ESCORTED - ICELAND'S Magical Northern Lights

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Deposit by April 1, 2024

November 30 - December 6, 2024 7 days / 6 nts

Iceland is full of surprises – for one, it isn't covered in ice! It's a stunning mix of green plains, wild volcanic scenery, beautiful coasts and lakes, spouting geysers, hot springs, mud pools and sophisticated cities. Topped off by clean, fresh air, you'll find yourself in a trance surrounded by unique natural beauty throughout the country. Enjoy the rare opportunity to see the aurora borealis — one of nature's most dazzling light displays, also known as the northern lights.

Highlights:

Reykjavik • Northern Lights Cruise • Golden Circle • Thingvellir National Park • Geysir • Gullfoss • Seljalandsfoss • Vik • Lava Exhibition Center • Skogar Folk Museum • Skógafoss • Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon • Skaftafell National Park • Vatnajökull Glacier • Blue Lagoon

Day 1: Overnight Flight from Boston

Motorcoach to Boston for overnight flight to Reykjavik.

Day 2: Reykjavik, Iceland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Reykjavík, Iceland's capital city. Get acquainted with old town Reykjavík on a walking tour featuring the harbor, city hall, the Parliament building, and the nearby cathedral, dating back to 1796. Gather with your fellow travelers at a popular restaurant for dinner featuring Icelandic cuisine. This evening, take an exhilarating northern lights cruise** and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis.* (B, D)

Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle- Lava Exhibition Center - Vik

.Travel the Golden Circle to experience renowned natural wonders, including the explosive Geysir thermal area, the



double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, and the famous Thingvellir National Park, where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Stop at the Lava Exhibition Center and delve into Iceland's past and present volcanic eruptions. Continue to Vík. Drive out into the stillness of rural Iceland in search of the northern lights or venture out on foot. Enjoy three nights of searching to increase



your likelihood of spotting the lights.* (B, D)

Day 4: Vik - Reynisfjara - Skógar Museum - Vik

Begin your day with journey to Reynisfjara, a volcanic sandy beach surrounded by basalt formations and home to thousands of nesting sea birds. Look out over the natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a small peninsula of volcanic origin towering over the ocean. Next, visit the Skógar Museum and discover its turf-built homes and artifacts. Afterward, stand in awe before the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of Iceland's biggest and most beautiful waterfalls. Cap off your day with a visit to Sólheimajökull Glacier, Iceland's fourth largest glacier. After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights.* (B, D)

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A VALID US PASSPORT IS REQUIRED (must be valid for at least 6 months after return)

Day 5: Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell National Park - Vik

Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and search for seals swimming in cold waters. Travel to Skaftafell National Park, gateway to Vatnajökull Glacier. Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains and Europe's largest ice cap. After dinner, continue searching for the northern lights dancing across the night sky.* (B, D)

Day 6: Vík - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík

Drive along the south shore towards the Reykjanes Peninsula. Known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, and numerous hot springs, the peninsula is home to the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the heart of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavík for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Reykjavik - Return Flight to Boston - Tour Ends

Depart for home with many incredible memories. Return flight to Boston and Motorcoach home. *Today breakfast will be included.*

*The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed. We will make every effort to help you experience it.

**The northern lights cruise is weather dependent and may be cancelled in the event of serious weather.

Effective for travel after May 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

Icelandic breakfasts are continental; included dinners are of a simpler nature due to the remote locations of the restaurants.



INCLUDES:

Roundtrip Motorcoach to Boston/Logan Airport, Roundtrip air flights Boston/ Reykjavik, Deluxe Motorcoach in Iceland, Tour Guide in Iceland, 6 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners, All sightseeing and admissions per itinerary, Friendship Tours Tour Director

\$3829 per person twin - INCLUDING AIR!

Based on minimum 25 passengers
Based on current air rates and schedules



<u>DEPOSIT</u>: \$900 pp with reservation to secure your space. Space is subject to availability at the time of reservation.

FINAL PAYMENT: September 1, 2024

FOR RESERVATIONS: Call Barbara at Friendship Tours: 860-243-1630

CANCELLATION POLICY: If a passenger cancels from deposit date to September 1, 2024 the cancellation fee is \$700 pp; September 1, 2024 to October 1, 2024 the cancellation fee is \$1500 pp; no refunds if cancelled after October 1, 2024. All cancellation fees are plus any non-refundable airline fees.

Proof of Citizenship:

U.S. Citizens: Valid Passport required—must be valid 6 months past the return date. **Non U.S. Citizens** are responsible for obtaining proper documentation for travel. Friendship Tours/The Ship Shop is not responsible for passengers not having proper documentation for travel.

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