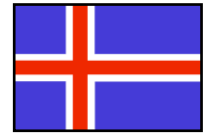


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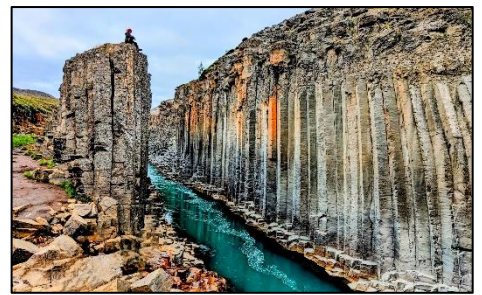
PRESENTS
A GUIDED TOUR OF



ICELAND



SEPTEMBER 24 – OCTOBER 4, 2024



Join Anza-Borrogo Desert Natural History Association and geologist Don Barrie on a grand tour of Iceland's natural wonders: waterfalls, glaciers, icebergs, volcanoes, geysers, hot springs, lakes, beaches, and (hopefully) the northern lights. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the ABDNHA. Registration form is available at <http://www.geotours.us/tour/abdnha-iceland-2024>

LAND COST = \$3390 - includes lodging in a double/twin room, private tour bus, many entries and activities, Professor Don Barrie as group leader, GeoTours guide Matt Ebner, breakfasts, high-quality digital photos of the entire tour. ABDNHA members receive a \$100 discount. Become an ABDNHA member (\$35) at www.abdnha.org, or call ABDNHA at (760) 767-3052.

AIRFARE is additional, and costs approximately \$1000 round-trip from Los Angeles or San Diego to Reykjavik.

INCLUDED ENTRIES/ACTIVITIES

- Reykjavik – Hallgrímskirkja Church Tower
- Strokkur Geysir
- Gullfoss Waterfalls
- Þingvellir – Rift zone between tectonic plates
- Lava Centre – Museum of Iceland's geology
- Seljalandsfoss & Skogafoss Waterfall
- Skogar Folk Museum
- Reynisfjara - Black sand beach & volcanic cliffs
- Múlágjúfur Canyon
- Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon
- Vatnajökull National Park - Skaftafell section
- Svinafell Glacier
- Jokulsarlon - Iceberg lagoons
- Studlagil Canyon
- Dettifoss Waterfall
- Viti Crater Lake
- Hverir - Bubbling mud pits and fumaroles
- GeoSea Geothermal Baths
- Godafoss Waterfall

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ABDNHA ICELAND TOUR – SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 4, 2024

TRIP COST = \$3390 (lodging, ground transport, entries/activities, breakfasts)

AIRFARE = \$1000 - approximate cost round-trip to Reykjavik from San Diego or Los Angeles

Tue 9/24/24 Depart USA

Depart from USA to Reykjavik, Iceland

Wed 9/25/24 Arrive Reykjavik, Iceland

Arrive Reykjavik, capital city of Iceland. Take a short walking tour of Reykjavik and visit Hallgrímskirkja church tower, with great views over Reykjavik. One night in Reykjavik at CenterHotel Arnarhvoll, excellently located in the city center across the street from Harpa Concert Hall.

Thu 9/26/24 Golden Circle

See some of Iceland's top highlights: Þingvellir National Park where the North American plate is pulling apart from the Eurasian plate, Kerid crater lake, Strokkur Geyser exploding every few minutes, and Gullfoss waterfalls. One night at Hotel South Coast in the town of Selfoss.

Fri 9/27/24 South Coast to Skogar

Visit the excellent Lava Center with high-tech exhibits of Iceland's geology. See 2 magnificent waterfalls: Seljalandsfoss (which you can walk behind) & thundering Skogafoss. See traditional turf-roof houses at Skogar Folk Museum. One night at Hotel Skogafoss, steps away from one of Iceland's most beautiful waterfalls.

