

# ICELAND: THE ISLAND OF ICE AND FIRE



## The place on Earth most similar to the Moon

When Neil Armstrong, the first man who set foot on the Moon, left the Eagle lunar module, the landscape appeared before his eyes had have been familiar. Not in vain the crew of the Apollo XI spacecraft were training in Iceland for his uncanny resemblance to the lunar surface. And feet on earth, when you get to Iceland, you realize that there is no place on earth where the powerful forces of nature are more present than here: volcanoes, geysers, lava deserts, waterfalls, glaciers, hot springs, craters and cliffs cohabit with surprising harmony.

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In the hand of a polar explorer with a spectacular sports career in the cold regions of the planet we will cross part of this amazing island locate in mid-Atlantic ocean. In Iceland, even the most seasoned traveler will not cease to be amazed at every turn. Swimming in a geothermal lake, being in the great Atlantic fault that separates Europe from America, being closer to Gullfoss an impressive double waterfall, seeing a lagoon inundated of icebergs where was filmed a spectacular sequence of 007 agent film or feeling the force of a geyser in the country that gave name to all geysers in the world, no doubt that will leave their mark on the visitor.

Besides admiring the nature, Iceland, also invites to do many activities that make you feel its incomparable nature even closer, like sailing in an amphibious vehicle among the ice floes, visiting beaches like you have never imagined, as that one in which the Clint Eastwood's film "Flags of our fathers" was shot, or relaxing in tranquil hot springs where we will forget that there is another world outside its borders.

And the magic of the country also does not breathe at night when the sky is covered with Northern Lights. The scientists consider the most impressive light phenomenom of nature. So when one watches them, one wonders if it was one of these "Northern Lights" which prompted Leifur Eiriksson to reach the shores of America 500 years before Columbus...

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## TRAVEL PROGRAM

### Day 1

- Flight to Reykjavik (Keflavik airport).
- Transfer by private car to Reykjavik.
- Accommodation in hostel/hotel in Reykjavik.

### Day 2

- Breakfast at the hostel/hotel.
- Trip by private vehicle to the Reykjanes Peninsula, a volcanic area where hit the waves of the North Atlantic.
- Crossing the bridge that separates the continents of Europe and America.
- Comida picnic en la playa donde se rodó la película de Clint Eastwood "Banderas de nuestros padres".
- Picnic lunch on the beach where the Clint Eastwood's movie "Flags of Our Fathers" was filmed.
- Transfer to the Blue Lagoon geothermal complex where you can swim feeling the water vapors from the center of the earth.
- Return to Reykjavik.
- Dinner at your own.
- Accommodation in hostel/hotel in Reykjavik.

### Day 3

- Breakfast at the hostel/hotel.
- Trip by private vehicle to the called Golden Circle. There we will visit the Þingvellir National Park, which was set up the first European Parliament at the foot of the great Atlantic fault that separates the European and American continental shelves.
- Picnic lunch during the excursion.
- After having lunch we will visit Geyser, the place that gave its name to all hot springs in the world that flow in a stream. There you can test the strength of the steaming Strokkur geyser throwing water column over 30 meters high.
- Then the route continues to Gullfoss, the most spectacular waterfall in Iceland, which is precipitated by a large double drop over a fault.
- Accommodation in hostel/farmhouse in Gullfoss.

### Day 4

- Breakfast at the hostel/farmhouse.
- In a private vehicle we will start the route all over Iceland.

- Heading south we will visit the waterfalls of Seljalandsfoos, we will be able to walk just behind the 60 meters high waterfall, and the waterfall Skogafoss that we will admire from the top.
- Visit the open-air ethnographic museum of Skogar.
- The journey will continue to Dyrholaey, a cliff that forms the southernmost tip of Iceland from where you can see a large natural arch 120 meters high that erosion formed on basalt rock.
- Picnic lunch on the black sand beach of Skogansandur. Here we will be able to admire a basalt columns that amaze by its perfection.
- Accommodation in hostel/farmhouse in Vik.

### **Day 5**

- Breakfast at the hostel/farmhouse.
- Continuation of the route to the eastern part of Iceland where we will pass near the Myrdalssandur glacial sands and the vast lava fields of Eldraun until the Skaftafell National Park.
- Picnic lunch during the excursion.
- Then we will do a walk to the famous Svartifoss waterfall and we will make out the Vatnajökull, the largest glacier in Europe. All the glaciers in Europe combined could fit inside of this great ice mass of 8,400 square kilometers.
- Accommodation in hostel/farmhouse in Vatnajökull.

