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IDYLLIC ICELAND

Webster defines "IDYLLIC" as: "Pleasing or picturesque in natural simplicity."

Iceland is an island landscape forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields and hot pools contrast with plunging fjords, waterfalls & mountains - unlike anything you've seen or done before. A purely positive experience, it's one of today's most popular travel destinations.

May 27 - June 4, 2012



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An experience that will exceed your expectations!



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A Few of Your Special Experiences

This is a very special and unique travel experience that is part of the Smithsonian Journeys Travel Adventures series.

- ◆ Reykjavik
- ◆ Blue Lagoon
- ◆ Golden Circle
- ◆ Thingvellir National Park
- ◆ PuffinCruise
- ◆ Skogar Folk Museum
- ◆ Icelandic Horse Farm
- ◆ Skaftafell National Park
- ◆ Whale Watch Cruise
- ◆ Iceland's famous "Ice Bar" with included "refreshments"

Your Daily Itinerary

Air 1: Overnight Flight

An overnight flight brings you to Iceland – an island of dramatic contrasts and a landscape forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields and hot pools reflect its volcanic nature, while massive glaciers continue to sculpt the mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. The Icelandic people combine a reverence for their Viking heritage and ancient language with an industrialized, progressive society. Discover the spectacular landscapes and proud people of this small island nation during this fascinating journey.

Day 2: Reykjavik, Iceland - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Reykjavik where you embark on a fascinating city tour that highlights such important sites as the 19th-century Parliament House, Austurvollur Square, the Hofoi House and Tjomin Lake. Visit the National Museum of Iceland where new and dynamic exhibitions increase your knowledge of Icelandic cultural heritage, from the nation's earliest settlement through modern day. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner. Following dinner enjoy a show about the history of Iceland before you retire for the evening. D

Day 3: Reykjavik - Reykjanes Peninsula - Reykjavik

During a full-day excursion, explore the scenic landscape of the Reykjanes Peninsula, stopping at Bessastadir, an ancient Viking site that is now the official residence of the current president. Continue to Lake Kleifarvatn to see an amazing display of geothermal activity, including steaming fumaroles, hot springs and mud pots. Conclude your day at the famous Blue Lagoon, a natural geothermal pool in the middle of a large, dramatic lava field. Enjoy

time to relax or perhaps take a swim in this pleasantly warm, mineral-rich water. B

Day 4: Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Vik*

Travel to the "Golden Circle" which encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural scenic wonders. Thingvellir National Park is Iceland's most historic site and one of its most beautiful places. The oldest existing parliament in the world first met here in AD 930. The park also features the geologically significant Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the American and European tectonic plates meet. Travel across fertile pastures, sand flats and glacial rivers en route to Skogar, a small settlement located next to a magnificent waterfall. Visit the Skogar Folk Museum which houses an interesting collection of Icelandic artifacts. Continue to the amazing hot springs of Geysir, then marvel at one of the island's greatest natural wonders, the two-tiered Gullfoss Waterfall. Continue south to the town of Vik, a small town set along Iceland's dramatic southern coast, where black sand beaches, crashing waves and towering figures of black rock form an unforgettable sight. Before dinner enjoy a tasting of specialties of Iceland, shark meat and Brennivín (Iceland's national drink). B,D

Day 5: Vik - Skaftafell National Park - Vik

Begin the day at Skaftafell National Park, a beautiful green oasis located near the highest peak in Iceland. Later, an unforgettable boat trip (weather permitting) amid graceful, floating icebergs serves as an introduction to Iceland's dramatic glaciers and is the perfect opportunity to see many species of birds. B,D

Day 6: Vik - Grundarfjordur

This morning enjoy a stop at a traditional Icelandic horse farm. Learn how Iceland's horses are directly descended from those brought by the Vikings and how Iceland is preserving this heritage. Next, enjoy a journey to the Snaefellsnes Peninsula. Upon arrival to the fishing village of Grundarfjordur, board an old fishing vessel and enjoy a cruise in the harbor. The cruise will take you out to Melrakkæy Island, a Puffin sanctuary***. Sit back and relax as you watch the Puffins on the island. On the return to shore, take some time to learn how to fish from a local fisherman. Overnight in a quaint fishing village. B,D

Day 7: Grundarfjordur - Snaefellsnes Peninsula - Reykjavik

This morning enjoy the journey along the shore of the peninsula viewing charming fishing villages, pebble beaches and breathtaking cliffs. Stop in the village of Arnarstapi to view the full beauty of the region with massive cliffs overlooking the ocean. Here you may choose to take a short walk to the caves to view the waves rushing in. Witness from above the true power of Mother Nature. Continue on your journey around the peninsula to view a seal colony. Next, stop at Hallmundarhraun, the largest lava field in this region.

