



Small Group Tours by **EMBARK**

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SVALBARD, NORWAY, ICELAND





Let's explore Svalbard, Norway and Iceland together!

Experience the magic of the Arctic and beyond on this unforgettable hosted journey through Svalbard, Norway and Iceland. From the remote wilderness of Svalbard to the dramatic fjords of southern Norway, and onward to the volcanic landscapes of Iceland, this is a voyage filled with breathtaking scenery, rich history and extraordinary natural wonders.

Begin your adventure with a four-night stay in Svalbard - using our boutique lodge as a base to explore the spectacular Arctic landscape. Boarding Hurtigruten's Premium Signature Voyage, we will then sailing south from Longyearbyen to Bergen - beneath the enchanting glow of the Midnight Sun. From mid-May to late August, the Arctic sun never sets, bathing snow-capped peaks, deep fjords and remote coastlines in golden light around the clock.

Your voyage journey starts in Svalbard, where you'll visit the fascinating Arctic research settlement of Ny-Ålesund at 78° North - the world's northernmost inhabited community. Surrounded by glaciers and polar wilderness, this remote outpost is home to international scientists, seabirds and Arctic wildlife, offering a truly unique glimpse into life at the top of the world. As you sail south along Hurtigruten's historic coastal route, take in spectacular scenery and keep watch for whales, seabirds and reindeer along the rugged Norwegian coastline. Explore the dramatic beauty of Senja, Norway's second-largest island, renowned for its jagged mountain peaks, pristine beaches and incredible panoramic views. In Stokmarknes, step into Norway's maritime history with a visit to the Hurtigruten Museum and board a beautifully restored vintage ship that brings the spirit of early coastal voyages to life. Life on board is just as memorable as the destinations themselves. Enjoy the comfort of Hurtigruten's Premium Signature experience, with longer stays in port, exceptional dining across multiple restaurants and unlimited selected drinks included throughout your voyage.

Your cruise concludes with two nights in the charming city of Bergen, gateway to the fjords and one of Norway's most picturesque destinations. Wander through the colourful UNESCO-listed Bryggen Wharf, explore bustling fish markets, ride the Fløibanen funicular for panoramic views over the city and surrounding mountains, or simply soak up the relaxed Scandinavian atmosphere in its cafés and waterfront streets.

The adventure continues with two incredible weeks in Iceland - the captivating land of fire and ice. Discover a country where powerful waterfalls thunder into deep canyons, black-sand beaches stretch along wild coastlines and landscapes shaped by volcanoes and glaciers create scenery unlike anywhere else on earth. Watch humpback whales breach offshore, walk across ancient lava fields, uncover Viking history in charming coastal towns and unwind in the soothing geothermal waters of the famous Blue Lagoon.

This fully hosted journey combines the very best of the Arctic, Norway and Iceland into one extraordinary experience - perfect for travellers seeking spectacular scenery, unique wildlife encounters and unforgettable moments beneath the endless northern skies.





23rd June 2027 : Day One (B, D)

Our journey starts in Oslo, where you will meet your fellow travelling companions for a welcome dinner and drinks. Oslo, Norway's vibrant capital, is a city where modern Scandinavian design meets rich Viking history and stunning natural beauty. Surrounded by fjords and forests, Offering world-class museums, stylish waterfront precincts and a relaxed atmosphere, if you haven't visited before I would recommend planning to arrive a few days early to further explore!



24th June 2027 : Day Two (B, D)

This morning we will be transferred to Oslo airport as a group, to board our flight to Svalbard Airport in Longyearbyen. Did you know that this is the northernmost airport in the world offering scheduled public flights?

We are spending four-nights in Longyearbyen, the gateway to the Arctic wilderness of Svalbard. Surrounded by dramatic glaciers, rugged mountains and icy fjords, this remote settlement offers a rare opportunity to experience life at the edge of the world beneath the glow of the Midnight Sun.



Svalbard is a place of extraordinary natural beauty and untouched Arctic landscapes, where polar wildlife thrives among vast glaciers and snow-covered peaks. From seabirds and reindeer to the possibility of spotting whales in the surrounding waters, this remote archipelago delivers a truly unforgettable Arctic experience.

25th June 2027: Day Three (B, D)

Discover the fascinating frontier town of Longyearbyen on an immersive city tour through one of the world's most remote communities. Surrounded by rugged mountains, glaciers and Arctic wilderness, this unique settlement offers a remarkable glimpse into life above the Arctic Circle.



