

## What's Included

- **HOTELS** - 7 nights of accommodations based on double occupancy
- **MEALS** - Breakfast daily, 5 dinners, daily water bottles on bus
- **SIGHTSEEING** - 8 days sightseeing in deluxe motor coach and services of a licensed tour guide
- **ENTRANCE FEES** - All entrance fees for 8 full days of sightseeing in Iceland
- **ALL TIPS, TAXES & PORTERAGE** (one suitcase per person)
- **SERVICE CHARGES AND GOVERNMENT TAXES** in effect as of date of tour
- **MEETING ASSISTANCE AND TRANSFERS** on arrival and departure (if arriving and/or departing with main group)
- **AIRFARE** - Round trip from Houston to Reykjavik, Iceland

## What's Not Included

- Lunch daily, 2 Dinners
- Any personal expenses incurred while traveling
- A guarantee that we will see the Northern Lights – September through March is the peak season for Northern Lights viewing because the nights are longest but cloud cover can interfere with seeing the lights. Obviously, it is our goal to see the lights and we will do everything within reason to make this happen.
- For the avid photographers, a professional photographer will be available (at an extra expense) to assist those interested with camera settings and night photography.
- Glacier Walk experience – this will be an optional activity on Day 6 for those that wish to walk further onto the glacier. There will be an additional cost (tbd) for this extra tour.

## Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is highly recommended to safeguard your trip investment from unforeseen circumstances. Insurance must be purchased within 14 days of registration to cover any pre-existing medical conditions. Visit [www.preludetours.com](http://www.preludetours.com) for more information on travel insurance.

## Payments and Conditions

- Total Trip Cost: \$4,995.00 per person (based on double occupancy)
- A non-refundable deposit of \$495.00 is due upon registration
- \$2,250.00 due Friday, March 25, 2023
- \$2,250.00 due Friday, June 24, 2023 (FINAL PAYMENT)
- Land Only Cost: \$3,995.00
- Single Supplement: \$800.00

## Cancellation Policy

**(Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing)**

- Prior to March 25, 2023 - cancellation fee of \$495 per person
- March 26 – June 23, 2023 - cancellation fee of \$2,250 per person plus non-refundable deposit
- After June 24, 2023 - No Refunds
- **If Prelude Tours cancels this tour for any reason, a full refund will be issued**



## Additional Information

- Level 4: To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening. There is always an option to forego a particular tour if it is beyond your capability.
- Iceland Weather in October – Average temperature of 36 – 45 degrees, Sunrise at appr 7:45am and sunset at appr 6:45pm.
- Passports must be valid for at least 6 months AFTER the date of arrival in Iceland
- There will be no refund for unconsumed hotel meals or unused entrance fees.
- The itinerary as listed is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Prelude Tours.

# Iceland Fire and Ice!

September 28 - October 6, 2023



For additional information and to register, visit [www.preludetours.com](http://www.preludetours.com) or call 281.667.1057.

# Daily Itinerary

## September 28, Thursday - Depart USA

**September 29, Friday** - Welcome to Iceland! Upon an early morning arrival to Keflavik International Airport, we will be met by our motor coach and tour guide for the week. After a hearty breakfast, we will enjoy a rejuvenating soak in the world-famous **Blue Lagoon**. The Blue Lagoon is a geothermal pool in the middle of a large and dramatic lava field and its blue water is known for its reputed healing properties. After lunch, we will experience **Fly over Iceland**, a multimedia presentation that takes you on an exhilarating journey across Iceland to see sweeping glaciers, stunning fjords, and ancient mysteries. Overnight Fosshotel Hotel, Reykjavik. (B)

**September 30, Saturday** - After breakfast, we will enjoy a city tour of **Reykjavik** and learn about the rich history and culture of this northernmost capital city in the world. Our tour will include a view from the **Perlan Observation Deck** that will offer amazing views of Reykjavik and the surrounding areas. We continue west to visit **Deildartunguhver**, Europe's most powerful hot spring. We will have a chance to climb the **Grábrók volcano crater** and see **Hraunfossar**, a series of waterfalls pouring from beneath a wide lava field and **Barnafoss**, the children's falls. The afternoon includes a lecture about the **Aurora Borealis**, the Northern Lights. After dinner, we will step into the hotel garden in search of the Northern Lights. Overnight Hotel Hamar - Borgarnes (B)(D)

