



# Iceland – Summer Expedition

August 21 – 29, 2017

Join the Ski Jammers to Iceland, not just a destination.

It is an adventure set in stunning scenery. Iceland is a country of sharp contrasts.....a place where fire and ice co-exist.....where dark waters are offset by the summer's midnight sun.



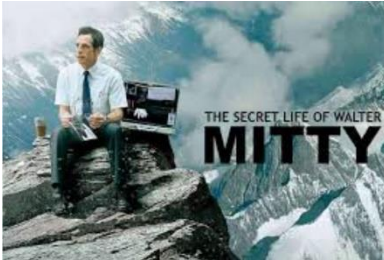
*Add Iceland To Your Bucket*



Located in the North-Atlantic Ocean and close by the Arctic Circle, Iceland is very much a bridge between continents. It takes five hours to fly from New York. Thanks to the Gulf Stream, Iceland enjoys a cool, temperate maritime climate, with refreshing summers and surprisingly mild winters. Despite the name, “ice” only covers 10 percent of the land, but still has the largest glaciers left in Europe.



Iceland is the location of some of the popular movies such as “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” and TV Series “Game of Thrones. Iceland offers some of the most spectacular scenery in the World. You’ll even have the possibility to view The Northern Lights.



### ICELAND TOUR PRICES INCLUDE:

**August 21 - August 29, 2017**

- AIR BETWEEN HOUSTON, AUSTIN OR SAN ANTONIO AND REYKJAVIK, ICELAND VIA DELTA.
- TRANSFER BETWEEN REYKJAVIK AIRPORT IN PRIVATE MOTORCOACH WITH ENGLISH SPEAKING ASSISTANCE
- ARRIVAL BREAKFAST IN KEFLAVIK.
- ENTRANCE TO BLUE LAGOON WITH TOWEL RENTAL.
- 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN REYKJAVIK AT THE FIRST HOTEL ALDA.
- WELCOME DINNER AT LOCAL RESTAURANT INCLUDING TRANSFERS WITH GUIDE.
- HALF DAY CITY TOUR OF REYKJAVIK WITH GUIDE.
- 3 DAYS OF TOURING WITH BUS DRIVER & GUIDE BEGINNING FROM REYKJAVIK (see itinerary)
- 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATIONS IN AKUREYRI.
- 2 DINNERS AT THE HOTEL KEA IN AKUREYRI.
- TOURING OF THE WESTERN AND NORTHERN COASTS AS PER ITINERARY.
- 3 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATIONS IN REYKJAVIK AT THE FIRST HOTEL ALDA.
- FAREWELL DINNER INCLUDING WINE AT THE HOTEL.
- GOLDEN CIRCLE TOUR FROM REYKJAVIK.
- ENTRANCE TO THE GLAUMBAER MUSEUM.
- ENTRANCE TO THE HERRING MUSEUM.
- HORSE DEMONSTRATION INCLUDING TEA.
- SOUTH SHORE ADVENTURE WITH GUIDE.
- PORTERAGE OF ONE PIECE OF LUGGAGE PER PERSON AT ALL HOTELS.
- CARRIAGE OF 1 PIECE OF LUGGAGE PLUS A SMALL CARRY ON FOR ALL BUS TRANSFERS AND EXCURSIONS
- ALL CURRENT LOCAL TAXES.
- CURRENT FUEL SURCHARGE.
- CURRENT AIR TAXES.
- PASSPORT CASES AND LUGGAGE TAGS

### Post-trip to Bergen, Norway includes:

**August 29 - September 3, 2017**

- Airfare via Icelandic Airlines from Reykjavik to Bergen, Norway.
- Transfer between Bergen Airport and hotel in private motor coach with English Speaking guide.
- 4 night’s accommodations in Bergen at the 4 star Hotel Admiral.
- Half day city tour of Bergen.
- Baggage handling of one piece of luggage per person round trip.
- Local hotel tax.
- Current air taxes and fuel charges on Icelandic Air.
- Airfare between Bergen and Reykjavik via Icelandic.
- 1 night’s accommodations in Reykjavik at the 4 star Icelandic Hotel at the Airport.
- Breakfast at the Icelandic Hotel.
- Return air on Delta back to USA.
- Optional tours available.



- TSC/HOLIDAZE CREDENTIAL/PIN.

## ICELAND ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrival, breakfast in Keflavík, transfer to the Blue Lagoon – Reykjavik [B/D]



You will be picked up at Keflavik International Airport. We start the day with breakfast in Keflavík. Then it is only a 20 minutes' drive before we reach the Blue lagoon. The Blue Lagoon is one of Iceland's most popular attractions, a natural geothermal pool in the middle of a large and dramatic lava field and an oasis that owes its existence to a nearby geothermal power plant, looming large over the aqua tinted waters. We stop for 1 ½ hour for a refreshing bathe or a swim in the inviting, rejuvenating and pleasantly warm mineral-rich water (36°C-38°C/100-110°F), reputed for its healing properties. From the Blue Lagoon it takes

about 45 minutes passing lava landscape and several suburbs before reaching Reykjavík, the northern most Capital city in the world. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant in the city center.

