

Isafjordur (Iceland)

ISISA-02 - Guided walk on Vigur Island

Duration : 3h00

Price: 110 €

Vigur is a lovely island of 2 km (1.2 mile) long and 400 m (0.24 mile) wide, a green oasis in the blue waters of the fjord Isafjardardjup. The island is a nesting place for countless birds. It has been the home of the same family since 1884, and today three generations still live there under the same roof. They are farmers and live off the treasures of the island.

After a 30-minute boat tour to Vigur, take a leisurely walk around the island and get a perfect opportunity to see an abundance of birds in their natural environment. Eiderducks nest here in great numbers. The farmer protects the nests and is rewarded with the down from the nests, as the ducks pluck their own chests for down, to shelter their eggs. You will also be seeing Puffins, Arctic Terns, Black Guillemots and various other birds in large numbers.

Some relics of old farming methods are preserved in Vigur, including Iceland's only windmill, built in 1840 and used until 1917 for grinding imported wheat from Denmark. The windmill has been carefully preserved along with the 200-year-old 8-oar rowing boat, which is still in use to ferry sheep to the mainland. The houses also date back to the last century. Viktoria House was erected in Vigur in 1862, made of wood, which was pre-cut into shape in Norway. In 1993 the house was restored by the National Museum of Iceland. The second house was erected by a young priest in 1884, an ancestor of the family living in Vigur today.

Prior to heading back to Isafjordur, the family will serve you coffee and cakes in the Viktoria House, where you will also get a chance to visit one of the smallest post offices in Europe, giving the opportunity to send home a postcard or two.

- We recommend you wear comfortable walking shoes and warm clothes. This tour is not recommended for persons with walking problems as it involves walking on uneven, gravel and muddy ground, as well as steps to climb aboard the boat. You will have the opportunity to buy souvenirs in Vigur. This tour is conducted in English only and can welcome a maximum of 38 participants.
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