

Carroll County Chamber presents: Icelandic Odyssey

Depart: March 3 to March 9, 2024.



The Northern Lights

Join us on our tour to Iceland an unmissable destination, containing a vibrant culture that is Experience the magical and captivating country of Iceland with Quest Voyager! From the vibrant city of Reykjavik, the world's northernmost capital, to the dramatic waterfalls of Skógafoss and Gullfoss, Iceland's landscape is unparalleled. Explore the iconic Hallgrímskirkja church, the stunning Harpa Concert Hall, and the lively waterfront in Reykjavik, or take a dip in the relaxing and captivating Blue Lagoon. Discover the country's Viking past and its numerous museums and galleries, and let yourself be captivated by the glistening glaciers, towering volcanoes, and majestic waterfalls. Don't miss out on this unmissable destination – join us on our tour to Iceland today!

Program Included Features:

- **AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from Washington Dulles
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 5 nights
- **MEALS** - 9 included meals consisting of 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners.
- **TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: city tour of Reykjavik, Viking World Museum, Golden Circle tour including Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss "Golden" Waterfall and Great Geyser Geothermal Area, a South Coast tour including Seljalanfoss and Skogafoss Waterfalls, and thermal pools of the Blue Lagoon
- **JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as visits to a geothermal bakery to sample delicious local bread and to the latest geothermal heat and electric power plant
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director/host for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Reykjavik
- **FIRST CLASS MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private first-class air-conditioned motor coach
- **BAGGAGE AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport.

Destination Highlights:

Explore Reykjavik, a cultured European city with museums, galleries, theater, symphony, boutiques and restaurants • Visit Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where Vikings established the world's first democratic parliament in AD 930 • View the geothermal pools at Geyser, and marvel at Iceland's most famous waterfall, Gullfoss • Visit a geothermal power plant and witness geology in action • Visit a geothermal bakery to savor delicious bread • Take a dip in the therapeutic geothermal waters of the Blue Lagoon

The price is \$3799 per person double occupancy. For single occupancy, add \$699. Single occupancy is subject to availability.

The price includes fuel surcharges of \$350 and land taxes of \$150 per person, subject to change. This price of \$3799 is available as an early bird special if the program is reserved with a deposit by Oct 6, 2023. After this date, the price increases by \$100 per person. **Don't wait! This program will sell out fast.**

Please note that hotels and itineraries/tours may occasionally be substituted or adjusted by the guide due to local conditions.

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For the online booking page click or type the link below:
<https://tri.ps/Z037D>

Blue Lagoon



Day 1 Depart USA Embark on an unforgettable adventure to Iceland! An overnight flight awaits you, complete with meals and refreshments.

Day 2 Arrive Reykjavik, Iceland - Viking World Museum - City Tour Greetings! Iceland is a perfect destination to behold its natural beauty, enjoy its gastronomy, and be enthralled by its artistry and culture. Start your day with breakfast at the Viking World Café, then tour the Viking World Museum to experience Viking history and traditions in Reykjavik. Then be amazed by the city's iconic attractions, such as the Harpa Concert Hall and Hallgrímskirkja Church. Afterward, check in to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at your leisure. End the day with a welcome dinner at your hotel. (B,D)

Day 3 Reykjavik - Blue Lagoon A half-day visit to the Blue Lagoon is an experience like no other! This geothermal spa offers you a unique opportunity to relax and rejuvenate your mind, body, and soul. At the Blue Lagoon you can enjoy the warm and soothing geothermal waters, the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape, and the healing properties of the mineral-rich mud found at the bottom of the lagoon. Enjoy a drink and a healing face mask as you experience a moment of R&R. Today, you will be sure to have an unforgettable experience. In the afternoon, return to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 4 Reykjavik - Golden Circle Tour Embark on an all-day journey of Iceland's Golden Circle and be astonished by its beguiling sights! Start with a stop to visit Hellisheidavirkjun, the country's newest geothermal heat and electric power station. Then onwards to admire the breathtaking views of Thingvellir National Park and get enlightened about its history, as it was the location of Iceland's first government in 930 AD. Next, go to Fontana and participate in a geothermal bakery presentation and sample delectable bread. Then travel to the distinct Geyser geothermal area and the astounding Gullfoss waterfall. Get a close look at the Great Geyser, the world's first geyser, and watch as it throws hot water up to 70 meters in the sky. Then, take a stroll to the magnificent Gullfoss waterfall, and be awestruck by its sheer size and power. From the wide canyon, it cascades into to the thunderous roar of the water as it plunges into the basin below. You'll be mesmerized by the beauty of this natural wonder. Make sure to take many pictures to catch the natural beauty of the landscape. After lunch, continue to the back to Reykjavik. This evening maybe venture out in search of the Northern Lights*. (B,L)

Reykjavik



Day 5 Reykjavik - South Coast Tour Depart your hotel and take a full-day excursion to experience the South Coast of Iceland. Start the morning with a visit to the country's most beautiful waterfall - Skogafoss. Then, explore the Skogar Folk Museum, depicting traditional Iceland life. Continue your journey with views of the Hekla and Eyjafjalla volcanoes. The Hekla volcano, one of the most active volcanoes in Iceland, and the Eyjafjallajokull volcano famously disrupted air travel in 2010 with its ash cloud. Then it's off to the remote and captivating coastal village of Vik, famous for its stunning black sand beaches and dramatic cliffs. This evening you arrive back in Reykjavik and relax, head to a local restaurant, and enjoy. (B)

Day 6 Reykjavik Spend a full free day in Reykjavik, Iceland's beautiful capital city! Start your day with a stroll through the city's iconic streets and explore the unique architecture, taking in the views of the harbor and the stunning mountain backdrop. Stop by a local cafe for a bite to eat and a cup of coffee. Maybe, explore the city's many museums and galleries, or browse the shops for souvenirs and take a break in one of the city's many parks. Afterward, take a walk along the waterfront and admire the colorful houses that line the harbor. This evening a Farewell Dinner will be served at the hotel. (B,D)

Day 7 Reykjavik to USA Fly back home with treasured memories of your awe-inspiring Iceland trip. (B)

***Are you looking for an awe-inspiring experience?** Look no further than the Northern Lights of Iceland! This magnificent display of color is one of the most breathtaking sights you'll ever encounter. From the vibrant reds, blues, and greens to the shimmering shades of purple, the Northern Lights of Iceland will captivate your senses and leave you in awe. Take advantage of this incredible natural phenomenon and witness the beauty of the Northern Lights! Whether you're a photographer, a traveler, or an adventure seeker, the Northern Lights of Iceland will provide you with an unforgettable experience.

Quest Voyager cannot guarantee a successful viewing experience of the Northern Lights of Iceland due to the unpredictability of the aurora borealis. While we strive to provide the best locations for a successful viewing experience, we cannot guarantee a sighting of the Northern Lights. The best viewing times to see them based on our departure dates are the months of February, March and October.

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change.