

IDYLLIC

Webster: "Pleasing or picturesque in natural simplicity."

ICELAND

An island landscape forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields and hot pools contrast with plunging fjords, waterfalls & mountains - unlike anything you've done before.

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A Personal Invitation

Please "go away" with me and together let's share a most unusual part of the world — the wonders of "Idyllic Iceland". This "is not" a tour of big cities and fancy trappings. Rather, it is an unusual travel achievement that features spectacular scenery crafted by the opposing forces of nature — fire and ice. Throughout the itinerary superlatives and surprises will be in abundant supply. It starts with the name of Iceland - a misnomer in that the island is surprisingly green and fertile and filled with history. If you like the unusual and the extraordinary then this is the experience for you. Keeping with Please Go Away™ Vacations' desire to always provide the highest quality and value in its special personally escorted programs, you will travel during the most ideal time of the year, when opportunities to maximize your learning and pleasures are at their prime. A truly wonderful benefit on this tour is our exclusive **100% RESERVATION DEPOSIT REFUND GUARANTEE** (see reverse for details)!

Please Go Away™ Vacations is pleased to be collaborating with the Smithsonian Institution and Collette Vacations to bring you this outstanding travel experience.

Marilyn Kopke, President

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A Few of Your Special Experiences

This is a very special and unique travel experience that is part of the Smithsonian Journeys Travel Adventures series.

- ◆ Rejkavik
- ◆ Blue Lagoon
- ◆ Golden Circle
- ◆ Thingvellir National Park
- ◆ Nature Cruise
- ◆ Skogar Folk Museum
- ◆ Icelandic Horse Farm
- ◆ Skaftafell National Park
- ◆ Whale Watch Cruise
- ◆ Outstanding historical, geographical and geological presentations by the Smithsonian Institution

Your Daily Itinerary

Day 1: Home / Overnight Flight: Depart home and fly to departure city for your overnight flight to this misnamed

island (Iceland is really green while Greenland is really ice).

Day 2: Arrival Reykjavik, Iceland: Your tour begins in Reykjavik, where you embark on a fascinating city tour that highlights such important sites as the 19th-century Parliament House, Austurvollur Square, the Hofoi House, and Tjornin Lake. Visit the National Museum of Iceland where new and dynamic exhibitions increase your knowledge of Icelandic cultural heritage from the nation's earliest settlement through to the modern day. Tonight enjoy a welcome reception and included dinner. (WR,D)

Day 3: Reykjavik / Reykjanes Peninsula / Reykjavik: During a full-day excursion, explore the scenic landscape of the Reykjanes Peninsula, stopping at Bessastadir, an ancient Viking site that is now the official residence of the current president. Continue to Lake Kleifarvarn to see an amazing display of geothermal activity, including steaming fumaroles, hot springs, and mud pots. Conclude your day at the famous Blue Lagoon, a natural geothermal pool in the middle of a large, dramatic lava field. Enjoy time to relax and/or take a swim in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich water. (B)

Day 4: Reykjavik / Golden Circle / Vik: Today, travel to the "Golden Circle" which encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural scenic wonders. Thingvellir National Park is Iceland's most historic site and one of its most beautiful places. The oldest existing parliament in the world first met here in AD 930. The park also features the geologically significant Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the American and European tectonic plates meet. Continue to the amazing hot springs of Geyser, then marvel at one of the island's greatest natural wonders, the two-tiered Gullfoss Waterfall. Continue south to the town of Vik. Vik is a small town set along Iceland's dramatic southern coast, where black sand beaches, crashing waves, and towering figures of black rock form an unforgettable sight. (B,D)

Day 5: Vik / Skaftafell National Park / Vik: Begin the day at Skaftafell National Park, a beautiful green oasis located near the highest peak in Iceland. Later, an unforgettable boat trip amidst graceful, floating icebergs serves as an introduction to Iceland's dramatic glaciers and the perfect opportunity to see many species of birds. (B,D)

