

GeoTours Trip to Iceland – June 19 – 29 , 2012

\$1590 (price per person based on sharing a twin/double room)

Includes lodging, private transportation, entries/activities, Matt Ebiner as leader



6/19/12 Depart USA for Reykjavik, Iceland; Icelandair provides the best routes and prices

6/20/12 Arrive Reykjavik, capital city of Iceland, probably in the morning
Hallgrímskirkja church tower, the tallest structure in Reykjavik, with great views
Optional visit to National Museum and/or City Museum
Optional swimming at a Geothermal Pool or a Geothermal Beach
Optional whale watching excursion to see whales and bird life (like puffins)
Longest day of the year with sunset after midnight!
Two nights in Reykjavik area



6/21/12 Golden Circle to some of Iceland's top highlights

Strokkur Geyser, exploding every few minutes

Gullfoss – beautiful two-tier waterfalls

Pingvellir National Park - Rift zone where the American plate is pulling apart from the Eurasian plate

Night #2 in Reykjavik area

6/22/12 Visit two magnificent waterfalls: Seljalandsfoss (can walk behind it) & Skogafoss
Skogar Folk Museum – traditional Icelandic houses with turf roofs
Two nights near Skaftafell National Park



6/23/12 Full day in Skaftafell National Park

Great walking/hiking opportunities to see volcanoes, glaciers, and waterfalls

Night #2 near Skaftafell National Park

6/24/12 Jokulsarlon – boat ride through a lagoon filled with icebergs

Filming location of James Bond movie, “Die Another Day” (2002)

One night in Berunes at a guesthouse on a farm

6/25/12 Jokulsargljufur National Park

Impressive canyon with fine hikes amid cliffs and volcanic landforms

Dettifoss - Europe's largest waterfall in volume

Two nights in Myvatn area



6/26/12 Full day in Lake Myvatn area

Krafla volcano with beautiful crater lake

Pseudocraters at Skutustadir

Jarobodin or Grotagja hot springs for a swim

Hverfjall cinder cone & Namaskard bubbling mud pits

Dimmuborgir lava towers and lava tube

Night #2 in Myvatn area

6/27/12 Option to go whale-watching in Husavik

One night in pretty Akureyri, Iceland's 2nd largest city with 17,000 people

6/28/12 Akureyri in the morning – visit the beautiful botanical gardens

Drive to Reykjavik for final night



6/29/12 Optional visit to Blue Lagoon to soak in the aquamarine-colored geothermal waters
Depart Reykjavik for USA (most departures are in the late afternoon)

Trip Cost = \$1590 for Lodging, Transportation, Entries/Activities **(Airfare is additional)**

Included Highlights/Entries in Iceland

- Reykjavik – Hallgrímskirkja Church Tower
- Strokkur Geysir
- Gullfoss Waterfalls
- Þingvellir – Rift zone between tectonic plates
- Skogar Folk Museum
- Skogafoss Waterfall
- Seljlandfoss Waterfalls
- Skaftafell National Park
- Jokulsarlon – Boat ride past icebergs in a lagoon
- Guesthouse on farm to experience rural Iceland
- Jokulsarglufur National Park
- Lake Myvatn
- Krafla Volcano and crater lake
- Dettifoss Waterfalls
- Pseudocraters at Skutustadir
- Jarobodin or Grotagja hot springs for a swim
- Hverfjall cinder cone
- Namaskard bubbling mud pits
- Dimmuborgir lava towers and lava tube
- Option to go whale watching at Husavik
- Akureyri – Botanical Gardens
- Many hiking opportunities

Not included

- Airfare - LAX-KEF-LAX costs about \$1000-1400 in June using www.kayak.com
Participants will be notified when to purchase tickets, and for what specific flights
- Most meals are not included, but many places we stay have kitchen facilities; group will often stop at supermarkets

Accommodations

- Price is based on 2 people to a room; if you don't have a preferred roommate we will do our best to match you with someone of the same sex and age group
- Participants will stay at hotels, guesthouses, cabins, and high-quality hostels. Iceland's hostels are considered among the best in the world, and are furnished like bed and breakfast accommodations. Sometimes there is a shared bathroom.
- Some accommodations have beds with pillows and blanket/comforter without sheets; participants can bring their own sheets, sheet sleeping sack, or sleeping bag, or can pay about +\$12/night to rent sheets
- Single room supplement is +\$690