Your tour takes you past several of Longyearbyen's most iconic landmarks, including the historic coal mining sites that shaped the town's beginnings, important research facilities studying climate and Arctic science, the colourful town centre and the charming Svalbard Church — the northernmost church of its kind in the world. You'll also pass the famous Global Seed Vault, often referred to as the "Doomsday Vault," where seeds from around the world are safely preserved deep inside the mountain as a safeguard for the future of global agriculture. Along the way, enjoy plenty of opportunities to stop and take in the spectacular scenery, from snow-capped peaks and vast tundra landscapes.



This afternoon we'll board a catamaran, specially built to leave the smallest footprint in the Arctic nature. This unique boat trip in Isfjorden is where wind and weather conditions decide the destination, and the goal is nature and wildlife.

Walrus and seals are very common to see in this season, while on the land - spot both reindeer and arctic fox. We also sail past cultural monuments and historical places, and our guides ensure an unforgettable experience for all the senses.

26th June 2027: Day Four (B, D)

This morning you will be driving your own dog team into the Arctic summer landscape! Dog sledding is an environmentally friendly activity with a minimal carbon footprint, making it the perfect mode of transport through the Advent Valley.

The noise level will be high when you arrive at the dog yard. Our four-legged friends are full of expectation and will growl and bark with eagerness. The guides will provide instructions about how to drive the cart, handle the dogs and act like a real "musher". The steady carts have comfortable suspensions and are pulled by a team of 4-6 hard-working huskies. With a full dog team and a moving cart, the sound disappears like magic. Pure Arctic silence. The sound of the dogs breathing and the pitter-patter of paws is all that breaks the silence as we cruise through the Advent Valley.

The summer landscape in Svalbard is constantly changing, from snow and the Midnight Sun in May to autumnal colours in September. A bare landscape with not a single tree in sight, yet diverse nonetheless with its vast, cold wilderness and dominant mountains. Along the way, we will pass several industrial cultural monuments, and you may see Svalbard reindeer grazing or an Arctic fox wandering aimlessly around. When we return to the dog yard, you will get to help put the dogs back in their kennels and cuddle with your new four-legged friends before it's time to return to the hotel.

This evening we will be able to enjoy and 'evening in the Wilderness'. Gain a historical insight as you enter Camp Barentz, a cabin created in honour of the discoverer of Svalbard, Willem Barentz. A unique atmosphere and a delicious meal await you.

After being picked up from our accommodation, we'll be driven out to the camp in the Advent Valley, around 10 km east of Longyearbyen. We will pass areas associated with mining, Northern Lights research and the former airstrip dating from the Second World War.

Your hosts warmly welcome you to an inspiring and informative evening. Willem Barentz discovered the islands of Bjørnøya and Spitsbergen during his Arctic expedition in 1596. During this expedition, he and his crew were forced to overwinter at Novaya Zemlya after their ship got stuck in the ice. The cabin we are now in is an authentic copy of the original cabin they overwintered in during a constant battle with the cold and illness. Feel the warmth from the crackling fire as your hosts serve you the locally-sourced meal of the day - reindeer soup - accompanied by an equally good drink. We conclude the evening with homemade cake and kettle coffee brewed on the fire





27th June 2027 : Day Five (B, L)

Today we will take a RIB (rigid inflatable boat) Glacier Safari to explore the wonders of a wild, untouched and unruly archipelago. The landscape in this unique place, where nature dominates and the seasons dictate, is covered by active glaciers and towering mountains.



Surrounded by the sea as a natural pantry, you may become acquainted with the rulers of the wind, including the northern fulmar, black-legged kittiwake and puffin gliding along the water line. We stop near the glacier to try to catch a glimpse of the wildlife on the ice floes and in surrounding area, while enjoying a meal and listening to storytelling from the guide. The Isfjord is full of active and spectacular glaciers. Which glacier we visit varies from day to day. Our guide will evaluate the weather and conditions and choose the destination that will give you the best experience.



If you are lucky enough, you'll hear sounds of thunder erupting from the glacier - it's on the move! The sound comes from the vast amounts of ice moving and being pushed closer and closer to the edge, where they break off and plummet into the sea. This spectacular natural phenomenon is known as calving. Unlike the glaciers on the mainland, the glaciers in Svalbard can recede slowly for many years before suddenly gaining rapid speed and advancing many kilometres in the space of a few years. This spectacular process is known as surging and creates ice formations within the glacier that often calve into the sea.



