



# ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

## Presented by WITF and AAA Travel

### November 6 – 12, 2019

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Original, signed passport valid for 6 months beyond stay, and with at least one blank visa page for visa stamp(s).

##### PAYMENT

Deposit of \$500 per person will confirm your reservation. Final Payment is due to AAA by August 26, 2019.

**Solo Travelers Rewards Club maximum voucher redemption: \$100**

##### CANCELLATION/PENALTIES

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Deposit date to day of departure    | \$25 per person, plus...                         |
| From May 6 – September 6, 2019      | \$500 per person, plus additional suppliers fees |
| From September 7 – October 21, 2019 | 30% per person, plus additional suppliers fees   |
| From October 22 – November 5, 2019  | 50% per person, plus additional suppliers fees   |
| After November 5, 2019              | NONREFUNDABLE                                    |

**\*Airfare becomes non-refundable after final payment**

##### INSURANCE

For your protection AAA recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit only. Other conditions may apply; ask your travel agent. AAA recommends Allianz.

##### FLIGHT

Air arrangements are handled by the tour operator. Seat assignments cannot be confirmed until the tour operator releases names to the airline(s) 30 days prior to departure. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Some flights may contain code share agreements.

##### CLOTHING/CLIMATE

Temperatures for Iceland in November average in the 30s and 40s with cooler evenings. Pack for a variety of temperatures. Casual clothes that can be layered work best. Comfortable walking shoes and a small umbrella are recommended. Because the northern lights are a winter event, you will be walking and waiting outdoors while looking for them. Sturdy non-slip footwear and warm clothing including thermals, hat, scarf and gloves are recommended.

##### BAGGAGE

One suitcase per person will be allowed. You may also bring a carry-on bag small enough to fit under your seat. Baggage fees and other charges may be directly assessed by airlines or airport.

##### TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

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##### For reservations or more information, please contact:

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#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Reykjavik
- Northern Lights Cruise
- Golden Circle
- Thingvellir National Park
- Geysir
- Gullfoss
- Seljalandsfoss
- Vik
- Skogar Folk Museum
- Skógafoss
- Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon
- Skaftafell National Park
- Vatnajökull Glacier
- Lava Exhibition Center
- Blue Lagoon

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: **3**

#### INCLUDED FEATURES

- Free parking provided at WITF with roundtrip transfers to Washington Dulles International Airport
- Roundtrip airfare – Washington Dulles, VA to Keflavik, Iceland
- Roundtrip transfers – airport/hotel
- Five night's hotel accommodations
- Sightseeing as stated in itinerary by luxury coach
- Services of Professional AAA Member Choice Vacation driver and guide
- Meals: 5 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person
- WITF Host
- Services of a AAA Discoveries Journey Host to/from Washington Dulles International Airport

#### PRICE PER PERSON

| OCCUPANCY | RATE    |
|-----------|---------|
| Double    | \$4,329 |
| Single    | \$4,829 |
| Triple    | \$4,299 |



Rates are subject to availability at time of booking and include taxes, fees and fuel surcharges which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 25 passengers.



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Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice where steaming lava fields and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. In this land of many natural wonders, enjoy the rare opportunity to see the aurora borealis — one of nature's most dazzling light displays, also known as the northern lights.\*



## TOUR ITINERARY

### Wednesday, November 6: Depart for Iceland

Motorcoach from WITF to Washington Dulles International Airport for overnight flight to Keflavik.

### Thursday, November 7: Reykjavik

This morning you will arrive in Reykjavik, Iceland's Capital City. Get acquainted with old town Reykjavik on a walking tour featuring Hallgrímskirkja church, city hall, the harbor and Reykjavik's oldest building, now home to the Kraum Icelandic design center. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers at a popular restaurant for dinner, featuring Icelandic cuisine. Then, take an exhilarating northern lights cruise.\*\* Leave behind the bright city lights and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis – or northern lights\* – one of nature's wonders. When revealed you will be dazzled by the flickering display of light bursting with color that unfolds before your eyes. Hotel: *Centerhotel Plaza*, Reykjavik (Dinner)

### Friday, November 8: Reykjavik, Golden Circle, & Vik

Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Icelanders gathered here in A.D. 930 and established what is considered one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site marking the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Experience the eruptive energy of the Icelandic landscape with a stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur. Then, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Continue southeast to Vik, the southernmost village in Iceland, surrounded by beautiful valleys, beaches, cliffs and mountains. After dinner, amidst the peace and stillness of rural Iceland, search for the aurora borealis – the elusive northern lights.\* Hotel: *Hotel Dyrhólaey*, Vik (Breakfast, Dinner)

### Saturday, November 9: Seljalandsfoss, Skogar, & Vik

Journey to the mesmerizing Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and picturesque waterfalls with a walkway behind it. Visit Skogar Folk Museum which contains an outstanding collection covering all aspects of Icelandic life including farm and domestic artifacts, as well as turf-built homes. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Later, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations, cliffs scattered with caves and rich bird life including the Fulmar, Black Guillemot, Razorbill, Gannet and various types of seagulls. See the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights,\* a truly spectacular sight. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### Sunday, November 10: Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, Skafafell National Park & Vik

Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and perhaps see some seals swimming in Arctic waters. Travel to Skafafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park. The largest national park in Europe, Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains; an Alpine environment; and the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest. After dinner, continue searching for the shimmering northern lights dancing across the night sky.\* (Breakfast, Dinner)



### Monday, November 11: Vik, Lava Exhibition Center, Blue Lagoon & Reykjavik

Drive along the south shore towards Reykjanes Peninsula, stopping at the Lava Exhibition Center to learn about Iceland's historic eruptions and current lava flows that make the island a showcase of volcanism. Known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, numerous hot springs, and home of the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavik for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. Hotel: *Centerhotel Plaza*, Reykjavik (Breakfast, Dinner)

### Tuesday, November 12: Depart for USA

After breakfast, transfer to Keflavik Airport for your flight home and transportation to WITF. (Breakfast)

*Hotels and itinerary are subject to change at any time without notification and/or compensation.*

*\* The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed. Because they are a winter event, you need to be prepared to walk and wait outdoors while looking for them. It is recommended that you wear sturdy non-slip snow footwear and warm clothing. You should also bring a flashlight which is helpful in the dark and when operating your camera. Using a tripod is recommended for taking the best photos.*

*\*\* Northern lights cruise is weather dependent and may be cancelled in the event of serious weather.*

### Tour Activity Level:

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This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs, or on uneven walking surfaces, should be expected.