

# Illuminated Iceland

20.September.2024 to 01.October.2024



Embark on an unforgettable photographic journey through the land of fire and ice. Iceland's raw natural beauty is a canvas waiting to be captured, especially under the enchanting glow of the Northern Lights. Join us as we explore this diverse landscape, guided by experienced photographers skilled in capturing this ethereal phenomenon. Together, we'll freeze moments in time that echo the soul of this awe-inspiring land. Welcome to "**Illuminated Iceland: A Photographic Expedition**".

## **Friday, 20.September.2024 - Day 0**

We'll bid farewell to Delhi, our capital, and board a flight towards the captivating realm of Ice and Fire.

## **Saturday, 21.September.2024 - Day 1**

Upon arrival in Iceland, we'll complete the immigration process, collect our luggage, and board the Skybus bound for our initial destination: Reykjavik, the vibrant capital city of Iceland.

Tonight, we'll settle into a charming motel, unpack, and prepare ourselves for the exhilarating adventure that awaits in the days ahead. In addition, we'll seize the chance to explore some of Reykjavik's iconic

landmarks, including the majestic Hallgrímskirkja, Iceland's tallest building, capturing its beauty during the enchanting blue hour. We'll also pay a visit to the renowned Sun Voyager sculpture.

## **Sunday, 22.September.2024 - Day 2**

We'll collect our camper and set course for Skógafoss, our primary photography destination for the day. En route, we'll make captivating stops at Seljalandsfoss, Gljufrabui, and Kvernufoss. This marks our inaugural night in the camper, and we've chosen to stay at the Skógafoss camping ground. This strategic choice offers us prime opportunities to capture one of these breathtaking waterfalls bathed in the golden light of the day, as well as potentially witnessing the mesmerizing northern lights.



## **Monday, 23.September.2024 - Day 3**

After a beautiful sunrise shoot and a good breakfast, we'll head to the stunning Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon. Along the way, we'll make quick stops at Vik church, Foss á Síðu, and Svínafellsjökull glacier viewpoint. If conditions allow, we might visit Múlagljúfur Canyon, though this depends on weather and group fitness.

This day promises wonder, especially if the aurora forecast is good. We'll be out capturing moments from sunset to sunrise. The sunset and northern lights will be over the glacier lagoon, while the sunrise will paint the diamond beach with a magical light, making icebergs look like diamonds on dark sand.



## Tuesday, 24.September.2024 - Day 4

Continuing on the scenic Route 1, our next destination is the awe-inspiring Vestrahorn. Given our night-long photography session the previous day, we'll take this opportunity to ease the pace, allowing ourselves some well-deserved rest in anticipation of another extraordinary sunset-to-sunrise shoot. Nestled at the Vestrahorn Campsite, we'll enjoy the convenience of direct access to the striking black beach, providing us with flexibility for our photographic endeavors. Additionally, we might explore the Viking village for a casual, enriching experience.



## Wednesday, 25.September.2024 - Day 5

Today, we're off to witness the might of Dettifoss, Iceland's largest waterfall and the second largest in Europe. We'll explore its grandeur from various angles, aiming to capture nature's raw power in the most captivating light.



## Thursday, 26.September.2024 - Day 6

Today, we're heading to the northernmost point of Iceland, where the Northern Lights display their full splendor. The Arctic Henge awaits.



## Friday, 27.September.2024 - Day 7

After a long drive and a night of photography, we'll head straight to a campsite to recharge. Along the way, we'll explore the intriguing geothermal activity at Hverir. A few hours before sunset, we'll make a stop at the majestic Godafoss. If the aurora forecast is in our favor, we might embark on another sunset-to-sunrise adventure.



## Saturday, 28.September.2024 - Day 8

Following breakfast, we'll head to a picturesque campsite for a leisurely lunch. Just before sunset, we'll make our way to the stunning sea arch of Hvitserkur. Depending on the forecast, we might extend our photography session into the night, capturing moments till the break of dawn.



## Sunday, 29.September.2024 - Day 9

Off to western Iceland today! Our first stop: Kirkjufellsfoss, renowned for its stunning Northern Lights displays. We'll explore Kirkjufellsfoss, the iconic black church Schwarze Kirche, and Gatklettur. Though, depending on time, we might have to choose two out of the three.



