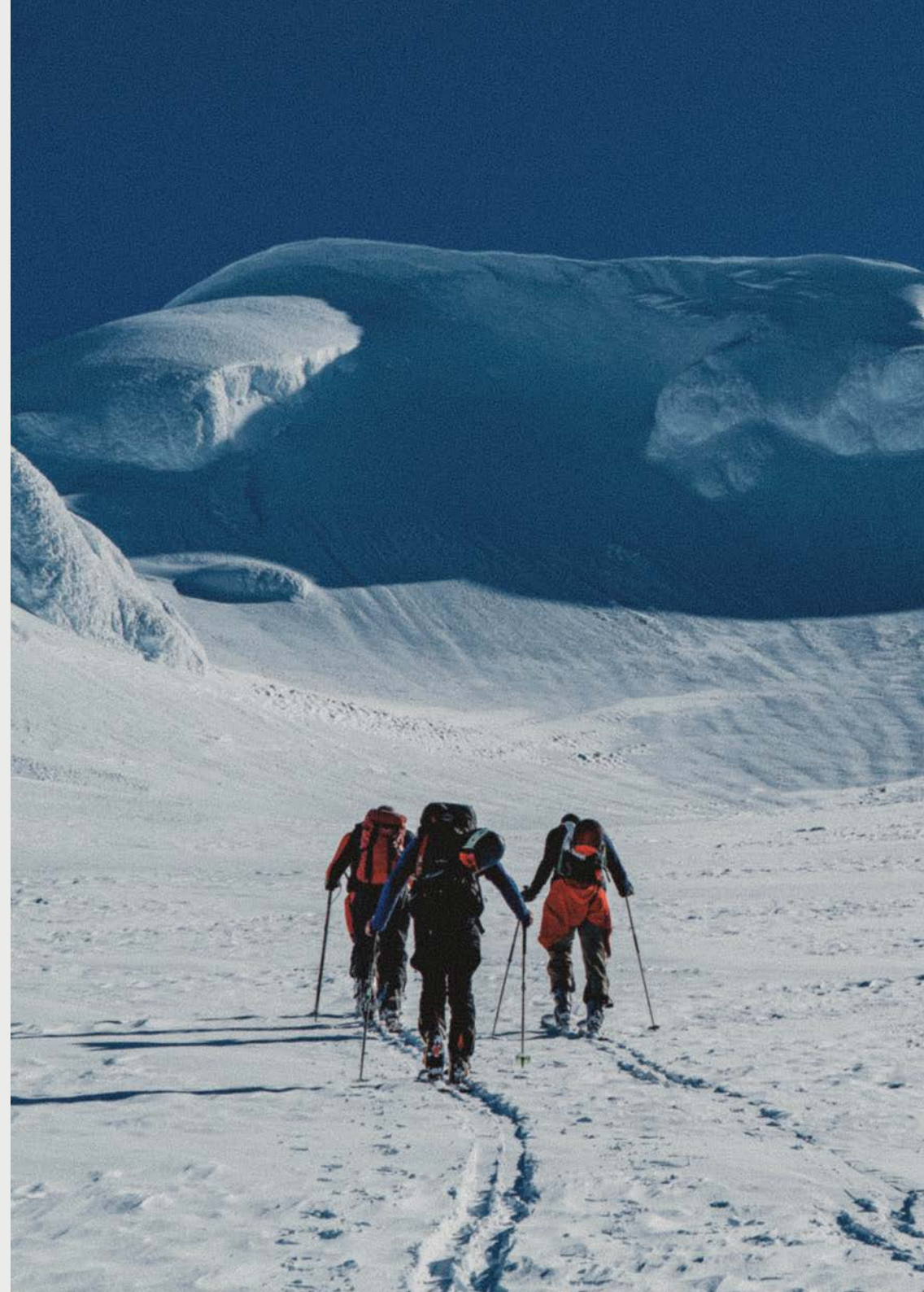
**Gear included:** Nordic skis, boots, poles

**You bring:** warm clothes and socks, wind- and waterproof jacket, gloves, buff, hat, and sunglasses. Water and snacks.

**Min/max:** 4/12 pax

**Minimum age:** 12 yrs

This course adapts to the current snow and ice conditions.



## The Bare Basics

### Meeting point

All Outsiders tours start from Highland Base Kerlingarfjöll.

Find your guide at the reception 15 minutes before departure. Bring your backpack, an adventurous spirit, and a smile. Let's head OUTSIDE for an adventure! Some tours require transportation between hotel and activity starting point.

### What to bring

Warm clothes such as wool, fleece/soft-shell, hardshell and a puffy jacket are mandatory on all tours. On a good summer day it is possible to strip down to a thin shirt and stuff the rest in a small backpack, but usually only for a short while! The Icelandic weather is famously volatile and warm layers and rain gear should always be at hand.

Good and sturdy hiking boots or trail shoes are a must. On most tours we will encounter the legendary multicolored mud of Kerlingarfjöll that tends to stick to the bottom of shoes like glue! Pair your boots with warm and soft hiking socks and you're golden.

Don't forget gloves. Yes, also in the summertime :) Plus something to cover your neck and head with. Preferably that something is made out of wool, which means it doesn't lose its insulation qualities if wet.

Also bring sunglasses and hiking poles, if you've got them.

Last, but not least. Fill your water bottle with the pure Icelandic tap water and slip it into your backpack along with some energy bars and/or snacks. If the tour lasts more than 3 hours, you should also pack a light lunch, such as a sandwich.

### Skill levels

#### Novice:

No previous experience

#### Beginner:

Have tried the activity couple of times

#### Tourer:

Knowledge of the activity and ability to participate without much assistance

#### Explorer:

Experience and knowledge of the activity and readiness to explore

### Minimum age

We have a lot of experience hiking, skiing, and scrambling with children and teenagers, and we know that they are usually far more capable and fit than their parents give them credit for! However, because of the technicality and skill level required on some of our tours, we have set age limits that reflect the difficulty involved.

But there is always a but :) We are more than happy to reconsider this age limit for children who are fit and accustomed to outdoor adventures.

# General Terms & Conditions

## **All tours and transfers are operated through third parties.**

Guests assume all risks associated with activities organized by Highland Base as well as activities involving third party providers. Please note that activities organized involving third party providers are subject to the relevant providers' terms and conditions.

Highland Base cannot be held responsible for delays, cancellations, or accidents arising from tours or transfers booked through and/or organized by a third party.

The reseller is responsible for informing their relevant staff members (tour guides, etc.) and guests about the relevant terms and conditions relating to Safety Standards and Liability.

## **Cancellations and booking modifications**

All cancellations or changes must be communicated in writing to:  
*sales@highlandbase.is*

### **Scheduled activities**

Cancellations or changes must be made 72 hours prior to arrival. After that, the tour is non-refundable.

### **On demand activities**

- If a cancellation is received more than 10 days prior to arrival, you will get a 100% refund.
- If a cancellation is received more than 6-9 days prior to arrival, you will get an 80% refund.
- If a cancellation is received within 5 days of arrival, the reservation is non-refundable.

## **Rate information**

Rates are in ISK and per person. All rates are subject to change.

<https://highlandbase.is/travel-professionals-terms-and-conditions>



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### Get in touch

- If you are a travel professional, contact our sales representatives at [sales@highlandbase.is](mailto:sales@highlandbase.is)
- If you are an individual wishing to make a direct booking, contact us at [info@highlandbase.is](mailto:info@highlandbase.is)