



CONNECTIONS BOUTIQUE GROUP JOURNEYS

Iceland: Geysers & Glaciers 2020

10 days from \$9,995

Limited to 24 guests

Take in this stunning island nation on an unforgettable journey that spans volcanic landscapes, thermal swimming pools and glacial rivers, ancient Viking villages, and coastal towns rich in tradition.

A&K Advantages

Discover the north, south and west of Iceland, exploring the island's fascinating geology, culture and contrasts

Experience an artisan workshop with a traditional craftsperson who fashions knives and swords as the Vikings once did

Drive on Europe's second-largest glacier before descending into man-made ice tunnels for an unparalleled look deep inside

Swim in a thermal pool overlooking the sea in Hofos

Cruise the northern coast to spot myriad whale species

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Arrive in Reykjavik, and transfer to your modern boutique hotel in the city center. Tonight, join fellow guests for a welcome dinner.

Canopy by Hilton Reykjavik City Centre | Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 REYKJAVIK | TRUE COSMOPOLITAN CAPITAL

Spend the day exploring both the contemporary and traditional sides of this cultured coastal capital. Start with a visit to a small workshop, where a local craftsman reveals the tradition of Nordic knife making, which dates back to the Viking era. Continue to the National Museum of Iceland, which tells the story of Iceland's founding through some 2,000 objects, including a medieval ship of the type used to settle the island. You then visit Hallgrímskirkja church, the city's most prominent landmark. Stop by some Icelandic design shops, and take a private tour of the Harpa, a cutting-edge performance center built in 2011 to stage everything from jazz quintets to operas. This award-winning structure features a striking colored glass façade designed to evoke Iceland's basalt landscape. Venture out of town to your hotel in Iceland's dramatic countryside.

Landhotel | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3 THORSMORK | FORCES OF NATURE

After breakfast, embark on a Super Jeep tour through Thorsmork ("Valley of Thor"), a vast nature reserve of snowy peaks, jade-green slopes and glacial rivers trickling through dark volcanic earth. In a land already known for scenic beauty, Thorsmork is a gem among gems, and a paradise for trekkers and photographers. Explore today with a skilled driver-guide, who leads you along the trails and rivers while discussing the reserve's history, geology and wildlife.

Landhotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 SOUTH ICELAND | A STUNNING COASTAL DRIVE

Along with the Amalfi Coast and Ireland's Ring of Kerry, the shore of southern Iceland offers one of the most scenic drives in all of Europe. Enjoy a morning's drive along this enticing coastline, stopping to explore waterfalls and black-sand beaches. Iceland is one of the world's most seismologically active places; learn how this has shaped the island with a visit to the Lava Center, where state-of-the-art exhibits reveal the fascinating facts behind earthquakes, volcanos and other natural forces. By contrast, the Skogar Folk Museum tells a more human story, depicting life in Iceland from the Viking era and beyond.

Landhotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 5 HUSAFELL & WEST ICELAND | SAGA SITES

Thingvellir National Park is that rare locale that is significant both as a scenic wonder and a cultural treasure: a UNESCO World Heritage Site where the Vikings established the world's first democratic parliament more than 1,000 years ago. It's also one of the few places you can straddle two continents at once, as the conjunction of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates is exposed here. After exploring the park, continue to Fridheimar, a geothermally heated organic greenhouse, for a tour and freshly prepared lunch. Next, visit the regularly erupting Strokkur Geyser and stunning Gullfoss, where milky green glacial water plummets down Iceland's most famous waterfall. Your adventure continues at Deildartunguhver, the highest-flow hot spring in Europe, which provides heat to villages and towns up to 40 miles away. Relax in thermal baths fed by the hot spring's invigorating waters, then enjoy a dinner of fresh, local, farmproduced ingredients overlooking this powerful natural wonder.

Hotel Husafell | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 HUSAFELL & WEST ICELAND | LANGJOKULL ICECAP

Today, enjoy stops at Hraunfossar and fabled Barnafoss waterfalls. After lunch, ride in a specially equipped eightwheeled truck on the colossal Langjokull icecap — Europe's second-largest glacier — which, at its highest point, sits 4,760 feet above sea level. Descend into man-made tunnels carved deep into the glacier, exploring stages of glacial formation, blue-hued dens and even a chapel.

Hotel Husafell | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7 SIGLUFJORDUR & NORTH ICELAND | THE SEA

Journey to the working fishing village of Siglufjordur, stopping en route for lunch on your own in quaint Blonduos. The glacial river flows through this small town, giving it a serene and scenic air. Continue to nearby Saudarkrokur for an A&K-exclusive visit to a fish leather tannery — the only one of its kind in Europe. Experience the tannery and its products on this privately guided visit, where fish skin is expertly processed to create high-quality leather. Continue to Hofos for a dip in a thermal swimming pool, set on a hillside overlooking the sea, and designed by the same architect behind Iceland's Blue Lagoon. This is one of the most renowned pools in Iceland and a favorite of locals. Dinner tonight is at your boutique hotel in the heart of Siglufjordur.

Siglo Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8 DALVIK | A SEAGOING SAFARI

Icelandic waters are home to more than the tasty fish that have made commercial fishing one of the country's biggest industries. There are also some 20 species of whales, dolphins and porpoises swimming off these shores, everything from the small harbor porpoise to the massive blue whale. Join an experienced crew of whale- and dolphin-spotters for an extraordinary safari at sea, and see how many of these amazing creatures you encounter. Back on land, enjoy a delicious lunch at a local farm sourced from their own ingredients. During your time here, learn how the farm produces its fresh and colorful products. Then, leisurely explore pretty Siglufjordur. In addition to its scenic attractions, the town offers a pair of small museums (devoted to herring and folk music), charming local architecture and several inviting cafés.

Siglo Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



DAY 9 AKUREYRI & REYKJAVIK | COASTAL CULTURE

Venture to Akureyri, Iceland's buzzy small city on the north coast. Visit its botanical gardens, among the northernmost of their kind and home to over 400 species of native flora. Explore the beautiful old town on a walking tour, and enjoy lunch at leisure. Depart for the airport and fly to Reykjavik, where you check in to your hotel. Tonight, your farewell dinner features traditional Icelandic dishes.

Canopy by Hilton Reykjavik City Centre | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10 DEPART REYKJAVIK

This morning, enjoy breakfast before your flight home.

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

| Dates | Prices | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
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| Jun 02 - Jun 11, 2020 | \$9,995 | \$2,395 | \$325 | Call for Availability |
| Jun 18 - Jun 27, 2020 | \$9,995 | \$2,395 | \$325 | Available |
| Jul 03 - Jul 12, 2020 | \$9,995 | \$2,395 | \$325 | Call for Availability |
| Jul 20 - Jul 29, 2020 | \$9,995 | \$2,395 | \$325 | Available |
| Aug 05 - Aug 14, 2020 | \$9,995 | \$2,395 | \$325 | Call for Availability |
| Aug 21 - Aug 30, 2020 | \$9,995 | \$2,395 | \$325 | Available |
| Sep 06 - Sep 15, 2020 | \$9,995 | \$2,395 | \$325 | Call for Availability |
| Sep 20 - Sep 29, 2020 | \$9,995 | \$2,395 | \$325 | Available |

Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$325
Akureyri/Reykjavik

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 4 guests.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).