



Wonders of Iceland

Presented by Maryanke Tour & Travel



Day 1: Sunday, June 20, 2010 Overnight Flight

An overnight flight brings you to Iceland – an island of dramatic contrasts, and a landscape forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields and hot pools reflect its volcanic nature, while massive glaciers continue to sculpt the mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. The Icelandic people combine a reverence for their Viking heritage and ancient language with an industrialized, progressive society. Discover the spectacular landscapes and proud people of this small island nation during this fascinating journey.

Day 2: Monday, June 21, 2010 Reykjavik, Iceland

Your tour begins in Reykjavik, where you embark on a fascinating city tour that highlights such important sites as the 19th-century Parliament House, Austurvollur Square, the Hofoi House, and Tjornin Lake. Visit the National Museum of Iceland where new and dynamic exhibitions increase your knowledge of Icelandic cultural heritage, from the nation's earliest settlement through to the modern day. Gather this evening for a

June 20 - June 27, 2010

Highlights... Reykjavik • Blue Lagoon • Golden Circle • Thingvellir National Park • Skaftafell National Park • Nature Cruise • Skogar Folk Museum • Icelandic Farm •

8 Days • 10 Meals: 6 Breakfasts • 4 Dinners

Per Person Rates*:

Double \$3259 Single \$3759 Triple \$3229

***Included in Price:** Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$110 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers, Round Trip Air from Detroit Metro Airport and round-trip transfers from mid-Michigan.

*** Not Included in Price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$150 per person,

welcome reception and dinner. *Today Dinner is included.*

Day 3: Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Reykjavik - Reykjanes Peninsula - Reykjavik

During a full-day excursion, explore the scenic landscape of the Reykjanes Peninsula, stopping at Bessastadir, an ancient Viking site that is now the official residence of the current president. Continue to Lake Kleifarvatn to see an amazing display of geothermal activity, including steaming fumaroles, hot springs and mud pots. Conclude your day at the famous Blue Lagoon, a natural geothermal pool in the middle of a large, dramatic lava field. Enjoy time to relax and/or take a swim in this pleasantly warm, mineral-rich water. *Today Breakfast is included.*

Day 4: Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Vik**

Travel to the "Golden Circle" which encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural scenic wonders. Thingvellir National Park is Iceland's most historic site and one of its most beautiful places. The oldest existing parliament in the world first met here in AD 930. The park also features the geologically significant Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the American and European tectonic plates meet. Continue to the amazing hot springs of Geysir, then marvel at one of the island's greatest natural wonders, the two-tiered Gullfoss Waterfall. Continue south to the town of Vik, a small town set along Iceland's dramatic southern coast, where black sand beaches, crashing waves, and towering figures of black rock form an unforgettable sight. *Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

Day 5: Thursday, June 24, 2010

Vik - Skaftafell National Park - Vik

Begin the day at Skaftafell National Park, a beautiful green oasis located near the highest

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

DAY 1

Overnight Flight

DAY 2 - 3

Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

DAY 4 - 5

Hotel Hofdabrekka**, Vik

DAY 6 - 7

Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

***Experience It!
in Iceland***

Your Icelandic adventure is complemented by intriguing talks that explore the natural history of this geologically "young" nation. • Learn how Iceland hopes to become energy independent through its hydro and geothermal power plants from expert Maria Maack. Discover why this is an achievable goal that makes Iceland the envy of energy-import dependent countries. • Acquaint yourself with the geologic energies at work in Iceland during a lecture by a geologist who explains the geothermal hotspots, volcanic rocks and glaciers that you observe throughout your journey.

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peak in Iceland. Later, an unforgettable boat trip* amid graceful, floating icebergs serves as an introduction to Iceland's dramatic glaciers and is the perfect opportunity to see many species of birds. *Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

Day 6: Friday, June 25, 2010

Vik - Reykjavik

On your trip back to Reykjavik, travel across fertile pastures, sand flats and glacial rivers en route to Skogar, a small settlement located next to a magnificent waterfall. Visit Skogar's Folk Museum, which houses an interesting collection of Icelandic artifacts. Next, stop at a traditional Icelandic horse farm. Learn how Iceland's horses are directly descended from those brought by the Vikings and how Iceland is preserving this heritage. *Today Breakfast is included.*

Day 7: Saturday, June 26, 2010

Reykjavik

Today is at leisure to explore the capital city of Iceland with its many art galleries and museums. You may choose to join an optional whale watching or "Super Jeep" glacier excursion. During the "Super Jeep" excursion you will travel on top of Iceland's Langjökull Glacier. Gather for a farewell dinner this evening. *Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

Day 8: Sunday, June 27, 2010

Reykjavik - Tour Concludes

Your tour ends, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful vacation. *Today Breakfast is included.*

Please Note:

- Passport is required.
- Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 PM. Rooms may not be available prior to that time. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of booking. Singles are very limited on this tour and are subject to availability. ** On some dates, accommodations may be in Kirkjubaejarklaustur instead of Vik. However, this does not affect the included sightseeing attractions. The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour. * The glacier cruise on Day 5 operates early-May to mid-September, weather permitting. It may be substituted with a lunch when the cruise is not operating during the off-season. Smithsonian Journeys Travel Adventures prides itself on bringing travelers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing sturdy walking shoes.
- Museum visits and shopping may be affected with observance of religious or local holidays.

- This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.
- To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing airfare with your Smithsonian Journeys Travel Adventures tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.