

Solar Eclipse 2015

- THE FAROE ISLANDS -

**Exclusive
escorted tour
led by expert
astronomer and
eclipse specialist
Andy Green**



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SOLAR ECLIPSE ESCORTED TOUR THE FAROE ISLANDS



The Faroe Islands, an 18-piece jigsaw between Iceland and Scotland, is one of only two places in the world where you'll be able to see the 2015 solar eclipse from dry land. Not only does our escorted tour allow you to witness this phenomenon first hand, you'll also be accompanied by expert astronomer Andy Green, who'll be ready to share his eclipse-viewing tips, astronomical knowledge and photography expertise.



YOUR TOUR

17 MARCH UK – Faroe Islands To start your holiday you'll be met at Stansted Airport by Andy Green and a representative from Nordic Experience before boarding a direct flight to the Faroe Islands. A private group transfer will then take you to the island of Streymoy and the 4-star Hotel Føroyar in the compact capital Tórshavn, the best hotel in the Faroe Islands and your base for the next four nights. Following check-in, there will be a light buffet supper at the hotel and a brief tour update from astronomy expert Andy Green.

18 MARCH Eysturoy & Gjógv After breakfast enjoy a privately guided group tour to the island of Eysturoy, which is joined to Streymoy by the only bridge to cross the Atlantic Ocean. The scenic drive takes you along the coast, through colourful villages, past the highest mountain in the Faroe Islands and towering sea stacks called 'The Giant and the Witch'. Your final destination is the village of Gjógv, famous for its magnificent scenery and natural harbour. During the journey your guide will explain to you the history, culture and traditions of the Faroe Islands.

**From £2,595
per person**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » Return direct flights from Stansted
- » Private group transfers throughout
- » Lectures & services of Andy Green, BSc (Hons), FRAS, FBIS
- » 4 nights at the 4-star Hotel Føroyar in Tórshavn
- » Breakfasts throughout, 3 lunches & 3 dinners
- » Excursions to Eysturoy & Sandoy
- » Celebratory gala dinner & cultural evening at a special supplement of £50 pp

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL EXCURSIONS

Home Visit – Meet the Locals

Visit a Faroese family home for coffee, cake and storytelling.

Prices from: £30 pp

Boat Trip to the Vestmanna Bird Cliffs

Join a guided boat trip to the Vestmanna bird cliffs, whose 1,500-foot faces are home to guillemots, puffins and kittiwakes. The tour also visits the ancient Viking settlements at Kvívík.

Prices from: £95 pp

High-Speed RIB Experience

Enjoy the thrill of this high-speed boat trip from Tórshavn to some of the outer islands.

Prices from: £25 pp

Art & Photo Tour

Perfect for photography and art enthusiasts, this comprehensive tour visits many of the islands' most dramatic and photogenic spots, and even includes a meeting with a celebrated Faroese artist.

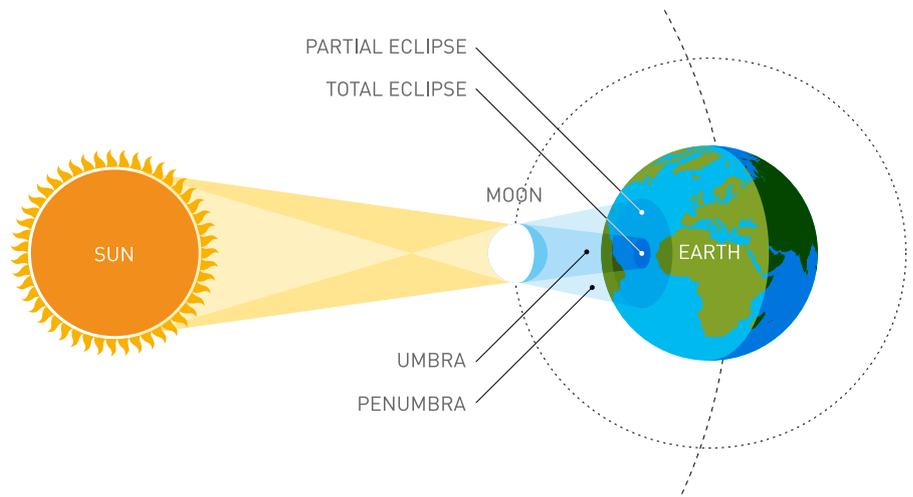
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After lunch in a local restaurant you'll return to the hotel where Andy Green will give a lecture on various aspects of astronomy, including information on what to expect from the impending solar eclipse. This is followed by a buffet dinner at the hotel.

19 MARCH Sandoy Today enjoy a full-day tour to the unspoiled island of Sandoy, also known as Saga Island. The island is steeped in history, myths and legends, many of which will be recounted by your guide as you tour the island, stopping off at viewpoints and areas of cultural importance. Lunch will be served en-route and you'll return to the hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner tonight is in a local Tórshavn restaurant, where Andy will be on hand to answer any last-minute questions before tomorrow's big event.

20 MARCH Solar Eclipse Our specialist team will carefully select the best location from which to view today's total solar eclipse. As with all natural phenomena, unimpeded sightings cannot be guaranteed, but what we can promise is that we'll put you in the best position possible to witness the



eclipse. And of course Andy will be with you to explain what you're witnessing, answer any questions and offer advice on photography.

The partial eclipse will start at 08:38. At 09:41 it will reach its maximum, when the moon's diameter will appear larger than the sun, plunging the Faroe Islands into darkness. Experiencing a solar eclipse can leave you with many emotions. The intensity of the day can reduce some people to tears, others give whoops and cheers of joy, some are silent, some like to capture the spectacle on camera, but many just stand still, in awe at what they're witnessing.

After the event you will be taken back to the Hotel Føroyar for lunch and the opportunity to share and reflect on the experience. This evening you're invited to a celebratory gala dinner and cultural evening, which is sure to have something of a carnival atmosphere.

21 MARCH Return to the UK Today is left free for you to relax or partake in additional optional excursions (*see left*) before transferring to the airport and flying back to the UK in the evening.

ANDY GREEN BSc (Hons), FRAS, FBIS
Your Private Eclipse Expert



Andy Green has been involved in astronomy for more than 37 years. He is a Fellow of both the Royal Astronomical Society and the British Interplanetary Society, and Director and Senior Lecturer at StarDome – Astronomy & Astronautics, a professional consulting and lecturing service. His work has seen him lecture the world over and lead groups to observatories and space agencies as far afield as Hawaii, mainland USA, Australia and Chile. He has written for such magazines as *Spaceflight*, *Quest* and *RocketSTEM*, presented talks for the London Science Museum, and for four years was a guest astronomy expert on BBC Radio. He has personally met more than 60 NASA astronauts and Russian cosmonauts, including several who have walked on the moon. He is also a skilled photographer, whose eclipse images have been used extensively on TV and online by the BBC.

In recent years, Andy has worked as a consultant and guide specialising in astronomy tours. He has developed and led a number of hugely popular trips to see the Northern Lights in Iceland and eclipses in China, South America, the USA and Australia. We are honoured and excited to have Andy join us on this exclusive Nordic Experience solar eclipse tour.

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Nordic Experience is a leading UK tour operator specialising in tailor-made tours to Norway, Iceland, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Greenland and the Faroe Islands. Our year-round programme covers everything from Midnight Sun experiences to the Northern Lights, flexible summer fly-drives and escorted small-group Father Christmas tours. Others may dabble in this area, but to us it is our heart and soul. We visit the region regularly and are always on hand to offer first-class recommendations as to when and where to travel to get the best from your Scandinavian experience.

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