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 Easy activity	 Strenuous activity	 Oceania Select	 Culinary Discovery	 Go Local
 Evening excursion	 Meal included	 ADA Accessible	 Food & Wine Trails	 Wellness Tour

Grundarfjordur, Iceland

GRU-001 MYSTICAL CHARM OF SNAEFELLSNES

Date: Jul 08, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM

Duration: 8.50 Hrs Price: \$339.00



OVERVIEW

Spend a day steeped in the magical atmosphere of western Iceland's most dramatic landscapes, many of them mysterious and sacred. The circular expedition begins with an immensely picturesque coastal drive, passing through one beautiful fishing village after another enroute to Snæfellsjökull National Park. This 65-square-mile wonderland is where the adventurers in Jules Verne's 1864 Journey to the Center of the Earth found a passage to the earth's core, and it looks every bit the part. You'll walk along pebbled Djúpálónssandur Beach, admiring strange rock formations along the shore – where sailors once proved their fitness to crew on ships by hoisting the heavy boulders. Passing the Lóndrangar Cliffs, you'll stop for photos and lunch in tiny Arnarstapi, known for its abundant birdlife and curious lava formations. In remote Budhir, you'll encounter a modest church of black painted wood, sitting in a lava field blanketed with lush grass. The visual contrast is stunning, especially with the park's namesake glacier-capped volcano as its backdrop. Then it's on to Helgafell – the famous "Holy Mountain" of Icelandic literature and history; you'll learn about its magic powers. Some free time in charming and eco-friendly Stykkisholmur at the tip of the peninsula marks the outing's end.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel in a majestic loop through atmospheric West Iceland by panoramic coach.
- Stop frequently to take in many geologically and culturally unique sights throughout the day.
- See the park that inspired Jules Verne in 1864, walk a beach where the rocks have nautical history, and have an encounter with a famously magic mountain.
- Stop for a light Icelandic lunch in a town barely large enough to show up on a map.
- Throughout the journey, learn of the legends, mysteries and sacred histories of the sights seen.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of easy-to-moderate walking and standing, plus any additional walking done at guests' discretion during free time. There are steps and uneven and gravel surfaces to negotiate, which can be slippery at times. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility difficulties. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. The tour sequence may vary.

GRU-002 HIGHLIGHTS OF SNAEFELLSNES

Date: Jul 08, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM, 10:00 AM

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

Discover the must-see attractions of the Snæfellsjökull Peninsula, a geological and natural wonderland famed for its harsh but beautiful volcanic landscape. You'll begin with an immensely picturesque coastal drive, passing through one beautiful fishing village after another enroute to Snæfellsjökull National Park. This terrain in the setting Jules Verne's used in his 1864 bestseller, Journey to the Center of the Earth – it looks the part.

The park's landscape looks primeval in every direction, especially at Djúpálónssandur, a jagged coastline strewn with large boulders sailors once hoisted to prove their fitness to crew on ships. The remains of a sizable trawler wrecked in 1948 add to the edge-of-the-earth feel here. A visit to Malarri and its majestic white lighthouse also brings an encounter with curious volcanic pillars some believe local elves use as churches. Passing the Lóndrangar Cliffs, you'll stop for photos in tiny Arnarstapi, known for abundant birdlife and its own set of intriguing lava formations. In remote Budhir, you'll visit a modest church of black painted wood, sitting in a lava field blanketed with lush grass. The visual contrast is stunning, especially with the park's namesake glacier-capped volcano as its backdrop. Better clear plenty of storage on your camera.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a picture-perfect exploration of the Snæfellsjökull Peninsula by panoramic coach.
- Stop frequently to visit some of the highlights of this harsh but beautiful volcanic wonderland.
- See the park that inspired Jules Verne in 1864, walk a beach where the rocks have nautical history, gaze at a towering lighthouse near lava pillars said to have elfin inhabitants.
- Visit a remote little Icelandic church see against lava fields with the backdrop of an ice-capped volcano.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3.5 hours of easy-to-moderate walking that includes negotiating uneven and gravel surfaces as well as some steep inclines. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility difficulties. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. The tour sequence may vary.

GRU-003 LAVA TRAILS AND VIKING TALES

Date: Jul 08, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM, 10:00 AM

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$279.00



OVERVIEW

Explore Iceland's legend-laced volcanic landscape on a walk through lava fields, a climb up a small magic mountain, and a visit to a farm with an unusual crop. First, you'll travel by coach along the incredibly picturesque coast to Berserkjahraun, an ancient field of lava spikes and mossy boulders. If its name sounds familiar, that's because the phrase "going berserk" comes from an old Icelandic tale about two warriors who were killed here; these Berserkers were known to fight in an uncontrollable trance-like state. Then it's on to Helgafell; where legend has it that those who scale this 240-foot "Holy Mountain" are granted three wishes. You'll have your chance to confirm if that's true – and be rewarded with sweeping hilltop vistas no matter what. In Stykkisholmur, you'll tour a folk museum within Iceland's oldest two-story house, built in 1832 from Norwegian wood. A different sort of museum awaits you on a lava-surrounded farmstead in Bjarnarhofn. Here you'll visit the Shark Museum and meet the resident farmer who specializes in shark curing. You'll also have a chance to taste his products, but a word to the wise: they're quite 'aromatic.' Might be wise to bring some mints for the way home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach around West Iceland's volcanic landscape for some wonderful first-hand experiences.
- Visit the legendary lava field where the term "going berserk" comes

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- Scale a small mountain, actually more of a flat top hill, that is said to richly reward those who climb it.
- Visit a folk museum tucked within Iceland's most antique two-story house.
- Tour a farm and its small museum where the crops smell and taste distinctly fishy.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of easy-to-moderate walking that includes negotiating uneven and gravel surfaces as well as some steep inclines. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility difficulties. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. The tour sequence may vary. Breath mints optional.

GRU-007 PUFFINS OF MELRAKKAEY ISLAND

Date: Jul 08, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

Duration: 1.50 Hrs Price: \$159.00



OVERVIEW

Cruise to rocky Melrakkaey Island to for up-close views of a colony of puffins doing all the things that puffins naturally do. This includes nesting on the steep cliffs, swimming in the sea and perhaps even flying – much faster than you might expect. After a short walk from the pier, you'll reach and board a small tour boat that is ideal for sightseeing in hard-to-reach places. Craggy little Melrakkaey Island is one of those enviable spots, a protected bird refuge since 1972 where the only crowds ever seen have wings. While you'll likely spot other seabirds here – like guillemots, shags and kittiwakes – puffins are the star attractions. They're easy to identify with their bright orange beaks and penguin-like coloring; some people even call them "sea parrots" because of the shape of their beaks. Iceland is the breeding ground for the majority of the world's Atlantic puffins, and Melrakkaey is one of their favorite spots. You'll see their nests on the precipitous rocky cliffs and surely spot puffins resting on the water between dives for the tasty small herring they love to eat. Your guide will share fascinating facts about the lifestyle of these charming birds during the excursion.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk to a tour boat near the cruise pier, ideally sized for reaching areas off limits to larger vessels.
- Cruise out to Melrakkaey, an island offshore from Grundarfjordur that's now a protected seabird refuge.
- Watch the resident colony of colorful puffins at their nests, diving for fish, and even flying around.
- Learn about the lifestyle and mating habits of these charming half-parrot, half-penguin creatures.
- Look for plenty of other sea birds here as well, including guillemots, shags and kittiwakes.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered clothing; consider a windbreaker.
- Flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended for the boat.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Time on the water is approximately one hour. The walk from the ship to the tour boat dock is 15 minutes each direction and there are steps to negotiate getting on and off the boat. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to

carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Guests subject to seasickness should take proper precautions prior to tour start. Seating areas are limited and the boat is open-air.

GRU-005 A JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH

Date: Jul 08, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM, 11:00 AM

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$259.00



OVERVIEW

Embark on an adventurous exploration deep into the lava caves of Vatnshellir, formed thousands of years ago by a violent eruption. Western Iceland is the setting Jules Verne used for his epic 1864 page-turner, Journey to the Center of the Earth, wherein the professor and his intrepid crew get into all kinds of adventures after entering a passage into the earth on Snæfellsjokull Peninsula. Your expedition down into Vatnshellir will be much the same, but with better ventilation – and no dinosaurs. The lava tube entrance is a scenic hour's drive from the pier, along a rugged coast and majestic volcanic landscape. Equipped with helmet and flashlight, you'll follow your guide through an above-ground entry capsule and down into the cave's upper section, lined with fascinating lava formations along its sides. A long, narrow passage and spiral staircase lead ever deeper until you reach the cave's lower section, a completely soundless chamber with black igneous walls. Once there, all lights will briefly be turned off so that you can experience true total darkness. Expect your sense of smell to become heightened as your brain lets go of sight and sound. Then it's back up to the surface, with new perspective.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle in for a drive across the one-of-a-kind Snæfellsjokull Peninsula landscape by panoramic coach.
- Don your helmet and check your flashlight, both supplied, as you prepare to enter Vatnshellir lava cave.
- Follow your guide inside and down through lava tubes and stairways leading to a soundless base chamber nearly 11 stories underground.
- Experience the rare sensation of total darkness and silence as we all briefly turn out our lights.
- Learn about what forces went into making this place happen, and what folklore has grown up around it.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered clothing.
- Flat, sturdy walking shoes are recommended; no heels, please.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately an hour of moderate-to-strenuous walking that covers ½ mile and includes a long, narrow and circular staircase as well as uneven, rocky and gravel surfaces with steep inclines. There may also be some uneven and slippery surfaces within the cave. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. Participants should be in good physical condition. Helmet and flashlight will be provided before entering the cave.

