

Hraunfossar Waterfall



Reynisfjara
"Black Beach"

Incredible Iceland

September 14 - 23, 2024 (10 days)

HIGHLIGHTS



- * Reykjavik Sightseeing
- * Snaefellsnes Peninsula Excursion
- * Shark Museum
- * Borgarfjordur & Grabrok Sightseeing
- * Settlement Center & Skogar Folk Museum
- * Golden Circle Tour
- * National Park Thingvellir with Gullfoss Waterfall & Geysir area
- * Skaftafell National Park
- * Jokulsarlon Glacier Lagoon Boat Cruise
- * Seljalandsfoss & Skogafoss Waterfalls
- * South Shore Adventure
- * Local Farm Visit
- * Blue Lagoon Bathing
- * The Perlan



Experience the relaxing Blue Lagoon!



Cruising through the remarkable Jokulsarlon Glacier Lagoon

Fun Facts: Iceland has the most active volcano area in the world, the largest waterfall and glacier in Europe, and the cleanest capital in the world. Soccer is Iceland's favorite team game and in the phone book everyone is listed by their first name.

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Days 1 & 2 – USA to Reykjavik, Iceland

Depart Minnesota with an R&J Tour Director and take an overnight flight to arrive in Reykjavik, Iceland in the early morning. We'll start our day with breakfast in Keflavik, inside the Viking World Museum (Vikingaheimar). Then we'll take a short sightseeing drive around Reykjanes Peninsula before heading to the famous Blue Lagoon where we can bathe in its rejuvenating waters and dine in style at their Lava Restaurant. Maybe a little quiet time after we check into our hotel and before we gather once more for a welcome dinner with our travel companions.

Hotel: Center Hotel Midgardur (2 Nights)

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 – Reykjavik area

Today we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Reykjavik. Unique shops, buildings, and history of Reykjavik and the surrounding areas are highlighted today with our Icelandic guide. Step inside Hallgrímskirkja, the Church of Iceland, in downtown Reykjavik. At 244 feet tall, it is the tallest church in Iceland. Lunch is at the unique restaurant Perlan, built on water tanks that hold the city's hot water supplies. Take advantage of the spectacular views of the city and



Hallgrímskirkja Church



Visit the famous Geysir area!

surrounding area as you dine. The Perlan building is also home to their own Museum & Planetarium where we might get a chance to see their Northern Lights show! This afternoon you'll have some free time to explore at Reykjavik Center or relax at the hotel. Dinner and the evening are yours to explore.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4 – Golden Circle

After breakfast, we embark on the famous Golden Circle tour. Our first stop is at the National Park Thingvellir, where we can see the continental plates drifting apart and perhaps take a walk in the canyon. Then we'll visit the breathtaking waterfall Gullfoss and the famous Geysir area. This evening we unpack for a relaxing three night stay in Borgarnes.

Hotel: Hotel Hamar (3 Nights)

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5 - Borgarnes area

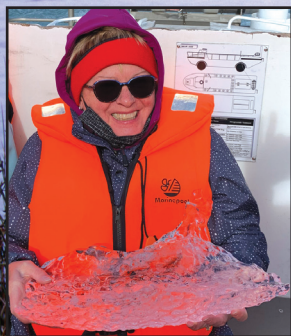
This morning we tour the Settlement Exhibition to learn how Iceland was discovered, and how the Viking sailors conquered the open ocean and why they left their homelands in Norway. We'll then continue to Deildartunguhver, a hot spring with the strongest water flow in all of Europe. Next we visit Hraunfossar, a gorgeous & serene series of waterfalls that cascade into the Hvita River over ledges of lava rock. Within walking distance is the rapid Barnafoss waterfall, which cuts through the narrow canyon. We'll return to our hotel for a relaxing evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6 – Snaefellsnes Peninsula

The Snaefellsnes Peninsula in western Iceland is almost like a miniature of the whole country. There are white and black beaches, bird cliffs, spectacular mountains, volcanic craters, incredibly rich trout

Such beautiful landscapes in Iceland - pictured here is Esja Mountain near Reykjavik!





