

TWIN CITIES LIVE

Iceland

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SEPTEMBER 17-25, 2024

Join us

TWIN CITIES LIVE ICELAND ADVENTURE

Join *Twin Cities Live's* own Kelli Hanson on this spectacular adventure to Iceland. This 7-night experience will include the nature and beauty of this rugged but amazing landscape.

The tour features geysers, hot springs, waterfalls, ice caves, whale watching, a snowmobile safari, and the Northern Lights. What more could you ask for!

This is a very limited capacity tour, so make your plans quickly and join us now!



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- » Seven nights total accommodations in the following hotels:
 - » Hotel Borg in Reykjavik
 - » Hotel Geysir in Haukadalur
 - » UMI Hotel in Hvolsvöllur
- » Airport transfers and all transportation throughout
- » Professional guide throughout
- » Breakfast daily, six dinners, and five lunches
- » Golden Circle Tour including Þingvellir National Park, a Geothermal Bakery, the Geysir Geothermal Hot Springs, and the Gullfoss Waterfall
- » A Snowmobile Safari adventure in the Icelandic Highlands
- » Super Jeep touring to Seljalandsfoss Waterfall, Skogafoss Waterfall, and the diverse landscape of lush farmlands, glaciers, and ice-capped volcanoes
- » An adventure to the black pebble beaches and a visit to a natural ice cave inside of a glacier
- » A three-hour Whale Watching Excursion
- » A farewell evening not to be forgotten at the Aurora Basecamp Observatory with hopefully spectacular views of the Northern Lights
- » And more

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Many tour inclusions and activities on this Iceland program are considered soft adventure and will include walking long distances, walking on uneven surfaces, hiking on rocky and slippery terrain, and riding on all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles. If you have any mobility issues, back issues, or challenges with any of the actions or activities stated in the communications or brochure, this tour is not recommended for you.

TOUR PRICING

\$6,995 per person, based on double occupancy

\$8,995 per person, based on single occupancy (*extremely limited availability and by request only*)

Space on this tour is limited and will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Special group airfare is available for an additional cost of \$950 per person.

Prices based on cash or check payment. Other forms of payment are subject to a 3.5% processing fee.



Itinerary

DAY 1 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 **INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TO ICELAND**

Depart from Minneapolis for your overnight flight to Reykjavik, Iceland.

DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 **REYKJAVIK, ICELAND**

Arrive in Iceland where you will be met by your TCL representatives who will escort you to your motorcoach for transportation to the Hotel Borg.

This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at Las Primavera Restaurant.

Meals: Dinner
Overnight: Hotel Borg

DAY 3 | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 **THE GOLDEN CIRCLE**

After breakfast at your hotel, depart for your first day of adventure as you travel to Þingvellir which is situated on the northern shore of Lake Þingvallavatn, the largest natural lake in Iceland. Þingvellir is a remarkable geological phenomenon and the most important historical site in Iceland. It is the site of the world's oldest parliament founded in the year 930 AD by the settlers of Iceland. The beautiful Almannagjá canyon that runs through the park is a boundary meeting of two of the earth's tectonic plates and the combination of both natural wonder and historical significance makes it inseparable from the fabric of Icelandic national life. The river Öxará traverses the national park and forms Öxarárfoss waterfall at Almannagjá canyon. In 2004 Þingvellir was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List.



Afterwards, continue with a visit to a Geothermal Bakery for a tour and tasting. Get an introduction of this age-old method of baking bread using the hot ground in Iceland. Tasting includes a slice of Geysir Bread with butter and egg or trout.

Enjoy lunch today in Skálholt. Skálholt is one of the most historic places in Iceland. It was an episcopal see, a school, a seat of learning and administration for more than 700 years and a place of pilgrimage in medieval times.

From here continue to the Hotel Geysir, your home for the next few nights. Dinner will be served tonight at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Hotel Geysir

DAY 4 | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 **THE GOLDEN CIRCLE**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before starting your day. For your second day at the Golden Circle you'll explore Gullfoss waterfall and the Geysir geothermal area. The spouting hot spring Geysir was claimed to be the biggest one in the world. The old Geysir has been mostly dormant for decades, but when it was active, its eruptions reached the height of at least 80 meters (262 feet). There are spouting hot springs all around the area, such as the ever-lively Strokkur, which erupts every three to five minutes.

