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WESTERN ICELAND

JUNE 18 – 27, 2018



KERIO CRATER



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GULLFOSS

LAND COST = \$2190 (lodging, transportation by private bus, entries/activities, most breakfasts, Matt & Suzan Ebner as group leaders)
AIRFARE = \$1000 - approximate cost for round-trip Los Angeles – Reykjavik non-stop

Monday - 6/18/18 - Depart USA

Depart from Los Angeles to Reykjavik, Iceland; recommended is the nonstop evening flight on Wow Airlines. Or leave a day early to have more time in Reykjavik (extra hotel cost).

Tuesday - 6/19/18 - Arrive Reykjavik, Iceland

Arrive Reykjavik mid-day, capital of Iceland. Short walking tour of Reykjavik and ascend Hallgrímskirkja church tower for great views of the city and bay. Two nights in Laugarvatn.

Wednesday - 6/20/18 - Golden Circle

See some of Iceland's top highlights: Kerio volcano with a crater lake, Strokkur Geyser exploding every few minutes, Gullfoss waterfalls, and Þingvellir National Park where the North American plate is pulling apart from the Eurasian plate. Option for a swim, soak, or sauna in Laugarvatn. Night #2 in Laugarvatn



PINGVELLIR

Thursday - 6/21/18 - Laugarvatn to Snaefellsnes Peninsula

We take the Kaldidalur highland road with views of glaciers and volcanoes. See Hraunfossar waterfalls emerging from moss-covered volcanic rock, Deildartunguhver, the largest hot spring in Europe, and the rock columns of Gerduberg, made of volcanic basalt. Two nights in Grundarfjörður on the Snaefellsnes Peninsula.

Friday - 6/22/18 – Snaefellsnes Peninsula

Enjoy the beauty of the Snaefellsnes Peninsula with a scenic walk from Arnastapi to Hellnar along a gorgeous coastline. Marvel at Kirkjufell mountain with a wonderful waterfall in front. See the black-sand beach at Djupalónssandur and the abandoned village of Dritvík. Optional guided visit to Vatnshellir lava tube cave (\$30). Option to ascend Snaefellsjökull glacier on a “snow cat” (vehicle) followed by a walk on the glacier (\$120).

Saturday - 6/23/18 - Snaefellsnes to West Fjords

Travel to the West Fjords, with an optional boat trip (\$75) to see bird life, islands, and sample freshly caught shellfish (“Viking Sushi”). Or opt to hike up Helgafell hill for great views. We enter the West Fjords region where we drive along long, narrow, glacially-carved bays to reach Þatreksfjörður where we spend 2 nights.



**STROKKUR
GEYSER**

Sunday - 6/24/18 – West Fjords

See some of the highlights of the West Fjords, including the famous Látrabjarg Bird Cliffs. The cliffs are about 1500' tall above the crashing surf and home to large bird colonies, including puffins. We walk along the beautiful beaches of Raudasandur (rust-colored sand) and Breidavík (golden sand). Finish the day with a soak in the geothermal waters of Þatreksfjörður's swimming pool, with glorious views of the mountains and fjord.



PUFFIN

Monday - 6/25/18 – West Fjords to Isafjordur

Gaze at the awesome Dynjandi Waterfall, the largest in the West Fjords, and take a great hike past several waterfalls until you reach the tallest one. Drive to the top of Bolafjall peak for great views. Scenic drive through the mountains, along fjords, and through a tunnel to reach Isafjordur for one night at Hotel Edda.

Tuesday - 6/26/18 – Isafjordur to Djupavik

More scenic travel through the West Fjords landscape. Option to visit the Arctic Fox Center, which explains everything about Iceland's only native land mammal. Continue to Djupavik where we can take an interesting tour of a closed-down herring factory. In the afternoon take a swim at Krossneslaug, an open-air pool with warm geothermal water, located on a pebble beach a few steps from the ocean. One night at Hotel Djupavik.

Wednesday - 6/27/18 – Djupavik to Reykjavik and depart Iceland

Drive 5 hours back to Reykjavik and depart late afternoon for the USA, or stay longer in Iceland to explore more on your own.



