

# Wendinger Travel

Presents

# Iceland ~ Land of Fire and Ice

August 25 - September 1, 2025

From \$4,698 per person, double occupancy from Minneapolis

Reykjavik, the world's northernmost capital, is a bright, colorful city, rich in cultural attractions and history, and surrounded by the most breathtaking scenery you'll find on the planet.



## Mon., Aug. 25 – MINNEAPOLIS / EN ROUTE

We depart Minneapolis this afternoon by scheduled non-stop service of Icelandair on the overnight transatlantic flight to Reykjavik, Iceland.

## Tues., Aug. 26 – KEFLAVIK / REYKJAVIK

On arrival in Keflavik International Airport we'll meet our Iceland Tour Guide who will introduce us to the capital city of Reykjavik and beyond. We'll make our first stop at Viking World, dedicated to the history of Vikings in Iceland where you'll have an opportunity to explore the exhibitions, allowing visitors of all ages to learn more about Viking history in Iceland. Then, we travel to Reykjavik for an introductory tour, taking in most of the city's major attractions including the Laugardalur Park Recreation Area; Perlan, an iconic building that hosts a one of a kind nature Exploratorium; Hofdi House, the municipal reception hall where former President Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev met in October 1986 to discuss global disarmament; and the city's landmark Lutheran Hallgrímskirkja. comes to an end as we arrive at our downtown hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure. Despite Reykjavik's relatively short history as a city, the downtown is home to an impressive collection of interesting attractions of historic significance with much to pique the curiosity of visitors. (B,D)

### Wed., Aug. 27 – REYKJAVIK (Golden Circle)

Today we will capture the essence of Iceland in all its awesome beauty as we tour the 190-mile circular route known as the Golden Circle. Our first stop on tour is **Thingvellir National Park**, a place of tremendous importance to both Iceland's geological and historical inheritance. It is here where the tectonic plates that divide the continents of North America and Euro/Asia can be identified, and we'll have an opportunity to walk along the Almannagia fault to where Europe's oldest national legislative assembly, the Icelandic Parliament,

was established in the year 930. Then we're headed to the Geysir geothermal area with its multitude of hot springs. Just a few miles down the road we'll come to what is Iceland's best-known natural wonder, the



dramatic Gullfoss Waterfall. Returning to Reykjavik, we'll descend towards the fertile farmlands of the south-western plain and stop to visit the Fridheimar Horse Farm for an insight into one of the finest horse breeds in the world, the Icelandic horse; a breed that has been intertwined with the culture and history of the Icelandic nation throughout the centuries. (B,L)

## Thurs., Aug. 28 - REYKJAVIK (Wonders of Iceland)

This morning we travel to **Perlan**, a nature museum unlike any other to discover the Wonders of Iceland. You'll have an opportunity to explore the amazing Ice Cave and Glaciers Exhibition and view the Northern Lights Show - Áróra, the first ever 8K northern lights planetarium film, as well as the Volcano Show for a fascinating insight into the Geldingadalir eruption that began in March 2021 and lasted several months. We'll also be sure to visit the Observation Deck that encircles Perlan's dome for an amazing 360° view of Reykjavík and the surrounding area. **(B)** 

## Fri., Aug. 29 - REYKJAVIK (Ice Cave Tour)

Today we travel outside of Reykjavik to explore the second-largest glacier in Iceland from the inside! Our journey will take us on a guided tour in a monster truck to the entrance of the Langjokull Ice Cave. Going into the glacier is an unforgettable experience which takes place in one of the world's great wildernesses. Imagine

standing on an ice cap reaching 200 meters below your feet! Our glacier guide will take us on an amazing journey, deep into Iceland's Ice Age where you can see the stunning blue-



hued ice. As we'll soon learn firsthand, the ice tunnel in the Langjökull Glacier is the second largest of its kind in the world. (B,L)

## Sat., Aug. 30 – REYKJAVIK (Whale Watch Cruise)

This morning we travel to Reykjavik's waterfront from where we'll embark aboard a Whale Watch Cruise. As weather and sea conditions play a significant role in what we'll see from the boat, you can't be sure what we'll find, but each cruise is sure to be unique. The sea creatures generally seen on tour include minke whales, humpback whales, white-beaked dolphins, and harbor porpoises. During the cruise, our knowledgeable guides will entertain us with fun facts about Icelandic marine life while we search for these majestic creatures on Faxaflói Bay. Following our cruise, the afternoon is at leisure to explore Reykjavik. Whatever you choose to do, everything you desire is within reach as the compact city center places most destinations within relatively easy walking distance. If you're seeking a slower pace, get to know the locals in a cozy coffee house. course, there is always shopping nearby for traditional Icelandic souvenirs. Art enthusiasts should visit the National Gallery and the Museum of Photography, while music aficionados can visit the northernmost opera house in the world. (B)