## **Monday, 30.September.2023 - Day 10**

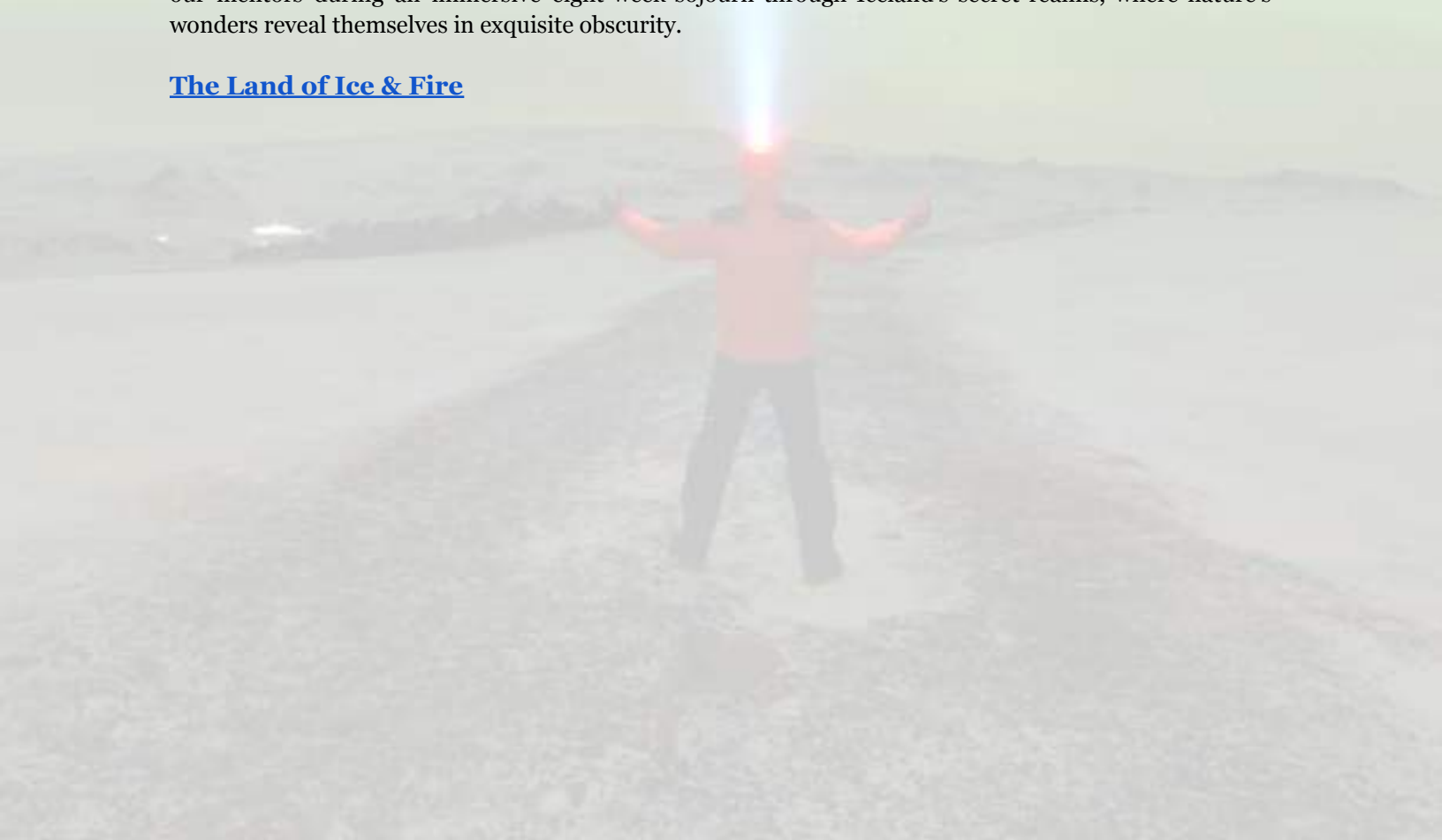
Today marks our return to Reykjavik. We'll bid farewell to our trusty camper, settling back into the same welcoming motel we started our adventure in. After finalizing our packing for our early morning flight, we'll seize our last opportunity to capture the Northern Lights from Reykjavik's vantage point. To culminate this extraordinary journey through the land of ice and fire, we'll savor a delightful celebration at a charming Indian restaurant.

## **Tuesday, 01.October.2024 - Day 11**

At the break of dawn, we'll board the Flybus to Keflavik Airport, bidding a fond farewell to Iceland.

For those in search of inspiration, gaze upon this brief masterpiece. A cinematic voyage crafted by one of our mentors during an immersive eight-week sojourn through Iceland's secret realms, where nature's wonders reveal themselves in exquisite obscurity.

