



Iceland

August 25 - September 2, 2020

*Optional
Scotland Extension:
Sept. 2 - 6, 2020*



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Grabrokarfell viewed from volcano Grabrok crater



Skaftafellsjökull Glacier (Vatnajökull National Park)

Day 1: Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020 • Departure

We depart the US late this afternoon for our transatlantic flight to Reykjavik, Iceland. This short flight gets us excited for the adventure ahead.

Day 2: Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020 • Welcome to Iceland

On arrival, we transfer from Keflavik Airport to Reykjavik where we spend the night. There is free time explore Iceland's capital on our own.

Day 3: Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020 •

Volcano Crater, Seals, Fjords & Mountains

This morning we meet our tour guide and depart from the hotel. We travel west, passing the town of Borgarnes and climb the Grábrók volcano crater. In the afternoon we visit a natural history & seal museum in Hvammstangi, a small fishing village in Northwest Iceland, after the museum we stroll around the local harbour. Further north we stop at the turf church of Víðimýri which has been extensively restored to its original form and is widely considered one of the purest and most beautiful examples of traditional Icelandic architecture. We continue along scenic fjord landscape and over several mountain passes until we reach Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland. **B, D**

Day 4: Friday, Aug. 28, 2020 • The Capital of North Iceland, Lake Mývatn & Geothermal Baths

In the morning we explore Akureyri, a charming town of 17,000 inhabitants. We visit the botanical garden and enjoy the panoramic view over Eyjafjörður fjord. In the afternoon we travel to an important spot in Iceland's history, Goðafoss, the waterfalls of the gods. We continue to Lake Mývatn which is known for its geological wonders and active bird life during summer. Our next stop is the bizarre lava formations at Kálfaströnd followed by a walk around the many pseudo craters and before ending an exciting day with a relaxing soak at Mývatn Nature Baths. The baths contain a unique blend of minerals, silicates and geothermal micro-organisms – a soothing combination for skin and spirit alike. **B, D**

Day 5: Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 •

Lava Labyrinth, Hot Springs & Travel East

In the morning we hike in a lava labyrinth at Dimmuborgir, "the dark castles", hoping to get a glimpse of the trolls who are said to live there. After lunch, on our own, we visit the hot spring area of Námaskarð with bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras. We head through the uninhabited highlands and moonlike surroundings to East Iceland. With some luck we might spot an Arctic fox or a reindeer. We check into our hotel for overnight. **B, D**

Day 6: Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020 • Fjords, Glacier and Ice

It's a day to admire the dramatic fjord landscape and its tiny fishing

villages at the end of twisty roads in the East Fjords. On route we see an interesting stone and mineral collection. In the afternoon we see Vatnajökull – Europe's biggest glacier that is visible all over Southeast Iceland. Past the town of Höfn, we stop at Jökulsárlón, a glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs. We explore the extraordinary site and might even see seals swimming in the arctic waters. We can walk on the black sandy beach where large icebergs get stranded. Continuing along the southern part of the glacier Vatnajökull, we spend time at Vatnajökull National Park, Europe's largest national park, which has Iceland's highest mountains, an alpine environment, and Europe's largest glacier. **B, D**

Day 7: Monday, Aug. 31, 2020 • South Coast

A beautiful drive with many natural wonders awaits us today as we head across the Eldhraun lava field. We cross the sandy desert of the south coast, overlooked by mountainous cliffs, glaciers and waterfalls and stroll along the black lava beach of Reynisfjara near Vík. In the small village of Skógar, we view the Skógafoss waterfall, which is 60 meters high and is one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. Further west, we stop at the Eyjafjallajökull Information Center and learn about living next to a glacier and an active volcano before continuing to the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall, which plunges over the mountain. There is an interesting trail that goes behind the fall – if you are prepared to get wet! **B, D**