28th June 2027 : Day Six (B, D)

It's time to board our Signature Voyage with Hurtigruten, bound for Norway. We will be onboard the MS Trollfjord - the flagship of Hurtigruten's Signature voyages. The MS Trollfjord takes its name from a small but spectacular fjord in the Vesterålen archipelago. Refurbished in 2023, it carries a maximum of 500 guests.

Life on board a Hurtigruten ship is calm, comfortable and distinctly Norwegian. From the moment you step on board, you'll feel relaxed and welcome. A warm greeting from the crew, easy conversation with fellow guests, and a calm, comfortable atmosphere make our ships feel like a floating home from home.

There's no staged entertainment or formal dress codes. Instead, the days unfold naturally – with fascinating talks from our Expedition Team, peaceful spaces to read or reflect, and ever-changing coastal views outside your window. Whether you're in a cosy lounge, on deck, in a panoramic sauna or relaxing in your cabin or suite, Norway is always the star of the show.

Onboard you will have all meals and (most) beverages included. A Hurtigruten voyage is a feast for all the senses. As the scenery outside your window changes, so does what's on your plate – shaped by season, region and tradition. Ingredients are sourced from around 70 local farms, fisheries and bakeries along the coast, bringing Norway's freshest flavours on board.





29th June 2027 : Day Seven (B, L, D)

Port of Call: Ny-Ålesund.

At the tip of Brøgger peninsula, on one of Kongsfjord's shores, is Ny-Ålesund. Like Longyearbyen, it began as a coal mine but became host to scientific stations from the mid 20th century. During the summer, there are over a hundred researchers based in the town, representing 20 glaciology and climate institutes from more than 10 countries.

Wander around what is one of the northernmost settlements in the world, drop in at the local museum and souvenir shop, or send a far-flung postcard back to friends and family from the small post office. If you weren't up in time to enjoy the impressive views of Kongsfjord on the way to Ny-Ålesund, make sure you're on deck as we leave. It's one of the largest fjords in the area, with an entrance guarded by two colossal creaking glaciers that regularly deposit ice into the fjord. This stretch is also a good place to look out for walrus basking on the shores and for many different species of migrating birds, including puffins, king eiders, pink-footed geese, and guillemots.

Arctic fox and Svalbard reindeer can sometimes be spotted on land while the white beluga whale has been known to surface in the waters here too. If we're very lucky, we might even see a polar bear prowling the coast for bearded and ringed seals.

Please note that shore excursions will be offered throughout your voyage with Hurtigruten. These are not included in your tour price, and are an additional cost onboard.

30th June 2027 : Day Eight (B, L, D)

It's time for us to say farewell to Svalbard and to Spitsbergen and sail south to mainland Norway.

On board the ship, use the day to relax. If skies are clear, enjoy some summer sun out on deck and keep on the lookout for whales, dolphins, and porpoises. For some fascinating insights into local history and wildlife, catch a lecture delivered by the Expedition Team. Enjoy the sumptuous food and drinks on board, courtesy of our Norway's Coastal Kitchen concept that features the finest, most flavoursome, local Norwegian produce. You can also curl up with a good book in the lounge or chat about your hopes for the voyage ahead with new-found friends in the bar.

1st July 2027 : Day Nine (B, L, D)

Port of Call: SENJA

After a day at sea, we arrive in mainland Norway. Our first stop of the day is Tromsø, to drop off any cargo from Svalbard and pick up cargo bound for ports to the south, before we continue south to Senja. The island is one of the country's largest, and northern Norway's fast-rising star destination, as you'd expect for a place ranked among CNN's top ten most beautiful islands in the world.





Often proudly described by locals as a 'mini Norway', Senja has a concentration of diverse landscapes that mirror different parts of the Norwegian coast, from the sandy beaches, turquoise waters and lofty mountains of its northern coast to the rocky coastline and pine forests of southern Senja and Ånderdalen National Park.

Disembark in the charming fishing village of Torsken where you can explore by bus, e-bike, on foot, or take to the fjords on a wildlife safari on one of the optional excursions.



Torsken's history is shared with the other fishing villages and trading stations dotted across Senja. The island takes its name from the Old Norse, meaning to 'split apart,' perhaps in reference to its fjord-filled coastline that looks as if a dragon has clawed at the land.