### **[The Land of Ice & Fire](#)**



## **Why is our trip different from most others?**

- One of our mentors has been living in Switzerland (which is only 2 hours flight from Iceland) for the past 16 years and has traveled to 30 countries, capturing stunning photographs along the way. Notably, he spent 8 weeks immersing himself in the breathtaking landscapes of Iceland, gaining invaluable firsthand knowledge and experience. His expertise in photography is truly exceptional and brings immense value to our team.
- Our team of mentors includes individuals with extensive experience in conducting photography workshops both within and outside of India. They have a proven track record of success and have achieved numerous accolades in the field of photography. Their expertise and accomplishments make them invaluable resources for aspiring photographers.
- Unlike most conventional trips, we don't adhere strictly to a set itinerary. The above is for an indication. Reason is the notorious and fast changing weather of Iceland. 100 kmph wind, days of cloud cover, hours of rain are very common in this tiny island in the middle of Atlantic. Nature photography in Iceland is not the same as any other places in the world. It is a hostile place for photography. Good news is that Iceland has a very local weather pattern. Means you can have horrible weather at the place you are in whereas 100 km away can have glittering sunshine. Exactly the reason why we stay in a camper to keep ourselves mobile all the time and follow the weather to give us opportunity for the best light.
- Some may call it crazy, but there are always those dedicated souls who brave the wind and cold all night for that fleeting moment of glory. We recognize that not everyone is up for such an adventure, and that's where the camper becomes our savior. Thankfully, most parking spots are conveniently located near our desired photo locations. So, if fatigue sets in, a rejuvenating power nap is just a short distance away, ensuring you're ready for more. Additionally, we can take shifts, stationed with our cameras poised to capture any shifts in light, ready to alert others if conditions take a turn.
- We uphold the principle of valuing quality over quantity, firmly believing that a solitary image capable of etching itself into our memories forever possesses far greater significance than a multitude of fleeting shots we may never revisit.

***If this aligns with your aspirations, seize this opportunity.***



## Food

Breakfast for all days

Understand that this is not like a normal tour, so the majority of the part will require participants to cook their own simple food. If you are going there for good food; it is not a trip for you. If you are going there for a good pictures; we can guarantee that there are no other better tours for you. So please decide accordingly.

## Includes

- Breakfast.
- 3 Photo mentors.
- Accommodation in Camper Vans.
- All Transportation during the tour.
- Entrance fees for national parks.
- Photography tips and knowledge.
- Best sites for Photography.
- Night Photography- Aurora Boreal Photography knowledge.
- 1 YEAR POST PROCESSING SUPPORT.

## Exclusions

- Airfare.
- Food except breakfast.
- Anything not mentioned in the package includes.
- Any kind of Personal expenses.
- Personal, Medical & Travel Insurance.
- Visa fee.
- Participants are responsible for their camera and equipment.
- Any Kind of Drinks.

## Camera Gear

- A DSLR or Mirrorless camera.
- Spare batteries (at least 4 batteries), memory cards, and charging system.
- Type E European outlet adaptor. Even better if you have an universal adapter.
- Fast aperture lens (at least f/2.8) and another telephoto lens like Nikon 24-120, 18-140, Canon 24-105, 18-105 etc.
- A steady Tripod.
- 10 stop or 6 stop ND filters for long exposure photography and a CPL filter is helpful for landscape photography. A GND filter is useful for golden hour photography.

## Trip Cost

EUR 2,100 per person (Around 180,000 INR).

Rs. 60,000 down payment necessary to secure your place. Paid in INR.

Rest must be paid at Reykjavik in EUR (1,450 EUR).



## Group Size

6 participants excluding the mentors.

## Cancellation Policy

50% of advance will be deducted if canceled 90 days before the day of departure.

Means, we will refund 30,000 INR of the advance 60,000 INR you paid, if you cancel 90 days before the day of departure.

70% of advance will be deducted if canceled 60 days before the day of departure.

Means, we will refund you 18,000 INR of the advance 60,000 INR you paid, if you cancel 60 days before the day of departure.

100% of advance will be deducted if canceled 30 days from the day of departure.

Means, you will have no refund from the advance 60,000 INR, if you cancel 30 days before the day of departure.

