A Long Weekend Escape to Reykjavik

March 22 - 27, 2017

Join fellow Smith Travel passengers for a long weekend escape to exotic Iceland. From steamy hot springs to top-notch spas, spectacular scenery to world-class art museums, this unique land is the perfect place to relax, recharge, and explore. Legends say that the ancient gods themselves guided Iceland’s first settler, Ingolfur Arnarson, to make his home in Reykjavik (“Smoky Bay”), named after the geothermal steam he saw. Today this geothermal energy heats homes and outdoor swimming pools throughout the city – a pollution-free energy source that leaves the air outstandingly fresh, clean and clear.

Dine on Icelandic specialties, including delicious seafood, ocean-fresh from the morning’s catch; highland lamb; and unusual varieties of game. It’s purely natural food imaginatively served to delight the most discerning of diners. Reykjavik is also renowned as one of Europe’s hottest nightspots, where the action on the friendly pub and club scene lasts right through the long winter nights.

But perhaps the greatest draw is the Aurora Borealis – the Northern Lights. This is the best time of year to see them because it has to be totally dark to get the best effect – and this is a country where the sun never sets in the summer! On our arrival day, local expert Svanur Thorkelsson will give us a presentation on the aurora and then that evening we’ll head out to try and see the real thing (weather permitting). If we don’t succeed we’ll try again the next night . . . and the next.

Take advantage also of optional tours for both traditional and offbeat attractions – including elf-spotting tours, Viking feasts, whale watching, horseback riding, lava fields, and a variety of sports and leisure activities. This Smith College alumnae adventure offers the best of a guided tour plus time to explore on your own.

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy, is:

BOSTON OR NEW YORK DEPARTURE: $2360
LAND ONLY: $1690
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: $390

Prices are available from many other departure cities. Please call for details.

Inclusions:

Airfare: Round trip airfare from Boston or New York, including all customs fees and airport taxes.
Hotels: 4 nights’ accommodation in a first-class hotel. All hotel taxes and service charges included.
Coaching: All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.
Meals: 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners.
Guides: Services of a local tour guide throughout the tour.
Entrances: Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary.
Lectures: Introductory lecture by Smith College host professor.
Day 1, Wednesday March 22nd
Evening departure from Boston or New York, where we board our direct Iceland Air service to Iceland.

Day 2, Thursday March 23rd
Early morning arrival in Iceland; we will be met at the airport and escorted to our hotel in Reykjavik, where a sumptuous breakfast buffet awaits us. This morning we tour Reykjavik for a wonderful introduction to Europe’s smallest capital city! The tour covers the Old Town, the shopping districts, the Parliament, Höfði House, Hallgrim’s church and much more! Most hotels know that Americans arrive early and will do everything possible to help us check in upon arrival. However, this may not always be possible and if the rooms are not ready, we will store our luggage and go off on our city tour. When we return after lunch, you will be able to go to your rooms and take a short nap before we gather for our introductory lectures. Dinner will be at a restaurant near the hotel and this evening we will embark upon our first attempt to view the Northern Lights. (B, D)

Day 3, Friday March 24th
Today we capture the essence of Iceland - the Golden Circle tour. Our first stop is Þingvellir National Park, site of the world’s first parliament. Here we will walk from America to Europe! We continue on to see the majestic dual-folding Gullfoss waterfall and gaze upon Geysers, which spout steam with amazing force. After lunch (included), we’ll pass close by the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano, which recently caused so much chaos with European air traffic, and stop to peer into the icy depths of Kerið volcanic crater. We return to our hotel in Reykjavik for a free evening. (B, L)

Day 4, Saturday March 25th
A free day. Explore the galleries and museums of the city, enjoy the tax-free shopping or pamper yourself in one of the many local spas. There will also be a variety of optional activities available; from taking a snowmobile safari to the top of a glacier, to riding an Icelandic pony or going in search of Puffins and Whales. (B)

Day 5, Sunday March 26th
Our excursion today takes us along the south coast of the island. At Vik, we’ll make a stop at the black volcanic beach south of the village - from here you can view the rock formations Dyrhólaey and Reynisdrangar. We’ll include visits to the fairytale-like Seljalandsfoss waterfall, where you can experience walking right behind the misty cascade, and the gorgeous 60-metre high Skógafoss waterfall, just a short drive down the road. We’ll
Day 6, Monday March 27th

Today we take a brief tour of the exotic, moonlike Reykjanes peninsula, first stopping at Bessastaðir, the official estate for Iceland’s President. Then we bathe in the renowned Blue Lagoon, an azure pool of mineral-rich warm water amid a lava field. There are wonderful facilities to shower and change at the site before we continue to the airport for our return flights to Boston or New York. (B)

Passenger Details for An Icelandic Interlude

Names:

1. Title  First  Middle  Last
2.  

Address:
City:  State:  Zip:  

Preferred Telephone: (___)  work/cell/home circle one

Secondary Telephone: (___)  work/cell/home circle one

E-mail:  

Passport 1:  Exp.Date:  DOB:  

Passport 2:  Exp.Date:  DOB:  

Special Dietary Requirements:  

Health Information:  

Other Comments or Notes:  

Year of Graduation from Smith:  

Trip Details

Departure Date:  Return Date:  

Departure Airport or City:  

I would like to extend my trip to:  

Please return this form to:

Smith Travel
Office of Alumnae Relations, 33 Elm St.
Northampton, MA 01063 or fax to: (413) 585-2015
TERMS & CONDITIONS

GENERAL
1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions to aid you can be found overleaf.
3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
4. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
5. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., and Smith College, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government regulations or restrictions, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
6. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
7. Conduct During the Tour: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
1. A deposit of $500 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION
Name(s): 1. ____________________________
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City: __________________ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Telephone: (____) ___________________

FLIGHT INFORMATION
(Please check one)
Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights from: □ Boston or □ New York
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TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS
Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 20-25 participants. Should we end up with less than 20 people, Discover Europe will work with the Smith College to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
2. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

REFUND POLICY
1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a $200 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw less than 90 days and more than 60 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a $1000 cancellation penalty.
3. Participants who withdraw less than 60 days prior to the day of tour departure will not receive a refund unless they have purchased travel insurance.
4. Trip cancellation insurance is not included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Smith Travel will be happy to provide information describing the services of a recommended insurance company, which will fully detail the coverages, provisions, limitations, and exclusions of the insurance offered.
5. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
6. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant’s absence once the tour has started.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS
1. All inclusions on An Icelandic Interlude are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant’s home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS
(Please check one)
□ I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)
□ I will be sharing with: ____________________________
We would like a □ double □ twin-bedded room

PERMISSIONS
Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. □ Yes □ No

SIGNATURES
The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Smith College and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________
Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________