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WE'LL TAKE YOU ON YOUR NEXT SKIING ADVENTURE

Scandic Mountain Guides is an Icelandic company that specializes in ski touring adventures in the northern part of Iceland. Troll peninsula is our main skiing area. With its incredible mountains, thousands of slopes and the arctic ocean all around, you will experience skiing like you have never done before.



Scandic Mountain Guides operates a powerful team of skillful and experienced guides. Our guides put your safety and pleasure first. They will find the very best terrain suitable for you and your group with slopes waiting for their first descents.

The founders of Scandic Mountain Guides, Jóhann H. Hafstein and Björgvin Björgvinsson, are both former ski racers and members of the Icelandic Olympic Team. In recent years they have mainly engaged in backcountry skiing and freeriding. They are also owners and founders of Viking Heliskiing, which is a heli-skiing company with it's main operation on the Troll Peninsula.

We´re truly proud to welcome you to explore our beautiful country and go on a unique skiing adventure with us.

Björgvin Björgvinsson

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Owner & Lead Guide

Jóhann H. Hafstein

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Owner & General Manager



SIGLO LUXURY HOTEL

We are proud to offer our guests to stay in the beautiful Luxury Siglo Hotel, which is one of Iceland's very best hotels. At Siglo Hotel we strive to offer our guests a relaxing environment with a classic and romantic design. All our rooms have views over the beautiful surrounding mountains and marina and from the cozy window seat you can watch life go by in this quiet little haven in north Iceland. The rooms are spacious and decorated with pictures from Siglufjordur Photo Museum spanning its history and culture. All our guests have access to our outdoor hot geothermal pool and sauna.

You will savor gourmet meals made with fresh and local food such as goose, lamb and arctic char. You might catch a glimpse of one of our enthusiastic chefs browsing for the freshest fish in north Iceland to be offered later in the day.

After an active day in the mountains loosen your muscles, have a glass of wine and enjoy the relaxation of the geothermal water in our hot tub. You may also enjoy sitting down at the bar and unwind with a pint of Icelandic beer.

At the hotel we have all the latest skis and snowboards provided to us by K2, as well as the top quality backcountry and avalanche safety equipment from BCA. We can mount, tune, and wax anything. We provide, and you ride!



GRYTUBAKKI SKI TOURING LODGE

Grytubakki in Grenivik is a spacious, newly renovated and comfortable Lodge, perfect for small groups who want to experience the beautiful area north of Iceland. The Lodge includes all the necessary amenities to make your stay comfortable and enjoyable.

The Lodge is equipped with all necessary equipment. The Lodge includes two bathrooms, spacious kitchen and living room, TV room, hot tub, barbecue and 6 bedrooms with bed linen. The Lodge can accommodate 13 guests maximum.

At Grytubakki Ski touring Lodge the meals are not included, but in the Lodge is a kitchen where the group can prepare their own meals.



CLUBHOUSE

Our Helicopter Base is at our brand new Viking clubhouse. It is located within 2 minute drive from the Hotel. This is where we gear up and the fun begins. At the clubhouse we have BCA airbags, transceivers, boot dryer and a ski storage room. After skiing we return to the clubhouse for après ski and a barbeque on the deck.



SKI BARN

Our guide office and Ski barn is located across the street 20meters from the Hotel. This is where you will meet the guides and get fitted with skis for the trip. Our brand new fleet of K2 skis has a wide selection of skis for all types of skiers and snow conditions.



HELI-ASSISTED SKI TOURING

Scandic Mountain Guides is a first-class operation. Gorgeous surrounding, excellent accommodation and fantastic people. I highly recommend this company to anyone considering skiing in Iceland. This was a really unique experience.

