



Iceland



Adventure

**6Day Guided Tour
North, South and Highlands,
Into to the Icelandic Horse
Whale watching
Myvatn Nature Baths
Two hours of walking a day
2 Hotels, less packing, more fun**



The Countryside Odyssey Escorted Tour 2010

Walk through some of Iceland's most interesting scenery, in the north and south. Through the highlands, too!

This tour provides the comfort of hotel-based travel with walking amidst some of the most stunning scenery you are likely ever to see. You visit some of the highlights of the South then headpast glaciers on your way North, through Iceland's heart. on a remote highland track. Whale watching near the Arctic Circle in one of the world's densest whale populations!

Our Prices include flights, taxes, fuel charges and a number of "extras".

Here's a daily itinerary

Saturday :

On to Iceland

Travelers from North America leave for Iceland on an overnight flight with an early morning arrival at Keflavik Airport in Iceland.

Sunday:

Keflavik - Reykjavik

Following an early arrival in Iceland, you'll take the Flybus shuttle to your guest house in Reykjavik, you'll have the day to rest, explore the capital and get a good night's sleep in a the outfitter's guesthouse. We'll provide lots of ideas for meals, which are on your own.

Monday:

Gullfoss - Geysir - Thingvellir

At 10:00AM you'll leave Reykjavik, heading along the south coast to Hella. The day starts with a visit to the historic sites of the first Icelandic Parliament at Thingvellir National Park. Then you'll continue to Gullfoss, which is Iceland's "Golden Falls". In sunshine it is often

spanned by a beautiful rainbow. A few miles down the road is the fascinating geothermal area of Geysir. The most active geyser is Strokkur, "The Churn" which can spout up to seventy feet every ten minutes or so. From there you'll travel to Hella where you will spend the next 2 nights.

Now in **2010** - the more the merrier - each additional person saves everyone some money! Check our **Small Group Discounts** inside. And the back page has other ideas for guided touring.

Tuesday:

Landmannalaugar

The day's drive goes into the geothermal area of Landmannalaugar, a jewel in the Icelandic landscape. The rhyolite mountains here have the feel of another planet, ranging in colors from beige to red and from blue to black. You will have an opportunity to enjoy a relaxing soak in one of the largest natural warm water pools in Iceland. Take your bathing suit!

Wednesday:

Hella - Sprengisandur Eyjafjordur/ Thingeyjarsysla

Today it's across the highlands, north through the vast gravel desert of Sprengisandur with views of the distant glaciers on both sides - Vatnajökull, Europe's largest glacier, and Hofsjökull, perched deep in the wilderness of Iceland. It's a part of Iceland that not many visitors see. You will also visit the majestic waterfalls Aldeyjarfoss and Godafoss. You'll stay in the north for the next three nights.

Thursday:

Dettifoss- Tjornes

You'll see the north coast of Iceland today, with its vast bird life along the Tjornes Peninsula. Then onto Hljodaklettur, with its unusual rock formations, and Asbyrgi Canyon, followed by Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall. You'll also visit the hot springs at Namaskard before heading to your accommodation.

Friday:

Husavik Whale Watching - Lake Myvatn

The coastal town of Husavik starts the day where you can enjoy a 3 hour Whale Watching tour, weather permitting. There are lots of whales and sea life to be seen! It's a short drive to Lake Myvatn, a unique area which features unusual lava formations, attractive bays, pseudocraters and thousands of birds. It is considered the lushest area on earth and it's close to the Arctic Circle. You can stroll through the lava fields and towers of Dimmuborgir, ending with a walk up to the rim of the ash crater Hverfjall. You'll relax at the Nature Baths before heading to your accommodation.

Saturday:

Eyjafjordur/Thingeyjarsysla- Reykjavik

Today the tour returns south through Akureyri, the "capital" of the North. The Oxndalur mountain pass and the ever changing countryside of Skagafjordur are both breathtaking, and a good place for a short introduction to the Icelandic horse. There's a stop at the Glaumbaer folk museum, a fine example of a 19th century turf farm manor house complex, - which will make you appreciate today's creature comforts. Then you'll have a last night back in Reykjavik, at the outfitters guesthouse, and a chance to sample some of the city's great restaurants - and perhaps -if you dare- even it's night life!!

Sunday:

Reykjavik - home Time to say good bye ...

Travelers on early flights will make an early departure via Flybus to the airport., while those leaving late afternoon will have time to explore a bit of Reykjavik, do some shopping, or soak in the warm swimming pool in nearby Laugardalur, before being picked up by the Flybus around 1 PM.



Price (flights, taxes and fuel surcharge included) and Dates for the Countryside Odyssey Tour for 2010

In **2010** The Countryside Odyssey starts in Iceland on Mondays, ending the following Saturday morning. Travel dates include a pre and post night. Also, it's easy to add a few days on to the beginning or end of your tour - just ask!

Travel Dates

July 3 - July 11

July 17 - July 25

July 31 - August 8

August 14 - August 22

Small Group Prices*

in party Price per person

2 **\$3588** (double occupancy)

3 **3462** (triple occ)

4 **3424** (double occ x 2)

Price for a single traveler, including single supplement is **\$4144**

Finer Print: Price includes round trip airfare, **including fuel surcharge and departure taxes** from Boston, New York and Minneapolis. Add \$110 per person from Seattle. Ask about prices from Toronto, Halifax and Europe. The price also includes all airport transfers, a night before and after the tour in a Reykjavik guesthouse with breakfast. You'll spend all nights in double rooms in guesthouses, and summer hotels, all with private baths. Meals on the tour, include breakfast and dinner, from dinner on the first day to breakfast on the last day, and a picnic lunch on day 3. Whale watching cruise, an introduction to the Icelandic horse, entry fees to the Nature Baths at Lake Myvatn and a visit to the Glaumbaer museum are included in the price. ***Not** included are meals on pre-and post-tour days, lunch while on the tour, (there will be a stop made everyday to purchase this) and any additional expenses or travel you may choose.

The Country Hotels used on this tour are often "summer hotels" used much of the year as boarding schools. They are simple and clean, all with private baths, but don't always have usual "hotel" amenities, like room service, or in-room internet connections. There is usually a computer for guest use in the central sitting room, however.

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