

# Enchanting Iceland

## Conejo Ski & Sports Club Adventure



**Date: September 2018; Land Package \$2,715**

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**Iceland**, offers an once-in-a-lifetime unique experience, you will feel that you are in another world. Iceland is one of the last great natural frontiers of the world: A land with geothermal swimming pools, majestic waterfalls, blue glaciers and quaint fishing villages

- **Soak/Swim in the Blue Lagoon** a geothermal spa of crystal clear water where you can swim in 99 degree water year round. The lagoon's rich mineral content is known to be helpful to your skin. The aquamarine waters alongside the black background of the landscape make this setting impressive
- **Take a Fjord Sea Cruise** and then taste fresh Icelandic seafood
- **Travel to Europe's Largest National Park** to explore a glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs and then walk on the black sandy beach where icebergs get stranded
- **Visit & Learn about Icelandic Horses and Visit a Geothermal Greenhouse**
- **Take a Walk along the Village of Vik's Black Lava Beach** with its cluster of sea stacks
- **Taste Freshly Baked Hot Spring Bread with Geothermally Boiled Eggs and Herring with a glass of Geysir Schnapps, served very cold – nearly freezing**
- **Seljalandsfoss Waterfall** is said to be one of the most photographed waterfalls, where you can walk behind the waterfall, making it one of your memorable experiences
- **Climb Grabrok Volcanco Crater and Visit Europe's Most Powerful Hot Spring**
- **Gullfoss Waterfall**, a beautiful double waterfall, which will highlight our Golden Circle Tour. The surrounding landscape looks as if it is from a different world
- **Geysir & Strokkur Geysers**; Geysir is where the word geyser originated from. Strokkur "the Churn", erupts at 5-10 minutes intervals spurting water up to 100 feet in the air
- **Take an Amphibian Boat thru the floating glaciers where seals swim in arctic water**
- **Drive through the Landscape where scenes from "Game of Thrones" were filmed**

- ***Soak in a Hot Tub in the evening, on our quest to experience the elusive Northern Lights***

### **Trip Includes:**

Transfer from Keflavík Airport-Reykjavík to hotel with English speaking guide

- Accommodation for 8 nights's including breakfast
  - 3 nights lodging in Reykjavík, 5 nights lodging outside of Reykjavík
  - Prices include all lodging taxes
- 3-course farewell dinner including coffee/tea in Reykjavík
- Two (2) 2-course lunches including coffee/tea during travel days
- Coach and driver as per program outside of Reykjavík
  - Fjord Cruise in Breiðafjörður
  - Bjarnarhöfn entrance to museum
  - Entrance at Tingvellir UNESCO World Heritage National Park
  - Geothermal tasting: including freshly baked hot spring bread served with Icelandic butter, Geothermal boiled eggs, herring with a frozen glass of Geysir Schnapps
  - Entrance to Friðheimar geothermal greenhouse and Icelandic horse stables
  - Entrance to Eyjafjallajökull Visitors Center
  - Entrance to Skógar folk museum (turf-built houses)
  - Amphibian boat tour in a glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs
  - Entrance and towel at the Blue Lagoon a geothermal spa of crystal clear water
- English speaking guide as per program
- Transfer from your Reykjavík hotel to the Keflavík Airport
- All GJ Travel busses include: free WIFI

### **Reservation Policy:**

Sign-ups commencing on August 16th at the Palm Garden Hotel, which is located at 495 North Ventu Park Rd. Thousand Oaks CA. If possible, please find a roommate prior to sign-up, if not we will try to find you one from the sign-up list. We are taking sign-ups early, since Iceland has become one of the top destinations and lodging is difficult to reserve. Only one roommate needs to sign-up for both or if you our out of town have a friend or relative bring your deposit check.

The Iceland trip is 10 days scheduled for September 2018; the exact dates will be scheduled when air is available in October. The land package is \$2,715, double occupancy. You can get your own air or group air will be available in October, which is around \$600.

To sign-up bring a \$200 refundable check payable to New Horizon Tours. Registration and waiver forms will be available at sign-up.

Maximum trip members 48 (one motor coach)

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## Itinerary

Day 1 & 2: (WELCOME TO ICELAND; AIRPORT TRANSFER; REYKJAVIK) - Depart LAX, arrive at Keflavik Airport; meet our guide and driver, then transfer the group to our hotel accommodation in Reykjavík. **Reykjavík, is one of the cleanest, greenest and safest cities in the world.** Overnight at the Centerhotel Plaza in Reykjavik.