Transportation

- Private vehicle(s); total flexibility to stop wherever we like for spontaneous photo opportunities

Leader/Guide & Group Size

- Matt Ebner will lead the group throughout
- Group size will be approximately 10-15 people (including Matt, Suzan, and Sophia Ebner)

Pace/Physical Effort/Culture Shock

- This trip has a moderate pace and participants should be willing to walk up to 5 miles on the longest days. There are shorter options for those unwilling to walk/hike that far.
- Iceland is a very safe country with almost no crime at all
- There are no health hazards in Iceland, but the weather is cool (average high usually in the 50sF) and rainy even in summer. It typically rains about 3 days per week, although it usually isn't for hours and hours straight.

Costs

- Iceland is one of the most expensive countries in the world (even with their financial crisis of 2008). This trip has some breakfasts included, and to economize the group will often stop at supermarkets to buy food. We will often be staying at places with kitchen facilities so that we will sometimes be able to cook our own dinners and make our own meals.

Registration Form - GeoTours Trip to Iceland: June 19 – June 29, 2012 - LAND COST = \$1590
(Includes lodging in private rooms (double occupancy), private transportation, entries/activities, International Airfare extra)

REGISTRATION/PAYMENT PROCEDURE

1. Complete this form (or photocopy) and submit it to Matt Ebner/GeoTours. You should keep a copy of this completed form.
2. Attach a \$200 payment (made payable to GeoTours LLC) to this form and mail to GeoTours at the address below
3. Second payment of \$500 is due on March 19
4. Final payment is due on April 19. If signing up after April 19 then full payment is due with registration.
5. Payments made after May 19 will be assessed a \$50 late fee.

Payments should be made payable to GeoTours LLC and sent to:

GeoTours
427 Larkin Drive
Covina, CA 91722

CONTACT:

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SPECIAL DISCOUNTS!
Sign up for the Ireland trip with your \$200 deposit by January 19 and receive a \$25 discount off the program price. Pay in full by March 19 and receive a \$25 discount. Sign up with a roommate and each of you gets \$25 off. GeoTours alumni receive an additional discount of \$25 multiplied by the number of GeoTours trip they have done previously. Sign up for the Ireland and Iceland trips and deduct \$100 from the total trip cost.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (Please print clearly and use your precise name as it appears, or will appear, on your passport)

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Gender: _____
Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____
Are you a US citizen? Yes ___ No, I am a citizen of _____ Passport # _____ Date of Birth _____
Email Address _____
Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST The program price is based on double occupancy. A single room incurs a supplement.

Please check one: Sharing a twin/double room _____ Single Room (+\$690) _____
Please circle one: Non-smoking _____ Smoking _____ Do you object to a roommate smoking? Yes ___ No _____

Name of preferred roommate (if any) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____ Email Address _____

CANCELLATIONS

To cancel your participation, you need to inform GeoTours in writing or by email. Cancellation date is the day when GeoTours has received your written notice.

| Date of Cancellation | Cancellation Penalty | Date of Cancellation | Cancellation Penalty |
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| On or before January 1 | No penalty; full refund | March 1-31, 2012 | \$400 |
| January 1 - 31, 2012 | \$100 | April 1-30, 2012 | \$600 |
| February 1-28, 2012 | \$200 | After May 1, 2012 | No Refund |

Responsibility The program participant agrees that GeoTours LLC assumes no liability whatsoever for loss of property, injury, accident, illness, death, irregularity and delays during the duration of the tour. In addition, the program participant agrees to hold GeoTours LLC harmless for damage and delay due to equipment problems, quarantine, declared or undeclared war and insurrection, terrorist and criminal activity, revolt, civil disturbance, hostility, military action, strikes, labor unrest, any "act of God" or nature and for any act of any third party. The participant, by registering for this tour, agrees that GeoTours LLC is not responsible for delay, rerouting, omission and additional expense resulting from the passenger's improper travel documents such as passport, visa and health document. Any losses and expenses related to such circumstances are within the responsibility of the program participants and not of GeoTours LLC. GeoTours LLC is not responsible for acts of any government authority. GeoTours LLC reserves the right to adjust itinerary and contents and to substitute accommodation providers as deemed necessary. GeoTours LLC reserves the right to accept or decline any person as a program participant as well as to refuse to retain any participant's membership in the program. By registering for this tour, the participant agrees to all such terms and conditions.

I have carefully read and agree to the regulations above.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

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