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ICELAND & THE FAROE ISLANDS

Hot Springs, Waterfalls & Puffins in the North Atlantic
July 23-30, 2021



HIGHLIGHTS

- Coda Tours signature small group size
- Coda Tours signature comprehensive sightseeing programs
- Coda Tours signature inclusive meal plan
- Coda Tours signature deluxe accommodations
- The gorgeous Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls
- Reynisfjara black sand beach
- Reykjavik's LGBTQ walking tour
- The Golden Circle: Geysir geothermal area, the waterfall Gullfoss, & UNESCO site Þingvellir National Park
- Geysir geothermal area is in South Iceland
- Dinner with a young farm couple in Faroe Islands
- Iceland's Blue Lagoon, hot springs

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Explore the natural beauty and geological wonders of Iceland—home to powerful waterfalls, massive glaciers, volcanoes, spouting hot springs, and black-sand beaches. Enjoy the luxury of posh accommodations in Reykjavik and Southern Iceland and dine in popular restaurants where the food is inventive and delicious. Rarely included in a guided tour, we have added the Faroe Islands to our trip. A self-governing part of the Kingdom of Denmark, the Faroe Islands is just beginning its journey into the world of tourism. Although accommodations and infrastructure remain elementary, being able to visit the Faroe Islands by land is a rare treat. Our trip to Iceland & the Faroe Islands will be a special experience.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 USA

Fri, July 23, 2021

Depart the USA on any regularly scheduled flight to Reykjavik, Iceland. Icelandic Air offers service from a variety of gateways in the USA.

Day 2 REYKJAVIK / SOUTH ICELAND

Sat, July 24, 2021

Early morning arrival from the USA. We will coordinate arrival transfers as we expect to travel immediately from the airport to the South of Iceland. You will be met at the airport by the Coda representative.

As we travel to the countryside, we will follow a scenic drive passing tiny villages on the coast, stopping at a couple of photogenic spots on the way.

Check in early afternoon at our hotel. This afternoon is reserved for spa time or time to just relax & recharge. Dinner is at the hotel this evening.

Luxury boutique accommodations at **360° Hotel** – 2 nights – At this home away from home, experience a piece of paradise in this, new, stylish superior four-star boutique hotel in South Iceland.

Hotel: *360° Hotel 5**

Room: *Deluxe room*

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 3 SOUTH ICELAND

Sun, July 25, 2021

After breakfast, tour the South Shore, one of the country's most scenic regions. Among the stops we make are the gorgeous Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls. Seljalandsfoss is part of the Seljandsá river, which has its origins in Eyjafjallajökull glacier. What makes Seljalandsfoss so famous and interesting is that you can walk behind it. Skógafoss, another famous Icelandic waterfall, is the starting point of the Fimmvörðuháls walk over to Þórsörk. The waterfall was also used in the films Thor: The Dark World and The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.

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We will also stop at Reynisfjara black sand beach, with the Reynisdrangar rock formations and columnar basalt. It is one of the most spectacular beaches in Iceland. There will be an opportunity to enjoy an ATV ride on the black beach or a snowmobile ride on the glacier or touring with our expert guide. There will be something for everyone! Dinner tonight is at the local restaurant, Fjöruborðið
Accommodation at 360° Hotel

Hotel: *360° Hotel 5**
Room: *Deluxe room*
Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Day 4 SOUTH ICELAND / REYKJAVIK Mon, July 26, 2021

Depart this morning for Reykjavik with sightseeing on the way back. Check in at hotel in Reykjavik. This afternoon we will take a “City Walking Tour: Reykjavik 101.” We will tour downtown Reykjavik - from bottom to top. Its history and trivia. Discover how and where gay history in Reykjavik began, how the battle for equality has evolved through the years. See the venues frequented by LGBTQ people and learn about the general history and outlook of the people who built Reykjavik and those who inhabit it today.
Deluxe 5* Accommodation in Reykjavik Borg Hotel or similar
Hotel Borg offers luxury and style in the center of downtown Reykjavik. The hotel building is a historic landmark and faces the iconic Austurvöllur square, next to the Parliament and the Reykjavik Cathedral.