- Patrick Johnson, Scandic guest

GET YOUR BOOTS ON AND GET READY FOR THE THRILL OF YOUR LIFE

THE TROLL PENINSULA A SKIERS PARADISE

In terms of Ski touring, there are few places in the world with as many possibilities as the Troll Peninsula in Northern Iceland. The Troll Peninsula is the peninsula between Skagafjordur and Eyjafjordur. It is vast, largely unexplored and is the most spectacular Ski touring area in Iceland. The skiing slopes are truly unique, with a panorama view of amazing slopes waiting for their first descents. During winter you can ski until it is dark and watch the majestic northern lights dance in the sky. In the springtime, there is nothing like skiing down slopes in between the towering peaks, ending the ride where the shoreline meets the North Atlantic.





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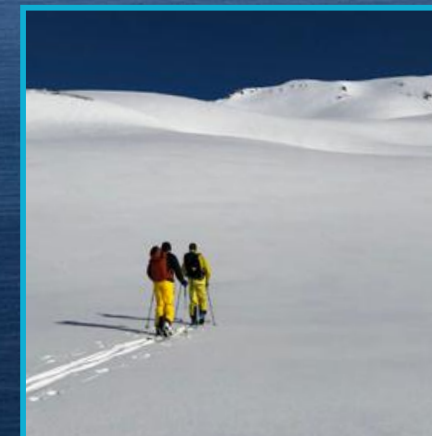
One of the best Life Experiences even increased by the good vibes of the crew. The Environment is just outstanding, no better place on Earth to live an incredible experience.

- Ruben Aldonza, Scandic guest

SKI TOURING IS THE NAME OF THE GAME

Scandic Guides is a World Class operation with highly professional Mountain guides. I had some of the best skiing days of my life with this operation and Iceland is truly a unique destination for ski touring.

- Oliver Hudson, Scandic guest



PACKAGES AND PRICES FOR 2021 SKI TOURING SEASON

In our 2021 Ski touring program, you can choose between three packages; Sigló Ski touring and Heli-Assisted Ski touring, where you stay at the newly built Luxury hotel in Sigló and all meals are included in the Programs or Scandic Classic Program where you have your own Ski touring Lodge and prepare your own meals (minimum 5 pers.)

Sigló Ski Touring

Ski touring packages from Sigló Hotel

- 3 days – 1.690 EUR per pers.
- 5 days – 2.490 EUR per pers.
- 3 or 5 days guided ski touring
- 3 or 5 nights accommodation at Hotel Sigló
- All meals
- Guide services with professional mountain guides
- Safety and avalanche rescue training
- All ground transportation in the skiing area and pickup / dropoff at Akureyri Airport

Heli Assisted

Best of Both worlds – Ski touring and Heliskiing!

- 3 days – 2.500 EUR per pers.
- 5 days – 3.890 EUR per pers.
- 3 or 5 days guided ski touring
- 3 or 5 nights accommodation at Hotel Sigló
- All meals
- Guide services with professional mountain guides
- Safety and avalanche rescue training
- 6/10 Heli Drops
- All ground transportation in the skiing area and pickup / dropoff at Akureyri Airport

Scandic Classic

Ski touring packages from our Ski touring lodge

- 3 days – 990 EUR per pers.
- 5 days – 1.390 EUR per pers.
- 3 or 5 days guided ski touring
- 3 or 5 nights accommodation at Grýtubakki ski touring lodge
- Guide services with professional mountain guides
- Safety and avalanche rescue training
- All ground transportation in the skiing area and pickup / dropoff at Akureyri Airport



For booking tours with Scandic Mountain Guides please refer to our website:

www.scandicguides.com

or send us an email on:
info@scandicguides.com

or give us a call:

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MORE INFO ON SCANDIC SKI TOURING

THE DAY OF ARRIVAL

Guests will be picked up at Akureyri airport and driven to their accommodation, whether it is Siglo Hotel or Grytubakki. When check-in at our Lodge is completed, our guests will have a short meeting with other skiers and the Scandic guides. In the evening, guests can relax and enjoy a drink and some snacks while looking at the program for the coming days.