GRU-006 TOWN WALK & KIRKJUFELL WATERFALL

Date: Jul 08, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM, 01:30 PM

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$89.00



OVERVIEW

Take an invigorating walk in exhilarating scenery as you venture through Grundarfjordur to an idyllic waterfall at the base of Iceland's most photographed mountain. Setting out on foot from the pier, you'll cross through this picture-perfect fishing village perched on a fjord and surrounded by mountains. Soon you'll ascend a small hill above the town and, weather permitting, be treated to one of the Snæfellsnes peninsula

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most breathtaking vistas: the iconic Mt. Kirkjufell. This distinctive monolith rises steeply from shore to a height of over 1,500 feet – a barren but magnificent landmark that only the adventurous climb. Conveniently, you'll be taking on an easy and super-scenic alternative as you trek to the gorgeous waterfall near Kirkjufell's base, its multiple torrents of crystalline water fed by glacier melt. Any photograph taken with this cascade in the foreground and Kirkjufell soaring to the heavens behind can't help but be a winner. In fact, photographers and filmmakers from all over the world come to Grundarfjordur just to capture this image. On the return walk, you'll want to check out the fishing boats in the charming harbor, the church, and the homes built by the town's French founders.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the picture-perfect fishing village of Grundarfjordur on foot and catch the perfect picture of its surrounding landscape.
- Ascend a hill overlooking town for spectacular vantage point on the Snæfellsnes peninsula scenery.
- Trek to the spot where idyllic Kirkjufellsfoss waterfall cascades in multiple streams with iconic Mt. Kirkjufell as its backdrop.
- Photograph this scene of incomparable natural majesty, as so many famous photographers have.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered clothing.
- Flat, sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots are recommended.
- Bring a bottle of water, hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of moderate-to-strenuous walking that includes uneven, gravel and mud paths t as well as uphill climbs. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. Participants should be in good physical condition.

GRU-004 NATURE SAIL & VIKING SUSHI ADVENTURE

Date: Jul 08, 2024 Time: 10:15 AM
Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$259.00



OVERVIEW

Board a ferry for a cruise through the prime birdwatching habitats of Breidafjordur Bay, and enjoy a taste of fresh-caught "Viking sushi." Your archipelago adventure begins with a drive to Stykkisholmur, a quaint coastal town on the Snæfellsnes peninsula. Here you'll board the ferry and head into Breidafjordur Bay, which is encircled by mountains and dotted with volcanic islands that are havens for nesting seabirds. As you sail through whirlpool currents, passing dozens of islands with strangely beautiful rock formations and basalt columns, you can expect to spot a variety of species. Puffins, eider ducks and shags are commonly seen, as are kittiwakes. These handsome black-legged gulls typically nest on narrow cliff ledges, perched facing the wall with tails stuck out over the edge. You might also catch sight of magnificent white-tailed eagles diving to pluck fish straight from the sea with their razor-sharp talons. These waters also teem with marine life, even occasional seals. As if to prove this abundance, your captain will at some point cast a net overboard to haul in a bounty of seafood. Some of it can be eaten raw as so-called Viking sushi, and you'll have a chance to sample. Nothing could be fresher.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a panoramic coach ride to the quaint and eco-friendly coastal town of Stykkisholmur.
- Board a ferry for a cruise into Breidafjordur Bay, dotted with volcanic islets and renowned for its natural beauty and remarkable wildlife.
- Look for puffins, eider ducks, shags, kittiwakes and others on the jagged island cliffs and in flight.
- Sample amazingly fresh "Viking sushi" made from seafood caught right

while you're on board.

- Before the coach return, enjoy some free time to wander a bit and explore Stykkisholmur.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is primarily at guests' discretion during free time in Stykkisholmur. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests; those with mobility concerns must be able to enter and exit the coach and boat unassisted. If you suffer from motion sickness, please take necessary precautions prior to the tour's start. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. The tour sequence may vary.

Isafjordur, Iceland

ISF-006 EXPLORE THE STREETS OF ISAFJORDUR ON FOOT

Date: Jul 09, 2024 Time: 08:30 AM, 12:00 PM
Duration: 2.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Mix with the locals on a walking overview tour of the largest and liveliest town in the West Fjords. Surrounded by dramatic mountains and arcing into its namesake fjord on a curving spit of land, it's tempting to envision Isafjordur as a remote and unworldly outpost. But on this survey of town, you'll soon discover that there's a surprisingly cosmopolitan vibe afoot here, blending seamlessly with an undeniable frontier character. The old town still has blocks lined with some of Iceland's oldest wood-and-tin houses, built by the early fishing merchants who found prosperity here in the 18th and 19th centuries, but it's also home to a thriving arts and emerging culture scene. Though isolated, Isafjordur is the kind of place that independent and eccentric thinkers have always been drawn to. Your knowledgeable guide will relate some of that history and lead the way as you soak up the town's relaxed ambiance and most interesting sights. One of those will surely be the Maritime Museum out at the tip of the spit. Set up inside one of the town's oldest and best-preserved houses, the exhibits include an excellent collection of maritime artifacts – as well as a sizable accordion collection.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy an escorted walk through a town with one foot squarely in the past and another in the current culture.
- See some of the Iceland's oldest and most lovingly preserved tin-roofed wooden houses.
- Learn about this remote city's intriguing history and unexpected worldliness.
- Tour a Maritime Museum in an 18th-century house where the historic fishing artifacts and accordion collections mingle.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing including a water/wind proof jacket.
- Comfortable, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of moderate walking. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and not recommended for those with mobility concerns.

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ISF-001 LIFE & CULTURE OF ISAFJORDUR

Date: Jul 09, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$189.00



OVERVIEW

Travel by panoramic coach on a tour that offers fascinating insights on the lives of those who make the sometimes-harsh landscape of Iceland's Westfjords their home. Beginning from the pier, you'll drive through the streets of Isafjordur and out along the coastal road for a tour of wondrously remote Bolungarvik, a fishing village towered over by its surrounding mountains. Nearby, you'll stop at the outdoor Ósvör Museum, where a century-old fisherman's hut has been restored, complete with the tools of the trade – and the fisherman. On another leg of the journey, you'll find yourself up amidst breathtaking views of the magnificent mountains of the Djup, largest of the West Fjords and the Buna River. Not far from that spot, you'll stop to admire a beautiful stepped waterfall in Tunguskogur and take an opportunity to taste the freshest, clearest mountain water you may ever have encountered. Back in Isafjordur, you'll stop in at the Maritime and Folk Museum, which calls one of the town's oldest and best-preserved houses its home. The museum presents an excellent collection of artifacts related to the region's maritime history – as well as a sizable accordion collection. Gotta have something to do during those long winters.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the remote Westfjords region by coach, stopping to absorb the local color in its many forms.
- Visit the remote fishing village of Bolungarvik and tour a century-old fisherman's hut nearby in Ósvör.
- Behold stunning mountain vistas along the Djup fjord and taste clear mountain water from a waterfall in Tunguskogur.
- Tour a quirky Maritime and Folk Museum, filled with historic fishing artifacts – and accordions.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing including a water/wind proof jacket.
- Comfortable, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate walking and standing, at times over uneven pathways. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

ISF-003 FJORDS AND FLOWERS

Date: Jul 09, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

See the nature, meet some locals and catch a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes in small Icelandic fishing towns during this enlightening tour. Included is a breathtaking drive through the West Fjord mountain landscape, where farms and villages huddle on narrow strips of land isolated between rocky ridges and deep fjords. Appearing as if an apparition at one point will be tiny Skrudur, Iceland's oldest botanical garden. You'll go in and have a look around. Over 100 years old, this dot-sized green oasis in the midst of the badlands proves what can be grown this far north. Another curio you'll encounter is the old shark-fishing town of Flateyri, perched on a spit of land projecting out into Onundarfjordur fjord and boasting a current population of about 200. You'll take a guided stroll along main street and into the life of this mountain-surrounded outpost, entering an intimate little church where you'll be treated to an Icelandic music program, and visiting the old bookstore that doubles as the village museum and archive. You'll also have a chance to

observe some town women at work in their handcraft workshop and to share a coffee break and chat with the Flateyrites.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel across a ruggedly beautiful West Fjord landscape of steep mountain ridges and sheltered fjords.
- Visit Skrudur, a century-old botanic garden deep in the middle of, well, just about nowhere.
- Take a guided stroll through the fishing village of Flateyri, all on its own on the edge of a fjord surrounded by magnificent slopes.
- Hear Icelandic music in a church, visit an old bookstore that thinks it's a museum, and watch regional handicrafts being made.
- Share coffee and a chat with the locals.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing including a water/wind proof jacket.
- Comfortable, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 45 minutes of moderate walking and standing, at times over uneven pathways. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned only to participate to the extent of their personal stamina and may make arrangements with the guide to skip some of the walking portions of the tour.

ISF-004 THE BIRD ISLAND OF VIGUR

Date: Jul 09, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM, 02:00 PM

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

Travel by boat to the island of Vigur, famous for its huge colonies of sea birds and tiny colony of friendly locals. The journey is both scenic and swift; just about half an hour to traverse the Djupfjord to Vigur, where a cluster of red-roofed buildings sits tranquilly against a dramatic snow-capped backdrop. This sparsely populated islet is home to thousands of feathered citizens – comical puffins, eider ducks, guillemots and sometimes-overprotective arctic terns who love to swoop. Upon arrival, you'll have a chance to observe local life on the island, where the farmers make a living by harvesting the down of eider ducks – and provide essential protection for their nests and chicks. It's hard not to feel like you've stepped back in time as you meet with the tiny band of welcoming inhabitants. Their relaxed, easy manner and unique lifestyle will certainly make an impression. Once you've seen how the humans live here, you'll take a leisurely guided island walk to see how Vigur's resident birds thrive in their own natural habitats. As your visit draws to a close, refreshments will be served by the farmer's family before the boat ride back to Isafjordur.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Skim by boat across magnificent Djupfjord to an island where the birds definitely outnumber the humans.
- Be greeted by a family whose farm crop is eider down, collected from the nests of resident ducks they help keep protected from more aggressive birds.
- Take a guided walk around the island to observe the puffins, eider ducks, guillemots and arctic terns who make their home here.
- Enjoy relaxed refreshments and conversation, offered up the farmer and his family.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing including a water/wind proof jacket.
- Comfortable, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.