Hotel: *Borg Hotel 5* (or similar)*
Room: *Superior room*
Meals: *Breakfast*

Day 5 REYKJAVIK Tue, July 27, 2021

Today we enjoy a full day “Golden Circle Tour.” The Golden Circle Tour allows us to visit some of Iceland’s most stunning sights: Geysir geothermal area, the waterfall Gullfoss, and the UNESCO site Þingvellir National Park. Geysir geothermal area is in South Iceland, near Laugarvatn Lake. The area is named after the biggest, and now mostly dormant, geyser – Geysir - and all geysers in the world owe their name to it. The biggest attraction today is the active Strokkur, which shoots up a column of water up to 30 metres (98 ft.) into the air every few minutes. The UNESCO site Thingvellir National Park is geologically and historically significant. Apart from being the location of the oldest parliament in the world, Alþingi, it is also a place where you can see the Mid-Atlantic ridge above ground. The Eurasian and North-American tectonic plates pull the country apart by a couple of centimeters per year. Lunch is included at Friðheimar. Dinner on your own this evening.
Deluxe 5* Accommodation in Reykjavik Borg Hotel

Hotel: *Borg Hotel 5**

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Room: *Superior room*

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch*

Day 6 REYKJAVIK / FAROE ISLANDS

Wed, July 28, 2021

Fly this morning to the Faroe Islands

Upon arrival, we proceed on a sightseeing tour to Bøur and Gásadalur on the island Vágar. Until recently the only way to get to charming Gásadalur was on foot from Bøur and over the mountain. Although there now is a tunnel to Gásadalur, the village is still unspoiled and has preserved its charm and authenticity. We might be lucky and get a glimpse of puffins when standing in front of the waterfall. Later in the afternoon, we will check in at Hotel Føroyar located a bit outside the town with an excellent view of Tórshavn.

Guided tour to the city center, the guide will also take you for a stroll to the Fort Skansin built around 1580 and through the old part of town Úti á Reyni and the world's oldest Parliament Tinganes.

Dinner at Barbara Fish House, a famous tapas restaurant in the old town of Tórshavn. This beautiful house was the fictional home of one of the most famous characters in Faroese literature, Jørgen Franz Jacobsen.

Hotel: *Hotel Føroyar 4**

Room: *Standard*

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Day 7 FAROE ISLANDS

Thu, July 29, 2021

Breakfast at the hotel. Continue our exploration of the Faroes with a drive to Northern Eysturoy. We will cross the only bridge over the Atlantic Ocean, the bridge connecting Eysturoy and Streymoy. On our way, we will make several photo stops. Pass Fossá, Faroe Island's tallest waterfall at 140 m, and the stunning free-standing cliffs called the Giant and the Hag. View the highest mountain in the Faroe Islands Slættaratindur, 882 m, and continue to the village Gjógv. Enjoy a stroll in the beautiful village Gjógv with a visit down the gorge (natural harbor) and a walk along the gorge where we might see a few puffins and enjoy the view to the Northern islands. Lunch at the Guesthouse, Gjáargarður.

Drive to Glyvrar in Southern Eysturoy along Skálafjørður, the longest fjord in the Faroe Islands.

Arrival at the boat harbor in Glyvrar. A representative from the Rowing Club will welcome us at the boat harbor and brief us about the national rowing competition and the Faroese rowing boats and tradition.

We will be divided into groups, put on life vests and get a safety introduction. The teams will pull their own rowing boat out of the boat house and get onboard and row out to the starting point of the competition. The distance or length of competition will depend on both the weather and condition/age of our group. Enjoy a Faroese beer or soft drink after the rowing competition, served in an old renovated boat house on Glyvrar Beach. Visit the woolwear designer shop Navia in the village Toftir. Drive to the authentic and unspoiled village of Æðuvík where the young farmer couple will welcome you outside the village and take you on a guided easy hike with storytelling in the outskirts and through the village. Enter the farm and see the farm animals and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. A young local singer-songwriter, Beinir, will perform a few songs on the balcony at the farmer's house before dinner.