Exposed to the elements, locals survived thanks to Norway's richest fishing grounds for cod, haddock, and halibut. In fact, from 1925 to 1935, Hamn I Senja, 15 minutes north of Torsken, was one of Norway's largest fish processing stations. It later became the site for one of the world's first hydroelectric power stations.



2nd July 2027 : Day Ten (B, L, D)

Port of Call: Stokmarknes, Svolvær

Start the day with a few hours in Stokmarknes, an historic town with a special place in our hearts. It's the birthplace of Hurtigruten Norwegian Coastal Express.

It's a fitting place for the Hurtigruten Museum, where you are immersed in the atmosphere of a different era on our retired 1956 ship, MS Finnmarken, proudly encased in glass on the waterfront.



After Stokmarknes, we'll sail via Raftsundet and Trollfjord to Lofoten. The rest of the day is all about exploring this breathtaking archipelago. Hailed as one of the most spectacular areas in all of Norway, you'll understand why as you see its jagged green cliffs rise dramatically out of the ocean, climbing high into the sky like giant teeth.

The beating heart of the archipelago is the town of Svolvær where your ship will be based. There are shops and restaurants to enjoy, and the hours can be spent exploring and getting to know the town yourself.

To experience the mountains, islands, and villages around Svolvær, choose from a variety of handpicked top Lofoten excursions. You can go fishing, kayaking, or sit back and enjoy the incredible scenery on foot or on a bus tour.



3rd July 2027 : Day Eleven (B, L, D)

Port of Call: Bessaker

From the Lofoten Islands, we head south across the open sea and the Arctic Circle. Soak up the ocean views from the deck or simply soak in the hot tub. You'll catch sight of the beautiful Norwegian coast again about an hour before we arrive in Bessaker, a small village in Trøndelag county.

We'll spend the afternoon at Bessaker. Home to just 200 residents, it's known for its excellent fishing opportunities and the surrounding waters boast plenty of skrei, coalfish and pollock. The annual fishing festival, held on the third weekend of July since 1979, attracts thousands of visitors.

Explore Bessaker and its impressive natural surroundings at your own pace – you can expect live music, a warm welcome in the museum and tasty coffee and cake in the local pub and cafe to be waiting for you – or opt to join a hike, go on a bus tour to a local organic farm, sail on a nostalgic cutter fishing boat, or enjoy a guided e-bike tour.

4th July 2027 : Day Twelve (B, L, D)

Port of Call: Ålesund

The ship will make a brief stop in the town of Ålesund, known for its Art Nouveau architecture and picturesque position on a peninsula below Mount Aksla. If you're joining the overland excursion to Hjørundfjord and Sæbo, this is where you disembark, or you can explore the town on foot.

Near to Ålesund, cutting through the peaks of the Sunnmøre Alps, some 1,700 metres high, is magnificent Hjørundfjord. Its picture-perfect position embedded in the Sunnmøre Alps means it is the area's hidden gem and a secret from most other ships.

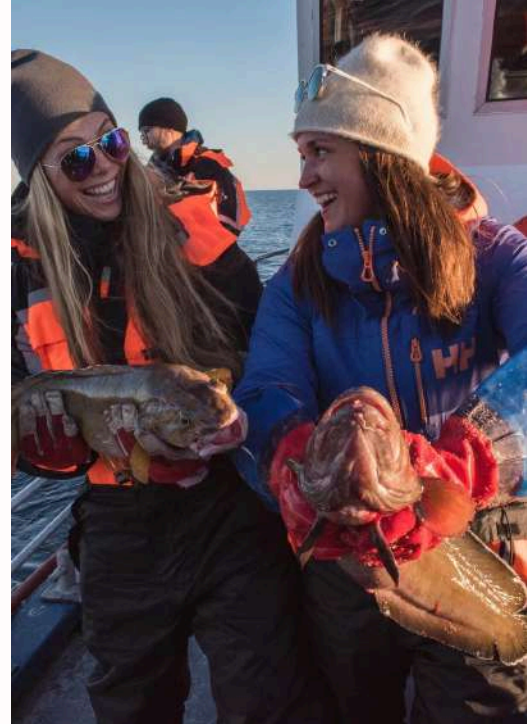
On the banks of one of Hjørundfjord's branches is the idyllic village of Sæbø. It's a beautiful spot to enjoy at your own pace – but don't miss the free concert in the church. You can see more of the area on an optional guided walk through the beautiful scenery of the Urke Valley.

