

Iceland to London Summer Solstice

Aboard the Norwegian Prima

June 10 - 25, 2024 (16 Days)

Tentative Tour Itinerary



Join Collins Tours for an exceptional journey beginning in Reykjavik, Iceland! Explore the natural landscapes that make this Scandinavian country one of the most popular to visit. Next, we sail aboard the all-new, spectacular Norwegian Prima to two additional ports in Iceland, three ports in the breathtaking fjords of Norway and the port of Zeebrugge, Belgium and Amsterdam in the Netherlands before reaching the port of Southampton, England. Conclude this exciting adventure with two post-cruise nights in the heart of London! We have assembled a detailed daily itinerary for you to review. Collins Tours has planned an exciting and organized vacation for you. Please read the following document and pay

particular attention to the finer details on the last page for Collins Tours policies and procedures.

Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO

Day 1: Monday, June 10 – Canada Flight to Reykjavik, Iceland

- For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Airfare & Transfers, you will depart from your local airports and meet the tour manager in Toronto for your international flight to Reykjavik, Iceland. The package includes all airfare, one piece of checked luggage and in-destination transfers.
- Enjoy your overnight flight. Meals available for purchase onboard the overnight flight.

Day 2: Tuesday, June 11 – Airport to Hotel Reykjavik Saga, Iceland (Welcome Reception)

*Optional Excursion to Blue Lagoon Thermal Springs

- This morning we arrive at Keflavik International Airport. Meet your local tour manager after collecting your luggage. Next, board our private motorcoach for a transfer into Reykjavik!
- Enjoy a relaxing and therapeutic optional visit at the Blue Lagoon Thermal Springs. Our visit includes use of a towel, an alcoholic or nonalcoholic drink, and a mud mask treatment **(Optional Excursion, Price €150 euro per person)**. This experience has showers and changing rooms before and after your time in the lagoon.
- After our relaxing visit to the Blue Lagoon, we return to Reykjavik to make our way to the Hotel Reykjavik Saga – a 4-star hotel in the heart of the city's downtown area. The tour manager will handle check-in, pass out room keys, and have luggage delivered to your rooms.
- It is time to relax and catch your breath after what has been a busy day of travel and exciting exploration.
- We have scheduled a "Welcome Reception" at the hotel this evening. Enjoy some light appetizers as well as a glass of wine or beer **(included)**. Tonight, you have a free evening to explore Reykjavik or get some rest.
- **Please Note:** we are visiting during the summer solstice which means you experience approximately 20 hours of daylight. Sunrise is 3:30am and sunset is 11:30pm.



Day 3: Wednesday, June 12 – Reykjavik – Golden Circle Tour (B, L)

- Enjoy a delicious breakfast at the hotel before departing on our 7-hour “Golden Circle” Excursion **(included value of \$275 per person CAD)**
- Our “Golden Circle” tour features the famous Thingvellir National Park located in a rift valley where the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates collide. The tour continues across breathtaking terrain until we reach Gullfoss Falls. Multiple paths take you to several vantage points.
- Next, we head to the home of “The Great Geyser” hot spring. This area offers an impressive collage of bubbling mud pools, hissing steam vents, and colourful algae deposits. Finally, enjoy the show put on by Stokkur Geyser as it blasts boiling water high into the sky every few minutes. **Lunch will be included during the tour.**
- Enjoy the remainder of the evening on your own. Many restaurants are located within walking distance of our hotel.



Day 4: Thursday, June 13 – Reykjavik – Embarkation of Norwegian Prima (B, L, D)

- Enjoy another breakfast this morning at the hotel before checking out of the hotel.
- This morning we make our way to the Reykjavik cruise pier. Your Tour Manager will assist with the embarkation process. Your luggage will be sorted and sent to your staterooms. In the meantime, take the opportunity to become familiar with this beautiful new ship! Its modern design adds a unique flair to Norwegian’s already impressive fleet. Grab a bite for lunch and then make your way to your cabins to get situated before we set sail.
- Enjoy your first night aboard the Prima as you please and get ready for a thrilling adventure through some of Northern Europe’s great destinations.

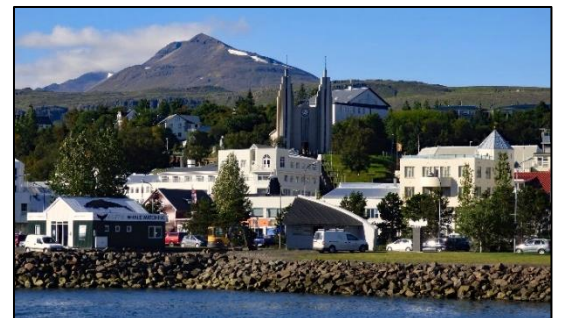


Day 5: Friday, June 14 – Isafjordur, Iceland (B, L, Group D)

- Our ship is docked in Isafjordur, Iceland from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- Isafjordur is a town in the Westfjords region of northwest Iceland known for dramatic landscapes.
- The old town has wooden houses with corrugated tin roofs built by fishing merchants. The Westfjords Heritage Museum has exhibits on the town’s maritime history, including a collection of fishing boats.
- Enjoy taking in the stunning rugged landscapes before returning to the ship for our 6:00 p.m. departure.
- This evening join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for a delicious group dinner together onboard the ship **(included)**.