THE DAYS TO COME

In terms of ski touring, there are few places in the world with as many possibilities as the Troll Peninsula in Iceland. The area is vast and largely unexplored.

The terrain has a lot of different options, from steep couloirs to easy and moderate slopes. It is also possible to traverse over to the next fjords and ski down to the coast line or into the small valleys, where you will find untouched snow and probably make the first descent in that run.

Our vertical drop is up to 1.500m or approximately 4.500 ft. in the unbelievable Arctic mountains.

You will meet up again with the Scandic guides in the morning of your first day where there will be a short briefing regarding avalanche safety and beacon training and ski equipment adjustment, just so everyone will be ready.

Then the fun part starts; ski touring and exploring new lines, enjoying the breathtaking view while skiing down to the Arctic Ocean. Terrain selection is determined by the guides and is based on avalanche assessment, weather and the skiing ability of the group. Your safety is our number one priority.

After detaching the skis each day, you can enjoy some of the adventure packages we have to offer, e.g. whale watching, sea angling or horseback riding on the great Icelandic horse. It is also possible to bathe in Iceland's nicest swimming pool in an unforgettable environment.

SCANDIC GUIDES



MORE ADVENTURES

Scandic Guides offers special adventure tours to some of Iceland's most fascinating destinations or other exciting activities. Our guests have the opportunity to explore Iceland in a different way. We offer you to take part in all of our adventure packages that consist for example of whale watching, sea angling, horseback riding, jet ski, kayak, snowmobile tours or even a trip to the great nature baths in Mývatn or the famous Grettislaug natural pool.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How are the snow conditions?

Prepare for a variety of snow conditions. You could at any time be skiing fresh powder, the famous Icelandic spring corn snow or fresh and light backcountry snow.

How do I make a reservation?

On our website you will find various options available. Once you have chosen a suitable package, simply press "Submit Request" and we will respond as soon as possible about availability. If the package dates don't fit your schedule, please do not hesitate to email directly at info@scandicguides.com or call us on: (+354) 846-1674 // (+354) 661-5400

Do I bring my own ski equipment?

Guests can bring their own gear but Scandic Guides has a wide range of K2 skis and poles for rent. Please see our Equipment page for the rental gear. Please note that Guests must bring their own boots and to avoid surprises we recommend that the boots have been used before arrival.

How old do I have to be to book a trip with Scandic Mountain guides?

All participants under 18 years must have written documents from parents or a legal guardian that allow them to attend a booked tour and that their participation is in accordance with Scandic Guides terms and conditions.

How significant is the avalanche danger?

There is always some avalanche danger in the mountains. In backcountry skiing, the most important rule is to respect nature and adapt to its conditions. This is why we use only expert professional guides who constantly analyze the snowpack to make decisions that ensure the safety of our guests.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What about avalanche safety gear?

Each Guest shall use a high quality transceiver and carry a shovel and a probe in his pack. You can either use your own gear or rent it at Scandic. Your safety and comfort remain our primary concern.

What about insurance?

We recommend that you purchase insurance to cover trip cancellation, property losses and personal injury and medi-evacuation prior to your Scandic Guides holiday. We recommend World Nomads and also Global Rescue for US residents.

When is the best time to see the northern lights?

The best time to see the Northern Lights is from beginning of March to mid-April.

What do I do if the weather is insufficient?

If the weather is bad and it is unsafe to go skiing, Scandic Guides offers the most exciting non-ski activities in Iceland. From whale watching, to sea angling, to riding iconic Icelandic horses, to swimming in natural hot springs, we are surrounded by Iceland's natural wonders and never short on things to experience.

