

Presents

Iceland, the Hidden Treasure

July 28 - August 6, 2017

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- Round trip motor coach transportation from Peoria to O'Hare Airport
- Round trip air transportation from Chicago to Reykjavik on Icelandair regularly scheduled flights
- 8 nights of First Class hotel accommodations as per the itinerary
- > Full breakfast daily
- > Five included dinners
- > Visit with entrance fees to the Blue Lagoon Thermal Bath
- Horse Show demonstration
- Whale Watching excursion by boat
- > Amphibian boat ride on the Ice Lagoon
- Extensive daily sightseeing including entrance fees to the national parks
- > English speaking tour director throughout
- > Porterage of one suitcase per person at all hotels
- All airline taxes and current fuel surcharges

Not included: gratuity to guide and driver, beverages with included dinners, optional non-refundable insurance package.

"DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

JULY 28 - PEORIA/CHICAGO/DEPARTURE

Depart Peoria by motor coach to Chicago's O'Hare Airport where you board your Icelandair non-stop 6-1/2 hour flight to Reykjavik, Iceland. Food onboard can be purchased in advance or onboard, beverages are provided free of charge.

JULY 29 – REYKJAVIK/BLUE LAGOON

Arrival at Keflavík International Airport where you will be greeted and transferred to the famous Blue Lagoon, a unique geothermal spa situated in the youngest lava field in western Iceland. The Blue Lagoon offers many recreational options such as bathing in its milky blue waters, enjoying an outdoor massage or spa treatment (needs to be booked in advance), or simply walking in the spectacular surroundings of the Lagoon. On site there is also a fantastic restaurant with á la carte menu, and a smaller cafeteria and bar. The Blue Lagoon shop offers skin care products based on the unique blend of Blue Lagoon geothermal seawater and active ingredients including minerals, silica, and algae. Icelandic designer clothing and art are also available. After ample time enjoying the facilities, you are transferred to your hotel.

JULY 30 - REYKJAVÍK – BORGARFJÖRÐUR - AKUREYRI

After breakfast you start your roundtrip of Iceland by heading towards Borgarfjördur. You will visit Reykholt and the splendid waterfalls of Hraunfossar and Barnafoss, then stop at Deildartunguhver, Iceland's largest hot spring (in terms of water production per second). From Borgarnes drive to the North of Iceland through the Skagafjördur region, an area known for horse breeding. Many Icelandic horses can be seen grazing in the fields of the Skagafjörður valley. Stopping at Gauksmýri horse farm and country hotel for coffee, you will see the versatility of the Icelandic horses in action, and the farm owner will answer questions. After the demonstration (15 minute show) guests are invited to visit the stables to get to know the Icelandic horses better.

In the late afternoon continue your drive until you reach Akureyri, the major town in North Iceland, with its beautiful church and botanical garden. Dinner is included this evening. (B&D)

JULY 31 - AKUREYRI - MYVATN - AKUREYRI

Today you head for Lake Myvatn stopping enroute at the Goðafoss waterfall, the waterfall of the pagan gods. Then it's onto the Myvatn area where you spend the day exploring the wonders around the lake, which is one of Iceland's most interesting regions with fantastic volcanic formations, geothermal activity and its teeming bird life, particularly ducks.

Take a walk at the Dimmuborgir lava formations and pause to look at the Skutustadir pseudocraters. Visit the amazing boiling mud pools and steam vents of Námaskard, and then it's off to the Krafla area, where a series of volcanic eruptions took place from 1975-1984. Drive back to hotel in Akureyri area. Dinner is included this evening. (B&D)

AUGUST 1 - AKUREYRI - DETTIFOSS - EAST FJORDS

You now drive to the east of Iceland to visit the mighty Dettifoss, Iceland's and Europe's most powerful waterfall. It thunders 132 feet into a deep gorge and you will literally feel the earth tremble beneath your feet. Then continue your trip through the desert highlands of Möðrudalur to the village of Egilsstadir on the banks of Lake Lögurinn in the center of Eastern Iceland. If you are lucky you might catch a glimpse of the *Lagarfljótsormurinn*, a large creature that is said to live in Lake Lögurinn. Dinner is included this evening. **(B&D)**