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- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate walking and standing, at times over uneven pathways. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. It is a short walk from the pier to the touring boat. Sightings of sea birds are not guaranteed after mid-August as it depends on both season and weather.

ISF-007 A VISIT TO AN ABANDONED VILLAGE

Date: Jul 09, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM
Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Travel from Isafjordur to the Jökulfirdir Fjord by boat to visit a remote village deserted by all its residents over 60 years ago. The only way to get to Hesteyri is from the water; it's about a 70-minute ride. The tiny settlement never did have any roads leading to it, and no electricity or telephone links. What it did have – and still does – is an outstandingly picturesque setting amidst steep snow-dusted mountains and quiet, secluded coves. Notwithstanding the natural beauty, in the 1940s the 80 inhabitants decided they'd had enough, and by 1952 the last of them had moved away. Many of their structures still stand, little changed from how they were then. And since the village has been an ecologically protected area for decades, the native flora and fauna have had a field day. Hikers here often encounter Arctic foxes, seals, and birds of many types. You'll stroll around the eerily empty village with your guide, enjoying traditional Icelandic refreshments at a house where the doctor used to live. Don't miss this chance for what will certainly be an excursion unlike any other you take this voyage.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel about 70 minutes by boat from Isafjordur to a tiny village along the Jökulfirdir Fjord. No one's home there.
- Enjoy an eerie tour of an entire settlement that was abandoned by its residents in 1952.
- Learn the unusual history of this place from your guide and share traditional Icelandic refreshments at the house where the village doctor once lived.
- Be on the lookout for foxes, seals and sea birds; this has been a wild protected reserve for many years.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered, clothing that is wind and water-proof.
- Flat, waterproof walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Those prone to motion sickness should take the necessary precautions.

ISF-014 SECLUDED VALLEY & TASTING

Date: Jul 09, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM
Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$249.00



OVERVIEW

Gain a wonderfully broad understanding of the local culture by visiting several characteristic attractions in the surrounding countryside. Ísafjörður is the largest town on the mountainous Westfjords peninsula, but its population is only a few thousand so most of the attractions are somewhat remote. After taking in the sweeping views from a ski resort, you will visit a sheep farm deep in the Stáðardalur Valley, one of the first places in Iceland that the Vikings settled. While you sample a selection of delicacies,

the farmers will discuss the allure of this now-isolated area and the challenges of living there. You will enjoy a glimpse into coastal life at a nearby fishing hut before pausing alongside a road to hear the legend of the mountain giant that supposedly watches over it. The viewpoint on the outskirts of Ísafjörður will offer a spectacular look at the peninsula's largest city, after which you can savor a beer at Dokkan Brewery.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit a sheep farm in an isolated valley and hear about the challenges of living there.
- Pause at a fishing hut for a different perspective of the local lifestyle.
- Hear the legend of the mountain giant that supposedly watches over the road you travel.
- Admire the sweeping views from a ski resort and a lookout above Ísafjörður.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in layers in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes with non-slip soles.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

ISF-008 ARCTIC FOXES AND AVALANCHES

Date: Jul 09, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM
Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

Take in the natural beauty of the Westfjords peninsula, a rugged mountainous terrain prone to avalanches and teeming with wildlife such as the protected arctic fox. You will see how avalanches have affected the area in Súðavík, a small community founded in the late 19th century around whaling. The newer section was built following an avalanche in 1995 that destroyed almost all of the original town. At the Arctic Fox Center, a research facility and museum dedicated to the only indigenous land mammal in Iceland, you will learn about the foxes and perhaps see injured ones being rehabilitated. You will also visit a small wooden church that was moved to its present location from Hesteyri when that village was abandoned in the 1950s. After listening to a stirring performance of traditional Icelandic music at the church, you will drive along the neighboring fjord, pausing at a memorial to the victims of the avalanche that struck Súðavík.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See how Súðavík was rebuilt after an avalanche in 1995 destroyed much of the city.
- Stop at a memorial to the victims of that devastating avalanche.
- Learn about arctic foxes at a research center and perhaps watch them being rehabilitated.
- Listen to a performance of Icelandic music at 19th-century Norwegian-built church.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1 hour of walking over even and uneven ground. It is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.

Minimal activity	Moderate activity	Oceania Exclusive	Beyond Blueprints	Go Green
Easy activity	Strenuous activity	Oceania Select	Culinary Discovery	Go Local
Evening excursion	Meal included	ADA Accessible	Food & Wine Trails	Wellness Tour

ISF-009 CALM FJORD KAYAKING

Date: Jul 09, 2024 **Time:** 09:30 AM, 11:30 AM
Duration: 2.00 Hrs **Price:** \$249.00



OVERVIEW

Kayak the serene waters of the fjord that fronts Ísafjörður, a natural setting enhanced by the many seabirds that flock here to raise their young during the summer. After a briefing on how to get the most out of the experience, you will ease into a sleek kayak and paddle off into the clear, calm waters of the fjord. Ísafjörður sits in a spectacularly scenic setting, so there will be plenty to see as you paddle between the majestic mountains that rise abruptly from both sides of the fjord. Because of the steep backdrop, almost all of the buildings are at the water's edge. Although Ísafjörður is the largest town on the Westfjords peninsula, its population is only a few thousand, and the town has remained remarkably quaint and well worth a photo. You can also expect to see quite a bit of wildlife while kayaking, especially seals and seabirds that may include oystercatchers and arctic terns.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kayak through the glass-smooth waters of the fjord that fronts Ísafjörður.
- Take in the magnificent scenery that surrounds the steep-walled fjord.
- Watch for wildlife such as seals and seabirds, which are often abundant.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

Minimum age to participate is 13 years of age and children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult parent or guardian. Participants must be in good physical condition and know how to swim. This tour includes a walk of 5 min to go to/from the place where kayaks are prepared. The kayaks are single kayaks. Kayaking gear and life vest are provided. Tour operation is subject to weather conditions. It is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Casual, warm and waterproof clothes and shoes are suggested.

ISF-GG1 SUSTAINABLE WESTFJORDS

Date: Jul 09, 2024 **Time:** 09:30 AM
Duration: 6.50 Hrs **Price:** \$379.00



OVERVIEW

Discover some of the eco-friendly businesses that thrive in the mountainous Westfjords peninsula, one of the wildest areas in Iceland. Salt Verk may well be the most unusual as it is the world's only company that produces 100% sustainable salt from seawater by harnessing geothermal power through a fascinating process that is centuries old. The Saett & Salt chocolate factory sprinkles some of that salt over its sweets, which are also flavored with local berries and herbs. You will have the opportunity to sample the chocolates following lunch in a hotel in Heydalur Valley that harvests produce and fish in sustainable ways. The peninsula is so beautiful it's easy to understand why the locals are so obsessed with keeping it pure and natural. The lookout at Kambsnes will offer one of the best views of the glacial fjords, while visiting Hvítanes will present an unobstructed look at a colony of harbor seals.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain insight into some of Westfjord peninsula's most sustainable businesses .
- See how geothermal energy is used to extract salt from seawater .
- Savor a lunch of sustainably harvested ingredients and a sampling of

chocolates .

- Observe a large colony of harbor seals up close as they sun along the rocky shore .

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of easy walking over grassy, graveled and uneven terrain. It is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.

ISF-010 DYNANDI WATERFALL AND LOCAL VILLAGE

Date: Jul 09, 2024 **Time:** 10:00 AM
Duration: 6.00 Hrs **Price:** \$349.00



OVERVIEW

Discover the scenic wonders of the Westfjords peninsula and sample fresh seafood in one of its fishing villages. Long ago, glaciers carved their way across the peninsula, leaving behind a dramatic landscape of deep fjords, steep mountains and craggy inlets. Because the terrain is so harsh, life here has always revolved around the sea, as you will discover while pausing for photos in the waterfront village of Þingeyri. The draw of water is even more powerful farther inland at Dynjandi, the largest waterfall in Westfjords. This natural wonder consists of seven cascades, each with its own name and identity. According to legend, supernatural beings once lived in Dynjandi, whose name means "The Thunderer." You will next visit Suðureyri, a fishing village that was considerably more remote until a tunnel through the surrounding mountain made traveling there easier. While walking the town's popular Seafood Trail, you will sample fresh fish such as cod and halibut that are caught in the icy waters of the Atlantic.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Westfjords peninsula, one of the wildest most uninhabited areas of Iceland.
- Behold the peninsula's largest waterfalls, where supernatural beings supposedly once lived.
- Visit two waterfront villages and sample fresh fish while walking the Seafood Trail.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 75 minutes of walking over grass, gravel and uneven ground. It is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.

ISF-013 WHALE AND NATURE WATCHING

Date: Jul 09, 2024 **Time:** 10:00 AM
Duration: 3.00 Hrs **Price:** \$269.00



OVERVIEW

Cruise into the pristine seas off the Westfjords peninsula, looking for some of the more than 20 species of whales and porpoise that feed in these nutrient-rich waters. The seemingly endless food supply of krill and small fish attracts humpback whales, minke whales and many others. You will have the opportunity to watch for these fascinating creatures from inside

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

the boat or out on the observation deck. It is a breathtaking sight to see humpback whales acrobatically breaching the water's surface, waving their flukes up and down as they dive, and feeding to fatten up for their winter migration south. Minke whales are quite a bit smaller, but no less impressive. They have sharply pointed snouts that appear first when they breach. Although minke whales are typically solitary, they are inquisitive and are often spotted swimming alongside vessels or feeding beneath flocks of seabirds. If you see one, it will be a mesmerizing sight that you will not soon forget.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise into nutrient-rich waters teeming with various species of whales.
- Look for humpback whales breaching the water's surface and waving their massive flukes.
- Keep an eye out for typically solitary minke whales feeding beneath flocks of seabirds.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 5 steps. It is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.

