

Iceland & the Faroe Islands 14 days

Currently Working on a Map

Traveling through Iceland and the Faroes Islands offers visitors some surprising and dramatic scenes. It is one of the few great travel adventures left in the 21st century. It was only recently that this area, because of improved flight scheduling and better accommodations, became accessible to the outside world. In spite of its Nordic location, the area enjoys a relatively mild climate, due to the warming waters of the Gulf Stream. The temperatures in the summer run only between 50 and 54 degrees, and the days are very, very long. Of important interest in this region are the spectacular vistas in the countryside: Moon-like landscapes, immense glaciers and icefields, awesome steaming and boiling hot springs and geysers, timeless mountain ramparts, volcanoes, turbulent rivers, and waterfalls. There are also deep fjords contrasting with lush green pastures, colorful towns, and friendly people. It is a very, very unique travel experience.

Dates & Prices

Leave **Sat. Jul. 08** – Return **Fri. Jul. 21, 2023** - **\$8,495**

Single Supplement - \$1,500 (*small*) or \$1,930 / Travel Protection – fr. \$248



Highlights

- 11 nights in First or Superior Tourist Class. **GreenGate Incoming**. 11 (B) Breakfasts; 9 (L) Lunches and 11 (D) Dinners including Faroese Cultural Night with music and dance and an Icelandic Farewell dinner.
- Hosted by **Alex Dold** from Honolulu. Specially chosen Faroese and Icelandic directors. Twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, service charges, and tips for baggage handling (*where available*).
- **Air Canada** from Honolulu (*United Air partner*) from the west coast. Deluxe motorcoach with wifi.
- Four nights in the 4-Star Hotel Brandon in Tórshavn (Faroe Islands) with visits to Vágur, Streymoy and Eysturoy Islands (*3 of Faroes 18*). In Iceland we spend two nights at both the Hótel Eyjafjallajökull (Hvolsvöllur) and the 4-Star Hilton Nordica (Reykjavík).
- Amazing natural scenic sights: multiple picturesque waterfalls (*Múlafossur, Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss, Gullfoss, Goðafoss, Hraunfossar*), **Dyrhólaey** peninsula's natural arch, **Reynisfjara** black-sand beach, desert plain of **Mýrdalssandur**, **Eldhraun** lava fields, **Sakaftafell National Park** perched on the highest peak in Iceland, Europe's largest glacier **Vatnajökul (UNESCO)**, the largest volcanic canyon in the world **Eldgja**, **Landmanalauger**, **Hekla** Iceland's most active volcano, **Geysir** which lends its name to all other geysers in the world, sky-blue fumaroles of **Hveravellir**, **Lake Mývatn**, Valley of Horses **Skagafjörður**, **Borgarfjörður** Fjord, the strongest flowing hot spring in Europe **Deildatunguhver**, **Snæfellsnes** peninsula, **Kirkjufell** Mountain one of the most photographed iconic landmarks in Iceland, **Pingvellir National Park (UNESCO)**, and more...
- Unique experiences like a **Vestmanna Bird Cliffs and Grottoes** cruise, coach rides through Faroe Islands **subsea tunnels** (*hold your breath*), Amphibious **iceberg sailing** through **Jökulsárlón lagoon**, **Kálfaströnd Peninsula** (*a backdrop for the Game of Thrones*), **Flugumýri Organic Farm**, **Staðarskáli** service center, possibly stand between two continental plates (*only place in the world*).
- Cultural Highlights include Faroese **landsstýri** (*government*) **Tinganes** (*parliament jetty*), **Úti á Reyni** the oldest district in Tórshavn with its small turf roofed, the **Nordic House**, visit a **wood carver workshop** in Leynar village, the famous 900-year-old **Roykstovan** (King's) farm, **Dúvugarður** farmhouse, **Tjørnuvík** Viking settlement, **Skógar Folk Museum**, the old **Viking parliament** founded in 930 A.D., plus, plus, plus...

Itinerary

Day 01. Sat., Jul. 08. HONOLULU DEPARTURE. Our adventure to the “*Land of Fire and Ice*” begins this evening with a departure for Canada. Our preliminary flight schedule is displayed at doldworldjourneys.com on the journey's page.

Day 02. Sun., Jul. 09. VIA CANADA TO ICELAND. After a comfortable layover in Vancouver, we continue to Toronto for a quick connection on to Reykjavik, Iceland.

