

# AROUND ICELAND



## Iceland circumnavigation: sailing through the island of the thousand colours

Experience an exciting boat ride in this wild island full of contrasts. Discover its glaciers, volcanoes, black sand beaches and its spectacular waterfalls.

Enjoy contemplating its lush fauna. A magical and colorful Iceland welcome you this summer.

Prepare to be surprised!

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## TRAVEL PROGRAM

### Day 1

- Flight from your country of residence - Reykjavik.
- Transfer by bus from the airport to the hotel in Reykjavik.
- Lunch and dinner not included.
- Accommodation at the hotel in Reykjavik.

### Day 2

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer by your own from the hotel to the harbour (this harbour is located in the heart of town which is a 5 minute walk to the inner city).
- Boarding.

### Day 3 - Stykkisholmur

- Stykkisholmur is the starting point for our explorations of the Snaefellsnes Peninsula, which just out from Iceland's west coast. Boarding our Zodiacs, we will explore Breidafjörður Bay, known for its colorful bird life, unique basalt rock formations and stunning scenery. We also have an opportunity to join an adventurous snowcat expedition to the extinct volcano glacier Snaefellsjökull with our experienced guides. The glacier is one of the most famous sites in Iceland primarily because it featured in the novel Journey to the Centre of the Earth by Jules Verne in which the entrance to the mysterious interior of our planet is located on Snaefellsjökull.

### Day 4 - Isafjörður

- Today's destination is the idyllic town of Isafjörður, capital of the Westfjords region. This secluded peninsula is connected to the rest of Iceland by only a narrow strip of land. Even by Icelandic standards, the area can be described as unusually isolated. The landscape is characterized by mesas and dramatic fjords that cut deep into the landscape. Enjoy silence and nature while sea fishing or bird watching on the small island of Vigur, or by visiting the Dynjandi Waterfall, the highest cascade in this area.

### Day 5 - Siglufjörður

- The next morning we reach the city of Siglufjörður, once the center of the Icelandic herring industry. Learn all about the golden age of Icelandic herring fishing at the award-winning Herring Museum. At lunchtime, we take a Zodiac excursion to Hedinsfjörður, an uninhabited inlet surrounded by the majestic mountains of the Trollaskagi Peninsula. In the early evening we arrive in Akureyri, capital of the north. Go for a stroll through the beautiful town and visit the botanical garden.

### Day 6 - Akureyri

- Today the vessel remains in the port of Akureyri while we explore Iceland's north shore. Around 90 minutes by road to the east of the city is the Lake Myvatn region, a strikingly beautiful region where it's said that "heaven and hell" clash. One side of the lake is characterized by the rugged remnants of volcanic activity, while on the other we find fertile plains with lush greenery and a varied bird life. We have a choice between several exciting shore excursions. One possibility is the "Diamond Circle" tour which includes a visit to the massive Dettifoss waterfall, the colorful Myvatn area and the lush Asbyrgi canyon.

### Day 7 - Flatey

- Early in the morning we anchor off the island of Flatey, where we will board the Zodiacs for a whale watching tour in Skjalfandi Bay. During the journey enjoy views of the often snow-capped peaks of the Vik Mountains and be on the lookout for whales and dolphins. In the sheltered bay we can find up to 15 different species of whale, as well as dolphins and birds. After our zodiac tour we will visit the

island of Flatey, a bird paradise with over 30 different types of birds and enjoy lunch on the island.

### **Day 8 – Seydisfjörður**

- For our exploration of the Eastfjords, the ship docks in the port of Seydisfjörður. Characteristic of the region are the picturesque fishing villages, steep slopes and panoramic sea views. Spot seals while horseback riding, paddle kayaks in the idyllic fjords, take a hike and look out for wild reindeer or explore the town of Egilsstaðir by bike.

### **Day 9 – Höfn**

- The former fishing village of Höfn is a good starting point to explore Vatnajökull glacier. Go on a four-wheel-drive Jeep tour to the foot of the glacier and take a boat trip in the Jokulsárlón glacier lagoon. Icebergs in all shapes and sizes are floating in the water - an unforgettable adventure on a body of water that didn't exist at the beginning of the last century, as the lagoon was recently formed by the retreat of the Breidamerkurjökull glacier tongue.

### **Day 10 – Westman Islands**

- Located about five miles off the coast of southern Iceland, the island group Vestmannaeyjar were formed by submarine volcanic eruptions around 10,000 years ago. The youngest of the islands only emerged from the sea in 1963. We go ashore in the harbor of Heimaey, the only inhabited island of the group. Residents here live with the constant threat of another violent eruption. In 1973, the entire population had to be evacuated after Helgafell volcano suddenly exploded. In many places in Heimaey one still sees the houses half buried by lava and ash. We circumnavigate the island in our Zodiacs and stop at places of interest where we will get to know the local bird life, visit caves and, if lucky, spot whales. There is also the opportunity to play an extraordinary round of golf in a sunken volcanic crater.

### **Day 11 – Reykjavík**

- In the morning we return to the port of Reykjavík. After breakfast it's time to bid farewell to the vessel.  
- Lunch and dinner not included.  
- Accommodation at the hotel in Reykjavík.

### **Day 12**

- Breakfast at the hotel.  
- Transfer by bus from the hotel to the airport.  
- Flight from Reykjavík to your country of residence.

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## **WARNING**

This program is indicative and may be modified by weather factors, ice and snow conditions or logistical factors inherent to the Arctic.

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## **DATES**

June and July 2022 (ask for departures)

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## **PRICE**

[Ask price](#)

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## **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

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## **RESERVATION**

Before 90 days of the trip: 40% of the trip price + flights. After 90 days: 100% + flights

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## **MINIMUM GROUP**

1 person

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## **INCLUDED**

- Accommodation in booked cabin category.  
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, midnight snack) during the navigation.

- All soft drinks, water and coffee.
  - Captain's welcome and farewell cocktail.
  - All Zodiac excursions (which are included in the trip plan).
  - All lectures from cruise staff and guest speakers.
  - On-board entertainment program
  - Usage of gym and sauna-facilities
  - Transfer by bus from the airport to the hotel in Reykjavik (and return).
  - Travel insurance.
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## **NOT INCLUDED**

- Flights and air taxes.
  - Hotel accommodation in Reykjavik and other places.
  - Meals at the airports and on the airplanes.
  - ? Costs and applications for visa to Iceland, European Union or other countries if required.
  - Government arrival and departure taxes.
  - Laundry on the boat.
  - Alcoholic drinks.
  - Costs of telephone calls and any other telecommunications expenses incurred by the travellers.
  - Tips for the crew.
  - Extra accommodation nights in Iceland or other countries due to delays because of weather conditions, ice and snow state, inherent logistic in the Arctic, strikes at airports and any other cause beyond the control of Arctic World.
  - Everything not listed in the INCLUDED section.
  - Extra activities and excursions optional out of the expedition plan.
  - Air excess costs of personal baggage.
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## **SUPPLEMENTS**

- Trip cancellation insurance
  - Extra nights in Reykjavik
  - Transfer from the hotel to the harbour (and return)
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