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Untamed Iceland

REYKJAVIK • STYKKISHOLMUR • AKUREYRI • SELFOSS

11 days—Land Tour only—

from **\$3895**

12 days—including international airfare

from Washington DC (Dulles)—

from **\$4795**

Additional departure cities are available



ITINERARY SUMMARY

JULY 12, 2016 & JULY 13, 2016

DAYS	DESTINATION	LODGING
1-2	Fly to Reykjavik, Iceland	<i>Hilton Nordica or similar</i>
3-4	Stykkisholmur	<i>Hotel Stykkisholmur or similar</i>
5-7	Akureyri	<i>Icelandair Hotel Akureyri or similar</i>
8-9	Fly to Reykjavik • Golden Circle	<i>Hotel Selfoss or similar</i>
10-11	Reykjavik	<i>Hilton Nordica or similar</i>
12	Return to U.S.	

It's Included

- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements (please note due to government actions taxes may change)
- All land transportation and 1 internal flight
- Accommodations for 10 nights, plus 1 night in the U.S. on trips that return in September and October
- 22 meals—daily breakfast, 5 lunches, and 6 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 25 small group activities
- Services of a resident, English-speaking OAT Trip Leader
- **NEW:** Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
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Day 1 Depart U.S.

Day 2 Arrive Reykjavik, Iceland. *Velkominn!*

Welcome to Iceland. You'll be met by an OAT representative, and transfer to our hotel, then enjoy breakfast. Get acquainted with the neighborhood surrounding your hotel on a walk to The Reykjavik Botanical Garden followed by an optional bus ride to the Reykjavik city center. Later, gather for a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travelers, including those from our *Worlds of Fire: Iceland's Westman Islands* trip extension. *B,D—Hilton Nordica or similar*

Day 3 Explore Borgarfjordur • Overland to Stykkisholmur • Mount Helgafell hike.

After breakfast, we depart Reykjavik for the rolling meadows of the Borgarfjordur agricultural district. We'll visit the country's most powerful hot springs at the Deildartunguhver thermal area and the "magic waterfalls" of Hraunfossar, where a river unexpectedly appears from beneath a lava flow. We'll visit the Settlement Center, and stop for lunch on your own. Then we continue to Stykkisholmur, the largest town on the scenic Snaefellsnes Peninsula. We'll take a drive and hike to the top of Helgafell, a sacred mountain that, according to local lore, may grant you a wish if you climb silently to the top without looking back. After dinner back at the hotel, the evening is at your leisure.

B,D—Hotel Stykkisholmur or similar

Day 4 Snaefellsnes Peninsula • Arnarstapi lava field • Shark farm visit • Optional *Beautiful Breidarfjordur* excursion.

This morning on the Snaefellsnes Peninsula, we'll explore the area that marks the entry point to Jules Verne's *Journey to the Center*

of the Earth. After lunch together at the village of Hellnar, we'll continue to the abandoned fishing village of Arnarstapi, where we'll hike to a yellow-sand beach. Keep an eye out for the tiny elves or *huldufolk* (hidden people) said to inhabit this countryside. Another side of Icelandic culture is ours to discover on a visit to a shark farm, where we'll meet a shark farmer and taste *hakarl*, a local delicacy made from shark meat. Dinner will be on your own this evening in Stykkisholmur. Or, join an optional excursion to beautiful Breidarfjordur Bay. You'll enjoy a boat cruise around the islands to view the scenic splendor (and myriad birdlife when in season) and dine on fresh seafood for dinner before returning to the hotel.

B,L—Hotel Stykkisholmur or similar

Day 5 Eiríksstaðir Museum • Horse farm visit • Overland to Akureyri.

After breakfast this morning, we'll depart Stykkisholmur for the Eiríksstaðir Museum, once the site of the home of Erik the Red, and the childhood home of Leif Ericson, who reached North America 600 years before the *Mayflower*. Then we'll visit a local horse farm to meet Icelandic horses first brought to the country by Viking settlers and enjoy lunch. Afterwards we'll continue to Akureyri, situated on the northern fjords near the Arctic Circle. We'll enjoy dinner together this evening at our hotel.

B,L,D—Icelandair Hotel Akureyri or similar

Day 6 Explore Godafoss Waterfall & Lake Myvatn • Home-Hosted Dinner.

Today we begin with a visit to Godafoss (Icelandic for "waterfall of the gods"), where the current carries rushing water along a glacial river and over the rocks of the falls. We'll visit a

What to expect ...

Pacing

- 4 locations in 11 days; one 1-night stay
- One 45-minute internal flight

Physical requirements

- Not appropriate for travelers using wheelchairs, walkers, or other mobility aids
- You must be able to walk at least 3 miles unassisted over the course of each day, participating in 6-8 hours of daily physical activities

Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 44-77°F in the warmer fall months to 35-50°F in the fall
- Evenings can be chilly, even in summer
- Iceland is sometimes subject to harsh weather, but the summer months are quite mild

Terrain

- Travel over some rugged paths, as well as bumpy, gravelly, and sometimes icy roads by motorcoach and on foot
- One short hike up a small mountain

Transportation

- Travel by 19-passenger motorcoach, inflatable river rafts, and whale-watching boat
- One internal flight of 45 minutes

Accommodations & Facilities

- Hotels feature a variety of Western-style amenities and personal services





handcraft workshop run by local women before discovering the Lake Myvatn area, sculpted throughout the ages by volcanic eruptions and renowned for its diverse bird population. Then we visit the pseudo-crater field at Skutustadir and the whimsical “black castle” lava formations of Dimmuborgir. After lunch at a local restaurant, we visit the Námaskard geothermic area before returning to Akureyri. Then, we’ll take a city tour of improbably sunny Akureyri—which enjoys a mild climate in spite of its location—to visit the Botanical Gardens and the harbor.