**October 1, Sunday** - Today is spent on the **Snæfellsnes Peninsula**, the peninsula of the snowy mountain, just off of Iceland's west coast. We will visit the fishing village **Grundarfjörður**, a place with an elegant coastline and mountains, lakes and waterfalls and home to the many producers of one of Iceland's food delicacies, fermented shark. The most photographed and famous mountain in the country, **Kirkjufell** (aka Church Mountain) stands tall above the fishing village. We will go underground to **Vatnshellir cave**, an 8,000-year-old lava tube created by a volcanic eruption from a nearby crater. After dinner, we will chase the Northern lights while our guide gives us practical tips of how to photograph this phenomenon. Overnight Hotel Hamar - Borgarnes (B)(D)

**October 2, Monday** - After breakfast, we travel along the **Hvalfjörður fjord** which translates to the Whale fjord because of the large number of whales that used to make this area their home. After visiting an Icelandic wool outlet store, we continue to **Pingvellir National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. **The Mid-Atlantic rift**, a rift that is forming as Iceland is being pulled apart by tectonic forces is clearly visible. We will follow the **Golden Circle route** and see steam

rising from the **Geysir geothermal fields**, taste freshly baked hot spring bread, and visit a geothermal greenhouse famous for its tomatoes. We will walk to a double waterfall, **Gullfoss**. After dinner, we continue searching for the elusive Northern Lights in the peace and stillness of rural Iceland. Overnight Hotel Stracta (B)(D)

**October 3, Tuesday** - Today we continue along the **South Coast of Iceland** and visit the **Lava Show** to safely experience hot molten lava. We will walk behind **Seljalandsfoss**, a graceful ribbon-like waterfall which drops from an overhanging lava cliff. This afternoon we will stroll along the black lava beach of **Reynisfjara** with its impressive basalt columns and dangerous "sneaker waves". After dinner, we will continue our hunt for the Northern lights from the hotel garden. Overnight Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon (B)(D)

**October 4, Wednesday** - After breakfast, we will visit **Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon**, a lake filled with melted water and floating icebergs from the nearby glaciers of **Vatnajökull National Park**. We will board an amphibian boat and sail amongst the huge icebergs and enjoy the picturesque scenery of Jökulsárlón. We will walk along the amazing **Diamond Beach** where the black sand is scattered with shards and orbs of ice that sparkle as clear as diamonds. Our next adventure will be to board a super jeep and head towards Vatnajökull, Europe's Largest glacier. We will go into the depths of the glacier (known as an ice caves or crystal caves) and see incredible shades of icy blue in this truly mesmerizing wonder of nature. Note: Participants will be able to choose between 2 tours on this day: an easier tour or a more moderate tour in terms of walking and climbing. There will be a minimal price difference for the more moderate tour. This will be an amazing Icelandic experience!  
Overnight Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon (B)(D)

**October 5, Thursday** - We will drive west on the **Ring Road of Iceland**, a national road that encircles the entire country and stop to enjoy a beautiful walk at **Fjaðrárgljúfur** a magnificent and massive canyon with a unique serpentine shape. Our next stop will be to one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Iceland, **Skógafoss**. After lunch, we will visit **Skógar museum**, a cultural heritage collection of 18.000 regional artifacts exhibited in multiple historical buildings. Overnight Fosshotel Reykjavik. (B)

**October 6, Friday** - After breakfast, we will enjoy a **whale watching tour** to experience some of Iceland's rich and thriving bird life, a large variety of sea-life including minke whales, humpback whales, harbor porpoises and white-beaked dolphins among other whale species. After lunch, we will depart for the USA. (B)

(B) - Breakfast included (L) - Lunch included (D) - Dinner included

