WILD ICELAND ESCAPE

JULY 12-17, 2020

Travel with John B. Anderson,
Maurice Ewing Professor Emeritus of Oceanography, Rice University

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DEAR RICE ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS,

We invite you to join the Traveling Owls in our 50th Anniversary year on a thrilling exploration of Iceland, the Land of Fire and Ice. Sail aboard the National Geographic Explorer on a compelling six-day voyage, and then choose to add on one of five optional land-based extensions for a truly one-of-a-kind expedition. Prepare to see and experience more of Iceland than you’ve ever imagined.

This island nation is renowned for its geological marvels and natural beauty, from hot springs and spouting geysers to lush, green landscapes and stark, imposing mountains. You’ll get up close to it all as you hike, Zodiac cruise, and more through the stunningly beautiful and incredibly varied landscapes. Behold towering cliffs, home to vast populations of seabirds, and search for killer whales, ringed seals, and other marine mammals from the ship’s deck. Hike or Zodiac cruise to the base of Dynjandi, a spectacular waterfall. Visit the isle of Heimaey to hike up to a volcanic crater for incredible views. And discover traditional Icelandic life in remote and picturesque towns.

Iceland is also widely celebrated for its remarkably interesting people. You’ll have opportunities to spend time with some of them, as well as enjoy special performances by Icelandic musicians. These unique encounters are sure to enrich your understanding of the region’s traditions. In addition, you’ll travel with a team of seasoned experts—an expedition leader, several naturalists, an undersea specialist—who will further illuminate all the things you’ll see and do. Plus, a National Geographic photographer and a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor will help you capture every thrilling moment of your experience.

Do give this extraordinary travel opportunity every consideration. And note that your bar tab and all tips to crew will be covered on this voyage. To reserve your space, please return the reservation form or call 713-34-TRIPS.

Sincerely,

Dan Stypa
Associate Director of Alumni Programs

JOHN B. ANDERSON
MAURICE EWING PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF OCEANOGRAPHY, RICE UNIVERSITY

John’s research interests focus on the recent retreat history of the Antarctic Ice Sheet and controls on ice sheet stability and the response of coastal environments to climate change and sea-level rise. John has participated in 24 oceanographic expeditions to Antarctica and several other polar expeditions from Alaska to Chile. He has authored and co-authored over 270 peer-reviewed publications, edited five volumes and published two books, “Antarctic Marine Geology” (Cambridge University Press) and “Formation and Future of the Upper Texas Coast.” He has received several awards, including two Rice teaching and mentoring awards, the Outstanding Educator Award of the Gulf Coast Geological Society, and the 2007 Shepard Medal of the Society for Sedimentary Research.

Cover photo: Iceland has the largest puffin population in the world.
Opposite: National Geographic Explorer cruises along Iceland's western coast.
Ship’s Registry: Bahamas
DISCOVER THE LAND OF FIRE & ICE

Sitting on both the Iceland hotspot and the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, Iceland hosts some of the most extreme geothermal activity on Earth. On your expedition, you’ll observe stunning manifestations of the region’s world-class geology: cascading waterfalls, ice-carved fjords, lush tundra, and lavascapes of unearthly beauty.

Traveling by ship gives you a unique perspective to witness these natural wonders and much more. Explore Iceland’s pristine fjords—accessible only from open water—and encounter evidence of volcanic activity as you hike over cooled lava fields to view Iceland’s newest isle, Surtsey. Discover the rich biodiversity of the remote Westfjords, spotting nesting puffins and gannets on the majestic Látrabjarg cliffs, and watching for humpback and minke whales in the surrounding waters. Head ashore to explore centuries-old hamlets of picture-postcard charm that were accessible only by boat until the late 20th century. And be awed by the stellar coastal view of Iceland—a geological marvel as seen from the sea.

Then add on to your voyage with your choice of land-based extensions that delve even further into this remarkable land. Choose to soak in the surreal Blue Lagoon, discover the coastal highlands by Superjeep, or go deep underground to explore a man-made cave of brilliant blue ice, plus so much more.
Join Ylja (bottom) and Svavar Knútur (top) as they bring Icelandic culture to life through ancient sagas and folktales set to music.
WHERE THE MUSIC SCENE IS AS HOT AS THE VOLCANOES

With a population of just over 300,000 people, Iceland has an outsized influence on global music. As fascination with the region has grown, Iceland’s musical reputation has played a part in the country’s tourism boom. Full of haunting melodies that capture the magic and mood of the Northern Lights, volcanic landscapes, and ancient sagas, Icelandic music reflects the region’s rich folk traditions for the contemporary world to discover. Ethnomusicologist Jacob Edgar has curated exceptional opportunities for you to meet and enjoy performances by some of the remarkable musicians—Ylja, Svavar Knútur and others—at the forefront of Iceland’s music scene.