The lava came from a few craters in the northwestern slopes of the Langjokull glacier. See the beginning of vegetation which has started to grow close to where the eruption began. Enjoy the journey to the city of Reykjavik. **B**

Day 8: Reykjavik

Today you will enjoy a special Please Go Away™ Vacations bonus that is included for our travelers - a **WHALE WATCHING CRUISE**. You will embark on an adventure at sea as you are introduced to the captivating world of whales off the shores of Iceland! Begin this journey at the historic harbor front in the capital city of Reykjavik. Keep a keen eye out for the various whales you may witness, such as minkes, humpbacks and even killer whales. In addition to the excitement of spotting whales, you may also see dolphins and sea birds such as puffins; guillemots and gannets accompany you during your special cruise. This is a perfect way to cap off your Icelandic experience. **B,D**

Day 9: Reykjavik - Tour Ends

Your tour ends, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful vacation. **B**

Hotels

- ✓ Days 2, 3, 7, 8 Centerhotel Plaza Hotel, Reykjavik
- ✓ Days 4, 5 Hofdeabrekka Hotel, Vik

\$4074.55 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

After December 28, 2011 - \$4,224.55 per person, double occupancy
Single - add \$500.00 / Triple - deduct \$30.00

Friendship Bonus Plan Benefits -
\$40.75 Cash or \$81.50 Future Travel Credit

RESERVATION DEADLINE:
December 28, or when spaces gone, whichever occurs first



More Special Bonuses & Important Information

This is a natural wonders travel experience. Every person reserving with Please Go Away™ Vacations will receive the following special bonuses to make your experience even more memorable:

- ✓ **MEMORY PHOTO CD** of your **IDYLLIC ICELAND** adventure filled with candid photos of members and sights.
- ✓ Included **TRAVEL INSURANCE PROTECTION**.
- ✓ With reservations received by December 28, 2011 a reduced reservation deposit of only \$650 (normal reservation deposit is \$750 per person).
- ✓ Camaraderie, safety, and security of traveling throughout the entire journey with a group of travelers from the Midwest who share your same travel interests.
- ✓ Pre-departure party to distribute tour documentation, meet fellow travelers, answer all questions, provide helpful information
- ✓ Special **IDYLLIC ICELAND PARTY** while on tour at Iceland's famous "Ice Bar"
- ✓ **100% RESERVATION DEPOSIT REFUND GUARANTEE!** This special Please Go Away™ Vacations benefit literally removes all reasons for not reserving early (there are many positives when you reserve early, and absolutely no negatives). Up until "100% Reservation Deposit Refund Guarantee Date" of December 28, 2011 you can cancel "for any reason" and receive a 100% refund of all monies paid, including cost of travel protection insurance. After this date you can cancel "for covered reasons" and be protected with the included travel protection insurance that provides protection before and during your travels. Cancellations for "non covered" reasons after **100% RESERVATION DEPOSIT REFUND GUARANTEE DATE** are: Date of reservation to December 28, 2011 - full cash refund, December 29, 2011 to 120 days before departure - 50% of total tour cost, 121 to 90 days before departure - 75% of total tour cost, 89 days before departure through departure date - 100% of total tour cost, after departure through end of tour - 100% of total tour cost less net cost of unused tour components.
- ✓ Included roundtrip airfare from Wichita, KS. Other departures cities are normally available if more convenient. We will make all arrangements and adjust pricing to reflect any decreases or increases in included airfare.
- ✓ **FRIENDSHIP BONUS PLAN** - available only through Please Go Away™ Vacations. Have friends and/or family members join you. If they have not "gone away" with us before we'll give you your choice of 1% cash bonus or 2% future travel credit bonus of the costs of their travels - no limits.
- ✓ Included cruises are always subject to "weather permitting." Should a cruise be cancelled a substitution of comparable value will be provided.
- ✓ Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at additional cost.) We do not anticipate this for our group.
- ✓ On some dates, accommodations may be in Kirkjubaejarklaustur instead of Vik.

What others are saying!

- ✓ "After 231 countries, I was still wowed by Iceland." Robin Esrock – Host of the TV series WORD TRAVELS
- ✓ "Before arriving I wondered why I was going to Iceland but, after experiencing its ever-changing natural beauties, wondered why I had to leave." Jean Johnson – Kingman, KS – TRAVEL WALL OF FAME (PGA)
- ✓ "Of my many trips throughout the world, Iceland is truly one of the best experiences I've ever enjoyed. Anyone going 'will not' be disappointed." Mary Ann Fox Tammen – Larned, KS – SUPER WORLD TRAVELER (PGA)
- ✓ "If Iceland isn't on your list of must-visit destinations, you really should reconsider. This island in the North Atlantic is a smorgasbord of delights for the senses and will especially appeal to those with a true appreciation for nature at its grandest. Despite its forbidding name, Iceland's weather is (thanks to the Gulf Stream) not unlike ours, making even fall visits pleasant." Canadian Living Magazine