Akureyri, Iceland

AEY-001 AKUREYRI WALKING TOUR

Date: Jul 10, 2024 Time: 08:30 AM, 12:00 PM
Duration: 2.50 Hrs Price: \$169.00



OVERVIEW

Take an unhurried stroll through Akureyri, set majestically between fjord and mountain near the Arctic Circle. Discover its colorful cultural life and learn about its 16th-century origins as a remote Danish trading post. Foremost among the landmarks you'll encounter is a hilltop Lutheran church whose modern design has become a symbol of the city. Inside is a surprising link to another city: the stained glass window over the altar hails from faraway Coventry, England. It was spirited here for safekeeping after Coventry Cathedral was bombarded by air raids during World War II, and never went back. Further along the route, at the Akureyri Museum, you'll gain perspective on the area's past through period photographs and exhibits devoted to early trade. At your guided walk's end, you'll be in midtown and free to either head back to the pier or – better yet – spend awhile exploring the cool design shops and Icelandic eateries along pedestrian-friendly Hafnarstæti street, just near the harbor.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Savor fabulous views of Iceland's longest fjord as you walk the waterfront Strandgata.
- Climb the hill to a signature church whose modern lines are tempered with historic stained glass.
- Dive into the city's backstory at Akureyri Museum and hear its tales from your knowledgeable guide.
- After the escorted walk, reward yourself with some free-range shopping or dining on local fare.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing including a water/wind proof jacket.
- Comfortable, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of moderate to strenuous walking, at times over gravel pathways. To reach the church, there is an uphill climb of approximately 95 steps. Participants should be in good physical condition; the tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns.

AEY-002 GODAFOSS AND LEISURELY AKUREYRI

Date: Jul 10, 2024 Time: 08:30 AM, 12:30 PM
Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$159.00



OVERVIEW

Travel by coach to thundering Godafoss waterfall, then tour Akureyri and the world's most northerly botanical garden. Plunging down in a roaring torrent from its high horseshoe-shaped rim, Godafoss is one of Iceland's most impressive natural wonders. The name translates to "Waterfall of the Gods," and legend has it that a local chieftain tossed statues of the old Norse gods into these waters a thousand years ago to proclaim the country's conversion to the Christian faith. Motoring back into town, you'll be treated to a rolling inspection tour of Akureyri's charming architecture and stunning fjord-side views. Then, despite being practically within shouting distance of the Arctic Circle, you'll find yourself on a guided walk through the unpredictably lush Akureyri Public Parkland Botanical Garden. The secret to all that fertility is a warm microclimate that flora finds irresistible. Besides abundant oxygen, there's plenty of birdsong in the air here, too. After soaking up this dose of verdant Icelandic nature, the excursion winds down with some further panoramic sightseeing enroute back to your ship.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the visceral thrill of the Skjalfandafjot River's waters plummeting down over Godafoss falls.
- Tour a century-old botanical garden that seems to flourish without a care in this far Northern region.
- Enjoy a scenic coach ride through the countryside outside Akureyri, as well as a panoramic tour of the town's Danish-inspired architecture and picturesque mountain-and-fjord setting.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing including a water/wind proof jacket.
- Comfortable, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1 hour of moderate walking/standing. The terrain at the falls includes some rough and sometimes muddy pathways, with no handrails; guests are cautioned to take extra care. Similar conditions may also be found at the botanical gardens. It is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

AEY-006 WHALE WATCHING FROM HUSAVIK

Date: Jul 10, 2024 Time: 08:30 AM
Duration: 8.50 Hrs Price: \$499.00



OVERVIEW

Enter the world of the Humpback, Minke and Orca on a whale-spotting expedition off Iceland's northern coast. Coupled with an informative whale museum visit, lunch at a local eatery and a stop to marvel at thunderous Godafoss falls, this has the makings of an exhilarating day indeed. You'll travel from Akureyri pier by coach to the town of Husavik. There, you'll head out by boat into Skjálfandi Bay, where hungry cetaceans like to feed on the abundant krill, plankton and fish. For the next three hours, all eyes

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

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will be fixed on the water – waiting to spot the next fluke, tail, blowhole or full-tilt breach. Entertaining you as you wait, harbor porpoises and white-beaked dolphins will likely be seen cavorting in the waves. Once back on dry land, it's time for lunch and an interval spent soaking up the fascinating info on display at Husavik Whale Museum. Enroute back to Akureyri, you'll stop to take in the roar of Godafoss, its waters plunging over a huge horseshoe-shaped rim to form one of Iceland's most impressive natural wonders. But then, nothing quite compares to the sight of a giant Blue Whale or leaping Humpback.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in the Iceland countryside by coach as you head for a tiny town on the northern coast.
- Spend three exciting hours on a whale-watching cruise in the krill-rich feeding grounds off Husavik.
- Tour an award-winning museum where ecology of whales and history of whaling is vividly presented.
- Visit the mighty "Waterfall of the Gods" – Godafoss – thundering over its wide horseshoe cliff.
- Enjoy lunch in a local Icelandic restaurant.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, weather-appropriate clothing including a water/wind proof jacket.
- Comfortable, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1 hour of moderate walking/standing. The terrain at the falls includes some rough and sometimes muddy pathways, with no handrails; guests are cautioned to take extra care. The whale-watching vessel is typically open-air with no covered sections. Those prone to seasickness should take precautionary measures as considerable motion may be encountered while on board. The vessel is not wheelchair accessible, so this tour is not available to wheelchair guests. Those with mobility concerns must be able to enter and exit the boat with limited assistance; please carefully evaluate your personal level of stamina before participating.

AEY-003 AKUREYRI & SANTA'S HOUSE

Date: Jul 10, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM
Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Tour a range of Akureyri attractions, capped off by a visit to a famous store where Christmas stays in full swing 365 days a year. A compact city considered the unofficial capital of Northern Iceland, Akureyri packs a lot of sightseeing punch for its size. On this walking excursion, you'll encounter everything from a balmy botanical garden filled with color and fragrance, to a museum dedicated to one of Iceland's most beloved children's book authors, to a modernistic Lutheran church that's become the enduring icon of the city, and more. But the absolute top treat of all has to be the visit to Santa's House – a gingerbread-clad emporium awash in Yuletide joy no matter what month visitors drop by. Inside, you'll see decorations from all over the world, and be introduced to the quirky ins-and-outs of Iceland's holiday traditions. One of them involves children leaving shoes in their windows for 13 consecutive nights leading up to Christmas, so that 13 different Santas (affectionately referred to as The Yuletide Lads) can pop by to fill them with presents.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk the town center with your knowledgeable guide and discover Akureyri's marquee sights.
- Explore Artist's Alley, known as downtown's cultural heart, and visit

Akureyri's landmark hilltop church.

- Wander a botanical garden that thrives in a warm microclimate you'd never expect to find so far north.
- Tour the Nonni Museum, childhood home of author Jón Sveinsson and one of Akureyri's oldest houses.
- Visit a year-round Christmas landmark, Santa's House – and be introduced to Iceland's 13 Santas.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing including a water/wind proof jacket.
- Comfortable, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of moderate walking/standing, a few rough or sometimes muddy pathways, and 20-some steps at Santa's House. The excursion is not available to wheelchair guests, and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

AEY-004 AKUREYRI NATURE AND HISTORY

Date: Jul 10, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$159.00



OVERVIEW

Experience a true nature-lover's delight as you enter a wonderland of waterfalls, forests and historic farms surrounding Akureyri, then tour the world's northernmost botanical garden. Cross Iceland's largest fjord and head inland where silent mountains and sprawling woodlands stretch as far as the eye can see. Stop to thrill at thundering Godafoss waterfall – one of Iceland's most impressive natural wonders – and learn about the captivating legend behind its name. Tour a remote stone-and-turf farmhouse that was once a manor house and vicarage and is now a time capsule filled with period furniture and artifacts that tell the story of Iceland's agricultural past. Lastly, just in case all this wasn't quite enough natural inspiration for you, enjoy a guided stroll through lush Akureyri Public Parkland Botanical Garden back near the heart of the city. Beneficiary of a surprisingly warm local microclimate, this century-old green refuge is a showplace of color, fragrance, and birdsong during much of the year.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the roar of Godafoss falls as a mighty river's waters cascade over a wide horseshoe cliff.
- Travel back in time to Iceland's early agrarian days in a farmhouse with timbers as old as the 1500s.
- Wander a botanical garden that thrives in a unique fertile microclimate here in the far North.
- Enjoy a panoramic coach ride through the unspoiled mountains and woodlands outside Akureyri.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing including a water/wind proof jacket.
- Comfortable, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate walking/standing. The terrain at the falls includes some rough and sometimes muddy pathways, with no handrails; guests are cautioned to take extra care. Similar conditions may also be found at the botanical gardens. The farmhouse has low ceilings and narrow doorways/passageways. The excursion is not available to wheelchair guests, and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

