

# ICELAND'S Magical Northern Lights

October 31 - November 6, 2020 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 Reykjavik. Get acquainted with old town Reykjavik on a walking tour featuring Hallgrímskirkja church, city hall, the harbor and Reykjavik's oldest building, now home to the Kraum Icelandic design center. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers at a popular restaurant for dinner featuring Icelandic cuisine. Then, **take an exhilarating northern lights cruise.\*\*** Leave behind the bright city lights and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis – or northern lights – one of nature's wonders. When revealed you will be dazzled by the flickering display of light bursting with color that unfolds before your eyes.\* *Today dinner will be included.*



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

**Travel the incredible Golden Circle**, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area, where Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established what is considered one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley. This UNESCO World Heritage site marks the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Experience the eruptive energy of the Icelandic landscape with a stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur. Then, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Next, stop at the Lava Exhibition Center to learn about Iceland's historic eruptions and current lava flows that make the island a showcase of volcanism. **Continue southeast to Vik**, the southernmost village in Iceland, surrounded by beautiful valleys, beaches, cliffs and mountains. For each of your three nights in Vik, weather permitting, you'll set out into the peace and stillness of rural Iceland in search of the elusive northern lights.\* On foot, or with the assistance of our motor coach and driver, you will venture out away from the light pollution where the views of the sky are ideal. Three nights of searching means three times the likelihood that you'll find this incredible natural light show.\* *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

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**(must be valid for at least 6 months after return)**

#### Day 4: Vik - Seljalandsfoss - Skógar Museum - Vik

Journey to the mesmerizing Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and picturesque waterfalls with a walkway behind it. **Visit Skógar Museum** with its turf-built homes and outstanding collection of artifacts covering all aspects of Icelandic life. Nearby, view the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the tallest in Iceland.

Later, see Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations, cliffs scattered with caves, and rich bird life including the Fulmar, Black Guillemot, Razorbill, Gannet and various types of seagulls. See the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey.

Later this afternoon, challenge your taste buds when you try samples of the traditional Icelandic delicacies Hákarl and Brennivín (Icelandic schnapps). After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights,\* a truly spectacular sight. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

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

**Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon**, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and perhaps see seals swimming in Arctic waters. Travel to Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park, the largest national park in Europe. Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains, an Alpine environment, and the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest. After dinner, continue searching for the shimmering northern lights dancing across the night sky.\* *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### 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 of the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavík for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*



#### 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.

### INCLUDES:

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

# \$3449 per person twin - INCLUDING AIR!

Limited space!



**DEPOSIT:** \$1000 pp with reservation to secure your space. Space is subject to availability at the time of reservation. Air space will be released by April 15, 2020. Please book early.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** due by August 1, 2020

**FOR RESERVATIONS:** Call Barbara at Friendship Tours to check availability and to make a reservation. 860-243-1630 or 800-243-16230

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If a passenger cancels from deposit to August 1, 2020 fee of \$800 pp; August 2-August 31, 2020 fee of \$2500 pp; no refunds if canceled after August 31, 2020. All cancellations are plus any non-refundable air fees.

Air included in above cost is an ESTIMATE and is subject to increase until 2018 air is confirmed.

**Trip Protection Coverage** is strongly recommended. Aon Affinity administers the NTA Travel Protection plan designed specifically for members of the National Tour Association. The Pre-existing medical condition exclusion can be waived by purchasing the Enhanced Plan within 14 days of your deposit or initial payment. Purchase of the plan within this time period also provides eligibility for the Financial Insolvency benefit. Traveling companions / roommates are required to take the same plan (Basic or Enhanced) in order to be properly covered. Premium is non-refundable once paid. Three ways to enroll:

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**RESERVATION FORM**

**ICELAND**

**October 31– November 6, 2020**

**PASSENGER #1 NAME EXACTLY AS ON PASSPORT**

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PASSENGER #2 NAME EXACTLY AS ON PASSPORT**

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