LOCATION AND HOW TO GET HERE



Our headquarters are located in Siglufjordur in the northern part of Iceland. Average flight times are between 3-4 hours from most Western European cities and 5-7 hours from North America. All international flights to Iceland go through Keflavik International Airport located just outside of Reykjavik. The main airline that flies direct to Iceland is Icelandair. When you arrive in Keflavik International Airport you can simply take a taxi straight to the domestic airport in Reykjavik. As well, there is scheduled bus transportation between Keflavik airport and Reykjavik. This trip takes approximately 40-60 minutes. Air Iceland Connect flies direct from Reykjavik Domestic Airport to Akureyri Airport, closest to Scandic Guides. There are five flights daily between Reykjavik and Akureyri and you will find all information about flight times on airicelandconnect.is We recommend that you book the latest flight when traveling back from Akureyri to Reykjavik. The latest flight from Akureyri is around 8:10pm. Our staff will pick you up in Akureyri Domestic Airport and drive you to our Siglo Hotel or Scandic Ski touring Lodge.

It's also possible to rent a car at the International Airport in Keflavik and drive to Siglo Hotel or Grýtubakki Lodge. This spectacular drive takes approx. 5 hours. For further information about travelling to Iceland, Akureyri and the Siglufjordur Hotel, please contact us via email info@scandicguides.com



EQUIPMENT LIST

We recommend that you bring the following gear:

- - *A pair of ski boots that fit well (not brand new)*
- - *Water proof or water resistant outerwear (something that you can put layers underneath)*
- - *2 pairs of ski gloves or mittens*
- - *2 hats (one for colder days and one for warmer days)*
- - *Synthetic long underwear (tops and bottoms)*
- - *A backpack 30-50 liters*
- - *Water bottles*
- - *Ski socks (2-3 pairs)*
- - *A windstopper vest or a jacket (ideal for lunchtime)*
- - *A light fleece jacket (ideal for layering)*
- - *Sunscreen and Lip Protection*
- - *Sun glasses*
- - *Ski goggles*
- - *Skis/split board with touring bindings, skins and ski poles*
- - *Crampons*
- - *An avalanche transceiver, a probe and a shovel*
- - *A camera/video/GoPro*
- - *A compact down jacket*
- - *Swimsuits*
- - *Casual clothes to wear during the stay at the Lodge*

At Sigló Hotel there is a ski-shop where you can buy things like jackets, socks, and beanies provided by our partner Salewa.

Scandic Mountain Guides is a proud partner with K2 Skis and BCA avalanche gear. Please contact us in advance if you prefer to use our K2 skis, ski poles and/or BCA avalanche gear (Airbag, shovel, probe and transceiver). We offer high quality K2 gear for our guests to rent at a low price. We have all the latest models of K2 skis and boards and BCA gear, both for man and women. Guests can of course also use their own gear. It is mandatory to ski with transceiver, shovel and probe while skiing with Scandic Guides.

PERSONAL INSURANCE

Scandic Mountain Guides does not carry health, life or injury insurance for our guests. We recommend that you purchase insurance to cover personal injury, cancellation and property losses prior to your Scandic Mountain Guides vacation. It is important that you are insured in case of injury and hospital cost, air ambulance expenses and personal belongings against loss.

We do recommend World Nomads www.worldnomads.com and also Global Rescue for US residents www.globalrescue.com

WILDERNESS SKIING WAIVER

Upon Arrival all guests have to sign our Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement before being allowed to ski/ride with Scandic Mountain Guides.

Scandic Mountain Guides
WILDERNESS SKIING WAIVER
RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
(hereinafter the "Release Agreement")
BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT, YOU WILL WAIVE OR GIVE UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR CLAIM COMPENSATION FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Name	Last	First	INITIAL
Address	Street	City	
Country	Postal/Zip Code	State (optional)	Date of Birth Day / Month / Year Age

TO: Scandic Mountain Guides ehf. and Vesturflug ehf. (hereinafter collectively referred to as the **Releasess**).