Day 03. Mon., Jul. 10. ICELAND ARRIVAL AND TO THE FAROE ISLANDS. After arriving in Iceland, we clear Immigration and Customs then head to the gate for our short flight to the Faroes Islands. *Welcome to the gorgeous Faroe Islands!* We are met and transferred to the beautiful Hotel Brandon, our home for the next 4 nights. The rest of the afternoon is at our leisure to do as we please. Perhaps take a dip in the hotel's hot tub, enjoy a relaxing sauna and/or take a stroll with Alex. Our hotel is minutes away from the city center and a shopping mall. Dinner will be served at our hotel. (D)



The Faroes is an isolated outpost in the North Atlantic, comprising of 18 islands inhabited by 60,000 people and 3.4 million seabirds. Only 5% of the land is cultivated. The rest is grazed by numberless sheep which can stay out all year due to the mild climate. The history of the Faroes Islands dates to the Viking period. Europe's oldest parliament was founded here in the year 900. This medieval culture is still alive in the language, fairy tales, legends, and folk songs. Today the Islands are a modern society with fishing and sheep breeding as their chief industries.

Day 04. Tue., Jul. 11. DISCOVER TÓRSHAVN AND KIRKJUBØUR. This morning enjoy a guided walk in the old part of **Tórshavn**. We explore the historic location of the Faroese landsstýri (*government*) **Tinganes** (*parliament jetty*). The parliament met here for the first time in the Viking ages when Norwegian colonists placed their *Ting* (*parliament*) on the site in 825. Next stop at **Úti á Reyni** the oldest district in Tórshavn with its small turf roofed houses dating centuries back. Our guide takes us to **Østrøm**, a center for culture, industry, and Faroese handicrafts. The store offers a great platform for taught and self-taught artists to show and sell their work. Then visit the **Nordic House**, a cultural institution whose aim is to support and promote Nordic and Faroese culture. After lunch there, we travel over the mountain to **Kirkjubøur** the southernmost village on Streymoy Island, to visit its historic cultural center. See the famous 900-year-old **Roykstovan** (King's) farm, which is still inhabited, and the **Olavskirken** (Saint Olav's) Church, the oldest in the Faroes. (B, L, D)



Day 05. Wed., Jul. 12. EXCURSIONS TO VÁGAR, NORTHERN STREYMOY AND EYSTUROY. After breakfast, we head to the island of **Vágar** to visit the idyllic village of **Gásadalur**. A short stroll brings us to the picturesque **Múlafossur** waterfall from where we have stunning panoramic views of **Mykines** Island and the **Tindhólmur** islet. Next, travel to the north coast of **Streymoy Island**. Along the way, we stop at an ancient farmhouse, **Dúvugarður**, in **Saksun**. Then continue to the northernmost village of **Tjørnuvík**, a Viking settlement. Our journey continues to the second largest and most populated island, **Eysturoy**. Here we visit **Gjógv** located on the northeastern tip of the island. The village was named after a 200-yard-long sea-filled gorge that runs north to the sea from the village.

For a special treat tonight, we experience a *Faroese Cultural Night* at the **Gjáargarður** hotel. Savor a delicious dinner featuring Faroese specialties. After dinner enjoy some music and a traditional Faroese Chain Dance. We return to **Tórshavn** via the village **Funningur** and through the fascinating subsea tunnel from **Eyturoy** Island. The tunnel is decorated by the local artist Tróndur Patursson and has an interesting roundabout in the middle of the tunnel (B, D)

Day 06. Thu., Jul. 13. VESTMANNA EXCURSION. Today's highlight is a boat cruise along the **Vestmanna Bird Cliffs** and **Grottoes**. Here we see thousands of seabirds. Be in awe as our boat sails into a narrow strait where the cliffs on both sides rise vertically toward the sky. Weather permitting, we will enter a grotto. After lunch at the Harbor restaurant, we travel to the western coast of Streymoy and the village of **Leynar** and visit a wood carver in his small workshop before returning to Tórshavn via the mountain road. (B, L, D)



Day 07. Fri., Jul. 14. TO ICELAND AND ALONG THE SOUTHERN COAST. Early this morning we transfer to the airport with a new love for magnificent natural beauty. It's a short flight back to **Reykjavik**, Iceland. Reykjavik is the *northernmost metropolis in the world*, and almost half of Iceland's population lives here. Heading south our first stop is at.



the stunning views of **Seljalandfoss** (*waterfall*) as we head across the fertile pastures to the village of **Skógar**. Here we visit the **Folk Museum**, which houses an interesting collection of Icelandic artifacts, and experience the powerful **Skógafoss** (*waterfall*). We continue to the small peninsula of **Dyrhólaey** (*door hill island*) famous for its natural arch. It's said to be so big that ships and even small airplanes can pass through it at certain times. On to the world-famous **Reynisfjara** black-sand beach with its large lava columns. End our day at **Hótel Eyjafjallajökull** where we spend the next two nights. (B, L, D).