## Terms & Conditions

- No refund will be made to any participant if he is unable to complete the tour in case of any health issue or abandoning in the middle.
- If there is trip cancellation from our side (for any emergency cases), 100% refund will be initiated.
- For any pandemic situation, a refund will not be possible.
- Itinerary is subject to change in case of any road blockage or bad weather. We try to alternate with the other options on the spot but no money will refund for any change due to bad weather.
- If you are not interested in any photography activity, we advise you to have patience and let others enjoy, you can wait in the camper.
- If you don't like to share the camper with anyone or you have any night problem, we advise you to opt for a single supplement for more comfortable space and privacy. However in that case you need to take responsibility for driving the camper.
- If you are not interested in Night Photography or star gazing , we advise you to stay in the camper. We don't rush for night Photography, If you join then please respect the passion of other photographers.
- Every participant must have certificates of their 2nd dose of COVID vaccination.

## Want to know more

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## Camper Van

Camper vans in Iceland are typically spacious vehicles meticulously designed for overnight stays, complete with comfortable beds, well-equipped cooking facilities, a cooler for storing fresh food, and heating arrangements for added comfort.

While there isn't a dedicated toilet within the camper, we'll be staying at paid campsites where modern, well-maintained restroom facilities are readily available. These facilities are akin to what you'd find in a hotel. Cleaned and maintained to a high standard. Additionally, it's worth noting that many Icelandic homestays also offer shared toilet facilities, a common practice in this adventurous land. It's important to keep in mind, however, that these facilities differ significantly from the public restrooms we encounter in our everyday lives.



\*We have sourced the photographs of the camper from our trusted camper van provider, rather than capturing them ourselves.

## Clothing Recommendation

Iceland's weather is famously varied and often unpredictable, making it crucial to be well-prepared for any circumstances. One can experience brilliant sunshine one moment, only for conditions to swiftly shift to intense winds, bone-chilling cold, overcast skies, heavy rain, or even snow within a matter of minutes. This is why having the appropriate clothing is absolutely essential. As the old saying goes in the mountainous regions of Europe, 'There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing.' With the right attire, one can comfortably embrace even the harshest of weather conditions. In this guide, we've documented some of our favorite ways to dress for success in Iceland.

The key is to layer your clothing. This way, you have full control over the level of warmth you need, simply by adding or shedding layers as necessary.

- Tight inner layer made of thin wool. Preferably merino as it is more breathable, better on soaking moisture and quicker to dry. Trouser and full t-shirt.
- Soft shell pants.
- Waterproof trousers. Preferably the ones with side chains that can be easily taken off. Ski pants will also work if you feel very cold.
- Thicker top layer. Again Merino wool is the best.
- Main layer. Jacket. Preferably down jacket. Preferably something above 700 cuin with above 80% down.
- Windproof and waterproof top upper layer. Gore Tex will be best as it is more breathable.
- Thin inner gloves.
- If your hand has a tendency of getting too cold you can opt for a waterproof mitten.
- If your jacket is not covering the ear or neck properly, it is a good idea to have a woolen cap that can cover the ear.
- Woolen socks.
- A waterproof hiking shoe. Again gore tex is the best. If your feet get too cold, winter hiking boots will be best.
- Take a pair of slippers with you as the shoe will get extremely dirty and you would like not to use it while inside the camper. Best is to open the shoe and use the slipper inside the camper to keep the camper clean. The cleaning of the camper is included in the price, but this is more for not sleeping every night in a muddy camper.
- We will go close to several glaciers and if the sun is shining, you will need UV protected sunglasses. Ideally polarized.

## Meet your mentors

**Avisekh Mukherjee**, a seasoned software architect, has found his haven in the picturesque landscapes of Switzerland. However, it is his unyielding passion and unwavering obsession for travel and photography that truly define him. His journey into the realm of serious landscape photography commenced in 2008, leading him on a captivating odyssey across 30 countries. Among these, he embarked on an extraordinary 8-week photographic adventure through the ever-changing seasons of Iceland. Avisekh possesses an intimate knowledge of Icelandic photo locations, coupled with a keen understanding of the subtle nuances that bring forth the most captivating lightscapes.