Breathtaking Gullfoss Waterfall



Malarriif Lighthouse - Snaefellsjokull NP



Skogar Museum's turf buildings

lakes, salmon rivers, lush valleys, unique harbors in charming fishing villages, and a world-renowned glacier. We'll look at stunning rock formations and teeming bird life in the lovely towns of the peninsula. Experience all the beauty with the serene and majestic Snaefellsjokull glacier serving as stunning backdrop. We'll also visit the Bjarnarhofn Shark Museum, where we'll get the opportunity to taste rotted shark, and learn why it is considered a delicacy in Iceland!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7 – South Shore Adventure

Today will be another wonderful day in Iceland as we explore up close to a number of spectacular waterfalls. At Skogafoss, we're able to hike close to, and up above, the impressive 203 ft drop. At Seljalandsfoss, we'll be able to take a breathtaking hike under and behind this beautiful waterfall. At Reynisfjara Beach, we'll experience some of the strongest and scariest waves as they crash into the black lava sands. The Skogar Folk Museum will allow us to see first-hand Icelandic history through exploring the three sites with folk relics and a model turf-house village. Check out a bit of Icelandic shopping in Vik, right across the street from our hotel for the next two nights.

Hotel: Hotel Vik (2 Nights)

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8 – Skaftafell and Jokulsarlon Glacier

Today we drive east to explore the Skaftafell National Park. You might take a walk up to Svartifoss waterfall, and have time to wander around this picturesque national park. Then we continue on to the breathtaking Jokulsarlon Glacier Lagoon for a boat ride sailing amongst icebergs of all shapes and sizes! This thrilling environment is constantly changing as the massive glacier tongue retreats further. Explore Diamond Beach, a black lava sand beach dotted with huge chunks of the Breioamerkurjokull glacier. Arrive back in Vik to enjoy dinner together.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9 – South Shore with Farm Visit

A special treat will be near Reykholt, where we will explore a local farm growing tomatoes and other delicacies, along with a "meeting with an Icelandic Horse." This is not some regular tomato farm, but a steamlined, progressive indoor tomato greenhouse where we'll learn about their unique growing process and enjoy a lunch menu filled with tomato based items to taste and enjoy. Take a walk to the stables for an upclose look and feel of the Icelandic horses, the only breed we'll see in all of Iceland. Later we continue our drive through the vast and beautiful, moss covered lava fields on our way back to Rekjavik for our last meal together with our new friends.

Hotel: Center Hotel Midgardur

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 - Reykjavik to Home

After breakfast, we'll check out of our hotel and head to the airport for our departure flight. As we fly home, take time to reminisce about our Incredible Iceland adventure!

Included Meals: Breakfast

Shark Tasting!



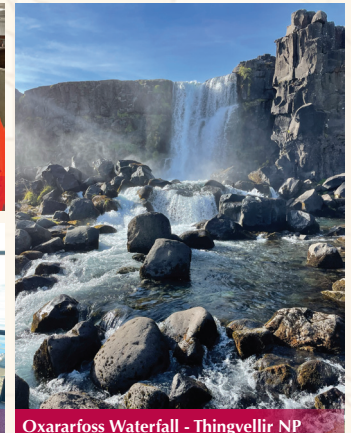
Gatklettur - between Hellnar & Arnarslapi



Frioheimar Tomato & Horse Farm



Viking World Museum



Oxararfoss Waterfall - Thingvellir NP

2024 DATES & PRICES		
DATES:	September 14 - 23, 2024 (10 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$5,999 Double	\$7,289 Single
PRICE INCLUDES:	RT Airfare including taxes, fuel surcharges, & baggage fees! 19 Meals, Hotels & Activities as stated, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$500 deposit per person at time of reservation and final payment due June 11, 2024.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$445 Double per person	\$579 Single
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$70 R&J Travel Bucks earned on this Tour	
TOUR PACE: <small>(See page 9 for description)</small>	Moderate Walking	
IDENTIFICATION:	A Valid Passport is Required & must be valid 3 months beyond September 13, 2024.	
CANCELLATION: <small>(WITHOUT TRAVEL PROTECTION)</small>	Cancelling prior to departure between: 99-75 days: \$500 Deposit non-refundable; 74-45 days: 25% Tour cost non-refundable; 44-30 days: 50% Tour cost non-refundable; 29-0 days: 100% Tour cost non-refundable.	