AEY-005 JEWELS OF THE NORTH

Date: Jul 10, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM

Duration: 8.00 Hrs Price: \$299.00



OVERVIEW

This fascinating tour brings you face to face with some of Iceland’s most beautiful – and sometimes bizarre – natural attractions. You’ll travel by coach along the shore of picturesque Eyjarfjordur fjord, cross an ancient glacial valley, gaze in awe at a legendary horseshoe waterfall and marvel at the eerie volcanic pseudo-craters of Skutustadir – and that’s all before lunch. After breaking for a hearty meal at a local venue, you’ll be ready for an afternoon filled with even stranger examples of this country’s bubbling geothermal roots. Like those twisted lava formations at Dimmuborgir, an imaginative landscape formed over 2,000 years ago and full of hardened lava lakes, natural arches and craggy grottoes. Then there’s the barren field of gurgling sulfur cauldrons and boiling mud pits at Namaskard, where you’ll be able to peer directly into the superheated heart of Iceland – catching a sulfurous whiff of the nasty brew that bubbles about beneath the ground no plant can survive in. Overall, few places on Earth are as curious.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hear the mighty “Waterfall of the Gods” – Godafoss – roar as it thunders over a wide horseshoe cliff.
- Visit the odd volcanic landscape of Skutustadir, where the craters look like something on the moon.
- Encounter extraordinary hardened lava castles and other ancient formations at Dimmuborgir.
- Tour a simmering landscape of active geothermal pits and cauldrons of Namaskard.
- Travel by comfortable coach with a seasoned guide, and enjoy a hearty midday lunch.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing including a water/wind proof jacket.
- Comfortable, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

If guest has any dietary restrictions, please inform the Destination Services desk upon embarkation. This tour includes approximately 2-1/2 hours of moderate walking/standing. The terrain visited includes some rough, uneven and sometimes muddy pathways. There are no handrails; guests are cautioned to take extra care. Tour includes visits to environmentally sensitive/fragile sites. Námaskarð is a geothermal area, hot springs contain water of extremely high heat. Waterfall can be viewed from coach. It is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

AEY-007 MYVATN NATURE BATHS

Date: Jul 10, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM, 10:00 AM

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$259.00



OVERVIEW

Kick back in true Icelandic style as you bathe in a soothing geothermal spa and marvel at an epic waterfall. Iceland’s splendorous natural phenomena – from roaring cascades to bubbling hot-water pools – play an oversized role in this small country’s legends and lifestyle. First this excursion will introduce you to thunderous Godafoss, a spectacular horseshoe-shaped waterfall with a seriously legendary past. After that, you’ll get acquainted with the centuries-old Viking habit of soaking convivially in pools of warm water drawn from deep within the earth. In addition to being wonderfully soothing, a steamy soak in the pool at luxurious Myvatn Nature Baths is

also health-promoting: the water’s blend of minerals, silicates and geothermal microorganisms is highly beneficial to the skin. You’ll have about 90 minutes to revel in the experience here; just enough to forget any care you might have ever had in mind. You’ll return by coach to the same ship you started from, a whole different person.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel from the pier by comfortable coach and admire and unspoiled northern landscape.
- Visit the famous “Waterfall of the Gods” – Godafoss – one of Iceland’s most impressive wonders.
- Spend a blissful while in hot water for real at Myvatn Nature Baths, a plush natural geothermal spa.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, weather-appropriate clothing including a water/wind proof jacket.
- Be sure to bring swimwear and towel.
- Comfortable, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1 hour of moderate walking/standing. The terrain at the falls includes some rough and sometimes muddy pathways, and surfaces at the baths are uneven and can be very slippery and challenging. There are no handrails; guests are cautioned to take extra care. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. Water temperatures vary at the baths; guests should enter pool(s) slowly and proceed with caution.

AEY-009 A TASTE OF AKUREYRI

Date: Jul 10, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$169.00



OVERVIEW

Enjoy a taste of Akureyri’s cultural past and culinary present on this short but wide-ranging excursion. Out in the idyllic countryside, you’ll visit the intriguing Laufás “turf house” – once the height of agricultural living style and now a regional museum packed with original implements and equipment essential to life in Iceland’s rural past. Back in the town center, your guide will point out the Danish and other architectural influences left behind from Akureyri’s trading past. At the Nonni Museum, see an exhibition commemorating the life and works of a beloved Icelandic children’s book author. Check out the modern Lutheran church that’s become a symbol of the city; its hilltop views of the fjord are second to none. Walk along Art Alley, brimming with workshops and galleries. And end up BláaKannan Café, renowned for its homemadeterta – a unique “tort” cake Icelanders serve on special occasions. Order up a slice – it goes great with coffee, tea or hot chocolate – and browse the rest of town at your leisure before returning to the ship.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit one of Iceland’s last “turf houses,” a building style remarkably well suited to the rural environment.
- Tour the childhood home of a beloved author who penned a dozen classics Iceland’s kids still read. .
- Stroll artisanal Art Alley and get commanding fjord views from a Akureyri’s signature hilltop church.
- Step inside BláaKannan Café, a local institution renowned for unique and tasty Icelandic “torts.”

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing including a water/wind proof jacket.
- Comfortable, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of walking. It is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

AEY-014 WHALE WATCHING FROM AKUREYRI

Date: Jul 10, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$189.00



OVERVIEW

Sail into the nutrient-rich waters of Iceland's longest fjord, looking for whales, dolphins and porpoises that feed here in abundance. Chances are, you will also spot colonies of puffins nesting in the rocky cliffs and diving for small fish. They are easy to identify by their bright orange beaks and short, stout wings. Still, whales are the star attractions. Species such as humpback, blue and minke whales frequent these waters to gorge on the abundant plankton and fish larvae carried in the coastal currents. You may also spot white-beaked dolphins and harbor porpoises. It is a breathtaking sight to see humpback whales acrobatically breaching the water's surface, waving their flukes up and down as they dive, and feeding to fatten up for their winter migration south. If blue whales surface to exhale, the spray from their blowholes will shoot about 30 feet into the air, so it will be quite the spectacle.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise a fjord where numerous species of whales, dolphins and porpoises feed.
- Watch the spectacle as the cetaceans breach the water's surface and then dive for food.
- Look for puffins nesting in the cliffs and feeding on small fish.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing, including a waterproof jacket.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes with non-slip soles.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes limited walking. The whale watching boat is not wheelchair accessible and therefore; the tour is not available to wheelchair guests. Those with mobility concerns must be able to enter and exit the boat with limited assistance and should carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Warm, weather appropriate clothing that should include a water/wind proof jacket; cap; sunglasses; and comfortable, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended. Sightings are not guaranteed.

AEY-015 CULTURAL HERITAGE, HORSES & NATURE

Date: Jul 10, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM
Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$249.00



OVERVIEW

Behold the natural beauty of northern Iceland and enjoy the cultural diversity by browsing a museum and watching an equestrian performance. A breathtakingly scenic drive will bring you to Goðafoss, the so-called "Waterfall of the Gods." According to legend, it was named for the statues of Nordic gods that a chieftain threw into the water when Iceland converted to Christianity. The turf-roofed Laufás Folk Museum will add a different perspective of the country, as it is filled with curious household and agricultural items from the 19th century. The Icelandic horse is even more unusual because it is the world's only breed that holds five gaits—walk, trot, gallop, tölt and the flying pace. While watching these strong-spirited horses perform at Brúnir Farm, you will understand why they are held in such high esteem. Back in Akureyri, you will meander through the world's northernmost botanical gardens. A surprising variety

of plants flourish there thanks to the area's warm microclimate.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hear the legend of Goðafoss waterfall while watching the thundering cascade.
- Browse a turf-roofed museum with a variety of enlightening 19th-century items.
- Watch a rare performance of Icelandic horses that highlights their unusual abilities.
- Walk through the world's northernmost botanical gardens.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in layers in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes with non-slip soles.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

AEY-008 POLAR FLIGHT TO GRIMSEY

Date: Jul 10, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM
Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$579.00



OVERVIEW

Fly to the tiny isle of Grimsey to explore this northernmost inhabited part of Iceland which straddles the Arctic Circle. The flight from Akureyri airport takes just half an hour, but Grimsey might as well be a million miles away. Barely 100 souls reside here, along with the occasional polar bear dropping by from a drifting ice floe. Years ago, Grimsey was larger – but large chunks of it have tumbled into the sea over time and its residents have learned to make do with a diminishing land mass. Subsistence itself can be a challenge as a result, with islanders relying on locally caught seafood, scant imported goods and the most prized of edible island delicacies: bird eggs snatched by brave rappellers who clamber down Grimsey's sheer sea cliffs during the brief summer. While mentioned in the earliest of Icelandic sagas, this miniscule outpost's big claim to fame came late in the 19th century when the locals' exceptional prowess at chess captured the outside world's attention. Go figure.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fly to a remote islet sitting astride the Arctic Circle and observe its unique lifestyle firsthand.
- Wander Grimsey's few streets, encounter its residents and wonder at how they manage to thrive here.
- See the island's signature lighthouse, a church built from driftwood and raucous colonies of puffins and other seabirds making a home along the cliffs.
- Step across the Arctic Circle yourself, so you can boast about it later to friends at shipboard dinner.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, weather-appropriate clothing including a water/wind proof jacket.
- Comfortable, flat walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1 hour of moderate walking/standing. The island's terrain includes some uneven, rough and gravel surfaces. This excursion is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns.