DEFINITIONS
In this Release Agreement, the term "**wilderness activities**" shall include all activities, accommodation, transportation, events and services provided, arranged, organized, conducted, or authorized by the **Releasess** and shall include but is not limited to: skiing, heliskiing, ski-touring, snowboarding, hiking, and other form of backcountry travel; rental or use of skis, snowboards or other equipment; demonstrations, orientational and instructional courses; loading, unloading and travel by or movement in or around helicopters, snowcats, snowmobiles and motor vehicles; and other activities, events and services in any way connected with or related to wilderness activities.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS - **AVALANCHES, ALPINE TERRAIN, WILDERNESS TRAVEL, WEATHER ETC.** I am aware that wilderness activities involves risks, dangers and hazards. Avalanches occur frequently in the terrain used for wilderness activities and may be caused by natural forces or by skiers. I acknowledge and accept that the **Releasess** may fail to predict whether the alpine terrain is safe for wilderness activities or whether an avalanche may occur. These risks include, but are not limited to: cornices; crevasses; cliffs; variable and involves many risks, dangers and hazards in addition to that of avalanches. These may include, but are not limited to: cornices; crevasses; cliffs; trees, tree wells and tree stumps; creeks; rocks; boulders; forest deadfall; holes and depressions on or below the snow surface; cliffs; variable and difficult snow conditions; snowcat roads and road banks, fences, and other man-made structures; impact or collision with other persons or objects; becoming lost or separated from one's party or guide; negligence of other persons; and **NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASERS OR THEIR GUIDES AND EMPLOYEES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS SKIING.** Skiers may become lost or separated from their skiing party or guide. Communication in the alpine terrain is difficult and in the event of an accident, rescue and medical treatment may not be available. Alpine weather conditions may be extreme and can change rapidly and without warning, making travel by helicopter, snowcat or snowmobile hazardous.

I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES AND I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.

NOTICE TO SNOWBOARDERS AND TELEMARK SKIERS - INCREASED RISK
Unlike alpine ski bootbinding systems, snowboard and some telemark bootbinding systems are not designed or intended to release and will not release under normal circumstances. The use of a safety strap or retention device by snowboarders or telemark skiers without ski brakes will increase the risk of not surviving an avalanche.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
In consideration of the **RELEASERS** allowing me to participate in wilderness activities, I hereby agree as follows:

- TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may in the future have against **THE RELEASERS** and **TO RELEASE THE RELEASERS, THEIR GUIDES, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND OTHER DIRECTORS** from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in wilderness activities, DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 337, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASERS. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASERS TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE.
- TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY** THE RELEASERS from any and all liability for any property damage or personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in wilderness activities.
- This Release Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity.
- This Release Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Release Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the REPUBLIC OF ICELAND.
- Any litigation involving the parties to this Release Agreement shall be brought solely within the REPUBLIC OF ICELAND and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the REPUBLIC OF ICELAND and no other jurisdiction; and

In entering into this Release Agreement, I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the **Releasess** with respect to the safety of wilderness activities, other than what is set forth in this Release Agreement.

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASERS.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

Signature of Witness	Signature of participant
Please Print Name	Please Print Name
	Signature of Parent or Guardian if participant is Under Age 19

WEATHER IN ICELAND

From November to February we normally get heavy snow storms in Iceland. We start our season in March because then the weather tends to be quite stable in terms of wind and precipitation. The Icelandic winter is relatively mild for its latitude. The average temperature in our heliskiing area is normally from 0 to -10 degrees Celcius up in the mountains.

In Iceland the weather can change quite fast. For example if the weather is bad in the morning then it is quite likely that we can start skiing in the afternoon and easily get a full skiing day. Because of our location we have the advantage of continuous daylight since the sun is not setting until around midnight.

SNOW AND SAFETY

Each morning and evening our guides meet to evaluate and discuss the weather, snow stability and terrain based on field observations and data supplied by remote weather stations and the Icelandic Avalanche forecasters. Our guides are constantly practicing snow and avalanche management as they analyze the changes in the conditions and make guiding decisions accordingly.

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