MEET LOCAL LUMINARIES

This thrilling expedition also offers chances to meet and travel with some fascinating Icelanders. Previous voyages have welcomed aboard individuals ranging from a former presidential candidate to a filmmaker and poet. Through conversation and exclusive presentations, you’ll deepen your understanding of the people and culture of this remarkable region.
National Geographic photographer helps young guest capture the wildflower-rich landscape, Heimaey.
TRAVEL WITH AN AMAZING EXPEDITION TEAM

An exceptional expedition team is key to your in-depth Icelandic experience. You’ll travel with a veteran expedition leader and several naturalists—some of whom specialize in geology—and who return each year aboard National Geographic Explorer to share their knowledge with guests. Collectively, these specialists have hundreds of years of experience in these northern latitudes. An undersea specialist will reveal the strange and surprising world beneath the waves, while a wellness specialist will help you benefit from the tonic of wildness. A video chronicler will record your entire voyage, creating a permanent record.

CAPTURE ICELAND IN YOUR BEST PHOTOS EVER

Whether you think of yourself as a photographer or simply want to capture the moments at the heart of your expedition, you’ll take your best photos ever thanks to the exclusive photography program aboard National Geographic Explorer. With a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor at your side and at your service, you’ll learn to better understand camera settings, the basics of composition, and how best to photograph the epic scenery and wildlife. You’ll also be accompanied on this journey by an accomplished National Geographic photographer. He or she will provide inspiration, tips, and stories gleaned over the course of an impressive career. You’ll return home a more confident photographer—with fantastic photos.

Be sure to visit the B&H Locker aboard ship to try out new, top-quality photo gear—with our compliments.
**D**iscover why Iceland is known as the Land of Fire and Ice on a voyage to the remote fjords and volcanic isles along the country’s western coast. Explore stark ice-sculpted landscapes. Set out by Zodiac to view towering cliffs teeming with nesting seabirds. Feel the legacy of Viking explorers as you visit remote, hard-to-reach coastal villages, where arriving by ship feels uniquely right. Then add onto your voyage with your choice of land-based extensions—for a truly one-of-a-kind Iceland experience.

**DAYS 1 & 2: U.S./REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/EMBARK**
Arrive in Reykjavík. Have a guided overview of the Old Town, then embark National Geographic Explorer. (DAY 2: L,D)

**DAY 3: DJÚPAVÍK**
Spend the afternoon on the remote eastern side of the Westfjords for hiking, leisurely explorations of the tundra, and a visit to the town’s once-booming herring factory. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: ARNAFJÖRÐUR & LÁTRABJARG CLIFFS**
Hike several miles along the base of the fjord to visit spectacular Dynjandi waterfall or go by Zodiac to walk up to the base. Sail past the Látrabjarg cliffs to spot razorbills. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: ISLANDS OF HEIMÆY & SURTSEY, WESTMAN ISLANDS**
Hike a volcano, visit the ruins of old Viking houses dating back to 900 AD, and cruise past Surtsey—the world’s newest island forged by a volcanic explosion in 1993. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK/U.S.**
Before flying home, visit either the Blue Lagoon for a soak or a geothermal plant, local hot spring, and Icelandic horse farm. (B,L)
DO MORE. ADD AN OPTIONAL ADVENTURE

REYKJAVÍK’S GOLDEN CIRCLE & BLUE LAGOON
PRE-VOYAGE: 1 DAY/1 NIGHT
From $1,290*
Soak in the surreal Blue Lagoon and have a guided in-depth experience along the famed Golden Circle, home to boiling pools, geysers, and waterfalls. See the geothermal area at Geysir, Gullfoss waterfall, and Thingvellir National Park.

ICELAND’S HIGHLANDS & LOWLANDS:
AN ACTIVE ADVENTURE
POST-VOYAGE: 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS
From $3,990*
Discover Iceland’s southern coast highlands and lowlands via Superjeep and on foot. Hike through Landmannalaugar’s lava fields. Glide past blue icebergs in the Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon. Explore Svinafellsjökull Glacier on foot.

SNAEFELLSNES: FIRE & ICE
POST-VOYAGE: 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS
From $2,900*
Enter Langjökull Glacier’s aquamarine ice cave and venture inside Viðgelmir lava tube cave. Drive and walk parts of the coastline of the stunning Snaefellsnes National Park to see black pebble beaches and basalt sea stack columns.

