# Incredible Iceland Land of Wonders

Reykjavik, Blue Lagoon, Gulfoss Waterfall, Golden Circle

## June 6 - 15

Overnight flight + 8 nights 10 days 18 meals

## **Highlights:**

Reykjavik • Harpa Opera House • Reykjanes Peninsula • Kleifarvatn Lake • Krýsuvík & Gunnuhver Geyser • Kleifarvatn Lake • Blue Lagoon • Vestmanneyjar Island • Pompeii of the North Museum • The Golden Circle • Þingvellir • Strokkur Geyser • Gullfoss Waterfall • Hvítá River • Flúðir • Þjórsárdalur Valley · Secret Lagoon · Friðheimar · Icelandic Horses • Seljalandsfoss Waterfall Skógarfoss Waterfall 
Skógar Museum 
 Þrasi Þórólfsson • Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Kirkjubæjarklaustur 
Skaftafell National Park • Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon

## Tour includes:

Round trip airfare with Icelandair Eight nights accommodation Nine breakfasts One lunch Eight dinners Meal gratuities All side tours and entrance fees Local guide Local guide gratuities Park fees



Join Ageless Adventures and a local guide as we explore 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.

## Dav One:

## Vancouver - Iceland

Departure from Vancouver International Airport with Icelandair on a nonstop overnight flight to Iceland.

Day Two: Keflavík – Reykjanes Peninsula – Reykjavik Meals: B, L, D An early arrival in Keflavík International Airport. Explore the volcanic wonderland of Reykjanes Peninsula. Our Iceland adventure begins with breakfast in the Viking Ship Museum. Among the attractions to be seen is Kleifarvatn Lake, the colourfull geothermal area of Krysuvik and Gunnuhver Geyser. Enjoy a short city sightseeing tour as you enter Reykjavik and visit the Harpa Opera House, followed by an included lunch. Settle in to a two night stay in downtown Reykjavík. You have leisure time to relax and adjust to the time difference before dinner together with the group.

## Day Three:

Reykjavik and the Blue Lagoon

After a big travel day yesterday, this day starts a little later than usual. It begins with a city tour where you will be introduced to Reykjavik's most interesting sites. This afternoon head to the renowned Blue Lagoon Geothermal Pool to bathe and relax. (Entrance, towel, & bathrobe included) Afterwards, head back to Reykjavík and enjoy a leisurely dinner in the city centre.

## **Day Four:**

## The Golden Circle

Meals: B, D Depart the city for the first of the three most visited attractions in Iceland, collectively known as The Golden Circle. Starting with **Pingvellir**, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet, enjoy amazing landscapes. It too holds historical and cultural importance to Icelanders as it is where parliament was convened for almost 900 years. Next stop is the Geysir geothermal area, where the greatest attraction is Strokkur, a geyser that erupts 25m in the air every 8-10 minutes. Next up is the massive, two-levelled waterfall - Gullfoss. The wide Hvítá River rushes southward, and about a kilometre above the falls it turns sharply to the right and flows down into a wide curved three-step "staircase" and then abruptly plunges in two stages into a 32m crevice. The crevice is 20m wide, 2.5 km in length, and extends perpendicular to the flow of the river. Its great power is astonishing and one can walk right up to the waterfall in order to witness it from different angles. Afterwards, depart for two nights in the region of Flúðir.

## **Day Five:**

## Þjórsárdalur

Explore the lush fields and impressive mountains of **Þjórsárdalur Valley**. You'll be shown to the Secret Lagoon in Flúðir and swim in this beautiful geothermal pool (optional). Visit Friðheimar to learn about the growing of tomatoes and tropical fruits in Icelandic greenhouses by use of geothermal energy and get to know the Icelandic horses.

#### Day Six: The Westman Islands

Today travel by coach south and a 30 minute ferry ride to Vestmanneyjar Island from Landeyjarhöfn Port. The island, with a population of 4,000 contains two active volcanoes, one of which erupted in 1973. A large portion of the town was under lava and the island was evacuated for a while as a result. Visit the unique museum Pompeii of the North and learn about the eruption. View buildings that have been excavated from the lava and preserved in their original state. Enjoy a boat ride around the islands and learn more about the this unique, beautiful site. Overnight in the Westman Islands.



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## Accommodation:

ReykjavíkFoss HotelVestmannaeyjarVestmannaeyjar HotelFlúðirGeysir HotelKlausturHotel Klaustur

Group size based on 15 passengers

## AGELESS PEACE OF MIND: Not available for this tour

Deadline to register is March 6, 2024

Medical & Cancellation Insurance is Recommended

## Passport is Required

Price Per Person: Double or Twin: \$11,232.<sup>00</sup> Single: \$13,889.<sup>00</sup>

Prices include all taxes

## Day Seven:

#### The South Coast of Iceland

#### Meals: B, D

Today take the morning ferry back to the mainland and then travel east and explore the attractions of the **South Coast** of Iceland. Stop at **Seljalandsfoss Waterfall**, this waterfall is one of the most popular waterfalls and natural wonders in Iceland. The waterfall drops 60m and is part of the **Seljalands-River** that has its origin in the volcanic glacier **Eyjafjallajökull**. One of the interesting things about this waterfall is the fact that visitors can walk behind it into a small cave. A few kilometers further is the tall **Skógafoss Waterfall**, the Skógafoss is one of the biggest waterfalls in the country with a width of 25m and a drop of 60m. Due to the amount of spray the waterfall consistently produces, a single or double rainbow is normally visible on sunny days. According to legend, the first Viking settler in the area, **Prasi Pórólfsson**, buried a treasure in a cave behind the waterfall. Visit the **Skógar Museum** which commemorates the 2010 volcanic eruption of **Eyjafjallajökull volcano** and its implications in the area around. The two night stay is in the region of **Kirkjubæjarklaustur**, Icelandic for "church farm cloister".

## Day Eight:

## Skaftafell National Park and Jökulsárlón

Enjoy the beauty of **Skaftafell National Park**, which was formed over thousands of years by fire and ice. Take a cruise on the **Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon** and learn of its nature and history. The floating iceblocks in the light blue water are a sight to remember and if you're lucky you'll spot some lazy seals relaxing on the ice.

#### Day Nine:

## Back to Reykjavík

After approximately a three hour drive back to civilization there is free time on your own to explore. A group dinner at one of Reykjavík's great restaurants is in order before resting for the flight back home.

## Day Ten:

## Iceland – Vancouver

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#### Meals: B

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Leisure time until the flight back home. Depart from the hotel at 1:00 p.m. for Keflavík International Airport and the direct flight back to Vancouver with time to reflect on this amazing adventure.



Should be physically active, able to walk up to two blocks on uneven rocky ground. This tour is not suitable for those who rely on a walker.





