

# *A Custom Designed Itinerary to*

## *Iceland*

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**July 13, Monday: REYKJAIK.** Upon arrival at Keflavik Airport, you will be met and privately transferred, by English-speaking driver to the **Radisson SAS 1919 Hotel** for an overnight stay in a double bedded room. The Radisson SAS 1919 is a uniquely designed hotel in the heart of Reykjavik. The hotel is housed in the former 1919 office of the first shipping company in Iceland and is the most beautiful and historical building in Reykjavik.



Or, stay at the **Hotel Borg** is also centrally located and was built in 1930 but fully restored to its original art deco style in 2006-2007. The hotel is a showcase of style and sophistication.

Later this morning, meet with your English-speaking driver/guide for a full day (8hrs) private tour of the city and surrounding area. On the tour you will learn about Iceland's history, culture, and geology. Visits include the hot springs, waterfalls, geysers and the mid-Atlantic ridge at Iceland's famous Thingvellir National Park.

**July 14, Tuesday: GRUNDARFJORDUR.** This morning meet with your English-speaking driver/guide, who will be with you at your disposal for 6 days. Transfer with sightseeing to Grundarfjordur and the **Framnes Hotel** for your two night stay in a double bedded room. The Framnes Hotel is located on the waterfront, near the Grundarfjordur harbor and offers both sea and mountain views.



The hotel offers a special midnight boat trip this summer to search for puffins and other seabirds. *If you would like to do this, please let us know, so we can arrange the trip in advance.* Grundarfjörður is a growing fishing community in the center of the northern coast of the Snaefellsnes peninsula. Surrounded by exceptionally beautiful mountains, the entrance to the harbor is secure and easily navigated by large cruise ships. The town is probably the only one in the world where the building authorities have provided allotments for the "hidden people" or elves.

**July 15, Wednesday: LOCAL TOURING.** Today enjoy a full day of sightseeing in the area with your driver/guide. Enjoy a boat tour from Stykkisholmur to the Snaefellsjokull Glacier.

The Galcier covers a cone shaped volcano which has been dormant for about 1800 years and became world famous through Jules Verne's novel "Journey to the Center of the Earth". People from all over the world come here to feel the volcanoes energy and meditate.



**July 16, Thursday: BORGARFJORDUR.** Today a transfer with your driver/guide to the history-rich region of Borgarfjordur, with sightseeing en route. Your sightseeing will include visits to the hot springs, waterfalls and lava caves before heading south to the shores of Hvalfjordour (Whale Fjord) for your overnight stay at the **Hotel Glymur** in a double bedded room. Glymur is a family run boutique hotel located on a hillside on the northern shore of the beautiful 'Whale Fjord'. The hotel is named after one of the highest waterfalls in Europe, located nearby in the Fjord and has a unique collection of art from all over the world.



**July 17, Friday: HELLA.** This morning continue heading south to the town of Hella and the **Hotel Ranga** for a two night stay in a superior double bedded room. Hotel Ranga is a luxury countryside hotel and is the only 4 star hotel in South Iceland. From the hotel you can enjoy the stunning view of the picturesque surroundings including the famous volcano Mt. Hekla, several glaciers and the Westman Islands. The hotel is built in a charming log cabin style and has acquired an excellent reputation for its food, accommodation and service. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the area with your driver/guide and visit the lava beaches, waterfalls and quaint fishing villages.



**July 18, Saturday: LOCAL TOURING SOUTH SHORES.** Today enjoy a full day of touring around the South Shores of Iceland. You may wish to visit the village of Skógar on the Southern Ring Road. The village is a popular summer destination surrounded by unique beauty including the breathtaking view of the Skogáfoss waterfall and the snow capped heights of two towering glaciers. Be sure to visit the stunning waterfall which is, according to local legend, to be the resting place of a chest of gold hidden by the settler Prasi. If you're lucky and the sun is shining you will be able to see a vivid rainbow in front of the waterfall.



**July 19 Sunday: BLUE LAGOON / DEPART.** This morning head west back to the airport with your driver/guide with a stop at the Blue Lagoon for swimming en route. Easily the most photographed site in all of Iceland, the Blue Lagoon is perhaps the most supernatural looking body of water on Earth. The temperature of the lagoon averages 104F, and the soothing mineral rich water is rumored to have curative powers. Though the lagoon looks like something born from Iceland's landscape, it is actually man made! It was created by run-off from a local power plant that pumps geothermal water from a mile below the surface. You may wish to have lunch at the Lagoon or travel to the rugged coast of the Reykjanes Peninsula before continuing on to the airport and say goodbye to your driver/guide to board your flight back to the USA at this time IQOTC services will end.



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