

Waterfalls & Glaciers Icelandic Explorer

June 15 – 22, 2024 (8 Days)

Tentative Itinerary



Welcome aboard our Waterfalls & Glaciers Icelandic Explorer Tour! Discover this stunning island nation offering incredible glaciers, waterfalls, coastal vistas, and exciting cities! Begin in the capital – Reykjavik. From here, relax with the world-famous Blue Lagoon thermal pool! Next, discover the Golden Circle including the awe-inspiring Gullfoss Falls and see where the American and Eurasian Tectonic Plates meet! Float through the luminous blue icebergs of Lake Jökulsárlón and walk the 'Black Sand Beach' in Vik! Review the following itinerary and enjoy an incredible Collins Tours adventure!

-Sincerely, Greg Collins - President & CEO

Day 1: Saturday, June 15 - Fly to Reykjavik (Overnight flight arriving early June 16)

- For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Airfare and Transfers Package your transfers in destination will be included in the cost. All passengers will arrive in Reykjavik and clear customs upon arrival into Iceland.
- Complimentary luggage fees for 1 bag per person is included up to 50lbs per bag, additional weight is subject to charges directly from Air Canada. Please ensure you have considered all travel insurance options regarding trip cancellation, interruption or delay, and medical expenses while travelling, to protect your health and safety and your investments.
- Enjoy your overnight flight to Reykjavik (meal included on overnight flight to Iceland). PS- Remember to pack for at least 3 seasons of weather in Iceland, you are going for exploration and adventure in nature.

Day 2 – Sunday, June 16 – Arrive in Reykjavik, Fosshotel (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 Hilton Reykjavik Nordica a 4-star hotel in the heart of the city's downtown area. The tour manager will handle check-in processing the control of the city's downtown area.
 - 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 - Monday, June 17 - Reykjavik - Golden Circle Day Tour (B, L, Welcome D)

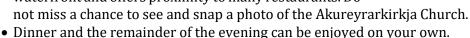
- Enjoy a delicious hot buffet breakfast at the hotel before departing on our 7-hour "Golden Circle" Excursion (included). (Included value of \$275 per person CAD")
- Our "Golden Circle" tour features the famous Thingfellir National Park located in a rift valley where the Eurasian and North American 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. A lunch will be included during
 the tour.

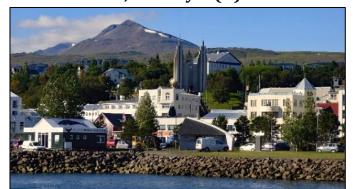


• After our incredible day-long excursion, we return to the hotel and delight in a "Welcome Dinner" with a glass of wine or beer (included). Enjoy the remainder of the evening on your own.

Day 4 - Tuesday, June 18 - Reykjavik - Icelandair Hotel Edda, Akureyri (B)

- Enjoy another hot breakfast at the hotel before we check-out and board the motorcoach for a relaxing drive north to Akureyri. Multiple stops, including lunch (on own) have been scheduled along the route.
- Our drive has us arriving in Akureyri, mid-afternoon.
 Your tour manager will check you into the 4-star Icelandair Hotel Edda Akureyri and have luggage sent to your room.
- Akureyri is Iceland's "Second City" and often considered the "Capital of the North". Our hotel is situated near the waterfront and offers proximity to many restaurants. Do not miss a chance to see and span a photo of the Akurey.





Day 5 – Wednesday, June 19 – Akureyri – Berjaya Hérað Hotel, Egilsstaðir (B, D)

- Enjoy a delicious Icelandic full breakfast at the hotel before check-out.
- Today, we continue our adventure east. We make our way to Egilsstaðir where we spend a night in the verdant and tranquil beauty of East Iceland.
- We have scheduled a lunch (on own) stop near Lake Myvatn where we will spend some time viewing natures pristine lake and water bog. After our stop, we continue to Dettifoss Falls the most powerful waterfall in Europe (included).
- After our visit to Dettifoss, we continue our drive to Egilsstaðir and check-into the Berjaya Hérað Hotel. Use this quaint hotel to explore the peaceful and friendly little town. *Please note*: your touring days in some cases start early morning to enjoy the fullest experience in Iceland. We trust you will agree it's a destination worth getting up early for!
- This evening, meet your new friends for another group dinner (included).

Day 7 - Thursday June 20 - Egilsstaðir - Berjaya Höfn Hotel, Höfn (B, D)

- **Early Morning Start: Enjoy hot breakfast with views of the waterfront before check-out.
- Today, we drive southwest along the coast to Hnappavellir.
- We have scheduled a lunch stop (on own) before we continue to Lake Jokulsarlon where we embark on a thrilling boat tour of the glacial lake for an up-close and personal encounter with beautiful icebergs (included)! Our captain and guide will share interesting facts and fascinating stories of the local terrain and its rugged beauty.

- After our boat tour, we make the short commute to the secluded, but modern and chic Berjaya Höfn Hotel set to the backdrop of spellbinding views of the magnificent glacier Vatnajökull in the beautiful surroundings of southeast Iceland. On the doorstep of our hotel, you can feel the force of nature from Europe's largest glacier, covering 8% of Iceland.
- Join the tour manager and fellow travelers for another group dinner **(Included)** in the hotel's beautiful dining room.
- The remainder of the evening is free. Relax and enjoy the hotel's amenities!



Day 8 – Friday, June 21 – Höfn – Hilton Reykjavik

Nordica (B, Farewell D)

- Another hot breakfast is included at our hotel this morning before check-out and our departure.
- We have scheduled a lunch stop (on own) in the town of Vik.
- After lunch, we have a chance to explore "Black Sand Beach." Enjoy snapping photos of the many unique rock formations along the coast (included).
- We continue our journey west with a stop at one of Iceland's most recognizable landmarks – the Seljalandsfoss Waterfall (included). You have time to explore the rugged terrain around the waterfall before we board the motorcoach and continue our journey back to Reykjavik.
- We make our way back to Reykjavik. Your tour manager will check you into the Hilton Reykjavik Nordica hotel and have luggage sent to your room.
- After some time to relax, join the tour manager and fellow passengers for our "Farewell Group Dinner" with wine or beer (included). Let us raise a glass to the special journey we have shared together, and the new friends met along the way.



Day 9 - Saturday, June 22 - Reykjavik - Home (B)

- For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Airfare and Transfers Package, we will board the private motorcoach for a transfer to the Keflavik International Airport where we begin our journey home. 6:30 am Departure time from your hotel this morning to have guests arrive at the airport in time for our international departure.
- Thank you for choosing to travel with Collins Tours. We look forward to our next adventure together!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are **ONLY a guideline (estimate)** and may need to be modified by your tour manager. Times are subject to change due to various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, emergencies, and "Acts of God." Collins Tours is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by any unforeseen events described above or similar occurrences which may cause changes in the itinerary. No refunds or reimbursements or credits will be offered in the event of any such occurrences.
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 June 20: Berjaya Höfn Hotel. Ránarslóð, 780 Höfn í Hornafirði, Iceland. PH: +354 444 4850
 June 21: Hilton Reykjavik Nordica. Suðurlandsbraut 2, 108 Reykjavík, Iceland. PH: +354 444 5000

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 - Collins Tours guide Ranging from \$6.00-\$8.00 per person, per day.
 - Bus driver- \$4.00-\$6.00 per person, per day.
 - Private city tour guides- \$3.00 per person, per day

