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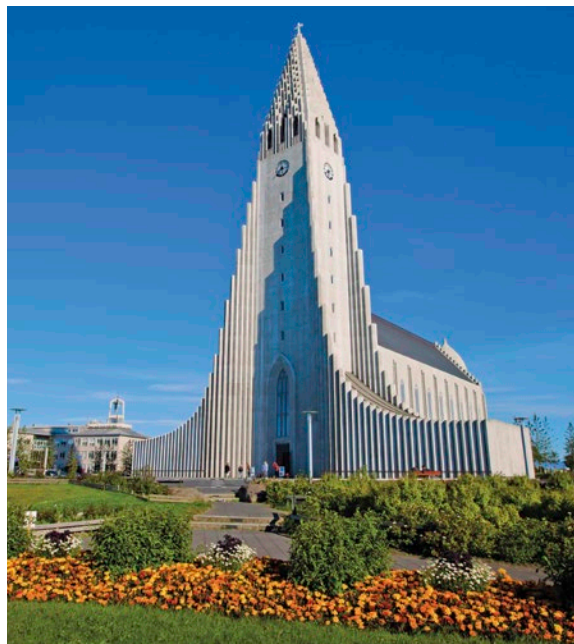
LAND JOURNEY



Grandeur of Iceland

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Thrill to the stirring beauty of the **Golden Circle**, where bubbling mud pools, geysers and waterfalls dot the landscape.
- ▶ Encounter **Reykjavik**, Iceland's cultural capital, home to culinary ingenuity and colorful streetscapes.
- ▶ Discover how Iceland harnesses its vast **geothermal resources** at a state-of-the-art geothermal plant.
- ▶ Learn about the creation of Iceland over millions of years while exploring the interactive exhibits of the **Lava Centre**.
- ▶ Watch for magnificent breaching whales and darling puffins during a **whale watching tour**.
- ▶ Sit down to a homemade feast and learn about Icelandic horticulture at a **family-run greenhouse and farm**.
- ▶ Experience Pingvellir National Park, a **UNESCO World Heritage site**.



Hallgrímskirkja Church

Behold the magic of Iceland during this unforgettable adventure. From our base in Reykjavik, journey through wild landscapes, witnessing fantastical land formations, waterfalls, hot springs and charming villages. Specially designed excursions offer insight into Iceland's cultural heritage and incredible geological systems, as well as the country's successful model for green living. Watch for breaching whales during a cruising adventure and journey to the Golden Circle where you'll find dramatic vistas around every corner. Plus, the friendly owners of a sustainable farm welcome you to share in their county's inimitable splendors.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Reykjavik, Iceland. 🌐

Day 2 | Reykjavik

Arrive in Iceland and transfer 🚗 to the Radisson Blu 1919 Hotel, Reykjavik.

Discovery: Reykjavik City Tour. Witness Iceland's vibrant capital, including the Hallgrímskirkja Church, the House of Parliament, the Harpa Concert Hall and the open-air Árbæjarsafn folk museum. Also, admire Reykjavik's street art scene.

Later tonight, gather for a Welcome Reception.

Day 3 | Reykjavik | Hengill

Discovery: Renewable Energy. Iceland's unique geography of volcanoes, hot springs, geysers and mountains is simply stunning. The epic landscape also features a wealth of hydroelectric and geothermal resources. Take an informative tour of one of the world's biggest geothermal power plants and learn how Iceland sustainably uses geothermal energy.

Enrichment: Geothermal Energy. An expert shares facts about Iceland's green energy industry.

Discovery: Iceland Geology. Gain an in-depth understanding of the geological powers of Iceland's volcanic systems at the Lava Centre. Explore interactive exhibits that reveal the forces of nature that have shaped the planet and experience the extreme forces associated with volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. Savor the nuances of Icelandic cuisine at dinner.

Day 4 | Borgarnes | Reykholt

Discovery: Settlement Exhibition and Snorrastofa. Embark on a discovery of Icelandic history at the remarkable Settlement Exhibition in Borgarnes. This well-preserved archaeological site contains ruins that date from before 871. Learn about the discovery of Iceland and delve into the life of Viking and poet Egill

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Skalla-Grimson, one of Iceland's first settlers. Continue to the historical site of Reykholt to visit Snorrastofa, founded in memory of Snorri Sturluson, Iceland's greatest medieval writer, historian and chieftain. Engaging exhibitions reveal facts about the literary contributions of this famous scholar.

During your outing, visit Europe's largest hot spring and two waterfalls. Iceland's cold climate and abundance of rain, snow and glaciers produce incredible waterfalls.

Enrichment: Snorri Sturluson. Join the museum staff at Snorrastofa as they discuss the life of this notable 13th-century author and politician.

Day 5 | Golden Circle | Þingvellir

Discovery: Golden Circle and Greenhouse Cultivation. Soak up the splendor of Iceland's crown jewel and a region of great historical and geological importance. The UNESCO-listed Þingvellir National Park is the original site of the world's longest-running parliament and the meeting point of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. Gaze at the Strokkur geyser and see the Gullfoss waterfall. This 104-foot-high waterfall spans a wide section of the Hvítá river and provides a spectacular setting like no other.

Continue to a family-run greenhouse to get a first-hand view of sustainable horticulture in Iceland. Enjoy a traditional Icelandic lunch, followed by a visit to the stable to see Icelandic horses.

Day 6 | Reykjavik

Enrichment: Contemporary Iceland.

Discuss the issues influencing Icelandic society.

Free Time: Set your own pace through Reykjavik. Perhaps visit Volcano House and Hafnarhús, the largest of the Reykjavik Art Museum locations.

Discovery: Whale Cruise. Embark on a thrilling ocean cruising adventure to witness nature's most magnificent beasts in their natural habitat. The most common sightings are of minke and humpback whales and harbor porpoises.

Revel in your day's adventures over dinner.

Day 7 | Snæfellsnes Peninsula

Discovery: Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Journey to a



dramatic region with unique land formations, charming villages and the stunning Snæfellsjökull glacier. Visit Stykkishólmur, a delightful village, and witness the wonders of an active volcano that is believed to be one of Earth's seven main energy centers. Continue to visit Búðir, a hamlet with black lava fields; Arnarstapi, home to the arctic tern; and Djúpalónssandur with its black-pebbled beach.

Day 8 | Reykjavik

Free Time: Enjoy a full day at leisure. Visit Vatsmýrin, a cultural institution that supports ties with other Nordic nations, or spend an afternoon along Laugavegur, a shopping-centric street.

Elective | Blue Lagoon. Relax and unwind at the beautiful Blue Lagoon, Iceland's man-made attraction and most popular spa. Soak in the lagoon's healing mineral waters and enjoy the swirling steam of this celebrated destination.

Toast to your Icelandic adventure at a Farewell Dinner tonight.

Day 9 | In Transit

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Included Features

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- 7 nights in Reykjavik, Iceland, at the first-class Radisson Blu 1919 Hotel, Reykjavik.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **Electives** to pursue your individual interests.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



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July 3-11, 2023

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Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

Electives available at an additional cost.