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EXPLORING ICELAND

May 29-June 8, 2018

11 days from 5,742* total price from Houston
(**\$5,395* air & land inclusive plus \$347* airline taxes and fees**)

It's a surprising, even astonishing land; one of massive glaciers and rumbling volcanoes, bubbling mud holes and powerful waterfalls; hugely abundant bird life and just 300,000 people; and where the sun never sets for six splendid weeks. It's also perfect for exploring in a small group, as we discover traveling the breadth of the country and staying in excellent lodgings.



ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Days 1-3: May 29-31, 2018
Depart U.S./Borgarnes

Days 4-6: June 1-3, 2018
Akureyri

Days 7-8: June 4-5, 2018
Selfoss

Days 9-10: June 6-7, 2018
Reykjavik

Day 11: June 8, 2018
Depart Reykjavik for U.S.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Upon arrival in the Icelandic capital of Reykjavik, enjoy a scenic drive to your hotel in Borgarnes. Explore the thermal areas of Deildartunguhver and see Hraunfossar Falls. Visit the Reyholt Cultural Centre, a historic site based on the life of saga writer Snorri Sturluson. Encounter the Snaefellsnes Peninsula's stupendous scenery. Walk along a shell sand beach and explore the bizarre rock formations at Arnarstapi, where cliff birds nest.
- Travel to Akureyri, Iceland's northern capital. En route, visit a Gauksmyri farm to see famed Icelandic horses then stop at the 17th-century Vidimyri sod church. Tour the urban gem of Akureyri. Embark on a dramatic bird-watching cruise to Puffin Island to see the thousands of seabirds here. Encounter incredible Ásbyrgi canyon in Jökulsárgljúfur National Park. Discover beautiful Lake Myvatn and its environs of bubbling mud flats, lava fields, and volcanic craters; and see Godafoss the "waterfall of the gods." Drive across the rugged Myvatn Desert to witness Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall.
- Fly this morning to Reykjavik and then drive to scenic Thingvellir National Park, a place of historic and geologic significance. Depart for Great Geysir, Iceland's most famous geyser; and immensely popular Gullfoss waterfall. Stay in the beautiful agricultural area of Selfoss. Tour the folk museum in Skogar, followed by a walk to nearby Skogafoss waterfall, known for its rainbows. Visit the lovely southernmost village of Vik.
- Return to Reykjavik via "saga" country, the setting of one of Iceland's cherished medieval stories. Embark on a city tour of the sophisticated Icelandic capital, including the country's largest church, the city's oldest street, and the harbor. Enjoy a day at leisure to further explore the city on your own, or join in an optional visit to the Blue Lagoon for a soothing bath in the geothermal waters. Celebrate your adventure over a farewell dinner.
- After a morning at leisure, depart for the airport and your early afternoon return flight to the U.S.

Exploring Iceland, Continued:

***PLEASE NOTE:** At this time, elements of the tour are still being finalized. Your deposit will be fully refundable until all details, including pricing, are complete. Our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., will be in touch with you in October 2017 when the final tour details and tour brochure are available. At that time, you will have two weeks to decide whether you would like to convert your preliminary registration to a confirmed booking, or to cancel and receive a full refund. Once your booking is confirmed, the cancellation penalties as outlined in the brochure will apply. You will then receive a complete confirmation packet.

***Probable Pricing:**

\$5,742* total price from Houston. Round trip air transportation from any U.S. city is available. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$347*, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Land only price is \$4,495*; airport arrival and departure transfers not included. Single travelers please add \$895*. Business Class upgrade on round-trip international flight is available on a request basis.

PLEASE NOTE: All dates, prices, and itinerary details for 2018 tours are subject to change. Finalized pricing will be made available approximately eight months prior to departure.

Your Tour Price Includes:

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; flight within itinerary
- 9 nights' accommodations in First Class and unrated hotels
- 20 meals: 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

SEND TO: Rice Alumni Traveling Owls – MS 520
Rice University
P.O. Box 1892
Houston, TX 77251-1892
Phone: (713) 34-TRIPS

Our Tour Operator for this program is:
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.

FAX: (713) 348-5210

E-mail: travelingowls@rice.edu

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person/people. This secures my/our space on the following tour: **Exploring Iceland, May 29-June 8, 2018**. Make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., or please charge my/our deposit to:

- AMEX
 VISA
 MasterCard
 Discover

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

I/We understand that I/we will be contacted in October 2017, once the final brochure for the tour is available, and will be given the opportunity to cancel at that time, without penalty. I/We also understand that billing and a complete confirmation packet will follow once I/we convert this preliminary registration into a confirmed booking.

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