Sat 9/28/24 Skogar –Vatnajokull National Park

Stroll along a black sand beach at Reynisfjara, backed by volcanic cliffs. Short hike at colorful Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon, a gorge carved into the volcanic landscape. Optional afternoon walk to Svinafell glacier. Two nights at Hotel Skaftafell, within view of the glaciers of Vatnajokull National Park.

Sun 9/29/24 Vatnajokull National Park

Great hiking opportunities (up to 5 miles) in Vatnajokull National Park to see glaciers and waterfalls. In the afternoon marvel at Fjallsarlón, a lagoon with icebergs in front of a massive glacier.

Mon 9/30/24 Glacier Lagoons to Egilsstadir

Morning hike to Múlagljúfur, a deep, lush canyon with tall waterfalls. Visit Diamond Beach with icebergs on a beach, and Jokulsarlon lagoon, with icebergs in a lagoon. Photo stop at Vestrahorn, one of the most photographed mountains in Iceland. One night at Hotel Eyvindara in Egilsstadir.

Tue 10/1/24 Egilsstadir to Husavik

Hike into Stuðlagil Canyon (3 miles round-trip) to see spectacular basalt columns forming a deep gorge. Hike to impressive Dettifoss, Europe's largest waterfall. Continue to the beautiful fishing town of Husavik. Evening soak at Geosea geothermal sea baths. Stay one night at Fosshotel Husavik.

Wed 10/2/24 Husavik to Akureyri

See the geological wonders around Lake Myvatn: Viti crater with a beautiful lake, Hverir geothermal area with bubbling mud pits and fumaroles, Grjotajia cave with an aquamarine pool inside, and beautiful Godafoss waterfall. One night at Hotel Kea in Akureyri, Iceland's 2nd largest city.

Thu 10/3/24 Akureyri to Reykjavik

Visit Akureyri's Botanical Gardens with beautiful landscaping. Return to Reykjavik by early afternoon with time for shopping. One final night in Iceland at CenterHotel Arnarhvoll.

Fri 10/4/24 Blue Lagoon and Depart Iceland

Visit the Blue Lagoon to see Iceland's most famous geothermal waters. Depart Reykjavik for the USA.



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GENERAL INFORMATION – ABDNHA ICELAND TOUR 2024

Tour Dates

- Depart USA, Tuesday, September 24, 2024; arrive Reykjavik in the morning, Wednesday, September 25, 2024.
- Depart Reykjavik, Friday, October 4, 2024; arrive in USA in the evening, Friday, October 4, 2024.

Land Cost

- \$3390, including lodging in a twin/double room, ground transport, many entries/activities, English-speaking guide, breakfasts.
- \$100 discount for ABDNHA members. Become a member (\$35) at <https://www.abdnha.org/>.
- A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association.
- Iceland is an expensive country. This trip has all breakfasts included. Restaurant meals are expensive (\$15-50 for dinners). Lunches (additional cost) will usually be simple (soup, sandwiches) at snack bars, small cafeterias, or markets.

Airfare

- Additional cost (about \$1000) for round-trip to Reykjavik from the USA. GeoTours will provide flight recommendations.

Registration Procedure

- Open to all ages; it is not necessary to be a member of Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association, but registration through October 31, 2023 is only open to ABDNHA members and their roommates.
- Registration will open 8:00 AM on MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023.
 - The registration link will be found at: WWW.GEOTOURS.US/TOUR/ABDNHA-ICELAND-2024.
- After completing online registration submit a \$500 deposit to GeoTours LLC within 7 days (payment info in the next section).
- If there are any problems registering online then you should contact GeoTours at 310-686-8171 or info@geotours.us.

Payment Schedule

- Payments can be sent by check to GeoTours LLC, 1547 E. Puente St., Covina CA 91724, or online through Venmo or Zelle to payment@geotours.us or 310-686-8171 (GeoTours phone #).
- 1st payment of \$500 is due within 7 days of registration.
- 2nd payment of \$600 is due on January 31, 2024.
- 3rd payment of \$700 is due on April 30, 2024.
- Final payment is due June 30, 2024.
- Payments made after July 15, 2024 will have a \$100 late fee.