Day 8: Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020 •

Icelandic Horses & Golden Circle

We explore classics today, as we travel the route of the Golden Circle sights. We start the day at Friðheimar, where we learn about the Icelandic horse, its special qualities and history and pay a visit to a geothermal greenhouse. Later on, we see steam from the Geysir geothermal fields, there are a variety of hot springs and bubbling pools. The original geyser is now dormant but has been replaced by Strokkur "the Churn" which erupts at 5-10 minute intervals. We continue to Gullfoss, "the golden falls", which is a double waterfall that tumbles 34 meters into the Hvítá River and attracts travelers all year round. Traveling inland we visit Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. As we return to Reykjavik, we take a short city tour to show highlights of the world's northernmost capital. **B**

Day 9: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 • Departure for Home or to Scotland Extension

We transfer to Keflavik Airport for our flight back to USA or on to Scotland. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast D=Dinner

Edinburgh Castle



Scotland Extension

Day 9: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 • Glasgow Area

This morning we board our flight and continue on to Glasgow. Upon arrival we meet our Scottish guide who introduces us to the city including Glasgow Cathedral, George Square, The People's Palace, City Chambers, Necropolis (a memorial Victorian cemetery where 50,000 people are buried) and explore the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. The remainder of the afternoon is free to explore. We have dinner and overnight. **B, D**

Day 10: Thursday, September 3, 2020 • Inverness Area

Today we head north along Loch Lomond and Glencoe to Fort William, where we can view Ben Nevis. At 4,406 feet, it is the highest mountain in the British Isles, and the vistas are breathtaking. We continue to Fort Augustus, located at the southern edge of Loch Ness, where we board a vessel and do our own searching for Nessie, the friendly, but elusive, resident monster. **B, D**

Day 11: Friday, September 4, 2020 • Edinburgh

A full day of sightseeing and exploration awaits us. We begin by discovering the area of the savage clans and roving barbarians, including a visit to the Culloden Battlefield. We learn about the Jacobite movement, the rise and demise of the clan system, local homes and battlegrounds, and discover many clues to the Celtic and non-Celtic ancestors of the Highlanders. Then, we drive through the Grampian Mountains in the Highlands and venture down into the Cairngorms National Park, the largest in Britain. It covers almost 2,300 miles of beautiful and unspoiled countryside including wild moorlands, soaring mountain peaks, granite Ice Age glacier heaves, and spectacular valleys, rivers and lochs (lakes) as well as a huge variety of wildlife. We take a break to enjoy Afternoon Tea. We arrive in Edinburgh in time for dinner. **B, D**

Day 12: Saturday, September 5, 2020 • Edinburgh

This morning we enjoy a panoramic tour of Edinburgh, a beautiful city, often referred to as the "Athens of the North!" Highlights will include the Walter Scott Monument, the elegant Prince's Street, architectural wonders, plus much more! We have an inside tour of Edinburgh Castle, with its foreboding ramparts and walls, amazing city views, Crown jewels, and the siege gun, Mon's Meg. The afternoon is open for options, an opportunity to visit museums or Queen Elizabeth II's Yacht "Britannia", explore botanical gardens or the zoo, or perhaps shop for that special "Scottish Tweed." **B, D**

Day 13: Sunday, September 6, 2020 • Return

Today we drive to Glasgow for our return flight home. **B**

Tour Price:

\$4,425 per person, double occupancy

Single supplement: \$450
with a minimum of 20 participants

Scotland Extension: \$2,139 per person, double occupancy

Single supplement: \$225
with a minimum of 15 participants

Your Tour Includes:

- **Estimated Roundtrip Airfare** (\$650) and related taxes, fees and fuel charges from Chicago to Reykjavik, Iceland
- **Estimated Scotland airfare** (for those taking extension) of \$600
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate 4 star hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour manager
- Meals other than indicated above
- **Luggage handling**
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and recommended.*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

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Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

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Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

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Legal Name: _____

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Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____ **OR Single supplement:** ____ Yes ____ No

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I wish to purchase travel insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.

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Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____



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