Next it is onward to a Snowmobile Safari. These snowmobiles are two-seated touring sleds with hand warmers and a high windshield. The professional guides will take you on an adventure in the Icelandic highlands, giving you the most amazing views of the majestic Langjökull glacier and its surroundings.



Langjökull, Iceland's second biggest glacier, is composed of several enormous, ice-filled volcanic craters and rimmed in by imposing volcanoes. You will see the steep Eiríksjökull glacier, the highest mountain in west Iceland, the dome shaped Hofsjökull glacier in the middle of the highlands, and the Kerlingarfjöll Mountain range.

Continue to Gullfoss for lunch. Gullfoss, the "Golden Waterfall" is the most famous of the country's many waterfalls. Here the river Hvítá drops 96 feet in two falls, creating an awesome spectacle. Witness thousands of tons of icy water thunder majestically down in a double-fall into a deep gorge. There is a certain rawness, power, and vastness to Gullfoss which leaves most people who visit feeling quite humble in the face of the raw power of nature.

This evening enjoy a fabulous dinner at Friðheimar Tomato Farm.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Hotel Geysir

DAY 5 | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 SOUTH ICELAND

After breakfast, witness the beauty of South Iceland, known for its diverse landscape of gorgeous waterfalls, lush farmlands, glaciers, ice-capped volcanoes, black-sand volcanic beaches, and towering mountains and cliffs. On this exclusive tour, you'll travel in specially modified luxury, Super Jeeps and see some of the most popular sights of the south coast of Iceland as well as some lesser-known gems.

Super Jeeps are crafted for uniquely tough conditions and are the result of decades of insular technical innovation and evolution. From tinkering with old army Jeeps to get further uphill, to hand-built monsters, Super Jeeps are equally at home crossing Antarctica, the wild Icelandic Highlands or even the highway. They are only piloted by a trained professional.



Seljalandsfoss is a unique, breathtakingly beautiful waterfall that can be fully encircled. The water flows in the river Seljalandsá from Eyjafjallajökull volcano and drops about 65 meters (200ft) over an ancient sea cliff into a pool.

Skógafoss is one of the largest and most elegant waterfalls in Iceland. Due to the mist and amount of spray, the waterfall consistently produces a single or double rainbow which is normally visible on sunny days. Ancient folklore tells the tale of Prasi, the first Viking settler in the area, who buried his chest of gold in a cave behind the waterfall.

Dinner is included at a local restaurant before spending your overnight at UMI Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: UMI Hotel

DAY 6 | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 SOUTH ICELAND

Today you will experience more of the South Coast as well as the amazing natural Ice Caves of Mýrdalsjökull.

The first stop will be the beautiful Reynisfjara black beach, featuring an amazing cliff of regular basalt columns resembling a rocky step pyramid called Gardar. Out in the sea are the spectacularly shaped basalt sea stacks, Reynisdrangar.

Next you will visit the village of Vík and have a lunch break. Lastly, it is time to head off the beaten track on specially modified super jeeps towards the glacier where you`ll experience the natural wonder of the ice caves of Mýrdalsjökull. Visiting a natural ice cave has never been this easy. The trip departs from Vík through the black sands of Mýrdalssandur onwards to Kötlujökull.



The trip takes you through a beautiful and strange area that has been used for filming TV shows and movies such as Game of Thrones and Star Wars: Rogue One. You'll see powerful rivers, vast stretches of black sandy plains, beautiful green promontories like Hafursey and Hjörleifshöfði rising from the desert, and the beautiful mountains and glacier that make up the area of the volcano Katla.

The trip to the glacier takes around 30-60 minutes. Upon arrival at the glacier, you'll gear up to walk towards the ice caves, an easy walk of 5-15 minutes. You'll spend around 45-60 minutes exploring the glacier and ice cave while your guide gives you insight about the formation of the ice caves and the glacier. All necessary gear is provided.