Day 3: (SAGA VALLEY, GRABROK VOLCANO CRATER, DEILDARTUNGUHVER HOT SPRING, HRAUNFOSSAR & BARNAFOSSAR WATERFALLS) - Breakfast at the hotel, then we will head to Saga Valley, West Iceland. We will get an opportunity to **climb the Grabrok volcano crater and get warmed at Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring; Marvel at Hraunfossar which is a series of waterfalls, pouring from beneath a wide lava field and Barnafossar - the Children's falls.** Spend our next two nights in the Icelandair Hotel Hamar in West Iceland (a hotel away from the city lights of Reykjavik to increase our chances of a Northern Lights viewing experience), while soaking in the hotel's outdoor hot tubs.

Day 4: (SNAEFELLSNES PENINSULA, FJORD CRUISE IN BREIOARFJOROUR BAY BJARNARHOFN SEAFOOD TASTING, MT. KIRKJUFELL) - Breakfast at the hotel then visit the Snaefellsnes Peninsula juts out of the west coast. **Travel to the charming fishing town of Stykkisholmur, with its cluster of wooden houses hanging the harbor, for a sea cruise in the Breioafjorour fjord. Icelandic tasting at Bjarnarhofn, and you may want to taste Hakarl an Icelandic specialty (fermented shark).** Visit the fishing village of Grundarfjorour, a place with an

impressive coastline and mountains, lakes and waterfalls are behind the village. Jutting out of the bay rises Mt. Kirkjufell, one of the most photographed mountain in Iceland. Second night lodging at the Icelandair Hotel Hamar, in West Iceland

Day 5: (GOLDEN CIRCLE, GEOTHERMAL TASTING, ICELANDIC HORSES) - Breakfast at the hotel and then travel along the Hvalfjorour fjord and continue inland to Tingvellir National Park, an UNESCO World Heritage Site with amazing geology for a walk through a place of history (dating back to 930AD). Drive through the landscape where scenes from the Game of Thrones were filmed. Travel the Golden Circle to experience steam rising from the Geysir geothermal fields including Strokkur, which erupts at 5-10 minute intervals. Taste Geothermal freshly baked hot spring bread served with Icelandic butter, geothermally boiled eggs and herring, and a glass of nearly frozen Geysir Schnapps. Travel to Gullfoss, a beautiful double waterfall. Visit and learn about Icelandic horses and then a visit to a geothermal greenhouse. Over night in Hotel Hella in South Iceland.

Day 6: (EYJAFJALLAJOKULL VOLCANO, SKOGAR FOLK MUSEUM SKOGASS WATERFALLS) - Breakfast at the hotel and then travel along the south coast, stopping at the Eyjafjallajokull Information Center, to learn about living next to a glacier and an active volcano. Travel to visit one of Iceland's finest folk museums, the Skogar Folk museum which contains artifacts from Iceland's past including several turf-built houses. Visit Skogafoss Waterfall which is 230 feet high and one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. Take a stroll on a black lava beach and with its bird cliffs at Reynisfjara. Spend our next two nights at the Icelandair Hotel Klaustur near Vatnajokull National Park, located in darkness to increase our chances of a Northern Lights viewing experience

Day 7: (SKAFTAFELL NATIONAL PARK & VATNAJOKULL GLACIER, AMPHIBIAN BOAT TOUR IN A GLACIER LAGOON) - Breakfast, then travel to Jokulsarlon, a glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs, which was the location for Batman Begins & James Bond(Die Another Day) films, for our amphibian boat tour with seals swimming in arctic waters. Then walk on a black sandy beach where large icebergs get stranded. Spend time in Europe's largest National Park,

which has Iceland's highest mountains and Europe's largest glacier, the Vatnajökull glacier. Second night lodging at the Icelandair Hotel Klaustur

Day 8: (VIK, SELJALANDSFOSS WATERFALL, BLUE LAGOON, REYKJAVIK) - Breakfast at the hotel and then from Kirkjubæjarklaustur head across the Eldhraun lava field to the village of Vík, with its black lava beach with high bird cliffs and pounding waves. Travel to the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss Waterfall which plunges from the mountain (you can walk behind the waterfall on a footpath). We will soak/swim in the famous Blue Lagoon. The Blue Lagoon is an unique sight, with its electric blue water set in a black lava field. You will enjoy your soak in the mineral rich geothermal water. It is said to be good for your skin. Spend our last two nights at Centerhotel Plaza in Reykjavik.

Day 9: (LEISURE DAY TO EXPLORE REYKJAVIK ON YOUR OWN, FAREWELL DINNER) - Breakfast at the hotel and then explore Reykjavik on your own. You can spend time shopping, visiting museums or soaking in an Icelandic geothermal swimming pool. Group Farewell Dinner as we celebrate and share our amazing experiences and adventure together. Second night lodging at the Centerhotel Plaza in Reykjavik

Day 10: (OUR FAREWELL TO ICELAND; HOMEWARD BOUND) - Breakfast at the hotel and then our group transfer from our hotel to the Keflavik Airport