Iceland is known as the "Land of Frost and Fire." Here Nature provides such variety and contrast within such a compact area. It is a wonderland of mountains and fjords, of rivers and mighty waterfalls, where ice-capped ridges separate long green valleys and high plateaus. There are volcanoes, sculptured lava, spouting geysers, and natural hot pools in which one can bath in the open air all year round. Unique to this region in the glorious light, which provides an ever-changing interplay of bright and vivid colors.

Here the dance between fire and ice has left an amazing landscape. Strata, millions of years old, are exposed, showing evidence of ancient tropical vegetation dating from close to the Ice Age. It is a Mecca for nature enthusiasts and birdwatchers- large rivers, rugged gorges, strange volcanic formations, boiling sulfur puts, and underground hot water pools are all part of this strange lunar-like setting.

Day 08. Sat., Jul. 15. EXPLORING SKAFTAFELL NATIONAL PARK. After breakfast we travel through the outwash desert plain of **Mýrdalssandur**. It is believed to have once been a fertile farming community destroyed by repeated glacial flooding through the centuries. Then pass the **Eldhraun** lava fields to **Skaftafell National Park**, perched on the highest peak in Iceland located below Europe's largest glacier, **Vatnajökul** (*White Glacier*) (**UNESCO**). It is a beautiful oasis of green plants in a sea of ice. The scenery is so breathtaking, several movies have been filmed in the part of Iceland, including James Bond's *Die Another Day*. Enjoy a tranquil sailing on the **Jökulsárlón**, a magnificent lagoon created by melted glaciers. As we cruise amidst the graceful, floating icebergs, keep your eye out for the numerous species of Icelandic birds who call this area home. (B, L, D)



Day 09. Sun., Jul. 16. VIA ÞJÓRSÁRDALUR VALLEY TO SKÁLHOLT. Today we journey from ice to fire to discover **Þjórsárdalur Valley**, the longest in Iceland. Our first stop is at **Eldgja**, the *largest volcanic canyon in the world*. Then we continue and enter **Landmanalauger** (*People's pools*), a vast area of stunning and unique beauty in the heart of Iceland's southern Highlands. During the summer, this is one the most popular hiking area of Iceland. From here we can see Iceland's most active volcano, **Hekla**. Then on to **Skálholt**, once the center of ecclesiastic power in Iceland. Hotel Skálholt. (B, L, D)

Day 10. Mon., Jul. 17. VIA HVERAVELLIR TO AKUREYI. We begin our journey north heading through the middle of Iceland. We drive to the **Geysir** (*which lent its name to all other geysers in the world*) in **Haukadalur Valley** and enjoy a stroll around the hot springs. Then marvel at one of the island's greatest natural wonders, the two-tiered **Gullfoss** (*Golden Waterfall*). We continue on the mountain track to **Kjölur**, the highland region located between **Hofsjökull** and **Langjökull** glaciers. Enjoy our boxed lunch from our hotel before exploring **Hveravellir** (*Field of Hot Springs*). This is one of the most beautiful geothermal areas in the world with smoking sky-blue fumaroles. Later, on to **Akureyi**, *the Capital of the North* and the **Hótel Norðurland**. (B, L, D)



Day 11. Tue., Jul. 18. EXPLORE LAKE MÝVATN AREA. We start with a spectacular view of **Goðafoss** (*Waterfall of the Gods*), known for its beauty and its importance during the *saga times*. Then we make our way to **Lake Mývatn**, famous for its combination of natural beauty and unique ecology. The bird life that exists here is just awesome. Continue along the south side of the lake to **Dimmuborgir** (*Dark Castle*), a spectacular maze of weird lava structures. Next visit **Námaskarð** and **Hverarönd**



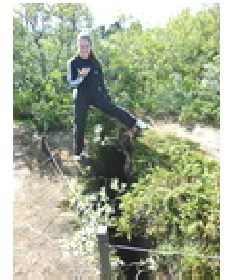
solfataras, a geothermal region with boiling sulfuric mud springs and steam vents, located at a short distance from the huge volcanic mountain Krafla. Lastly, drive up to **Kálfaströnd Peninsula** (*Game of Thrones* backdrop) and view the interesting lava pillars before heading to **Mikligarður** for the night. Arctic Hotel Mikligarður. (B, L, D)



