

ICELAND

Magical & Mysterious

Presented by Wendt Touring
8 Days – September 1-8, 2024

This tour to Iceland has been quite popular and successful in the past. The custom-made itinerary has been planned to include quality hotels, delicious meals, memorable entertainment and superior sightseeing attractions. A professional tour manager ensures that all arrangements go smoothly throughout.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Reykjavik Sights ~ Deildartunguhver Hot Springs ~ The Blue Lagoon
Viking Bay Cruise ~ Snaefelljokull National Park & Glacier National Park
Famous Gullfoss Golden Falls ~ Black Sand Beaches ~ Volcano Visitor Center
Europe's Largest National Park ~ Greenhouse Village ~ Icebergs

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Round trip scheduled air flights & airport departure taxes
- Airport transfers to/from Cleveland airport
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Eleven meals – six breakfasts & five dinners
- Six nights lodging
- All sightseeing, admissions, baggage handling and most gratuities
- English speaking guide in Iceland
- Professional tour manager

TOUR FARE:

\$4,799 per person based on double occupancy
\$5,699 per person based on single occupancy

Travel Arrangements made by Wendt Touring

Day 1: Cleveland to Iceland: Depart aboard a scheduled airline for an overnight flight to Iceland.

Day 2: Arrival – Reykjavik city tour – Borgarfjorour: Upon arrival discover first-hand the colorful Scandinavian capital of Reykjavik with a sightseeing tour. Catch the city's energetic vibe through top visitor attractions like the visually stunning Harpa Concert Hall and the Parliament on bustling Austurvollur Square. Enjoy panoramic views from the city's main landmark, Hallgrimskirkja church. Travel northwest via an undersea tunnel through Hvalfjorour (Whale Bay). Head to the friendly town of Akranes to visit the local museum center, which preserves a comprehensive collection of geological and maritime exhibits. Afterwards, go to the top of a lighthouse to enjoy spectacular views of the wild coastline. Arrive in the small village of Borgarnes for a welcome dinner and a two-night stay.

Day 3: Stykkisholmur – Snaefellsnes Peninsula – Borgarnes: After breakfast, head to the delightful town of Stykkisholmur. Here you'll embark on an adventurous sail in Breidafjordur Bay (UNESCO nominee) and take in thousands of tiny islands. Along the rugged coastline of Snaefellsnes Peninsula encounter secluded fishing villages like Grundarfjorour with its landmark Kirkjufell Mountain and surrounding fjord teeming with herring and orca whales. The picturesque harbour village of Arnarstapi offers the opportunity to walk among columnar basalt rock formations and cliffs, with swarming colonies of seabirds. Throughout the day, savour the remote tranquility of Snaefelljokull National Park, which exhibits an astonishing variety of natural landscapes. Return to our hotel for dinner and if conditions are favorable, we will hunt for the elusive Aurora Borealis-The Northern Lights

Day 4: Pingvellir – Geysir – Gullfoss: Breakfast at your hotel. Head to the bubbling waters of Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring, which provides heating for most of the area homes and businesses. Enjoy a scenic visit to a duo of exceptionally beautiful and unique waterfalls at Hraunfoss and Barnafoss. Each waterfall has a mysterious secret to reveal. Onwards to Pingvellir National Park where the world's oldest parliament met for centuries on the shores of Iceland's largest lake. Continue through farmland areas to the geothermal fields of Geysir with bubbling mud pools and the high-spouting Strokkur hot spring. Visit the dramatic two-tiered Gullfoss waterfall. Stop at Skalholt, Iceland's capital during the Middle-Ages and now a culture centre with a beautiful church. During the day you will also visit Laugarvatnshellir cave. The furnishings and buildings in the cave have been restored to show how the residents once lived. Overnight and dinner in the south coast area.

Day 5: Iceland's South Shore: Breakfast at your hotel. Drive along the south shore to the new Lava Centre, an interactive, high-tech educational exhibition depicting volcanic activity, earthquakes and the creation of Iceland over millions of years. Stop at the spectacular waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss. Visit Reynisfjara beach and take a walk on the black sands and admire the extraordinary rock formations as well as the thundering waves of the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy dinner and a two-night stay in the Kirkjubaejarklaustur area.

Day 6: Skaftafell National Park – Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon: Breakfast at your hotel. Today we enter Vatnajokull National Park and Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon where you can enjoy a breathtaking sight of icebergs floating in the fantastic 180m (591 ft.) deep glacial lake. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: Volcanic Areas – Hverageroi – Blue Lagoon – Reykjavik: Breakfast at your hotel. Hverageroi is often called "The Flower Village" because of its many greenhouses heated by hot water from nearby springs. On to the Reykjanes peninsula, where you can enjoy a dip in the famous Blue Lagoon, a unique wonder of nature with pleasantly warm, mineral-rich water in the middle of a black lava field. Overnight in Reykjavik.

Day 8: Iceland to Cleveland: Breakfast at your hotel. Return flight and journey home.