AUGUST 2 - EAST FJORDS - HÖFN

Today's journey takes you south through the sheltered East Fjords and their small fishing villages. You pass the villages of Reydarfjördur and Fáskrúdsfjördur before arriving in Stödvarfjördur where you will visit Petra's famous stone collection -- a collection of thousands of stones from all over Iceland. Next, drive to Breiddalsvík and Djúpivogur, and finally head to Iceland's Southeast Region to the village of Höfn, also known as the lobster capital of Iceland. Dinner is included this evening. **(B&D)**

AUGUST 3 - EAST FJORDS – JÖKULSARLON – SKAFTAFELL – VÍK

Today you will see some of some of the Iceland's most spectacular landscapes. You start with a drive along the southern side of Vatnajökull, Europe's largest ice-cap, to the Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon. Take time to walk around in these beautiful surroundings and take in the amazing landscape. Then enjoy a boat tour as you sail out among the numerous icebergs that fill the lagoon. Next, explore Skaftafell National Park, a breathtaking area right under Vatnajökull Glacier known for its unique natural features. Many wild flower species thrive in the shelter of the birch forest found on the lower slopes of the mountains. From Skaftafell continue over the Skeidarársandur black sand plains to Kirkjubæjarklaustur village with a stop at Dverghamrar, where *Dwarf Rocks*, peculiar and beautiful formations of columnar basalt thought to have been molded at the end of the Ice Age, are found. Then when you reach Vík village, you will want go for a *stroll on the beach*. These famous black sand beaches will make this for a most memorable walk and picture opportunity. Dinner and overnight in Vik. (B&D)







AUGUST 4 - SKOGAR-GULLFOSS-GEYSIR-REYKJAVIK

Today, start with a visit to Skógar where you see the magnificent Skógafoss waterfall. Next, head to the visitor center at Porvaldseyri where you can see firsthand how the eruption on Eyjafjallajökull volcano in 2010 affected the area (entrance included). There you will also see a short film which portrays the spectacular natural event, and the hectic times and incredible challenges met by the family farm of Porvaldseyri. It's NOT a typical homemovie, but a dramatic 20-minute film, showing the power of Nature and how the farm "rose from the ashes." As you continue your journey you will find another beautiful waterfall, Seljalandsfoss, which you can actually walk behind. Next, proceed to some of the country's most famous sites: the Geysir area where the hot spring Strokkur ejects its water column high into the air every 5–10 minutes and where numerous small springs boil and bubble; and, Gullfoss, surely the country's most famous waterfall. Then drive to Thingvellir National Park, a historical site where the Icelandic parliament was founded in the 10th century. Thingvellir is also one of the geological wonders of the world and there you will see astonishing fissures and lava fields. After visiting this remarkable site, continue to Reykjavik. (B)

AUGUST 5 - REYKJAVIK - WHALE WATCHING TOUR

The morning is free to spend at your own. Walk to the center of town and enjoy a leisurely stroll in the shopping district full of lovely boutiques and delightful restaurants. In the afternoon, you'll be transferred to Reykjavík harbor where you will go on an exciting boat trip in order to spot some of the many whales and dolphins that arrive close to Iceland's shore from spring to autumn. The boat has a large outside viewing deck and good inside viewing areas. Most common sightings are Mink whales, White-Beaked Dolphins, Harbor Porpoises and occasionally, the great Humpback whale. Many sea birds can be seen as well.

AUGUST 6 - REYKJAVIK/CHICAGO/PEORIA

Bid farewell to Iceland as you are transferred to the airport for your non-stop flight to Chicago. After you clear Customs, you'll be transferred back to Peoria by motor coach.





TOUR CONDITIONS

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