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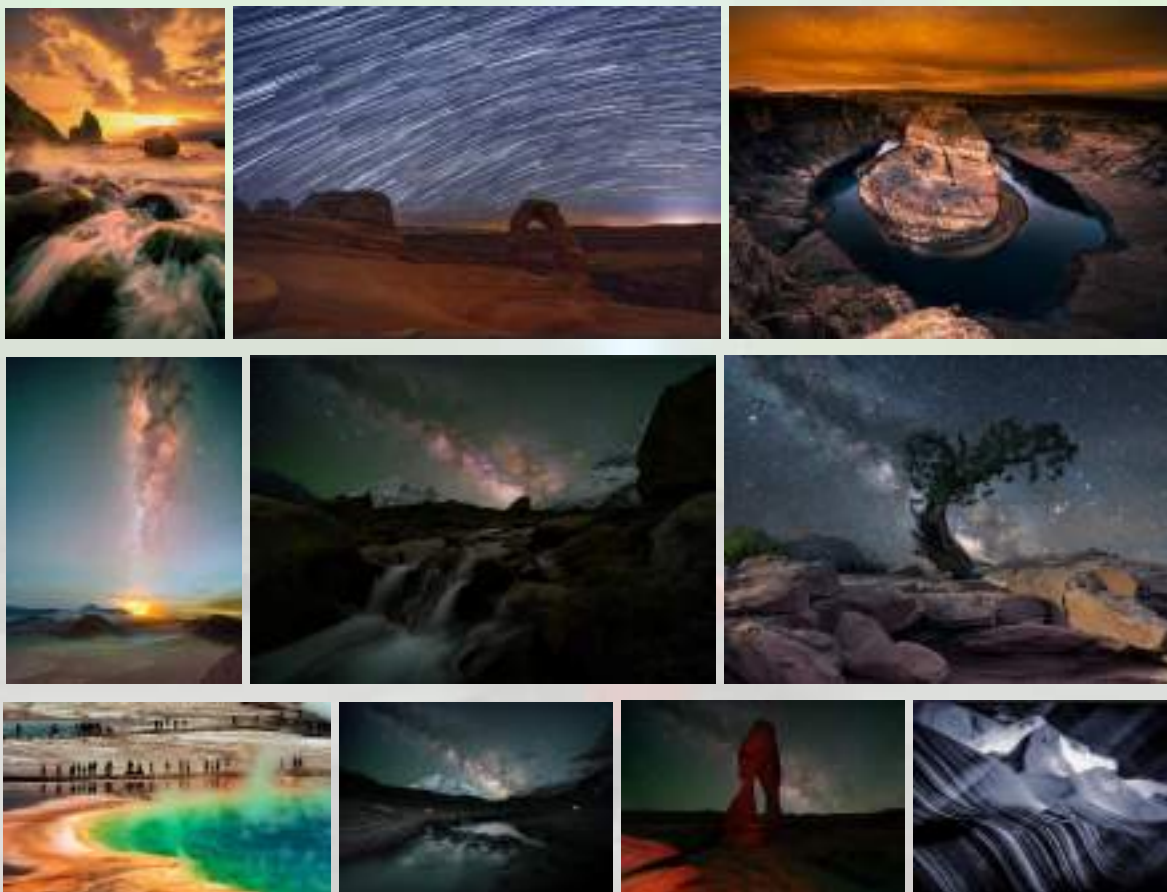
**Amlan Dutta**, a seasoned IT Professional working in IBM India, whose passion for photography has transformed him into a distinguished Travel & Landscape Photographer. His photographic journey commenced in 2012, and it was in 2015 that he delved into the captivating realm of Astro Landscape photography, driven by a profound curiosity.

Over the years, Amlan has embarked on numerous journeys across the United States, capturing the celestial wonders of the night sky through his lens, as well as immortalizing the breathtaking landscapes that grace our planet. This year, he orchestrated a highly successful Tapovan Astro Landscape photography workshop, leaving participants enriched with invaluable insights and skills.

Amlan's exceptional body of work has earned him recognition on both International and National photography platforms, including prominent names like 500px and 1x. His artistic prowess was recently celebrated with multiple awards at an exhibition hosted by a distinguished photography group, further solidifying his standing in the photography community.

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**Shubhadeep Das**, a distinguished National-level Table Tennis player, discovered his passion for photography in his formative years, nurtured under the expert guidance of his father, a seasoned still photographer based in Kolkata, India. In 2020, Shubhadeep ventured into the enchanting realm of Astro Landscape photography, adding a new dimension to his artistic repertoire.

Presently employed at South Eastern Railway, Kolkata, Shubhadeep seamlessly balances his professional commitments with his creative pursuits. His photographic portfolio boasts a diverse array of captivating images that have garnered acclaim on prominent International and National platforms such as 500px and 1X.

Not content with merely honing his own skills, Shubhadeep has extended his expertise through workshops conducted in the majestic northern Himalayas, leaving participants enthralled and enriched by the experience. His recent contributions have been featured on the Instagram handles of esteemed photography brands NISI INDIA and VANGUARD INDIA, further solidifying his presence in the photography community. Moreover, his exceptional work recently earned a coveted spot in the pages of the prestigious Asian Photography magazine.

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