Day 12. Wed., Jul. 19. VIA BORGARFJÖRÐUR TO REYKJAVIK. Begin our day with a visit to the **Flugumýri** Organic Farm in **Skagafjörður**, known as the “*Valley of Horses.*” We make a stop at the **Staðarskáli** service center. It’s a petrol station, a post office, and a restaurant which give us a little taste of Icelandic life. Continue to the **Borgarfjörður** Fjord located in a fertile valley in West Iceland. It is truly a geothermal utopia, home to the most powerful hot spring in Europe. After a short drive north, we stop at **Deildatunguhver**, the strongest flowing hot spring in Europe. It flows at a rate of 22 gallons per second with a constant temperature of 207 degrees Fahrenheit (*watch your hands*). As we head back toward Reykjavik, we pass the tiny village of **Reykholt** a one time the intellectual centers of the island with one of the most important schools of the country and view **Hraunfossar** (*Lava Falls*), a series of beautiful waterfalls formed by rivulets streaming out of the **Hallmundarhraun** lava field. We end our day in Iceland’s capital with a two-night stay at the Hilton Reykjavik Nordica. (B, L, D)



Day 13. Thu., Jul. 20. EXPLORING THE SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA AND ÞINGVELLIR. Our coach heads west to the dramatic landscapes in the **Snæfellsnes peninsula**. Comprising many of Iceland's unique features on one peninsula, it is often called "*Iceland in a nutshell.*" The area is home to one of the most photographed iconic landmarks in Iceland, **Kirkjufell Mountain**. This symmetrical mountain towers 1519 feet up from the shoreline. Then break in in a small fishing village, enjoying its laid-back lifestyle, and soaking up the natural beauty. **Arnarstapi**, a tiny fishing village situated at the foot of Mount **Stapafell**, sandwiched between **Hellnar** village and **Breidavik** farm. Nearby we see **Hellnar**, once the largest fishing station on the peninsula. The views from here are spectacular. Then visit the **Búðakirkja**, the black church of Budir. Know to be one of Iceland’s oldest churches. Back south to **Þingvellir National Park (UNESCO)**, the sacred site of the old *Viking parliament (Parliament Fields)* founded in 930 A.D. This is the only place in the world where you can stand between two continental plates, in a distinctive geological landscape that changes every year. We end our day in Reykjavik. Tonight, celebrate the end of a breathtaking adventure with a **special farewell dinner!** (B, L, D)



Day 14. Fri., Jul. 21. HEADING HOME. Vivid memories of the spectacular nature on our “*Fire & Ice*” adventure are with us on our flight to Honolulu. We arrive home in the evening of the same day. (B)



General Conditions – Iceland & Faroe Islands

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: A **\$600** per person **CHECK DEPOSIT** (*please make checks out to Dold World Journeys*) and your **RESERVATION FORM** is required to secure your space. The deposit is part of your final payment, which is due no later than **95 days** prior to departure. You will receive a final payment request approximately two weeks before its due date. **Payment for this journey is by CHECK ONLY.**

This program is sold as a **FULL PACKAGE** (*air & land*). **LAND ONLY** space is on a **WAIT LIST**. If your LAND ONLY space clears, you will have to make your own airport transfer arrangements (*and/or dayroom arrangements if applicable*).

DOLD WORLD JOURNEYS TERMS & CONDITIONS: NEW - Joining our program is a multiple step process. For one of them, each member must accept the **Dold World Journeys Terms & Conditions**. A copy will be provided via email.

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PRICE INCLUDES: The journey price includes **AIRFARE** based on a special GROUP fare, which is subject to certain restrictions; accommodations in First or Superior Tourist Class hotels based on two people sharing a room/cabin with private facilities (*bath or shower*); meals as indicated in the itinerary: (B) breakfast, (L) lunch, and (D) dinner; and entrance fees where applicable.

NOT INCLUDED: The trip price does not include passport expenses; meals not listed in itinerary; all beverages; airport tax; airline baggage fee, travel protection; laundry expenses; and all items of a personal nature. Tips to directors, drivers, local guides, and hotel personnel; excursions; city sightseeing; and entrance fees are excluded unless specifically noted in the itinerary.

PASSPORT AND VISA: A passport, valid 6 months past the date of your return with at least **THREE** blank pages, is required. A Tourist Visa is NOT required for U.S. citizens on this journey. A **COPY** of your passport is due with final payment (*or sooner*).

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: Single rooms are **limited** and on REQUEST. **The lower single price is for a smaller room.**

SIGHTSEEING AND TRANSFERS: All sightseeing and transfers are by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach with extra leg room. No Smoking on all motor coaches.

BAGGAGE: Due to limited motorcoach capacity, only **one suitcase** (*50 lbs. maximum*) and one carry-on per person will be allowed. It is recommended you bring a suitcase you can **HANDLE** and with wheels. There are **only three hotels** with **PORTERAGE** service. No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passengers' belongings. We recommend buying travel insurance.

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You are voluntarily participating in this journey with knowledge of the inherent risks (*including COVID19*), and you agree to assume all risks. **You are aware that payment of the deposit on the reservation indicates acknowledgement and acceptance of these risks.**

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