



HAPPY TIMES TOURS & EXPERIENCES

CIRCLE ICELAND A UNIQUE SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE AS WE CIRCLE ICELAND IN SEARCH OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Trip Includes:

- Home pickup in Dane, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Jefferson, Ozaukee, Washington, and Waukesha, WI Counties and Lake County, IL
- Roundtrip Airfare Milwaukee/Reykjavik
- 8 Nights of Accommodations in Iceland
- Soak into the **Blue Lagoon** while enjoying a mud mask experience and a beverage
- Deildartunguhver Hot Springs
- Hraunfossar - Lava Falls
- Visit the Herring Museum
- Whale Watching
- Goðafoss Waterfall
- Visit Dimmuborgir or Dark Cities and the infamous formation "The Church"
- Geosea world-class geothermal bathing experience
- Dettifoss Waterfall in Vatnajökull National Park in Northeast Iceland
- Stuðlagil basalt rock columns
- Boat Tour of Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon
- Skaptafell in Vatnajökull National Park
- Icelandic LAVA Show
- Reynisfjara Black Sand Beach
- Seljalandsfoss Waterfall
- Waterfall of Gullfoss - the Golden Falls
- Meet with a chef and learn how some foods are cooked in geothermal ground
- Pingvellir (Thingvellir) National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- See the Mid-Atlantic rift
- Experience viewing the Northern Lights
- Motorcoach Transportation and the Services of a Happy Times Tour Director
- 14 Meals

PER PERSON RATES:

Double Occupancy \$7359

Single Occupancy \$8249

Triple Occupancy: \$7319

Full Payment Due: 6/19/2023

Optional Travel Protection Plan

Per Person Rates:

Double or Triple Occupancy: \$540

Single Occupancy: \$629



Seljalandsfoss Waterfall



Northern Lights



Goðafoss Waterfall

11 Days: September 22 – October 2, 2023

Day 1

Let our Iceland Circle adventure begin! We will board our flight for our overnight journey to Keflavik Airport in Reykjavik.

Day 2 B, D

Today we will arrive at the Keflavik airport. Breakfast is included at **Viking World** and we will start our Iceland Circle with a trip to the **Blue Lagoon**. The Blue Lagoon is one of Iceland's most popular attractions, a geothermal pool in the middle of a large and dramatic lava field and an oasis that owes its existence to a nearby geothermal power plant. We stop for 1½ - 2 hours for a refreshing bathe or a swim in the inviting, rejuvenating and pleasantly warm mineral-rich water (36°C-38°C/100-110°F), famed for its reputed healing properties. An indoor pool and geothermal sauna are also on the site. Bathing in this surreal environment is a unique experience no one should miss, so bring your bathing suit. **We'll soak into the Blue Lagoon with a mud mask and a beverage.** The Blue Lagoon's warm water and natural active ingredients like mineral salts, silica and blue green algae help you relax and escape the stress and strain of daily life. We will overnight at the Fosshotel Reykjavík.

Day 3 B, D

Deildartunguhver is Europe's most powerful hot spring. It provides 180 l/sec of 100°C hot water. Most of the water used for central heating in the towns of Borgarnes and Akranes is taken from Deildartunguhver. **Hraunfossar - Lava Falls** - are beautiful and unusual natural phenomena. Clear, cold springs of subterranean water seep through the lava and run as tiny waterfalls and rapids into the Hvita River. **Grábrók is an old volcano crater with a walking path up the side, from the top you can enjoy the the great view.** Dinner is included as well as an overnight stay at the Hotel Laugarbakki.

Day 4 B, D

Herring is one of this century's principal shapers of Icelanders' destinies. Without herring it is questionable whether the modern society that now exists in Iceland could ever have developed. At the **Herring Museum** you learn about this important part of Icelandic history. Enjoy some **whale watching** today as well! We'll overnight at the KEA Hotel.

Day 5 B, D

The **Goðafoss Waterfall** is one of the most spectacular waterfalls in Iceland. The water of the river Skjálfafljót falls from a height of 12 meters over a width of 30 meters. In the year 1000, the Lawspeaker Porgeir Ljósvetningagoði made Christianity the official religion of Iceland. After his conversion, Porgeir threw his statues of the Norse gods into the waterfall. Skútustaðagígar pseudo craters were formed by gas explosions, when boiling lava flowed over the wetlands. The craters are a popular site for birdwatchers and are protected as a natural wetland conservation area.