Day 6: Saturday, June 15 – Akureyri, Iceland (B, L, D) *Optional Excursion

- Our ship is docked in Akureyri, Iceland from 6:00 am until 4:00 pm.
- Join Collins Tours for an Optional Private Group Excursion in Akureyri **(Price TBA)**. Akureyri is considered Iceland’s “Second City” and is often referred to as the capital of Northern Iceland. However, the population of Akureyri is only 20 thousand and therefore would qualify more as a town rather than a city. Nestled along the shores of one of the most breathtaking fjords in Iceland, Akureyri is the centre of Icelandic folk culture.
- Tonight, enjoy one of the many complimentary restaurants or



perhaps one of the included specialty restaurants.

Day 7: Sunday, June 16 – At Sea (B, L, Group D)

- Enjoy a relaxing day at sea and catch your breath while taking in the many wonderful amenities aboard the stunning NCL Prima!
- Tonight, we sail for our first port in Norway! On to Ålesund.
- This evening join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for another delicious group dinner together onboard the ship **(included)**.

Day 8: Monday, June 17 – Ålesund, Norway (B, L, D)

- Our ship is docked in Ålesund, Norway from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.
- Ålesund is a port town on the west coast of Norway, at the entrance to the Geiranger fjord. It's known for the art nouveau style in which most of the town was rebuilt after a fire in 1904.
- Spend the day admiring panoramic views of Ålesund's architecture, the surrounding archipelago, and fjords from the Mount Aksla lookout or simply wander the streets of this beautiful port town.
- After enjoying an afternoon and evening in Ålesund, make your way back to the NCL Prima as we sail further into the fjords and more breathtaking vistas.
- Tonight, we sail for Hellesylt/Geiranger.



Day 9: Tuesday, June 18 – Hellesylt & Geiranger, Norway (B, L, Group D) *Optional Excursion

- Our ship is docked in Hellesylt from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- Join Collins Tours for an Optional Private Group Excursion through the Geiranger Fjord **(€135 euro/person)**. Our 3-hour shore excursion here in Geiranger will take you to the eagle bend for panoramic views of the village of Geiranger and onto the famous “seven sisters” waterfall. We will continue to the Flydal Gorge viewpoint, one of Norway’s most photographed areas. Finally, we will reach Mount Dalsnibba, for the easily accessed 1500m lookout for incredible views of the gorge and fjord before enjoying the new “Sky walk” overlooking the gorge with a 500m glass viewing platform to the gorge below!
- After what is sure to be an unforgettable excursion, we make our way back to the Prima before our early evening sailing.
- This evening join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for another delicious group dinner together onboard the ship **(included)**.

Day 10: Wednesday, June 19 – Bergen, Norway (B, L, D) *Optional Excursion

- Welcome to Bergen, Norway, our final Norwegian destination along our route. Our ship remains in port from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.
- View this lovely and charming Norwegian city from your cruise ship and you'll see how the city is nestled between seven mountains, seven fjords and the Sea.
- Join Collins Tours for an Optional Private Group Excursion in Bergen. **(€119 euro/person)**. Highlights include the waterfront area of Bryggen (A UNESCO World Heritage Site), the Rosenkrantz Tower, Mount Floyen and the funicular reaching its summit. We will head directly to the funicular to avoid line ups of other cruise ship passengers for amazing views before continuing on this fantastic excursion in this picturesque city with our local guide.



- This evening join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for a delicious dinner together onboard the ship. Reminisce over the exceptional adventure through the fjords of this beautiful nation and look forward to a relaxing day aboard the Prima, tomorrow.

Day 11: Thursday, June 20 – At Sea (B, L, Cocktail Reception, Group D)

- Enjoy a peaceful day at sea while our ship sails from Norway towards the Netherlands and a delightful day in Amsterdam – the Venice of the North!
- Familiarize yourself with today's schedule on board the Norwegian Prima and plan your well-earned rest day before more exploring tomorrow.
- Meet your tour manager in the main dining room for a cocktail reception followed by another group dinner with your fellow cruisers **(included)**.