GENERAL INFORMATION – GEOTOURS WESTERN ICELAND TOUR 2018

Tour Dates

- Depart Los Angeles in the evening, Monday, June 18, 2018 on non-stop flight (Wow Airlines - 8.5 hour flight)
- Arrive Reykjavik in the early afternoon, Tuesday, June 19, 2018
- Depart Reykjavik late afternoon, Wednesday, June 27, 2018
- Arrive Los Angeles in the evening, Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Tour Cost

- \$2190, including lodging, ground transport, many entries/activities, most breakfasts, Matt & Suzan Ebiner as group leaders
- Iceland is an expensive country. This trip has most breakfasts included, but restaurant meals are expensive (\$15-40 for dinners). We will often stop at supermarkets to buy food, and sometimes stay at places with kitchen facilities where we can cook our own meals.
- Additional cost of approximately \$1000 for non-stop round-trip Los Angeles – Reykjavik – Los Angeles on Wow Airlines.

Registration Procedure

- Complete and sign the GeoTours Western Iceland 2018 registration form, available at:
 - WWW.GEOTOURS.US
 - On the next page of this information sheet
- Return the completed registration form with a \$300 deposit to GeoTours LLC to GeoTours by US mail or online (instructions, payment options, and address are on the registration form).
- Group size will be a minimum 12 people, plus the Ebiners and Icelandic driver. Maximum size is 24 people.

Accommodations

- Price is based on sharing a room; if you don't have a preferred roommate we will try match you with a roommate.
- Lodging is at hotels and guesthouses, sometimes with a shared bathroom. Single room supplement is +\$600.

Transportation

- Private tour bus (30+ seats) with English-speaking driver

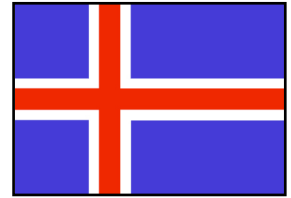
Pace/Physical Effort

- This trip has a moderate pace and participants should be able to walk up to 5 miles on the longest day.
- The average bus travel time is 2-3 hours per day, but a couple of days have 6 hours on the bus.
- The weather is cool in June (average high usually in the 50sF) and light rain is likely about 3-4 days per week.

Any Questions? Please contact:

- GeoTours Trip Leader & Organizer - Matt Ebiner – MATTEBINER@GEOTOURS.US; 310-686-8171

Registration Form – GeoTours Western Iceland Tour: June 18-27, 2018- LAND COST = \$2190
(Includes lodging, private transportation, entries/activities, International Airfare is extra)



REGISTRATION/PAYMENT PROCEDURE

1. Complete this form and submit it to GeoTours. You should keep a copy of this completed form.
2. Attach a \$300 payment (made payable to GeoTours LLC) to this form and mail to GeoTours at the address below or submit payment online through www.venmo.com or www.paypal.com, payable to payment@geotours.us or 310-686-8171. You can also make an online bank transfer if you are a customer of Chase (through QuickPay) or Wells Fargo (SurePay) to mattebiner@geotours.us or 310-686-8171 (GeoTours phone #).
3. Second payment of \$500 is due on January 15, 2018.
4. Third payment of \$600 is due on February 28, 2018
5. Final payment is due April 15, 2018. If signing up after March 31, full payment is due with registration.
6. Payments made after May 15 will be assessed a \$75 late fee.

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

GeoTours
1547 E. Puente Street
Covina, CA 91724

CONTACT:
Matt Ebner, GeoTours Trip Leader
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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Please print clearly and use your precise name as it appears 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 # _____ Passport Expiration _____

Email Address _____ Phone (_____) _____ Date of Birth _____

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST - The program price is based on double occupancy. If you sign up without a roommate we will try to match you with a roommate, but this is not guaranteed. A single room incurs a supplement of +\$600.

Please check one: Sharing a Twin room (2 beds) _____ Sharing a Double room (1 large bed; if available) _____ Single Room _____

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 date when GeoTours receives your written notice

<u>Date of Cancellation</u>	<u>Cancellation Penalty</u>	<u>Date of Cancellation</u>	<u>Cancellation Penalty</u>
On or before September 30, 2017	\$100	January 1 – February 28, 2018	\$500
October 1 – November 30, 2017	\$200	March 1 – April 30, 2018	\$600
December 1 – 31, 2017	\$300	After May 1, 2018	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. Participants that do not participate in an activity or entry, or who leave the tour early or arrive late, will not be entitled to any refund. 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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