## Sun., Aug. 31 – REYKJAVIK (South Shore)

Today we will explore Iceland's South Shore traveling along the Ring Road east of Reykjavik over a volcanic scarred mountain pass that later descends into the fertile green farmlands of the south plain. We'll stop in the village of Skogar to visit the meticulously managed Folk Museum, a collection of over 1,000 years of history exhibited in three spaces - a Folk Museum, a Technical Museum, and the Open Air Museum. Next we'll stop to view the Seljalandsfoss Waterfall. The cliffs behind the falls have a wide cavern, and paths allow guests to fully encircle it. However, visitors should be prepared to get damp due to the perpetual mist of the falls! Then, we'll head on over to the Skógafoss Waterfall, one of the biggest in Iceland, unique because the waterfall comes directly from two glaciers, Eyjafjallajokull and Myrdalsjokul. It is one of Iceland's best photo opportunities and overwhelming



standing next to it. Afterward, we travel further east past the sea cliffs of Dyrholaey to the small village of Vik. Set on a scenic stretch of coastline, we can walk along the

black sand beach to see colonies of artic terns. In the summer, thousands of puffins make their nests in the grassy hills making the region a puffin-watching hotspot. We'll also view the famous blow hole from where the sea swells produce a massive column of water. On our return to Reykjavik we'll pass through the village of Hvolsvollur for an up-close view of the Solheimajokull Glacier, an outlet glacier of the mighty icecap of Myrdalsjokull and one of the most easily accessible glaciers to reach from Reykjavik. (B,D)

## Mon., Sept. 1 – REYKJAVIK / MINNEAPOLIS

As all good things must come to an end, so too does our Iceland ~ Land of Fire and Ice vacation. But first, we'll travel to the Blue Lagoon, an incredible geothermal spa set in an otherworldly area where lava and geothermal water meet and complement each other, it is one of Iceland's most famous attractions considered by many to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. With an included Comfort Package you'll have an opportunity to relax in the warm, milky blue waters of the Blue Lagoon while enjoying the breathtaking landscape surrounding us. If you'd rather skip the swim, you can still enjoy the Blue Lagoon by exploring the lava fields nearby, and by simply observing the lagoon atmosphere from the edge while enjoying a beverage at the cafe. Following our visit, we'll transfer to Keflavik Airport in preparation for the return journey home. No better time to reflect on memories of our vacation to last a lifetime and celebrate the beginning of new friendships made along the way!

\* \* \* Welcome Home \* \* \*

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner





## **The Vacation Price Includes:**

- Roundtrip economy-class air transportation from Minneapolis by scheduled nonstop service of Icelandair.
- Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with accompanying Icelandic Tour Guide(s).
- First-class hotel accommodations in downtown Reykjavik.
- All meals as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary.
- Sightseeing as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary including applicable entrance fees.
- Luggage handling and porterage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotel.
- Airline taxes and fuel surcharge, and all taxes for included ground services.

The Vacation Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees and destination entry requirements, gratuities to the Motor Coach Driver(s) and Tour Guide(s); luggage handling at airports, meals other than those stated above; and Travel Protection.

### TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations may be made by check or major credit card. Credit cards can be accepted for payment(s); however, the vacation price reflects a 4% cash discount. Please call InterTrav at 630-377-5840 to arrange payment by credit card; 4% of the payment amount will be assessed on credit card payments. You will be invoiced for the balance of payment due on or before Friday, May 23, 2025. Reservation requests received after Friday, May 23, 2025, are subject to tour availability.

**TOUR PRICING:** The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 30 persons and includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of November 15, 2024.

**CANCELLATION:** If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there is a cancellation charge equal to the per person deposit up to 100 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 99 and 65 days prior to departure, there is a cancellation charge equal to 50% of the tour cost. For cancellation within 64 days of departure, the cancellation charge is 100% of the tour cost. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone and must be sent in writing to: Wendinger Travel, P.O. Box 386, New Ulm, MN 56073, or emailed to info@wendingertravel.com.

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