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. *Cancellation penalty is the amount shown below PLUS any non-recoverable expenses already paid on behalf of the passenger, such as nonrefundable tickets or hotel rooms.

<u>Date of Cancellation</u>	<u>Cancellation Penalty</u>
On or before November 30, 2023	\$100*
December 1 – 31, 2023	\$200*
January 1 – February 29, 2024	\$300*
March 1 – April 30, 2024	\$500*
May 1 – June 30, 2024	\$600*
After July 1, 2024	No Refund



Leader/Guide & Group Size

- ABDNHA board member and geologist Don Barrie will lead the group.
- GeoTours guide (Matt Ebiner) will accompany, direct, and guide the tour.
- Group size will be around 15-24 people, plus Don Barrie, Matt Ebiner, and an Icelandic driver.

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Accommodations

- Price is based on double occupancy (sharing a room); if you don't have a preferred roommate, we will try to match you with a roommate of the same sex. Single rooms are limited. A single room costs +\$800.
- Lodging is at hotels in rooms with an attached, private bathroom. Rooms in Iceland are sometimes small and simple but always clean and usually in a beautiful location. Some hotels do not have elevators and nor do they have porterage service.

Transportation and Pace/Physical Effort

- Private tour bus (38 seats) with English-speaking driver.
- 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 3-4 hours per day, but a couple of days have 5-7 hours on the bus.
- The weather is cool in September (average high usually around 40-50°F) and rain is likely 3 or 4 days per week.

Safety & Travel Insurance

- Iceland is a safe, peaceful country with almost zero crime, but international travel always has inherent risks for injury, sickness, or loss. Trip participants must agree to the Terms and Conditions below.
- Travel insurance is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**. Compare different travel insurance policies at [squaremouth.com](https://www.squaremouth.com).
 - Trip participants should get Travel Insurance with Trip Cancellation (including Covid-19 cancellation coverage), Trip Interruption, Medical Evacuation, Medical (for Covid or anything else), and Lost/Stolen Baggage.
 - Cancellation coverage means that travel insurance will reimburse nonrefundable trip costs if you cancel for a covered reason, like getting COVID before or during the trip. Cancellation coverage only works if you purchase the insurance BEFORE a sickness or injury forces you to cancel, and an insurance claim requires a physician's written advice that you should cancel your trip due to your illness or injury.
 - **Trawick Safe Travels Explorer** (found on www.squaremouth.com/) costs \$197 for a 60-year old, \$4300 trip cost (GeoTours price + airfare), destination Iceland, September 24 – October 4, 2024. The cost depends on age, costing more for older travelers.

Covid Policy

- Trip participants must follow Covid policies of Iceland and the USA. At the time of writing (September 2023) neither country requires vaccination, testing, or quarantine for travelers or Covid-positive individuals. GeoTours will inform participants of any changes in Covid-related restrictions before the trip.
- Trip participants who test positive for Covid during the tour will not be required to leave the group. They will decide for themselves what their best course of action should be, in consultation with the trip leaders. Such actions might include leaving the group, or continuing the trip with social distancing, mask wearing, and skipping group meals.
- Neither GeoTours nor ABDNHA will reimburse trip participants for COVID-related costs incurred before, during, or after the trip.
- Neither GeoTours nor ABDNHA will refund trip participants for any portion of the trip missed due to Covid or any other reason.
- Participants should seek reimbursement from their travel insurance carrier for any Covid-related costs, or for trip cancellation or trip interruption.

Terms and Conditions

The program participant agrees that GeoTours LLC and Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association (ABDNHA) assume 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 and ABDNHA harmless for damage, delay, or cancellation due to equipment problems, quarantine, pandemic, 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 and ABDNHA are 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 or ABDNHA. GeoTours LLC and ABDNHA are not responsible for acts of any government authority. GeoTours LLC and ABDNHA reserve the right to adjust itinerary and contents and to substitute accommodation providers as deemed necessary. GeoTours LLC and ABDNHA reserve 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.

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