Back in Akureyri, you’ll have some time to relax before enjoying a Home-Hosted Dinner this evening.

B,L,D—Icelandair Hotel Akureyri or similar

Day 7 Dalvik • Whale-watching. After breakfast this morning, we head for the picturesque fishing village of Dalvik, where we’ll set sail aboard a restored fishing vessel for a whale-watching excursion along with other locals. If we’re lucky, we’ll spot minke whales, white-beaked dolphins, harbor porpoises, and humpback whales. **Please note:** This activity is weather dependent and relies upon the cooperation of whale migratory patterns, which are difficult to accurately predict. If necessary, an alternate activity will be provided.

Then, we stop at the fishing village of Olafsfjordur, followed by a visit to Siglufjordur, Iceland’s northernmost town. At one time, Siglufjordur was the capital of the North Atlantic’s herring industry, and after lunch at a local restaurant here, we’ll visit a museum dedicated to this once-thriving industry. There will also be free time to explore the picturesque town on our own.

Dinner this evening is on your own.
B,L—Icelandair Hotel Akureyri or similar

Day 8 Fly to Reykjavik • Explore the Golden Circle. We transfer to the airport for our flight to Reykjavik this morning. Today we explore the Golden Circle, a ring of natural highlights. First we’ll visit Thingvellir National Park, the location of a major rift between two tectonic plates—the European and North American—which creates a dramatic (and growing) fissure in the land. The snowcapped mountains surrounding this forested plain form a striking natural amphitheater. Next is Geysir, the geyser from which all others take their name. We’ll witness the dramatic column of water and steam that shoots into the air when it erupts. Then we travel to stunning Gullfoss (Golden Falls), with its multiple tiers of white water. Finally, we’ll arrive in Selfoss in time for dinner at our hotel.

B,D—Hotel Selfoss or similar



Day 9 Explore South Iceland • Volcanic Museum • Super Jeep tour • Seljalandsfoss Waterfall. After breakfast this morning, we’ll tour the Porvaldseyri Volcanic Museum. Established by farmers in 2011, this interactive visitor center allows guests to experience what it’s like living in the shadow of an active volcano. We’ll then journey to the south coast and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. We’ll go off-road driving for our Super Jeep Tour, introducing you to the black beaches. Our next stop is the wispy Seljalandsfoss Waterfall—which falls 200 feet on cliffs that once formed the coastline.

B,L—Hotel Selfoss or similar

Day 10 River rafting • Hellisheidi Power Plant • Overland to Reykjavik. This morning, we’ll enjoy meeting locals as we visit a flower farm that relies on geothermal energy to grow lilies, roses and other species. Then we embark upon an exhilarating rafting trip on the glacial Hvítá River. After boarding inflatable rafts, we’ll take up paddles and make our way along the course of the river, passing through serene canyons and over thrilling rapids. We then continue to the geothermal power plant at Hellisheidi. We’ll learn more about Iceland’s progressive approach to sustainable resources as we tour the plant. Afterward we’ll travel to Reykjavik, the world’s most northerly capital—and choose from one of the city’s many restaurants for dinner on your own. **Please note:** River rafting is only available between May and early October—and is weather-dependent.

B—Hilton Nordica or similar

Day 11 Blue Lagoon • Reykjavik. This morning, visit the iconic Blue Lagoon for a swim in its mineral-rich waters. Then enjoy leisure

time in Reykjavik this afternoon. Called the “biggest little city,” Reykjavik and its suburbs are home to 180,000 people, more than half the country’s population. Perhaps you’ll view the ancient *Saga* manuscripts at the Culture House, or relax in one of the city’s many coffeehouses. Tonight we’ll enjoy a Farewell Dinner with our fellow travelers.

B,D—Hilton Nordica or similar

Day 12 National Museum • Return to U.S. or begin post-trip extension. After breakfast, we’ll visit the National Museum in Reykjavik. Then you’ll transfer to the airport to board your flight home. Travelers taking the post-trip extension on a morning flight will visit the National Museum on Day 11. **Please note:** Due to Icelandair flight schedules, some trips may include an extra night in the U.S. upon arrival. Please ask your Adventure Specialist for details.

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Please note: We reserve the right for our Trip Leaders to modify participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home if their limitations are impacting the group’s experience.

Expand your discoveries with this optional tour

BEAUTIFUL BREIDARFJORDUR
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Please note: Optional tour prices listed are U.S. dollar estimates determined at the time of publication and are subject to change. Optional tours may vary.

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Departure Date and Prices

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