



From Fire to Ice 2010



10 Days, 9 Nights
 Reykjavik Sightseeing - Reykjanes Peninsula -
 Blue Lagoon - Geysers - Gullfoss Waterfall -
 Thingvellir, a UNESCO heritage site
 Ilulissat, a UNESCO heritage site
 Old Settlements
 Boat tour to a calving Glacier

This new escorted tour for 2010 combines travel to Iceland and West Greenland - two exotic arctic islands, very close in distance, but with unique landscapes and very different cultures This is a perfect combination of Iceland highlights with easy access to West Greenland!

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

Sunday:

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

Monday: 1

Welcome to Iceland!

The Flybus shuttle will bring you from the airport into Reykjavik and drop you at your hotel. You'll have the day to enjoy Iceland's capital, visit museums, shops, the big outdoor swimming pool nearby and some of the many fine coffee houses, and restaurants. Lunch and dinner are on your own. You'll have the next 2 nights in Reykjavik to rest up and recover from your short night sleep on the flight and as a base for some sightseeing.

Tuesday:

Reykjavik Sightseeing - Reykjanes Peninsula - Blue Lagoon

You can start your day with a Reykjavik sightseeing tour to the city centre, the harbor, the Pearl and the Cultural House, to see the original Saga manuscripts, recently added to UNESCO's Memory of the World Register. Then take in the Reykjanes Peninsula, a geothermal field with hot springs, steaming vents, mud pots, volcanic vents and an old explosion crater filled with vivid green water. You'll see large bird cliffs and black sand beaches, and then soak it all off in the geothermal waters of the Blue Lagoon,

Wednesday:

Geysers - Gullfoss Waterfall - Thingvellir UNESCO heritage site

You'll drive through volcanic landscape with impressive views and geothermal fields where plumes of steam rise to the

sky on the way to Thingvellir National Park. This is an ancient site of the original parliament with a unique combination of geological activity. You can down the rift valley caused by the separating North-America and Eurasian tectonic plates.

Then head to the famous Geysir hot spring area and view boiling mud pools and one of the most active geysers in the area, Strokkur, spouting up to 30 meters. Continue to Gullfoss, the Golden Waterfall, one of the most impressive waterfalls in Europe.

You'll visit a horse breeding farm with a geothermally heated greenhouse - where you can learn about the Icelandic horse and its special qualities. You'll spend the next two nights at the Hotel Selfoss.



Thursday:

Thjorsadalur - Mt. Hekla - Landmannalaugar

You'll visit Þjorsárdalur the valley of the Saga Age farms, many of which were buried in the 1104 eruption in Mt. Hekla, Iceland's most famous volcano. You'll see the ruins of the ancient farm Stöng buried by ashes from that eruption. This valley is known for its extensive birch woods, and views of the dramatic scenery and untouched wilderness of the highlands. Then you'll spend a bit of time in Landmannalaugar, a range of colorful rhyolite mountains and geothermal springs. Bring your bathing suit so you can take a soak in the very warm natural pool.

Friday:

Ilulissat, a UNESCO heritage site

You'll leave Reykjavik this morning for Ilulissat. This town is in a beautiful location at the mouth of a long ice fjord, filled with enormous icebergs from the most productive glacier in the northern hemisphere. After hotel check in, you'll have a guided tour of the town, with its modern life, above the Arctic Circle. You'll also see some traditional Inuit culture when you meet a hunter who will show you his sled dogs, and talk about their role in Greenlandic life.



Saturday:

Old Settlements

The day starts with a hike to the remains, Sermermiut, an old settlement, by the Icefjord. You'll hear the story about life in Greenland before the Europeans' arrival, and enjoy incredible views of the icebergs in the fjord.

In the afternoon, you'll get closer to those gigantic icebergs, on your way to visit the tiny settlement Oqaatsut or Rodebay. With only about 45 inhabitants it has its own school, church, shop and small restaurant called "H8", which is located in one of the old buildings from the colonial time.

Sunday:

Boat tour to Egi Glacier

Very few places in the world are as dramatic as the Egi glacier, which is coming out in a fjord north of Ilulissat. You'll sail to the edge of the glacier's frontline rising 80-90 meters above the surface of the sea.

While enjoying lunch on board the boat, you may see big chunks of heavy ice break off the glacier - the sights and sounds of these enormous are very impressive.

Monday:

Optional Tours and Travel Day

Use the morning at your own leisure or participate in optional excursions (not included, but pre-bookable), such as a boat tour to view the icebergs or a helicopter flight to the icefjord. You might want to visit the museum in the town or use the time to do any final shopping for tupilaks or other handicraft souvenirs.

Transfer to the airport in Ilulissat and flight to Reykjavik, followed by a transfer to Hilton Hotel.

Tuesday:

Time to say good bye ...

After breakfast 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 surcharges included) and Dates for the Fire to IceTour for 2010

The Fire to Ice Tour runs from June through August. American travelers will leave the US on Sunday and have the first 2 days in Iceland.

As with any of the Iceland Adventure tours, we'll be happy to arrange for you to arrive in Iceland a few days before the tour starts, or to stay a few days after the tour ends - just ask!

Fire to Ice Dates & Prices

June, July, August

\$4597 per person, double occupancy
\$5123 single



Finer Print: Price includes round trip airfare, **including fuel surcharge and departure taxes** from Boston, New York, or Minneapolis - ask about prices from Toronto, Halifax and Europe. Add \$110 per person from Seattle. The price also includes all airport transfers, accommodation 8 nights with breakfast (5 in Iceland, 3 in Greenland), 4 dinners (2 in Iceland, 2 in Greenland), 1 box lunch, entrance fee and

towel at the Blue Lagoon, entrance to the ancient farm Stöng, roundtrip flight to Greenland, Ilulissat with airport taxes, lunch during flight, horse show and greenhouse visit, cruise excursion to the old settlement of Rodebay, & cruise excursion to Egi Glacier with lunch onboard.

***Not** included are travel insurance, 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.

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