### Day 2: Reykjavík city tour with guide, free afternoon [B]

We pass Hallgrímskirkja-Church and enjoy a photo stop at Höfði house, where the Reagan/Gorbachev summit meeting took place in 1986. We continue to district of the University, the Nordic house and National Museum. From the City Hall we take a walk through the city center to the street where the first settler built his house. Next to the Parliament and Lutheran cathedral we pass the sculpture of Skúli Magnússon, the founder of Reykjavík and Jón Sigurðsson, our real independence hero. We then head towards the city pond to enjoy different types of birds, geese, and whooper swans and ducks mallards. We drive past the Catholic Church and enjoy then the panoramic view over Reykjavik, the fjord and mountains from the balcony at the Pearl. We end the tour at the harbour where we find a large fleet of whale watching and fishing boats in all sizes.



The afternoon is free for optional whale watching or walking around in the city.

#### **Optional Entrances/Activities:**

Whale Watching Excursion = 70 EUR per person

Dinner on own.



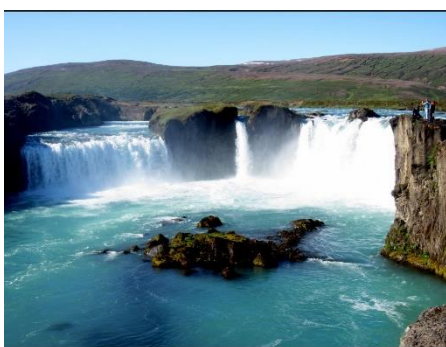


### Day 3: Reykjavík – Akureyri [B/D]

After leaving Reykjavík, we explore Hraunfossar, a series of waterfalls pouring from beneath a long row of lava fields into Hvítá River. Barnafoss “the Children’s fall” is nearby and has its own tragic tale. Then we visit Europe's most powerful hot spring and climb the Grábrók volcano crater in West Iceland. We continue along fjords and over mountains to Akureyri - the capital of North Iceland, our base for the next two nights. Dinner at the hotel



### Day 4: Akureyri – Mývatn – Akureyri [B/D]



We explore Goðafoss, the waterfall of the Gods, and continue to Lake Mývatn, known for its rich bird life and extraordinary volcanic lava landscapes. Visit pseudo craters, walk in the lava field Dimmuborgir, climb up to the rim of the ash crater Hverfjall, see the hot springs and bubbling mud pools of Námaskarð, and travel to the Crater Lake Víti in the Krafla geothermal fields. Dinner at the hotel.

### Day 5: Akureyri- Reykjavík [B]

We travel back west over the mountains to Skagafjörður, known as the valley of horses, and home to many ancient farms. We visit the folk museum and turf farm at Glaumbær. The buildings of the farm date from slightly different periods in the 18th- & 19th-centuries. Onward we travel south and stop for coffee & cake at a horse farm, where we also learn about the history and special gaits of the Icelandic horse. Evening at leisure.



### Day 6: Golden Circle day tour [B]



Over a scenic route we reach Þingvellir (Thingvellir) National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site. We stroll around the country’s most sacred site, home of the oldest existing parliament in the world, the Alþingi, and major events in our history. We drive to the mighty Gullfoss (the Golden Waterfall), perhaps the most beautiful in the country. Onward we explore the geothermal active valley of Haukadalur which contains the geysers Geysir and Strokkur. Strokkur, the Great Geysir’s little brother, is spouting to a height of about 25 metres (82 ft) and erupts at about 5-7 minute intervals. Evening at leisure.



### Day 7: South shore of Iceland – Reykjavík [B/D]

The route passes through some of the prettiest countryside in Iceland with fields, farms and villages towards the Eyjafjalla and Mýrdalsjökull glaciers in South Iceland. We continue to the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, that's more than 60m high (197 ft) and belongs to the largest waterfalls in Iceland. Then on to the beautifully sited village of Vík í Mýrdal, the southernmost village in Iceland. After lunch break we reach the volcanic black sandy beach of Reynisfjara that is famous for its bird species including puffins. We reach Seljalandsfoss, a graceful ribbon-like waterfall, which drops from an overhanging lava cliff. If you step carefully, you can walk behind it, but be prepared to get wet.



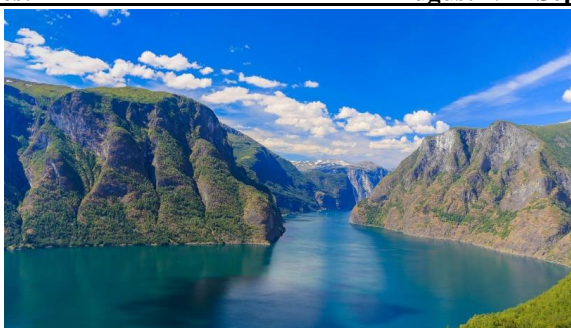
Farewell dinner at the hotel in Reykjavík.

### Day 8: Departure transfer without assistant [B]

Today is the day you depart and we need to say good bye. Transfer to the airport for return flight to the USA or on to the Post trip to Bergen, Norway.

### Post-trip extension tour to Bergen, Norway includes:

**August 29 – September 02, 2017**



Web address:

<http://www.clarionhotel.com/hotel-bergen-norway-NO037>

### Pricing:

Includes Air from IAH	Total Cost
Tour Package - Double	3158
Tour Package - Single	3868

#### Land Only

Tour Package - Double	2254
Tour Package - Single	2964

Norway - Double	949
Norway - Single	1365