AEY-011 HRISEY ISLAND

Date: Jul 10, 2024 Time: 10:45 AM
Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$229.00



Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

OVERVIEW

Cross the fjord by ferry to tour an island filled with rustic charm and predator-free birdlife, then enjoy an Icelandic beer tasting. Hrisey Island is home to just about 200 human inhabitants who live in a quaint fishing village featuring paved streets, tidy gardens and super mountain views. But it does have crowds...of the feathered variety. Thanks to a total lack of foxes, minks and other egg hunters, winged locals live in a veritable island-wide sanctuary. During your two-hour guided tour, you'll have a chance to witness this – including the often-hilarious antics of the ptarmigan, so fearless they can sometimes be spotted strolling down main street. You'll range the isle aboard a farm-style wagon, a traditional but certainly unconventional mode of transport. Back on the mainland, a beer tasting at KaldiBjor Brewery (that means Cold Beer Brewery in the local parlance) will provide a bit of Icelandic chilled pleasure before the coach ride back to the pier. "Skál," as they

HIGHLIGHTS

- Follow the shoreline by coach, then hop aboard an island ferry for the 15-minute ride to Hrisey.
- Tour this unspoiled island by traditional farm wagon with a seasoned guide.
- Encounter the many varieties of bird who enjoy safe sanctuary here, including the comical ptarmigan.
- Toast the peaceful wonder of Iceland over a beer tasting at a well-known mainland brewery.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered clothing with a water/wind proof outer layer.
- Flat, sturdy shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This excursion is not available to wheelchair guests and not considered suitable for those with mobility concerns. There is limited walking involved, but guests must be able to make their way on and off the ferry with limited assistance and be able to climb aboard the wagon in Hrisey. The ferry transfer can be cold and the wagon ride is uncovered. Those with asthma or grass allergies should be aware that the wagon ride will travel through areas surrounded by high vegetation, and those prone to motion sickness should take the necessary precautions. Bird and wildlife sightings are likely, but not guaranteed. Minimum age for beer tasting is 20 years old.

Seydisfjordur, Iceland

SFD-001 OS-A STEP BACK IN TIME

Date: Jul 11, 2024 **Time:** 10:00 AM
Duration: 5.00 Hrs **Price:** \$319.00



OVERVIEW

Experience the joys of a simpler rural life at a wilderness center at the edge of the most extensive highlands in Northern Europe. Even the journey there will be spectacularly scenic, as you will drive through a mountainous terrain of dense forests, thundering waterfalls and an enormous lake that a glacier created long ago. Upon reaching the Wilderness Center, you will browse exhibits that showcase the struggles of life on the farm where the center now stands. The museum dioramas are especially insightful, as they accurately depict the challenges of the area's earliest settlers, who embraced the natural world rather than trying to control it. As you meander about, you may see adventurers returning from hiking through the wilderness and horseback riding and others simply enjoying the pristine setting. Later, you will pass through Iceland's largest national forest, which contains indigenous trees and exotics brought from more than 175

locations around the world.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Browse a wilderness center that depicts the challenges that Iceland's rural settlers faced.
- Gain an appreciation for the joys and hardships of living in the remote natural world.
- Drive through Iceland's largest national forest, a protected natural wonderland.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1.5 hour of walking on gravel and grass with approximately 16 steps to negotiate at the Wilderness Exhibitions. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate, warm layered clothing and comfortable, flat, sturdy walking shoes are suggested.

SFD-002 OS-BOAT TOUR TO SKLANES BIRD CLIFF

Date: Jul 11, 2024 **Time:** 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 01:00 PM **OS**

Duration: 2.00 Hrs **Price:** \$379.00

OVERVIEW

Cruise Seyðisfjörður's namesake fjord through some of the most extraordinary countryside in east Iceland, stopping along the way to observe the natural beauty and wildlife. The fjord is more than 10 miles long and couldn't be more photogenic. While you will see the remains of the now-abandoned fishing village of Brimnes and a lone farm here and there, most of the scenery will be undeveloped and uninhabited. You can expect to pass thundering waterfalls spilling over the cliffs that line the fjord and forests blanketing the distant mountains. During a stop at Dwarf's Rock, you will hear the legend of how this oddly shaped pointed boulder came to rest at its present location. The area is a breeding ground for black-legged kittiwakes, a coastal bird that nests on steep cliffs. Puffins are even more common, and you can expect to see hundreds of them nesting among the huge colony of seabirds at Skálene cliff.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise through a stunningly beautiful fjord where nature rules supreme.
- Hear the legend of Dwarf's Rock, which is now a breeding ground for kittiwakes.
- Observe an enormous colony of seabirds such as puffins that nest at Skálene cliff.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 20 minutes of walking to/from the boat. Participants should be able to navigate 5 steps to board the boat, there is no restroom available. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate, warm layered clothing and comfortable, flat, non-slippery walking shoes are suggested. Sightings of sea birds are not guaranteed after mid-August as it depends on both season and weather.

SFD-004 EASTERN FJORDS OF ICELAND

Date: Jul 11, 2024 **Time:** 10:00 AM
Duration: 5.00 Hrs **Price:** \$199.00



Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW Browse several outstanding museums in the eastern fjord country and admire the immense natural beauty between attractions. Along the way, you will pause for photos at Fjarðarheiði, a natural pass through the heath-covered mountains. It leads to Neskaupsstaður, where you will visit the Museum House, a single building that holds collections that focus on three completely different subjects. Exhibits depict natural history, seafaring life and the works of a local painter that was a pioneer in Icelandic pop art. Over refreshments at the Hildibrand Hotel, you might discuss what you have seen. On a neighboring fjord, you will find the village of Eskifjörður and its esteemed East Icelandic Maritime Museum. The building was constructed in 1816 as a general store. Besides fishing exhibits, the museum displays an unexpected collection of medical items. Another photo opportunity awaits you at Hólmanes peninsula, a seaside setting that becomes especially hypnotic when the fog rolls in.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel through the heart of the eastern fjord country and admirVisit a museum that holds three vastly different collections that depict the area's diversity.
- Browse the East Icelandic Maritime Museum to better understand the local seafaring life.
- Gaze out over the ocean from atop the wild, immensely scenic Hólmanes peninsula.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking on pavement, uneven ground, gravel, slopes and about 15 steps. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair or to those with walking difficulties. Casual, weather-appropriate, warm layered clothing and comfortable, flat, sturdy walking shoes are suggested.

SFD-005 OS-IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE ELVES

Date: Jul 11, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM
Duration: 7.00 Hrs Price: \$339.00



OVERVIEW

Explore a somewhat remote area supposedly inhabited by elves and hear tales of how the little "hidden people" have come to the aid of Icelanders. The farther you venture along the winding road from Seyðisfjörður, the more dramatic and isolated the terrain. You will see just how secluded this part of Iceland can be while pausing at Njarðvíkurskriður. A cliffside cross there marks the spot where, according to legend, a monster that attacked travelers fell into the sea. You will hear more folkloric tales in the teeny village of Bakkagerði and at the rocky hill Álfaborg, where locals claim the queen of Icelandic elves lives. One of the country's foremost 20th-century artists painted the altarpiece at a nearby church. Still, few sights compare to Hafnarhólm, a birdwatcher's paradise. The observation platform will afford you an excellent view of nesting puffins, fulmars and kittiwakes; the latter being loud gulls named for their nasal "ki-ti-waak" callnotes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel through terrain where elves supposedly live because it's so remote and primeval.
- Hear tales about elves, the so-called "hidden people," that have helped those in need.
- Observe nesting seabirds such as puffins and fulmars from an elevated viewing platform.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.

- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of walking on pavement, gravel, boardwalk and a total of 45 steps. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair and not recommended for those with walking difficulties. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate, warm layered clothing and comfortable, flat, sturdy walking shoes are suggested.

SFD-007 SEYDISFJORDUR TOWN WALK

Date: Jul 11, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 01:00 PM
Duration: 2.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

Walk through the heart of Seyðisfjörður, a town of just 700 people at the innermost point of the fjord of the same name. As you proceed past the town's characteristic chalet-style wooden homes, you will learn how Seyðisfjörður was settled in the mid-1800s by herring fishermen who prospered from the fjord's sheltered, easy-to-fish waters. Upon reaching the iconic Blue Church, you will be treated to a recital of Icelandic melodies. Another landmark in town is the Avalanche Memorial, an intriguing outdoor sculpture created with mangled white girders from a local fish factory that a 1996 avalanche heavily damaged. Although no one was injured, dozens of residents were killed in the 1885 avalanche that the memorial honors. For a town of so few people, Seyðisfjörður has a thriving art community. You will pass the former home of beloved folk artist Ásgeir Emilsson on the way to the Skaffell Center for Visual Art, where you will see a collection of modern multi-media works.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a leisurely walk through Seyðisfjörður as the guide describes the landmarks.
- Attend a recital of Icelandic melodies at the architecturally distinct Blue Church.
- Visit a memorial that honors the local residents that died in a 19th-century avalanche.
- View a modern collection of art at the esteemed Skaffell Center for Visual Art.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1.5 hours of walking on flat surfaces for about 3 miles (5 km) and 6 steps to enter the Church, there is no ramp. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate, warm layered clothing and comfortable, flat, sturdy walking shoes are suggested

SFD-008 OS-SKLANES NATURE RESERVE

Date: Jul 11, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM
Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$289.00



OVERVIEW

Meander through a nature reserve and research center in Skálenes and learn about the flora and fauna that flourish in this extraordinary landscape. Chances are, you will see scientists and university students studying the various ecosystems and excavating archaeological sites such as the abandoned farm Thorarinsstaðir, one of more than 80 such sites in the reserve. As you might imagine, wildlife is abundant, especially coastal birds. You can expect to see golden plovers, black-tailed godwits and perhaps gyrfalcons, a magnificent but threatened species that is

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Iceland's national bird. Be sure to ask how the fluffy down feathers of eider ducks are collected and sewn into duvets on site. It is a fascinating process that doesn't impact the birds at all. If you are lucky, you may also spot reindeer and arctic foxes from the surrounding mountains. Regardless of where you wander, you will behold some of the most spectacular and pristine countryside in east Iceland.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Observe a huge variety of coastal birds at the Skálenes Nature Reserve.
- Discover why so many species of birds are attracted to this natural habitat.
- Learn about what's being unearthed in the dozens of archaeological digs in the area.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour requires a moderate amount of activity and participants should be in good physical condition. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair or to those with walking difficulties. It includes approximately 1 hour of walking for about 1 mile (1.5 km). Participants must be able to manage a high step to get on/off the vehicle. The hike is optional but strongly recommended. There is an elevation of approximately 130 feet (35-40 meters) up to a viewing platform. Casual, weather-appropriate, warm layered clothing and comfortable, flat, sturdy walking shoes are suggested.