Day 6: Vik / Reykjavik: Today, on your trip back to Reykjavik, travel across fertile pastures, sand flats, and glacial rivers en route to Skogar, a small settlement located next to a

magnificent waterfall. Visit Skogar's Folk Museum, which houses an interesting collection of Icelandic artifacts. Next, enjoy a visit to a traditional Icelandic horse farm. Learn how Iceland's horses are directly descended from those brought by the Vikings and how Iceland is preserving this heritage. (B)

Day 7: Reykjavik: Today you will enjoy a special Please Go Away™ Vacations bonus that is included for our travelers - a WHALE WATCHING CRUISE. You will embark on an

adventure at sea as you are introduced to the captivating world of whales off the shores of Iceland! Begin this journey at the historic harbor front in the capital city of Reykjavik.

Keep a keen eye out for the various whales you may witness, such as minke, humpbacks and even killer whales. In addition to the excitement of spotting whales, you may also see dolphins and sea birds such as puffins; guillemots and gannets accompany you during your special cruise. This special bonus is a perfect way to cap off your Icelandic experience.

Tonight our group will gather for a farewell dinner where memories will be shared and friendships bonded. (B,D)

Day 8: Reykjavik / Home: After transferring to the airport you will board your homeward flight arriving back in the United States the same day. "Idyllic Iceland" has been different and your travel achievements have been greatly expanded by having experienced the unusual land formed by fire and ice. (Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some gateway cities at an additional cost. If this occurs, which is not expected, it will be at the cost of the traveler.) (B)

Your Hotels:

Days 2 & 3 - Center Hotel Plaza, Reykjavik

Days 4 & 5 - Hotel Hofdabrekka, Vik

Days 6 & 7 - Center Hotel Plaza, Reykjavik



More Special Bonuses & Important Info
For Please Go Away™ Vacations Travelers

This is a natural wonders travel experience. Every person reserving with Please Go Away™ Vacations will receive the following special bonuses to make your experience even more memorable:

- ✓ "Memory Photo CD" of your IDYLLIC ICELAND adventure filled with candid photos of members and sights.
- ✓ Included AIG/Travel Guard group travel insurance protection.
- ✓ Free passport/visa photos (taken in our offices).
- ✓ With reservations received by November 1, 2008 a reduced reservation deposit of only \$650 (normal reservation deposit is \$750 per person).
- ✓ Camaraderie, safety, and security of traveling throughout the entire journey with a group of travelers from the Midwest who share your same travel interests.
- ✓ Pre-departure party to distribute tour documentation, meet fellow travelers, answer all questions, provide information and actual examples of what to wear and buy .
- ✓ Special ICELAND INTRIGUE PARTY while on tour just for Please Go Away™ Vacations tour members.
- ✓ You will have a personal hostess throughout entire travel experience with minimum of 15 tour members.
- ✓ **100% RESERVATION DEPOSIT REFUND GUARANTEE!** This special Please Go Away™ Vacations benefit literally removes all reasons for not reserving early (there are many positives when you reserve early, and absolutely no negatives). Up until "100% Reservation Deposit Refund Guarantee Date" (you will be provided with this date when you reserve, told of it again on your reservation confirmation, and yet again prior to its occurrence) you can cancel "for any reason" and receive a 100% refund of all monies paid. After this date you can cancel "for covered reasons" and be protected with the included Travel-Guard travel protection insurance that provides protection both before and during your travels.
- ✓ Included roundtrip airfare from Wichita, KS. Other departures cities are readily available if more convenient. We will make all arrangements and adjust pricing to reflect any decreases or increases in included airfare.
- ✓ Friendship Bonus Plan - available only through Please Go Away™ Vacations. Have friends and/or family members join you. If they have not "gone away" with us before we'll give you your choice of 1% cash bonus or 2% future travel credit bonus of the costs of their travels - no limits.

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