We are fast approaching the last day of our voyage. What better way to celebrate our Svalbard Line experience than a farewell dinner on our last night.

5th July 2027: Day Thirteen: (B, D)

This morning we will arrive in Bergen, where it is time to farewell the MS Trollfjord and the amazing staff that have looked after us for the past week. You've travelled as part of this historic, iconic voyage to pieces of paradise along the Norwegian coast you won't soon forget. We know you'll take fond memories of Norway's coast and the Svalbard archipelago home with you.

We will have a two-night stay here in Bergen, starting with a scenic journey aboard the famous Fløibanen funicular, climbing high above the city to the summit of Mount Fløyen.



This afternoon we will take a scenic journey aboard the famous Fløibanen funicular, climbing high above the city to the summit of Mount Fløyen. As the funicular ascends the mountainside, enjoy breathtaking panoramic views over Bergen's colourful harbour, surrounding fjords and distant mountain peaks. At the top, take time to soak in the spectacular scenery and crisp mountain air before beginning a gentle walk back down through peaceful forest trails.

Winding beneath towering pine trees and alongside sparkling streams and small lakes, the walk offers a wonderful opportunity to experience Norway's natural beauty just moments from the city centre.

Along the way, your guide will share stories about Bergen's history, local traditions and the surrounding landscapes, with plenty of stops to capture photos of the stunning views. The walk concludes back in the heart of Bergen, leaving you with a true appreciation of why this charming fjord city is considered one of Norway's most beautiful destinations.

Dinner tonight will be in a local restaurant

6th July 2027 : Day Fourteen (B, L)

This morning we will take a walking tour through the iconic, and also lesser-known parts of Bergen; from the lively Fish Market and traditional Bunad boutiques to historical streets like Lille Øvregaten and Skostredet.

After lunch, the tour will end with a unique beer tasting in a candlelit wine cellar where you will hear the dramatic tale of King Christian II and Dyveke.

This evening is at leisure in Bergen.

7th July 2027 : Day Fifteen: (B, D)

Welcome to Reykjavik!

Despite being one of the smallest 'big' cities in the world, Iceland's capital sure does pack quite the punch. It's situated on the country's southwest coast on the Seltjarnar Peninsula and is bordered on the other side by spectacularly imposing mountain ranges. Reykjavik is a city of alluring contrasts, perfectly blending aspects of the surrounding nature with a sophisticated cosmopolitan, yet small-town vibe. The city's name derives from an Old Norse dialect translating to 'smoky bay', inspired by the steam that rises from its hot springs.

Tonight, we'll meet your local tour director for dinner at a local restaurant.



8th July 2027: Day Sixteen (B)

Rich in Viking history and Nordic charm, Reykjavík is one of the world's most fascinating capital cities. First settled by Norse explorers over 1,000 years ago, the city has grown from a small trading post into a vibrant and modern cultural hub, while still retaining its deep connection to Iceland's ancient heritage and traditions. Colourful streets, striking architecture and breathtaking coastal scenery make Reykjavík a truly unique destination.

Today begins with a guided tour of the city, showcasing some of Reykjavík's most iconic sights before visiting the spectacular Perlan – Wonders of Iceland Museum. Perched high above the city, Perlan offers an immersive journey through Iceland's extraordinary natural landscapes and forces of nature. Explore the fascinating ice cave, experience the power of volcanic activity through interactive exhibits, and marvel at the stunning Northern Lights show in the planetarium. From the observation deck, enjoy panoramic views stretching across Reykjavík, the surrounding mountains and the North Atlantic coastline.

In the afternoon, we continue to the beautiful Sky Lagoon, a luxurious geothermal spa nestled along the rugged coastline of the Kópavogur Peninsula. Here, you'll have time to unwind in the warm geothermal waters while taking in sweeping ocean views and the fresh Icelandic sea air. Inspired by traditional Icelandic bathing culture, the lagoon provides the perfect setting to relax, rejuvenate and immerse yourself in the peaceful beauty of Iceland's dramatic natural surroundings.

9th July 2027: Day Seventeen (B, D)

Farewelling the beauty of Reykjavík this morning, we'll make our way to Reykholt, a tiny village that was once considered the intellectual centre of Iceland as it was home to one of the most important schools in the country. We'll also travel through Barnafoss and the nearby Hraunfossar, two beautiful waterfalls that pour into the river Hvítá. Steeped in the legends of old folklore, Barnafoss' bright blue waters gush over the landscape, while Hraunfossar is made up of a series of trickling streams that flow out of a lava-forged field.