SFD-009 OS-VISIT THE TINIEST TOWN IN ICELAND

Date: Jul 11, 2024 **Time: 10:00 AM**
Duration: 4.50 Hrs **Price: \$469.00**



OVERVIEW

Enjoy an adventurous ride through some of east Iceland's most beautiful countryside to the miniscule town of Brekka. To reach this municipal curiosity, you will travel inland, stopping along the way atop a mountain pass to take in the magnificent scenery. Not far away, you will find Egilsstaðir, the largest town in east Iceland. Its population is only about 2,500, so you can imagine the size of Brekka, the country's tiniest town. It overlooks the narrow fjord Mjóifjörður and is actually just a few small buildings clustered around the waterfront. Even so, it is well worth a visit because of the pristine setting, which boasts a spectacular row of waterfalls nearby. Brekka perches on a part of the fjord that is home to an abundance of birds, particularly the powerful Great Northern Diver, which is known elsewhere as the Common Loon. It is thought to be the world's oldest species of bird.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive through wonderfully picturesque eastern Iceland.
- See Brekka, Iceland's smallest town, which perches on the edge of a narrow fjord.
- Look for seabirds such as the Great Northern Diver, which thrive in this remote setting.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes minimal walking on uneven terrain, gravel, grass. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Participants must be at least 6 years of age and able to manage one high step to get on/off the vehicle. This tour is not recommended for

guests with back, hip or neck injuries, those who suffer motion sickness/vertigo or pregnant women. Vehicles have no air-conditioning. Large families/groups may be split into different vehicles. Casual, weather-appropriate, warm layered clothing and comfortable, flat, sturdy walking shoes are suggested.

SFD-010 OS-VK NATURE BATHS

Date: Jul 11, 2024 **Time: 10:00 AM, 01:00 PM**
Duration: 3.00 Hrs **Price: \$269.00**



OVERVIEW

Soak in the soothing geothermal waters rising from the bottom of Lake Urriðavatn, an unparalleled experience as the two Vök baths are Iceland's only floating pools. You will notice that the pool water is crystal-clear; in fact, it is so pristine that it is considered the purest spring water in Iceland and the only spring water certified to drink. Before the baths were constructed, the geothermal water streaming to the surface left melted holes in the thick ice. Centuries ago, people believed that a monster lived at the bottom of the lake and melted the ice. That legend gave rise to the origin of the name Vök, which means "melted ice holes." The setting will be nearly as relaxing as soaking in the baths, as the surrounding wilderness has been respectfully left undisturbed. If you want to dine on your own, soups and salads are available, as well as tea and craft beers produced with water from the spring.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ease into the relaxing geothermal waters in the Vok nature baths.
- Hear the legend that gave rise to the name "Vok," which means "melted ice holes."
- Enjoy a light meal and drink on your own if you wish.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Bring a towel and swimsuit.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This is a non-guided transfer to/from Vök. It includes limited walking, mainly at the guest's discretion. Walking is on paved surfaces and wooden paths which are usually wet and slippery. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Vök Baths have a strict code of hygiene, all guests are required to shower without swimwear before entering the lagoon. Guests need to bring a towel and swimsuit. Casual, weather-appropriate, warm layered clothing and comfortable, flat, non-slippery walking shoes are suggested.

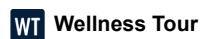
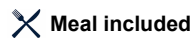
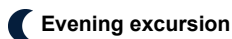
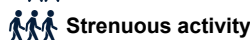
SFD-011 HORSES & NATURE

Date: Jul 11, 2024 **Time: 10:00 AM**
Duration: 4.50 Hrs **Price: \$389.00**



OVERVIEW

Iceland is not only famous for its spectacular landscape, history and culture – its horses have also been the subject of much praise and attention. Enjoy this horseback riding tour in the unique landscape of the largest wilderness in Northern Europe with a stop at an abandoned farm. No prior riding experience is required and all necessary equipment is provided. This horseback riding tour at the family run farm Skorrahestar is a unique experience where history, nature, friendly horses and good company are rolled into one. We will start our journey with a scenic drive to the horse farm. At the farm you will first get an insight into the story of the remarkable Icelandic horse breed, which was brought to Iceland by the first settlers. The breed has now been bred pure in Iceland for more than 1,000 years. Whether on the farm or for overland transport, the horse has



been the trusty companion of the Icelanders through the centuries, and even today farmers ride into the highlands to round up their sheep in autumn. The horses are a small, sturdy breed, famed for its five gaits: in addition to the walk, trot and gallop, Icelandic horses may have the tölt (a smooth run) and skeið (flying pace). Your riding tour will take you along a river plentiful of waterfalls, the river runs through a striking valley in the area. During your ride you will get to try one of the two special gates of the Icelandic horse, the tölt, with guidance from your local guide. All guides are born and raised in the area, have excellent story-telling skills and will tell you all about the local history and the nature during the tour. This tour is a great way to get to know the unique Icelandic horse, enjoy the unspoiled nature and get a taste of Icelandic folklore and history along the way.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride an ancient breed of horse through the wild Icelandic highlands.
- Gain an appreciation for the purity of this rare breed of horse, which is fiercely protected.
- Meet local farmers.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This is a non-guided transfer to the horse farm. . It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair or to those with limited mobility. It includes approximately 1.5 hours of horseback riding, little or no riding experience is required. Participants must be in good health, have a maximum weight of 240 lbs. (110 kg), must be at least 8 years of age and accompanied by a participating adult. Pregnant woman cannot participate. Terrain is gravel, grass, muddy. Riding gear will be provided. Personal riding gear (boots, trousers, jackets, gloves, etc.) needs to be disinfected before arriving in Iceland. Casual, weather-appropriate, warm layered clothing and comfortable, flat, sturdy walking shoes are suggested.

SFD-003 CHASING WATERFALLS

Date: Jul 11, 2024 Time: 10:30 AM, 02:00 PM
Duration: 2.50 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

Enjoy a leisurely hike through the grassy Vestdalur Valley, stopping along the way to admire the landscape’s stunning natural beauty. The valley is known in particular for its glorious waterfalls, which eventually spill into the Vestdala River and on into the pristine fjord. Being a protected nature reserve, the valley is largely undeveloped, although you may see a small homestead or two as you head to the abandoned town of Vestdalseyri. It was originally a whaling station, but has been uninhabited since 1963. As you follow the winding trail through the gently rolling hills, the guide will point out the most noteworthy sights and provide enlightening commentary about the flora, fauna and history of the valley. Chances are, you will see birds such as eider ducks and geese and wild horses grazing in the fields. The fjord below will almost always be in sight, making a gorgeous backdrop for photos.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike through verdant Vestdalur Valley, a gorgeous nature reserve known for its waterfalls.
- Explore a former whaling station that has been abandoned for more than 50 years.
- Learn about the abundant flora and fauna, which the guide will describe in detail.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking, a distance of about 2.5 miles (4 km) and a maximum elevation of 656 feet (200 meters). Terrain is uneven, grass, meadow, fields. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair or to those with walking difficulties. Casual, weather-appropriate, warm layered clothing and comfortable, flat, sturdy hiking shoes are suggested.

SFD-006 SCENIC EAST

Date: Jul 11, 2024 Time: 10:30 AM
Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

Marvel at the spectacular natural beauty of east Iceland, a largely undeveloped but vast landscape where less than 4% of country’s entire population lives. Nature rules here, as you will discover while driving along the extraordinarily scenic coastlines and narrow fjords. During a photo stop at the mountain pass at Fjarðarheiði, it will be easy to imagine just how difficult travel once was in this remote part of Iceland. Not far away in Lagarfljót Lake, you will see where a Loch Ness monster-type creature has supposedly been sighted since the 1400s. For a more detailed and accurate look into the area’s natural history, you will browse the Snæfellsstofa Visitor Center within the Vatnajökull National Park. A cultural museum stands nearby in the former home of celebrated Icelandic author Gunnar Gunnarsson, which doubles as a retreat for writers. Other highlights include a 14th-century parsonage that holds a revered chalice and Hallormsstaður, Iceland’s largest forest.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive through the gorgeous, almost entirely undeveloped landscape of eastern Iceland.
- Pause for photos at elevated viewpoints where nature’s beauty is on full display.
- See the lake where a Loch Ness-like creature has supposedly been spotted for centuries.
- Visit a 14th-century parsonage and browse natural history exhibits in a national park.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of walking on pavement, gravel, grass and a total of 48 steps. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair and not recommended for those with walking difficulties. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate, warm layered clothing and comfortable, flat, sturdy walking shoes are suggested.