ICELAND’S VOLCANIC NORTHEAST
POST-VOYAGE: 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS
From $2,970*
Explore the volcanic Lake Mývatn region to walk the Dimmuborgir lava field, hike the black sand of Hverfjall Crater, hear the thunder of Dettifoss, Iceland’s largest waterfall, and more. Relax in two different geothermal spas.

ICELAND HELI-HIKING
POST-VOYAGE: 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS
From $7,990*
Take a scenic helicopter tour to two different glaciers where you’ll have the rare opportunity to go on a glacier hike. Plus, go deep underground to explore the world’s only man-made ice cave and see the brilliant blue ice that’s been forming over centuries.

*All pricing is per person, double occupancy. Airfare is not included on all extensions. Call for details.
CAPACITY: 81 outside cabins accommodating 148 guests. 
REGISTRY: Bahamas. OVERALL LENGTH: 367 feet.

*National Geographic Explorer* is a state-of-the-art expedition ship. She is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, with an ice-reinforced hull, enabling her to navigate polar passages while providing exceptional comfort. She carries kayaks and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft. An undersea specialist operates a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and sophisticated undersea video equipment, extending access to the underwater world.

PUBLIC AREAS: Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; global gallery; library; lounge with full-service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows, and presentations; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and observation lounge. An “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet the officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menu is international with local flair.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities, and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies. Equipped with Ethernet and Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, crow’s nest remote-controlled camera, video microscope.

SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, Global Perspectives guest speaker, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, video chronicler, internet café, and laundry.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a glass-enclosed fitness center, outdoor stretching area, LEXspa treatment room, and sauna.

Right from top: Dining room with unassigned seating and a casual atmosphere; comfortable Category 5 cabin with balcony; standard bathroom; fitness center with panoramic views.
CATEGORY 1: $5,030  
Main Deck with one or two portholes #301-308

CATEGORY 2: $5,650  
Main Deck with window #317-320, 335-336

CATEGORY 3: $5,880  
Main Deck with window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350

CATEGORY 4: $6,730  
Upper and Veranda Decks with window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228

CATEGORY 5: $7,320  
Upper Deck with balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 220-222, 224

CATEGORY 6: $8,770  
Veranda Deck–Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #213

CATEGORY 7: $10,170  
Upper Deck–Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230

CATEGORY A SOLO: $7,070  
Main Deck with window #309-312, 329-334

CATEGORY B SOLO: $7,350  
Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

CATEGORY 3 TRIPLE:  
Main Deck with window #341, 343

*Third person rates are available in the designated triple occupancy cabins at one-half the double occupancy rate. Cabins #341, 343, 101, 102, 215, 219 and 230 can accommodate a third person.
WITH COMPLIMENTS: Travel on this voyage and your bar tab aboard ship and tips for the crew will be covered (certain premium brands of alcohol excluded).

BRING THE KIDS: We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So, take $500 off the double occupancy price for each person under 18.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

VOYAGE COST INCLUDES: Accommodations aboard ship; all meals and nonalcoholic and alcoholic beverages (except certain premium brands) aboard ship; transfers to/from airport if traveling on group flights; all shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees; taxes, service charges, and gratuities; services of a ship physician and Lindblad’s expedition staff and local guides. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED: Air transportation; meals not indicated; passport and visa fees; baggage/accident/travel protection plan; items of a personal nature such as premium alcoholic beverages, voyage DVD, Wi-Fi access; and laundry.

ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country, if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country’s requirement.

SMOKING POLICY: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions’ and the National Geographic Society’s liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship’s ticket sent prior to departure or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

Note: Itineraries and prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date and are subject to change. Under normal conditions the total expedition price is guaranteed at the time of booking. However, our expedition pricing is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event of increases in those costs, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies, or increased security costs, we reserve the right to adjust the price of your expedition or add a surcharge to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide an explanation of the reason for increase in costs.

CANCELLATION POLICY

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This policy applies to the voyage only. We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.

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Please reserve ___________ place(s).

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Accommodations: □ Double □ Single □ Twin share w/friend
□ Share with roommate assigned by tour operator

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:
1st choice: ___________________________ 2nd choice: ________________________________

Please send me information on these extensions:
□ Reykjavík’s Golden Circle □ Highlands & Lowlands □ Snaefellsnes
□ The Volcanic Northeast □ Heli-Hiking

□ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ _________________________ (US$750 per person).

Check made payable to Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.
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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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» Choose your own adventure on one of five optional extensions, from hiking across Iceland’s untamed highlands to exploring the Snaefellsnes Peninsula’s epic natural wonders.