

KEVIN TISON

Adventures in Iceland

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

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DAY 1

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Welcome to Iceland

- * We'll transfer from Keflavik Airport to Reykjavik, enjoy lunch, and take a walking tour of downtown.
- * Take in the sunset at Sky Lagoon. Relax and recover from jetlag with the indulgent 7 step ritual. You'll soak in the hot bath, refresh with a cold mist, exfoliate with a cleansing scrub, wrap yourself in steam, and take in the colorful scenery.
- * Next up is dinner in the City Centre. Kevin knows several amazing places serving Icelandic cuisine that you all can choose from.
- * Enjoy your first night in Reykjavik at Hotel Fron, a Reykjavik hotel that Kevin has stayed at multiple times!



DAY 2

Sunday, April 9, 2023

The Northwest & the Northern Fjords

- * We'll drive up the west side of island to check out the famous Hvitserkur sea stack.
- * Enjoy a lunch of sandwiches at the picnic area of Hvitserkur.
- * Get ready to explore one of Iceland's hidden treasures—a stunning waterfall with a geothermal hot pot at the top located in the middle of a sheep pasture! This is one of Kevin's favorite photo spots!
- * Enjoy a glass of wine in a legendary bathing spot, Grettislaug at Reykir. Known as the bathing place of Grettir the Strong from Saga lore, the geothermal pool has been constructed with natural stones and is located by the seaside with amazing views.
- * To wrap the day we'll travel over to Hofsos, a small city at the base of a Northern Fjord where we will overnight.

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DAY 3

Monday, April 10, 2023

Akureyri and the North

- * After breakfast spend a morning relaxing at Sundlaugar, a beautiful outdoor geothermal heated swimming pool in Hofsof.
- * Next, we'll make the stunning drive across the north towards Akureyri, the largest city in the northern part of the country.
- * Enjoy the enchanting drive up out of Akureyri to Goðafoss, a beautiful roadside, horse-shoe shaped waterfall. Embark on a short hike around the falls for many stunning views and photo ops.
- * Weather and dirt road conditions permitting, we'll visit another special Iceland waterfall spot at Aldeyjarfoss, found within the northern highlands in the Skjálfandaflljót river.
- * Next we'll head back to Akureyri for a relaxing evening, some shopping, and leisurely strolls along the waterfront.
- * Enjoy dinner with Kevin and the group and overnight at Hotel Kea in Akureyri or similar.

DAY 4

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Northeast & the East Fjords

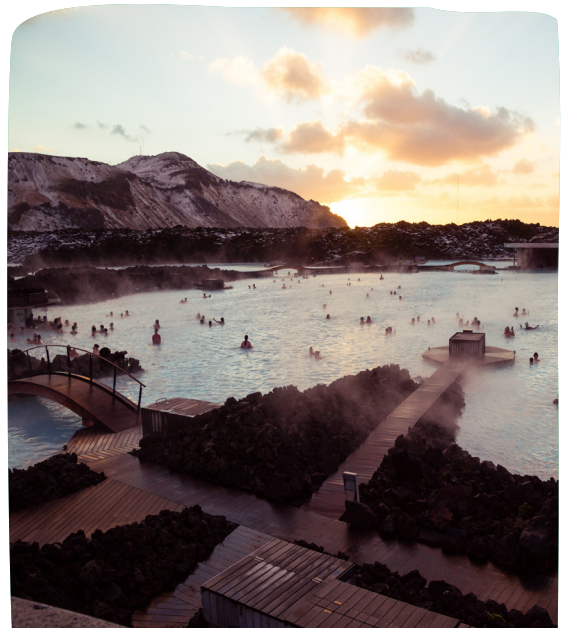
- * We'll begin the day with a drive across the north to Myvatn to visit the nature baths, lava field, and Hverir. At Hverir, you will see many smoking fumaroles and boiling mud pots, surrounded by sulphur crystals of many different colours. Hike around the unique landscape that will fascinate all your senses.
- * Take in lunch at Vogofjós Farm Café where you can see the cows through windows. You can even taste the fresh, warm milk direct from the cows.
- * Hike around Dettifoss waterfall, reputed to be the second most powerful waterfall in Europe. Dettifoss is situated on the Jökulsá á Fjöllum river, which flows from the Vatnajökull glacier.
- * We'll finish the day's drive to the East Fjords, arriving at Fáskrúðsfjörður, and staying at Fosshotel Eastfjords or similar.

DAY 5

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

The Southern Coast & the Glacier

- * We'll drive through the amazing East Fjords down to the South Coast, visiting Iceland's famous Jökulsárlón, a glacial lagoon, bordering Vatnajökull National Park (Ice Lagoon) and Diamond Beach.
- * Next hike to Svartifoss – a beautiful waterfall surrounded by dark lava, basalt columns.
- * We'll lunch in the small seaside town of Höfn, at Pakkhús, famous for its langoustine and glacier beer!
- * We'll trek along the southern coast, taking opportunities to stop and photograph the massive glacier and tongues, along with the fields of moss covered lava rock!
- * Finally, we'll overnight in the small southern town of Vik.



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DAY 6

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Black Sand Beaches & Waterfalls

- * Prepare to enjoy the beautiful black sand beaches of Reynisfjara, including photo opportunities on the towering basalt columns overlooking the sea. We'll hunt for a sighting of some nesting puffins around the Dyrhólaey Lighthouse & nature preserve, a rich area of sights in south Iceland.
- * Continuing NW bound, we'll tour Solheimasandur, a sight of a famous US Navy plane that crashed here in 1973. A short 30 minute hike into the desolate spot will produce some incredible photos.
- * Along the route, we stop to explore famous waterfalls Skogafoss.
- * We'll spend the afternoon at Seljavallalaug - Iceland's oldest swimming pool, nestled among towering mountains, after a short distance hike.
- * We'll head back to Reykjavik for a casual dinner and an overnight at Hotel Fron.



DAY 7

Friday, April 14, 2023

Underwater Adventure

- * We'll begin the day at the famous Golden Circle, basking in the sights of Geysir-one of the most impressive waterfalls in Iceland.
- * Today, you'll jaunt around Þingvellir (Thingvellir) National Park in the rift valley where the tectonic plates of North America and EuroAsia split. This is an amazing opportunity to go snorkeling in the freezing (don't worry, you'll have a full body suit on for warmth) and possibly purest water in the world!
- * We'll then head back to Reykjavik for some afternoon shopping and exploration before heading to the iconic Blue Lagoon.
- * We'll gather for our farewell dinner back in Reykjavik at the Grillmarket Restaurant with Kevin and the group.

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DAY 8

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Departure

- * Embark on your mid-morning flight, leaving behind the Land of Fire and Ice with many amazing memories, photographs, and sights never before seen or imagined!

INCLUSIONS

- * Transportation to and from airport
- * Activities listed in itinerary
- * Daily breakfasts at hotel and select other meals
- * A full-time professional bilingual World Strides Tour Director
- * Hotels as noted, double occupancy
- * Transportation between locations

EXCLUSIONS

- * Airfare to and from country
- * Any activity or meal not specified in itinerary

PRICE (BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

- * \$3,495