This evening you will have a group dinner at the UMI Restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: UMI Hotel

DAY 7 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 **REYKJAVIK, ICELAND**

Relax this morning before you depart. Enjoy a wonderful lunch at Tryggvaskáli, a charming restaurant on the bank of the Ölfusá river, offering a great view over the river. Tryggvaskáli is the oldest house in Selfoss and plays a big role in the town's history. Tryggvi Gunnarsson built the house as he was establishing the bridge over the Ölfusá river. The house was used for the workers while the bridge was being built, but since 1901 it has been used as a restaurant and a guesthouse.

Afterwards you will take a special adventure. Enjoy a three-hour cruise aboard the Amelia Rose, the grandest yacht available in Reykjavík. This is the best opportunity to experience the magic of Faxaflói Bay, whether it is whale watching or bird watching, sea angling or just a cruise enjoying the beautiful environment of the Bay of Reykjavík.



Reykjavík is very close to some of the best whale watching grounds in the country. In less than an hour you will be in a prime spot to catch a glimpse of a number of species of whales including humpbacks, minke whales, pilot whales and a few species of dolphins.

Arrive at Reykjavik and check into the Hotel Borg. Dinner is on your own tonight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Overnight: Hotel Borg

DAY 8 | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024
REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Enjoy a relaxing breakfast at your hotel. Today you are free to explore on your own, spend some time shopping, or just have some down time.

This evening holds a very special event for your farewell to Iceland. You will be dining at the Aurora Basecamp observatory where you will

hopefully be delighted by spectacular views of the Northern Lights.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Overnight: Hotel Borg

DAY 9 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024
RETURN TO U.S.

Enjoy a relaxing breakfast at your hotel. You will have a bit of free time this morning before you depart for the airport for your return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast



ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTEL BORG **REYKJAVIK, ICELAND**

The famous Hótel Borg is a showcase of sophistication. It combines old-time elegance with modern style in the heart of Iceland's capital. This 4-star hotel was built in 1930 and restored to its original Art Deco style in 2006. With the opening of a new extension in July 2015, the hotel now has a total of 99 rooms that have custom-made furniture and fittings with modern amenities including a flat-screen satellite TV, and complimentary WiFi access. Hótel Borg also boasts a very stylish bar/lounge, and also has an elegant spa and a fitness center. The hotel's location is excellent, facing Austurvöllur in front of the Parliament building, and guests are only a few steps away from sights, shops and restaurants.

HOTEL GEYSIR **HAUKADALUR, ICELAND**

Hótel Geysir is the newest addition on the doorstep of the geothermal area of Geysir and Strokkur in the historic Haukadalur Valley. Its location, at the heart of the Golden Circle route, makes it a perfect place to stay for those who are looking to take in nature or to go on an adventure. The hotel, which opened in 2019, was designed to harmoniously blend the building with the surrounding environment with materials that reflect the surroundings and the architectural design of the building. The hotel's rooms are bright and light and all have views of stunning scenery. The hotel features an excellent restaurant.

UMI HOTEL **HVOLSVÖLLUR, ICELAND**

UMI hotel is located by one of the most beautiful mountain ranges in the country. The hotel is about 75 miles away from Reykjavik and one mile off the Ring Road. This location offers a strong connection to nature that allows guests to experience the peace and quiet of the Icelandic countryside. The hotel offers a first-class restaurant with a unique view of the Westman Islands and the southern coastline, as well as a lounge/bar with a view of the famous subglacial volcano Eyjafjallajökull and the beautiful mountain terrain surrounding it.

TOUR TERMS + CONDITIONS

GROUP AIRFARE

Special group airfare is available for an additional cost of \$950 per person.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Deposit: \$1,500 per person due at time of booking
2nd Deposit: \$1,500 per person due by May 17, 2024
Final Payment: Due by July 17, 2024

CANCELLATION POLICY

From 1st deposit through May 17, 2024: \$1,500 fee per person
From May 18, 2024 through July 17, 2024: \$3,000 fee per person
From July 18, 2024 through departure date: No Refund

Cancellations must be received in writing and are effective upon receipt in our office.

Trip cancellation insurance is available and is strongly recommended. Ask for details.

PLEASE NOTE

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