We continue on to Ytri Tunga Beach, standing out as one of the only beaches in Iceland to have golden sand instead of black sand! Here, we'll get the chance to watch the resident Harbour and Grey Seals frolic and bask on rocks along the shoreline.

A photo stop at the iconic Black Church of Budir is our next location, after which we head to the fascinating Ólafsvíkirkirkja Church, the first 'modern' Church in Iceland. Constructed entirely of triangular pieces, admire the quirky geometric architecture before arriving at Arnarstapi Beach and taking in the beautiful coastal views from the cliff viewpoint.

We'll then travel to the small fishing village of Arnarstapi, located at the foot of Mt. Stapafell, where we will settle into our accommodation before dinner.





10th July 2027 : Day Eighteen (B, D)

After breakfast, we'll depart Arnarstapi and head towards Kirkjufell Mountain. At an elevation of 1519 feet above sea level, this towering landmark features a beautiful and distinct-shaped peak that spirals into the clouds above it. Considered by the locals as one of the most beautiful mountains on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, this striking natural spectacle even featured in the popular fantasy TV series, Game of Thrones.



We continue our drive to the Bjarnarhöfn Shark Museum for a cultural dive into the 400-year-old story of the local family and their relationship with sharks. This unique guided tour takes us beyond biology, revealing the fascinating life cycle of shark meat and its importance to Icelandic culture. From its modern bycatch to the historical techniques used for preservation, our visit wraps up with a trip to the drying house, to see these methods in action, and, of course, to taste the legendary fermented shark.

Next, we journey towards Skagi Peninsula, stopping for a stretch at the Glaumbær Farm and Museum. During our photo stop, we'll be able to marvel at the traditional 'turf houses' built by Icelanders for hundreds of years into the 20th century. In the evening, we will arrive and check in to our hotel for the night.



11th July 2027 : Day Nineteen (B, D)

Our first stop today is Langhus Horse Farm. Horses are intrinsic to the culture of Iceland. Here, they are known for their smaller but stocky build, thick, fluffy coats and their ability to navigate rough terrain.

Nestled in the rolling countryside, taste some regional treats and take photos with these beautiful creatures as we experience life on a working family horse farm.



Following our morning marvelling at the beautiful horses and learning from some friendly Icelandic locals, we'll continue on to Akureyri via the stunning Siglufjörður.

Considered to be the capital of the north with a population of just under 20,000 residents, Akureyri is situated at the base of Eyjafjörður Fjord and boasts quaint streets, cosy cafes and brightly painted houses. Renowned for its vibrant culture and thriving arts scene, in the centre of the city you'll find the Akureyri Church with beautiful stained-glass windows portraying scenes from Icelandic Christian history – totally worth the visit!



We'll enjoy some free time in this beautiful city to explore at our own pace, before continuing on to our next stop, the mythical Goðafoss Waterfall. This spectacular waterfall has to be seen to be believed. Goðafoss cascades over a curved edge spanning over 30 metres in width and falls 12 metres deep into a bright blue pool at the bottom.



12th July 2027 : Day Twenty (B, D)

An early start to the day and a short walk will see us reaching the beautiful Dettifoss Waterfall found in Vatnajökull National Park. Said to be the second most powerful waterfall in Europe after the Rhine Falls in Switzerland, Dettifoss Waterfall is 100 metres wide and is 45 metres tall! It's also referred to by some as the 'The Beast' in comparison to 'The Beauty' that is Goðafoss, due to its power rather than appearance.



We'll then stop to stretch our legs at the Ásbyrgi Canyon and enjoy the view from the lookout points, before setting off on an exciting whale watching cruise. Húsavík has built a reputation as the whale watching capital of Iceland, a total marine lover's paradise. Here we'll get the chance to spot minke whales, breaching humpbacks and playful dolphins - and if you're really lucky, you might even spot a killer whale or fin whale.

Today is a more challenging day, where there are extended periods of walking time, often across uneven ground. Therefore it's only fair to sink into the healing powers of Geosea Geothermal Sea Baths!



This world-class geothermal bath is heated from the ground and is packed with minerals, revitalising the skin. The geothermal seawater promotes muscle relaxation and stimulates circulation within the body, leaving you feeling totally rejuvenated. Bathing is a custom deeply ingrained in Iceland's cultural fabric. One dip here and you'll never want to leave!

