



Focus on Photography

Tours

# ICELAND

AUGUST 20-26 2017

## ITINERARY

**Day 1 TORONTO** - Make your way to Pearson International Airport and board your overnight flight to Reykjavik. Dinner and overnight on-board flight.

### Day 2 REYKJAVÍK

Your flight will arrive early in the day and you will have a non-guided transfer from Keflavik Airport into Reykjavik with a stop at the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa. You will then have time to explore Reykjavik. Overnight stay in Reykjavik.

### Day 3 WESTMAN ISLANDS (B)

Breakfast at your hotel. The first stop today will be made at Seljalandsfoss waterfall, where you can walk behind the waterfall. Travel along the farmlands of the south coast to Landeyjahofn harbor. After arriving at the Bakafjara pier, take a 30-minute ferry ride to the Westman Islands. The destination is Heimaey Island, the largest of the Westmans and the only inhabited one. Visit the island's Storhofdi Point with its fantastic views over the area. Take a walk up to the crater of a volcano that erupted only three decades ago. Visit Eldheimar Museum and explore the flora growing in the new lava field. Afternoon at leisure to explore the island on your own. Overnight in the Westman Islands.

### Day 4 SOUTH SHORE - SKOGAR - VIK (B, D)

Breakfast at your hotel. Take the ferry back from the Westman Islands and travel further on along the south shore. Pass numerous glacial rivers en route to Skogafoss waterfall. A famous folk museum is nearby, showcasing the buildings and daily life of Icelanders in the past centuries. Next travel to Thorvaldseyri Farm located at the foot of the world famous Eyjafjallajokull volcano that last erupted in the spring of 2010. A visitor's centre/family-run exhibit tells the story of the eruption with a 20 minute film and displays about the spectacular natural disaster. Continue on to the black sands of Reynisfjara beach. Here you can witness the powerful waves and amazing basalt Colum features carved by the power of the sea. Dinner and overnight stay in Vik area.

### Day 5 VIK – SKAFTAFELL – JOKULSARLON (B, D)

Breakfast at your hotel. Cross Eldhraun, the largest mass of lava ever to flow on the face of the Earth before reaching the small town Kirkjubaejarklaustur, the former site of a 12th-century Catholic convent. Head onwards to Skaftafell National Park, one of Iceland's most outstanding areas of natural beauty. Continue to the stunning Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon to see floating icebergs and maybe a curious seal or two. A boat trip takes you on a sail between the floating ice bergs. Throughout the day, enjoy magnificent views of the mighty Vatnajökull Glacier. Dinner and overnight in Vik area.

### Day 6 GULLFOSS – GEYSIR – THINGVELLIR – REYKJAVIK (B)

Breakfast at your hotel. Today head for the Geysir hot spring area to see the famous great Geysir as well as Strokkur, a hot spring that spouts every few minutes. Travel onwards to Gullfoss, one of Iceland's most impressive waterfalls. The next stop is Thingvellir National Park, where the Viking-age parliament met for centuries on the shores of Iceland's largest lake. This is also where you can see the meeting point where the European and North American tectonic plates meet. After some time to explore Thingvellir, head back to Reykjavik. Overnight stay in Reykjavik. Dinner is on your own.

### Day 7 Reykjavik (B)

You will be transferred to the International Airport in time for your flight back home.

## COST:

### LAND ONLY

**\$2890 CAD** per person (includes all taxes)

Based on Double occupancy

Based on a minimum of 2 to a maximum of 16

Single Supplement \$800 CAD

**DEPOSIT AMOUNT:** \$250 per person

**FINAL PAYMENT:** June 20, 2017

## CANCELLATION POLICY

- 60 days or more prior to departure = Loss of deposit
- between 30 and 59 days prior to departure = 50% loss
- within 30 days of departure = 100% loss

It is mandatory for all of our travellers to have Emergency Medical insurance that covers for both emergency evacuation and repatriation to the sum of \$200,000 USD. We also strongly recommend purchasing an all-inclusive plan that covers cancellation/interruption insurance as well. Please contact us for a quote.

## TOUR LODGING INFO:

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis

CITY	NIGHTS	HOTELS
Reykjavik	01 Night	Hilton Reykjavik Nordica
Westman Isl.	01 Night	Hotel Vestmannaeyjar/ Hvolsvollur
Vik	02 Nights	Icelandair Hotel / Edda
Reykjavik	01 Night	Hilton Reykjavik Nordica

## TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 05 Nights' accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- 05 breakfasts
- Return airport transfers on sharing basis with stop at the blue lagoon
- Transportation and sightseeing as per itinerary
- Services of english speaking guides
- 4 days guided tour as per itinerary
- 2 dinners in the countryside (day 3 and 4)
- Entrance to Eldheimar Museum (day 2)
- Roundtrip ferry fare to Westman Islands (day 2)
- Entrance to Skogar Folk Museum (day 3)
- Entrance to Eyjafjallajokull Visitor Centre (day 3)
- Jokulsarlon boat tour (day 4)

## TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International or domestic air fares for Land only option
- Meals not mentioned as being included
- Visa fees
- Items of personal nature
- Tips and gratuities
- Travel and medical insurance



### YOUR HOST:

**Tracy Elliott** is an Alberta based professional photographer who loves combining adventure with his camera. Since 2007 he has been teaching photography for the Continuing Education department at Mount Royal University.



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