### **Day 6**

- Breakfast at the hostel/farmhouse.
- The route heads east towards the great eastern fjords, but before we will visit the Jokulsarlon glacier lagoon where giant icebergs from Vatnajokull float piled up in a magic touch.
- Because of its beauty, in this lake were filmed important scenes of large Hollywood productions, such as a spectacular chase in the James Bond film entitled "Die Another Day", or mythical scenes from the Batman movies or Tom Raider.
- In the same lake we will be able to sailing in an amphibious vehicle which you can admire very close the magnificent icebergs closer. The place is home to seals, Arctic terns and countless seabirds.
- Picnic lunch in the lagoon.
- Continuation of the route to the city of Egilstadir.
- En route to the east of Iceland we will pass uninhabited fjords wihich the cliffs, beaches and isolated farms will frame a landscape of barren beauty.
- Accommodation in hostel/farmhouse in Egilsstadir.

### **Day 7**

- Breakfast at the hostel/farmhouse.
- Continuation of the route to the Myvat lake. En esta zona se podrá ver la gran cascada de Detifoss, la más caudalosa de toda Europa. In this area we will see the great waterfall of Detifoss, the mightiest in Europe.
- Picnic lunch on the banks of the mighty Joculsa river which is born in the Vatnajökull glacier.
- There you can almost touch the Kraftla, a volcano whose energy is collected by a geothermal power station. An easy walk through natural smoking chimneys will verify that the land in Iceland is alive.
- Our route will continue to Myvat lake, home to numerous ducks.
- The next stop is the fishing village of Husavik.
- Accommodation in hostel/farmhouse in Husavik.

### **Day 8**

- Breakfast at the hostel/farmhouse.
- In the morning we will do a boat trip for whale watching in the great bay that extends to the north. These nutrient-rich water is elected each year by species like the humpback whale, killer whale, the blue whale and other cetaceans. There are many opportunities to see close some of these amazing animals.
- Picnic lunch during the excursion.
- During the route we will stop to see the Godafoss waterfall, where according to legend, were thrown in the water the last pagan idols before all the Vikings were converted to Christianity.
- The route will pass through Akureyri, the capital of northern Iceland.
- Then we will arrive in the coastal town of Stikkisholmur.
- Accommodation in hostel/farmhouse in Stikkisholmur.

### **Day 9**

- Breakfast at the hostel/farmhouse.
- Our route will go into the peninsula of Snaefell where we will see the Kirkjufell a peculiar mountain shaped as a wizard hat (Harry Potter type) near the fishing town of Grundarfjordur.
- Climb the Saxo extinct volcano in the Snaefell national park.
- Walk from the fishing village of Hellnar to Arnastapi where there are magnificent views of the volcano, its glacier and the rugged coast of Iceland.
- Picnic lunch during the excursion.

- Visit the beautiful and isolated Budir church, a distinctive black wooden building overlooking the sea and the Snaefell volcano.
- Excursion by car to the slopes of Snaefell volcano where Jules Verne introduced his characters to get into the bowels of the planet in his novel "Journey to the Center of the Earth."
- Accommodation in hostel/farmhouse in Arnastapi.

#### Day 10

- Breakfast at the hostel/farmhouse.
- Return to Reykjavik.
- Picnic lunch during on the route.
- We will go into the tunnel under the seabed of the of Akranes fjord.
- Arrival in Reykjavik.
- Dinner at your own.
- Accommodation in hostel/hotel in Reykjavik.

#### Day 11

- Breakfast at the hostel/hotel.
  - Transfer by private car to the Reykjavik International Airport.
  - Flight Reykjavik - home.
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### WARNING

This program is subject to change on the ground due to weather factors, ice or snow conditions, logistic matters inherent to the Arctic or force majeure beyond the control of Arctic World.

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### DATES

From June to September 2022

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### PRICE

[Ask price](#)

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### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

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### RESERVATION

Before 45 days of the trip: 50% of the trip price + flights. After 45 days: 100% + flights

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### MINIMUM GROUP

8 People

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### INCLUDED

- 3 Nights in guesthouse in Reykjavik in double room.
  - 7 Nights at farm/hostel in double room.
  - 7 Breakfasts at farms/hoste during the trip.
  - 7 Dinners at farms/hoste during the trip.
  - 9 Picnic lunches.
  - All excursions and visits included in the trip program.
  - Rental vehicle for the trip.
  - Petro for the car (only guided trip).
  - Multi-adventure travel insurance.
  - Guide (only in guided trip).
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### NOT INCLUDED

- Flight tickets.
- Air taxes.

- Meals in Reykjavik.
  - Meals in airports and airplanes.
  - Anything not specified in the paragraph included.
  - Costs of air excess weight in personal baggage.
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## SUPPLEMENTS

- Hotel accommodation in Reykjavik (optional).
  - Accommodation in single room (optional).
  - Accommodation in hotels on route (optional).
  - Cancellation insurance (optional).
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## NOTES

Arctic world, as experts in polar areas, organizes trips to the measure of interest, budget, time and pleasure of travelers. So, this trip can be added, deleted or changed activities, days, meals, excursions, etc. so it will be an unforgettable experience. You just have to tell us the days, activities and meals that you want to do and we will prepare the trip to the measure.

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