13th July 2027 : Day Twenty-One (B, D)

Our first stop of the day is at Lake Mývatn, a beautiful series of connected lakes with many small islands littered throughout the water. Here we'll also see the Skútustaðagíggar pseudo-craters, before continuing on to Dimmuborgir to walk through the fascinating Lava Field, and Námaskarð to witness the mythical geothermal landscape.



Next, we'll drive to the Krafla Power Station, observing the structures that harness the abundance of geothermal energy in the region, before some free time for lunch in the highest situated farm in Iceland.

In the early afternoon, we'll reach renowned Stuðlagil Canyon, one of the world's most enchanting basalt rock formations. Located in the Jökuldalur Valley, Stuðlagil Canyon was completely submerged under the river Jökla, until the water levels dropped several years ago, revealing the incredible canyon. From our viewpoint we'll also be able to see the bright Stuðlafoss Waterfall, a cascading waterfall that flows down from the moss-covered basalt columns. The views here are simply otherworldly!



We continue on to Egilsstaðir for a short comfort stop. Home to reindeer and a scenic combination of mountains, lakes and forests, the town serves as the gateway to the East Fjords, where we will later arrive and settle into our accommodation for the night.

14th July 2027 : Day Twenty-Two (B, D)



We begin our morning in Djúpvogur, a picturesque seaside village nestled beneath dramatic mountain landscapes on Iceland's stunning eastern coast. Home to just around 600 residents, this charming town has long played an important role as a trading centre for the region and is known today for its thriving arts scene and peaceful atmosphere. Fun fact, Djúpvogur is one of the few towns in Iceland to hold a Cittaslow certification, an international movement celebrating slower-paced living, sustainability and local culture. Keep an eye out for the famous outdoor sculpture Eggin, featuring 34 oversized granite eggs representing the bird species found in the area.



We then continue to Höfn, a delightful fishing town set against a backdrop of glaciers and mountains. Known as the lobster capital of Iceland, Höfn is famous for its fresh seafood and scenic harbour views. Here, you'll have free time to enjoy lunch, explore the waterfront or simply soak up the relaxed atmosphere of this charming coastal community.



Our journey then takes us to one of Iceland's most breathtaking natural wonders — Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon. Along the way, admire the striking beauty of Diamond Beach, where shimmering chunks of glacial ice wash ashore against dramatic black volcanic sands, creating a truly unforgettable sight. At Jökulsárlón, we'll embark on an exciting amphibian boat tour across the glacier lagoon, weaving between magnificent icebergs that have broken away from Europe's largest glacier. Some of these incredible ice formations are believed to be over 1,000 years old, glowing in shades of brilliant white and deep blue. If we're lucky, we may even spot playful seals swimming among the icebergs or resting peacefully on the floating ice.

15th July 2027 : Day Twenty-Three (B, L, D)



After breakfast this morning, we'll stop at Kirkjubæjarklaustur for a short walk on the lava field before setting off for Fjaðrárgljúfur, roughly translating to Feather River Canyon. Here, a river runs through the canyon centre and is surrounded by high grassy hills, creating a beautiful contrast. The walk to the canyon is roughly an hour, but the views that will greet are well worth it.

We continue on to the quaint village of Vík, a seaside town situated just south of the Katla Volcano. Here, we'll enjoy lunch at a popular family-owned eatery which originally began in a repurposed military container. After lunch, we stop at the renowned Icelandic Lava Show. The only live lava show in the world, this unique experience recreates a volcanic eruption by superheating real lava up to 1100°C. We'll get the exclusive opportunity to get close to real molten lava, see it flowing, hear it sizzle and bask in the incredible heat it produces.



Perhaps the most exciting part of our day, we'll explore the Reynisfjara Black beach, the Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss Waterfalls. Skógafoss is one of Iceland's biggest waterfalls, with a drop of around 60 metres, and

it's also one of the most beautiful, with its water stream cascading over a lush cliff. Seljalandsfoss Waterfall is arguably one of Iceland's most impressive with its elegant stream of water plunging deep into a round dish at the entrance of a cave that has formed over centuries. It's one of the few waterfalls in Iceland that you can actually walk behind!

16th July 2027 : Day Twenty-Four (B, L, D)

Today we explore Iceland's spectacular Golden Circle, one of the country's most iconic touring routes, showcasing some of its most extraordinary natural wonders and historic landmarks across the heart of southern Iceland.

