

# Iceland

**Day 1-2** - An evening departure from the U.S. and we arrive in Reykjavik, Iceland the next morning. After a brief guided tour we will explore the Aurora museum, Icelandic Settlement museum and National Museum of Iceland before an early dinner and rest. There will be an option to head to the city outskirts if the forecast is favorable for a first glimpse of the Northern Lights. Our first night in Iceland will be at the **Icelandair Hotel Natura, Reykjavik**.

**Day 2** - We will be met by our tour guide and head out to the Reykjanes Peninsula to see hot springs, mountains, bird cliffs, lighthouses and fishing villages. At the end of the day, we can soak in the warm mineral waters of the famous Blue Lagoon. This evening, we'll hear more about the science and legends of the Northern Lights and as darkness falls, we will begin our viewing experience from a local garden as we look for the spectacular Aurora. Overnight at the **Stracta Hotel, Hella**



**Day 3** - Today we head along the south coast to the Eyjafjallajökull glacier. We'll stop at the high

but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall. Next we visit Skógar folk museums, with its outstanding collection of farm and domestic artifacts from Iceland's past, as well as several turf houses. Nearby we'll view one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country, the 60 meter high Skógafoss waterfall. In the afternoon we offer an optional glacier walk (no additional cost), where you can explore the wonderland of ice sculptures, water cauldrons, ridges and deep crevasses on the breathtaking Sólheimajökull glacier. A fun, safe and easy to moderate glacier walk, this unique experience on one of the many retreating glaciers of the world is sure to leave lasting memories. There is another presentation this evening about the Northern Lights, and weather permitting, a chance to see them. Overnight, **Stracta Hotel**.

**Day 4** - In the morning you learn about the special qualities and history of the Icelandic horse, and visit a geothermal greenhouse. We'll travel the Golden Circle route to the Geysir geothermal fields where you'll see a variety of hot springs, bubbling pools and the geyser Strokkur "the Churn," which erupts at 5-10 minute intervals. Then we'll make our way to Gullfoss, a double waterfall that tumbles 34 meters into the Hvítá River. Next we head inland to Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before returning to Reykjavik for our last night. An optional Northern Lights evening cruise is available (no additional cost) if you'd like. We'll overnight at the **Icelandair Hotel Natura**.



**Day 5** - A private coach will take us to the airport for our flight home. Globe Treks will return you to your door with exciting and delightful memories of a land full of geological wonders and warm, friendly people.



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