Dimmuborgir or Dark Cities is an area of



The Blue Lagoon

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Day 5 (continued)

randomly strewn lava rocks and cliffs, surrounded by vegetation such as low bushes and plants. Dimmuborgir is a place of surprises with its myriad forms and images, small caves and towering volcanic rock, pierced by natural apertures. The most famous of these formations is the cave **"The Church"**, aptly named for its dome-like ceiling. **Námaskarð** earns its notoriety chiefly because of its sulphurous mud springs called solfataras and steam springs called fumaroles. **Geosea** is not only a world-class geothermal bathing mecca — it is an experience that taps into the historical roots of a small fishing town in North Iceland that has harnessed the earth's geothermal waters for centuries. It is a rare union of mineral-rich seawater and heat from the Earth's core. **It is perched along a western-facing cliffside that overlooks the Skjálfandi Bay and the Arctic Circle to the north.** You'll be glad you brought your bathing suit as we take enjoy bathing at the Geosea. We'll overnight at the Fosshotel Mývatn.

Day 6 B, D

Dettifoss is a waterfall in Vatnajökull National Park in Northeast Iceland, and is reputed to be the second most powerful waterfall in Europe after the Rhine Falls. **Stuðlagil Canyon** merged from under the river Jökulsá just a few years ago, when the water level fell and revealed this wonder of nature. **Stuðlagil hosts one of the largest number of basalt rock columns in Iceland.** Tonight we will overnight at the Fosshotel Eastfjords.

Day 7 B, D

Jökulsáarlón Glacier Lagoon is a lake that is filled with melted water from an outlet glacier. Ice bergs break off the glacier and fall into the lagoon and float around before getting washed down to the ocean. Many of the ice bergs end up really clear on the beach giving the beach the nick name **Diamond Beach**. Enjoy a **boat tour** as we see all the beauty of the **Jökulsáarlón Glacier Lagoon**. We will overnight at the Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon Hotel.

Day 8 B, D

Skaftafell is a part of the Vatnajökull National Park. Skaftafell contains some of the most precious natural pearls of the country, rugged landscapes, mountains and glaciers. Skaftafell is a place of contrasting scenery with flora growing between sands and glaciers. The **Icelandic LAVA Show** is the only place in the world where you can safely experience hot molten lava in close proximity! The show recreates a volcano eruption, similar to what Eyjafjallajökull and Katla volcano are famous for, by pouring molten lava (1100°C / 2000°F) into the showroom and over ice. It is an epic battle between the elements and a unique opportunity to get close to red-hot lava, see it flowing, hear it sizzling, and feel the intense heat that radiates from it. **Reynisfjara is a black sand beach where the Atlantic Ocean** shows its power with its crushing waves beating on the shores. Here are interesting caves and impressive rock formations, including **columnar basalt**. **Skógafoss Waterfall** is 62m, 203 feet and is among the most beautiful waterfalls in Iceland. **Seljalandsfoss is a graceful ribbon-like waterfall**, which drops from an overhanging lava cliff. It is possible to walk behind it, but do not expect to stay dry! Overnight at the Stracta Hotel.

Day 9 B, D

The mighty **Waterfall of Gullfoss - the Golden Falls** is perhaps the most beautiful in the country. Here the glacial river of Hvítá (white river) tumbles 32 meters (105 ft) in a double cascade. On a sunny day a rainbow is very likely in the massive spray. The active geothermal area of Haukadalur which contains the geysers Geysir and Strokkur and many other hot springs. Most active nowadays is Strokkur, erupting hot water and steam to elevation of 25 metres (82 ft) every 5-7 minutes. **Meet with a chef and a local rye bread that is buried in the geothermal ground for 24 hours to cook. Served with Icelandic butter, boiled eggs (also boiled in the geothermal area) and herring.** **Pingvellir (Thingvellir) National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site** and home of the oldest existing national parliament in the world, the Alþingi, and major events in the history of Iceland. Thingvellir is a place of fascinating natural beauty, a spectacular geological vista, set on a vast plain flanked by large fissures, right by Iceland's largest lake, Þingvallavatn. The **Mid-Atlantic rift is clearly visible; a rift that is forming as Iceland is being pulled apart by tectonic forces. Here the North-American and the Eurasian continental plates drift apart by 19mm (¾") a year and a rift valley is forming.** We will overnight at the Fosshotel Reykjavík.

Day 10 B

Today, we will board our flight from Keflavik Airport in Reykjavik to return to the United States.

Day 11

Return home with epic memories of your Iceland vacation!

*Gratuities for the Happy Times tour director are not included in the price and are at the passengers discretion. Gratuities are included for the local Iceland Guide and Driver. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change due to COVID restrictions that may be enforced without notice. In rare cases, a change of itinerary might be necessary during programs in Iceland, should snow, road and weather conditions not allow us to follow the scheduled itinerary, and certain outdoor activities/day tours might be cancelled. Should this occur, we will find reasonable alternatives. Valid passport is required and must be valid for 6 months after your scheduled return date. Airline baggage costs are not included. Baggage handling at Iceland Hotel properties is included where available. Please note walking of up to 10 minutes may be required at many locations. Tour is non-refundable for cancellations received on or after the final payment date. We highly recommend purchasing the optional Protection Plan.

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