Our first stop is the remarkable Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site and one of the most important locations in Icelandic history. It was here, in 930 AD, that Iceland's early settlers established the Alþingi — one of the world's oldest parliamentary assemblies. For centuries, leaders gathered annually among these dramatic landscapes to create laws and settle disputes. As we explore the park, you'll discover traces of ancient assembly sites and turf shelters, while surrounded by breathtaking scenery of lava fields, rugged cliffs and Iceland's largest natural lake.

Thingvellir is also famous for its unique geology, sitting directly between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. Over time, the shifting plates have created dramatic fissures, canyons and crystal-clear water-filled rifts that make this landscape unlike anywhere else on Earth.

Here we will visit a family-owned greenhouse farm where tomatoes are grown year-round using Iceland's natural geothermal energy. Learn how local farmers harness the country's volcanic heat and renewable energy to cultivate fresh produce even through Iceland's long winters. During our visit, enjoy a delicious lunch of homemade tomato soup served with freshly baked bread, all prepared using the farm's own produce.

We then continue to the geothermal area of Geysir, home to the famous Strokkur geyser. Every few minutes, Strokkur erupts dramatically, sending steaming water soaring up to 30 metres into the air — an unforgettable display of Iceland's volcanic power.

Our final stop today is the magnificent Gullfoss Waterfall, known as the "Golden Falls." One of Iceland's most celebrated natural attractions, Gullfoss cascades in two powerful tiers into a deep canyon carved by the Hvítá River. On sunny days, the mist rising from the falls often creates beautiful rainbows, adding even more magic to this spectacular setting.

17th July 2027 : Day Twenty-Five (B, D)

This morning we say goodbye to Hveragerði and make our way to Raufarhólshellir to tour the fascinating Lava Tunnel. This spectacular cave formed as a lava tube during the Leitahraun eruption that occurred around 5,200 years ago. The tunnel has an impressive total length of 1360 metres, with the main tunnel being 900 metres long. It can reach up to 30 metres wide and 10 metres high, making it one of the most expansive lava tunnels in Iceland.

Next we visit the Krýsuvík Geothermal Area, where a winding boardwalk takes us through steam vents in mud pools, hot springs and sulphur deposits. The colourful natural landscape gives the area an otherworldly effect.

In the early afternoon, our adventure takes us to the incredible Blue Lagoon, situated a little way out of town. This is perhaps one of Iceland's most famous geothermal spas and is often a bucket-list item for travellers visiting the country. Named after the incredibly vibrant water colour, this geothermal spa is volcanically heated and contains minerals that encourages relaxation, nourishment and rejuvenation.

Before we reach our accommodation for the night, we'll make a photo stop at the Bridge Between Continents and the Reykjanes Lighthouse.

Tonight, we'll enjoy a delicious farewell dinner, reminiscing on all of the fun experiences we've shared and sights we've seen on tour.

18th July 2027 : Day Twenty-Six (B)

It's time to say farewell as today is the official last day of our adventure together. If you would like to stay longer, or extend your holiday through Europe - this is something we can certainly assist you with.

We do offer an 'air inclusive' package for our small-group tours. These are offered approximately 10 months prior to departure.

The 'air inclusive' package includes return transfers from your home address in Newcastle, flights as a group to match the start and finishing date of our small-group tour and an Embark welcome home bag.



Itinerary overview

1 nights' accommodation OSLO
4 nights' accommodation SVALBARD
7 nights' accommodation onboard HURTIGRUTEN MS TROLLFJORD
2 nights' accommodation BERGEN
11 nights' accommodation ICELAND *

* 2 nights Reykjavik, 1 night Arnarstapi, 1 night Sauoarkrokur, 2 night Myvatn, 1 night East Fjords, 1 night Skaftafell, 2 night Hverageroi, 1 night Reykjavik.

Want to stay on longer and explore further? Arrive earlier to explore further through Scandinavia or stay on later to continue your summer sojourn. Perhaps add on a cruise or a self-drive itinerary through the United Kingdom We can tailor make any additional arrangements to suit you.

The below pricing is based on the entire package from Oslo to Reykjavik. We will be permitting bookings on ONLY the Iceland component or ONLY Oslo-Bergen, however this is on a request basis. Please contact for pricing on part of the journey.

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**LAND ONLY PACKAGE - \$23,800 per person twin share based on a J3 Polar Outside Cabin*
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