Homemade three course meal at the farmers' house. Starting with Faroese tapas, a tasting of different

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traditional Faroese foods. Dinner with family recipes and homemade dessert with coffee/the. Drinks included. Overnight in Tórshavn.

Hotel: *Hotel Føroyar 4**

Room: *Standard*

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Day 8 FAROE ISLANDS / REYKJAVIK / USA

Fri, July 30, 2021

Return flight to Reykjavik, arriving approximately 10:00am. Proceed to lunch. After lunch, we have time for a relaxing dip at the Blue Lagoon. Late in the afternoon, transfer to the airport for flights to the USA.

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch*

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RATES	MIN. 6 TRAVELERS	FLIGHT KEF	TOTAL
DOUBLE	\$6895	Approx. \$500	\$7395
SINGLE	\$8395	Approx. \$500	\$8895

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INCLUDED

- 2 nights in Southern Iceland at the luxury boutique 360° & 2 nights in the deluxe 5* hotel in Borg Hotel, Reykjavik and 2 nights in the 4* Hotel Føroyar in Torshavn, Faroes.
- 8 Breakfasts, 5 lunches & 5 dinners. Drinks are not included.
- Airport transfers as required
- Private guide and transportation for 3 days outside Reykjavik and 2 days in Reykjavik.
- Private guide and transportation for 3 days in the Faroe Islands
- Coda representative on minimum participation of 6 travelers
- All sightseeing as described in the itinerary
- Blue Lagoon (shared) on last day
- Pre-departure assistance & Trip Portfolio for departure

NOT INCLUDED

International airfare; Round trip flight Reykjavik/Torshavn/Reykjavik (quoted separately); Trip Cancellation & Interruption insurance (highly recommended), visa and passport fees (no visa is required for American/Canadian passport holders); Meals & drinks not specified in the itinerary; Items of a personal nature; Optional sightseeing (if available); Gratuities to local guide, driver and Coda Tour Manager.

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ACCOMMODATIONS



HOTEL 360° - SOUTH ICELAND
<http://360hotel.is/>



HOTEL BORG - REYKJAVIK
<https://www.keahotels.is/en/hotels/hotel-borg>



HOTEL FØROYAR - TORSHAVN
<https://hotelforoyar.fo/en/>

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TOUR PREP

International Airfare

You will need to book flights from the USA to and return from REYKJAVIK (KEF). Icelandic Air is the carrier with direct flights from the USA. We recommend booking at least 7 months in advance if you want to use Frequent Flyer Miles or the American Express Platinum card 2-4-1 program.

Round trip Reykjavik/Torshavn/Reykjavik is required and will be charged separately by Coda Tours. Coda Tours will issue this ticket.

Visas & Vaccines

A valid passport is required for international travel and must be valid for 3 months after the return date. No visa is required for USA and Canada passport holders.

No immunizations are required for travel on this tour. However, the Center for Disease Control suggests that all travelers make sure they are up-to-date on routine vaccines before every trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot.

Weather & Packing

Coda trips are casual at all times. There is no need for a jacket or tie unless you personally opt to dine at a fine restaurant requiring formal dress. We do not book these restaurants for our group experiences. Pack for a variety of weather. Bring a light jacket or sweater. Jeans, khakis and shorts are fine for daily wear. Comfortable shoes are a must. All hotels offer laundry service, but it can be expensive.

Temperatures will range from mid-50's during the day to mid-40's at night. Some areas may experience a cold snap so a jacket and some warm clothing is worth packing. It could also be quite windy, especially in the Faroe Islands.

Minimums/Guarantees

All departures are guaranteed on a minimum number of participants. A Coda Tour Manager will accompany a tour also based on a minimum number of participants. This tour can be operated as a Private Tour, can be customized and repriced based on a final itinerary.

Pre-Departure Information

A complete portfolio of pre-departure information will be mailed to you approximately three weeks prior to departure.