

# **Iceland & Greenland: A World Beyond Imagination**

## Detailed Itinerary

### **Thursday, July 27, 2021**

Your adventure begins with your international flight from Detroit to Reykjavik with a connection in Boston.

### **Friday, July 28, 2021**

Arrive in Reykjavik in the morning. Transfer to your hotel, the beautiful Canopy by Hilton Reykjavik Hotel in the heart of the city centre. Spend the afternoon exploring the city center on your own. In the early evening, join a welcome reception at the hotel lounge where you will have a chance to get to know your fellow travelers and review our exciting itinerary.

### **Saturday, July 29, 2021**

After breakfast, depart for a city tour where you will be taken to all of the city's major attractions, including: the old town centre, the Parliament, the cathedral, the harbour, the National Museum, Laugadalur swimming pool, the Ásmundur Sveinsson Sculpture museum, the Pearl, Höfði house (site of the 1986 summit) and the city's main landmark, Hallgrímskirkja. In the evening, take an optional tour in search for the Northern Lights, also known as the Aurora Borealis, a miraculous natural phenomenon that lights up the Icelandic Arctic sky with brilliant colors that is simply breathtaking.

\*Please note: This tour is subject to correct weather conditions and the Aurora Borealis cannot be guaranteed. If the tour is cancelled, another Northern Lights tour will be offered on a different night while in Reykjavik.

### **Sunday, July 30, 2021**

Today we have a full day tour of the Golden Circle. Combining natural and historical wonders, you'll experience Iceland's landmark attractions in one incredible day: the magnificent Gullfoss waterfall, the spouting hot springs of Geysir, and Þingvellir National Park, site of the Viking parliament and over 1000 years of history.

### **Monday, July 31, 2021**

Today we depart for the world-famous Blue Lagoon, a unique wonder of nature; a lake where you will relax and escape the stress of your daily life with pleasantly warm mineral-rich geothermal water in the middle of a black lava field. The high natural levels of silica and minerals give the Lagoon its rich blue color. The facilities include modern changing rooms and showers, an indoor geothermal pool, a winter garden, restaurants and other services. Remainder of day is at leisure.

### **Tuesday, August 1, 2021**

Spend the final day in Reykjavik shopping for world renowned woolens or other popular souvenirs, exploring the town on your own, or taking one the excursions available such as horseback riding or whale watching. In the evening, take the international flight to Ilulissat, one of the top tourist destinations in the northwestern part of Greenland. Upon arrival, check into the Hotel Arctic, the world's most northern 4 Star hotel.

### **Wednesday, August 2, 2021**

Discover Ilulissat's history and culture during our guided city walk. Visit the old town, the fishing harbor, the old church, and see the hunter sat their trading post *Braettet*. The guide will provide you with a clear understanding of Ilulissat's modern life while leisurely walking among the locals. Remainder of the day is at leisure.

### **Thursday, August 3, 2021**

Today we visit the Ilulissat Icefjord a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There is no better way to experience this wonder of the world than by boat. There is no downplaying that this gallery of enormous ice sculptures is a spectacular sight. But just as the majority of an iceberg lurks unseen beneath the water, there is more to the Ilulissat Icefjord than its natural beauty. It tells a profound story of the planet's history, and it is humbling in a time of the big climate change debate.

### **Friday, August 4, 2021**

In the morning, take the Knud Rasmussen Museum tour, the birthplace of the famous Danish explorer and anthropologist. He is probably the most accomplished polar explorer that hardly anyone has heard of. In 1910, he set up a base at Cape York on Greenland's northwest coast. Over the course of the next 23 years, he proceeded to lead 7 expeditions, called the Thule expeditions, that explored the northern coast of Greenland. Rasmussen was particularly interested in Inuit culture and its origins—his mother was part Inuit, and Rasmussen spoke the language fluently. The Fifth Thule Expedition was the most famous, since in the course of his explorations, Rasmussen made it all the way to Nome, Alaska, thereby becoming the first person to navigate the entire Northwest Passage by dogsled. Remainder of the day is at leisure to further explore the area or take one of the optional tours.

### **Saturday, August 5, 2021**

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

### **Sunday, August 6, 2021**

Arrive back in Detroit just after midnight on September 6.