Day 12: Friday, June 21 – Amsterdam, Netherlands (B, L, D) *Optional Excursion

- Our ship is docked in Amsterdam, the Netherlands from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- Join Collins Tours for an exciting Optional Private Group Shore Excursion, Amsterdam Highlights and Hidden Gems **(Price TBA)**. Meet our local guide and private shuttle right at the pier! Our 4-hour city tour will be combination walking tour and canal cruise where our guide will lead us in exploring iconic landmarks such as Centraal Station, Dam Square, The Royal Palace Amsterdam. Walk by the Anne Frank House, Basilica of Saint Nicholas and more! After the guided city tour, our shuttle returns us to the Prima this afternoon.
- Enjoy a free afternoon and evening aboard the ship.
- Tonight, we continue our voyage with a short trek south to the port of Zeebrugge in Belgium offering access to Brussels or Bruges.



Day 13: Saturday, June 22 – Zeebrugge (Brussels/Bruges), Belgium (B, L, Group D)

- Good morning from Belgium. Today we are docked in Zeebrugge offering you access to either Brussels or Bruges. Our ship remains in port today from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm.
- For an urban experience, visit bustling Brussels and sample one of the many local breweries. For a slower pace, choose Bruges! Bruges is known for its serene canals, its cobbled streets and medieval buildings which combine to create a quaint and very picturesque town.
- The Prima sets sail this evening at 5:00 pm.
- Please, join your Tour Manager and fellow passengers this evening for our last delicious group dinner onboard the Prima **(Included)**! Enjoy your final evening on our beautiful cruise ship and get ready for disembarkation tomorrow morning.

Day 14: Sunday, June 23 – Disembark in Southampton, UK – The Clermont Hotel, Charing Cross, London (B)

- Welcome to England! Enjoy one final breakfast onboard the Prima before meeting your Tour Manager at a pre-determined meeting point as we prepare to disembark.
- Once the disembarkation process is complete, we board our private motorcoach for a drive north into the nation's capital and one of the world's great cities – London!
- Because check-in is not guaranteed at our hotel until 3:00pm, you will have time to explore the area around our hotel and grab lunch at one of the nearby restaurants.
- Your tour manager will check the group into our city-centre hotel, the beautiful 4- Star Clermont Hotel, and



- have luggage sent to your room.
- Enjoy the city your way tonight.

Day 15: Monday, June 24 – London City Tour (B, Farewell D)

- Rise and shine and enjoy another delicious breakfast before a thrilling day of exploration. Today, we invite a local, professional guide onto the motorcoach to show us some of London's greatest sites and landmarks.
- This evening, meet the tour manager and your fellow passengers for one final group dinner and a chance to swap stories and share some laughs with your new friends. Dinner includes a glass of wine or beer. Raise a glass to what has surely been a wonderful tour together and begin planning our next adventure together!
- Meet the tour manager in the hotel lobby (time TBA) before a night in London's West End Theatre District. Your ticket to tonight's performance of the global smash hit jukebox musical *Jersey Boys* based on the lives and music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, is included in your tour price! **Transportation to and from the theatre are included!**
- **Please note:** For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air & Transfers Package, the tour manager and Collins Tours staff will arrange to have you pre-checked for tomorrow's flights home to ensure a seamless experience at London's Heathrow Airport.

Day 16: Tuesday, June 25 – Flights from London to Home Airport (B)

- Enjoy a final breakfast at our hotel before departing the hotel and making our way to the airport.
- Thank you to everyone for choosing Collins Tours and we look forward to assisting you with your next great getaway! See you next time. Cheerio!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are ONLY a guideline and may need to be modified by your tour manager. Times on tour itineraries are only estimates as various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, emergencies, and "Acts of God," can influence tour timing. Collins Tours is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by any of the unforeseen events mentioned above or any unforeseen events that may in fact disrupt tour itineraries. No refunds or reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrences.
- Canadian citizens are required to have a valid passport that is good for at least THREE MONTHS AFTER your departure date from all countries that make up the Schengen area (Norway, UK, Iceland, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Portugal, and Spain). Citizens of other countries should call and verify their required documentation.
- Currency varies among the countries visited during this tour.
 - England's currency: British Pound Sterling (GBP)
 - Norway's currency: Norwegian Krone (NOK)
 - Iceland's currency: Iceland Krona (ISK)
 - Belgium's & the Netherlands' currency: Euro (EUR)
- Duty Free Rules: You can claim \$800 per person for trips outside Canada for at least 48 hours.
- Airline fees for checked or oversize bags (both outbound and inbound flights) are not included in your tour package and are your responsibility. These fees are paid to the airline.
- All liquids and gels must be in containers 3oz or less and sealed in a Ziploc bag. Once at the security checkpoint, this bag must be removed from your carry-on and placed in a bin for TSA screening.
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travel insurance has been purchase in advance.

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- Collins Tours guide - anywhere from \$6.00-8:00 per person, per day
 - Private City Guides - \$2.00 per person, per day

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