Djupivogur, Iceland

DJU-003 SPECTACULAR COASTAL DRIVE & VOK

Date: Jul 12, 2024 Time: 07:30 AM
Duration: 8.75 Hrs Price: \$529.00



OVERVIEW

Drive along eastern Iceland’s dramatic coast and stop at manmade and natural attractions that lend great insight into the culture and history. You will initially visit two museums, one displaying rocks and minerals that a passionate resident collected over eight decades, the other concentrating on photography of the aurora borealis, better known as the Northern Lights. Both are outstanding. Even so, nothing quite compares to

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experiencing the wonders of nature firsthand. While standing atop the outlook at Hólmanes, you will enjoy a panoramic view of the peninsular nature reserve and perhaps spot free-roaming reindeer. Although it is unlikely that you will see the Loch Ness-like creature said to live in Lagarfljót, Iceland's third-largest lake, the views will still be fantastic. The attraction at Vök Baths is its geothermally heated infinity pools, which float in Lake Urriðavtn. While soaking in the mineral-rich waters, you will feel a great sense of relaxation.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive along the eastern coast of Iceland, an area renowned for its stunning natural beauty.
- Browse a museum of rocks and minerals and a museum focused on the Northern Lights.
- Enjoy sweeping views of gorgeous Hólmanes peninsula and Iceland's third-largest lake.
- Relax in the floating, geothermally heated infinity pools at Vök Baths.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE Weather appropriate clothing including a light jacket or sweater; sun glasses; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

DJU-004 VATNAJOKULL GLACIER & JOKULSARLON CRUISE

Date: Jul 12, 2024 Time: 07:30 AM
Duration: 9.00 Hrs Price: \$999.00



OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW Release your inner explorer on two exhilarating adventures – driving across Europe's largest glacial ice cap and cruising across Iceland's deepest lake. The scenery will be extraordinarily majestic the entire way, but it becomes especially dramatic as you follow a tortuous road up the glacial tongue that leads to the massive Vatnajökull ice cap. Parts of it are white-knuckle thrilling and to continue on you must switch to a special off-road vehicle. You can expect to be absolutely awed by the haunting beauty of this primeval scenery. Although the ice is about 1,300 feet thick throughout the ice cap, numerous active volcanoes lurk beneath the surface, the last one erupting in 2004. Following lunch in a glacial hut, you will head for Jökulsárlón, a lake that a retreating glacier created and filled with meltwater. You will cruise past icebergs that have broken off the glacier and probably see seals resting atop them.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive across Europe's largest ice cap in a vehicle made for off-road adventure.
- Be awed by the mountainous glacial landscape covered in ice 1,300 feet deep.
- Cruise Iceland's deepest lake, the source of which is glacial meltwater and seawater.
- Behold the glorious glacial scenery and look for wildlife such seals and seabirds.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

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DJU-001 CULTURAL WALK IN DJUPIVOGUR

Date: Jul 12, 2024 Time: 08:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 02:00 PM
Duration: 2.00 Hrs Price: \$149.00



OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW Take a leisurely walk through Djúpvogur with a focus on its cultural side, which is quite extensive considering that there are only about 500 residents. As far back as 1589, this area was a trading center and the village's oldest warehouse is now the cultural center. But that isn't the only attraction that highlights Djúpvogur's past. At the Audunn Mineral Shop, you will get a glimpse at geological marvels such as a massive boulder sawed in half to reveal a center of agate, quartz and zeolite. It is the biggest such stone in Iceland. Perhaps even more unusual are the 34 large granite eggs perched on concrete pedestals at Merry Bay. A local artist created them in honor of the 34 species of native birds that nest in the area. The Tank is another unexpected cultural venue. This old fish oil tank is now used for art exhibitions and concerts.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy an enlightening walk through Djúpvogur that highlights its cultural attractions.
- Stop at an outdoor art installation of oversized granite bird eggs along the bay.
- See how an old fish oil tank has been converted into an exhibition area for art and music.
- Browse a collection of minerals and rocks that a local resident spent decades gathering.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE This is a walking tour, it is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Weather appropriate clothing including a light jacket or sweater; sun glasses; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

DJU-005 RURAL EAST ICELAND

Date: Jul 12, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM
Duration: 6.00 Hrs Price: \$379.00



OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW Drink in the gorgeous natural beauty of eastern Iceland on a panoramic drive through its wild rugged terrain with enlightening stops along the way. While traveling down the coast, you will pass a number of picturesque solitary farms that attest to the independent spirit of the people that inhabit these remote areas. At the Nyheimar cultural center Höfn, you will learn a bit about the region's geology and glaciers, which will be particularly relevant during the stop in the lagoon at the foot of Heinabergsjökull Glacier. This is sliding glacier that is descending from southeast side of famous Vatnajökull national park with the spectacular glacier lake and it is hidden gem of southeast Iceland. The icebergs in the lagoon broke off the outer edge of the glacier in a process known as calving. You can expect to see real calves and purebred Icelandic horses at a nearby farm. The horses are revered for their unique gaits, which ensure a fluid ride.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel through the wild hinterlands of eastern Iceland, which is incredibly picturesque.
- Behold a lagoon that meltwater from a retreating glacier created over the last century.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

- Visit a farm that raises purebred Icelandic horses and other domesticated animals.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

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Torshavn (Faroe Islands), Denmark

TAN-001 TORSHAVN - THE CAPITAL

Date: Jul 13, 2024 Time: 11:31 AM

Date: Jul 14, 2024 Time: 09:31 AM

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Explore the historical district of Tinganes in the diminutive capital of the Faroe Islands for a revealing glimpse into Tórshavn’s past. Once the home of the parliament for more than 1,000 years, Tinganes was rebuilt in the late 1600s following a devastating fire. Although the prime minister’s office is still located there, most of the buildings are stone-and-timber, red-painted residences with grass-covered roofs. Tinganes exudes charm, especially along the winding streets in the center of the district. Not far away, you will find Fort Skansin, which was built in the 16th century to protect Tórshavn from pirate attacks. The older cannons there are Danish, the newer ones are from World War II. You will also visit the Nordic House, a glass-and-steel cultural center with a contemporary design—except for its turf roof. The other modern sections of Tórshavn are just as alluring and provide a perspective that belies the capital’s founding in the 13th century and even longer history.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the most historical district of Tórshavn, an area that the Vikings settled.
- View where the original parliament met for more than 1,000 years.
- Visit a 16th-century fort that was further fortified during World War II.
- Enjoy the contrast of contemporary Tórshavn set against its turf-roofed Old Town.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Guests will have to negotiate steps and uneven surfaces. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.

TAN-001OE OE-TORSHAVN - THE CAPITAL

Date: Jul 13, 2024 Time: 11:31 AM

Date: Jul 14, 2024 Time: 09:31 AM

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

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HELPFUL HINTS

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TAN-002 NATURAL WONDERS OF NORTHERN EYSTUROY

Date: Jul 13, 2024 Time: 11:31 AM

Date: Jul 14, 2024 Time: 09:31 AM

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

Marvel at the natural beauty of the Faroes on a panoramic tour of the majestic mountains and pristine waterways on volcanically formed Eysturoy Island. As you follow a circuitous route north, you will pass a whaling station in Air that was abandoned decades ago and then cross a bridge that spans the narrow channel of Sundini, where you will pause to gaze down at the swirling eddies that the strong current form. The bridge connects the larger, more populous island of Streymoy, where Tórshavn is located, to the rural island of Eysturoy. The natural highlights on the latter include the tallest mountain in the Faroes, steep-walled Gjógv Gorge and the Giant and the Hag, two oddly shaped rock formations just offshore. Be sure to ask the guide about the legends behind them. To enhance your understanding of Eysturoy’s rural lifestyle, you will pass idyllic villages such as Eiði, a setting that offers magnificent views of the fjord.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See the natural wonders of the Faroes, in particular those on wild Eysturoy Island.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

- Admire the Faroes' highest mountain, a deep seaside gorge and two sea stacks.
- Pause at a bridge spanning two islands and view the strong eddies swirling below.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking mainly at the guest's discretion. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can both make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.

TAN-002OE OE-NATURAL WONDERS OF NORTHERN EYSTUROY

Date: Jul 13, 2024 Time: 11:31 AM

Date: Jul 14, 2024 Time: 09:31 AM

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

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TAN-003 VESTMANNA SEA CLIFFS

Date: Jul 13, 2024 Time: 11:31 AM

Date: Jul 14, 2024 Time: 09:31 AM



Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$259.00

OVERVIEW

Cruise to the dramatic Vestmanna sea cliffs, where thousands of birds nest for the summer. The name Vestmanna means "men from the west," supposedly a reference to the Irish monks that settled there more than 1,000 years ago. Still wild and wonderful, the area is known more for its birdlife than the village of Vestmanna, home to one of the first hydroelectric power plants in the Faroes. As you approach the craggy, weather-beaten sea cliffs, you can expect to see puffins, guillemots, fulmars and kittiwakes nesting among the rocks. The sounds of the birds and the rush of the sea will be mesmerizing. In time, the boat will enter a narrow, steeped-walled notch in the cliffs, where you may catch sight of sheep grazing above. You will also cruise into a small grotto, where you will be engulfed in total darkness, the dominant sound being the steady drip of moisture from the grotto ceiling.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gaze up at thousands of sea birds nesting in the craggy Vestmanna sea cliffs.
- Observe puffins, guillemots and other seabirds and perhaps even sheep grazing above.
- Cruise through a steep-walled notch in the cliffs and into a grotto void of light.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, weather-appropriate clothing; include a waterproof jacket and bag if available.
- Flat, non-slip shoes are recommended.

PLEASE NOTE

Guests may get wet from sea spray, especially if the seas are somewhat rough. Consequently, guests should take precautionary measures to protect themselves and their camera equipment.

TAN-004 SCENIC TORSHAVN

Date: Jul 13, 2024 Time: 11:31 AM

Date: Jul 14, 2024 Time: 09:31 AM

Duration: 2.00 Hrs Price: \$159.00



OVERVIEW

Discover the immense beauty of the Tórshavn area while driving through Streymoy Island and its picturesque North Valley. For the ultimate view of Tórshavn, the winsome capital of the Faroe Islands, you will pause at a lookout on the outskirts of town. From this vantage point, you can easily make out the historical Tinganes district and the rocky peninsula where the parliament met for more than 1,000 years. The countryside will soon become more rural, giving way to open pastures with grazing sheep. Be sure to notice the stone cairns stacked along the footpaths that mark the way between villages. They date to ancient times. You will pause again for photos of the beautiful North Valley before entering an even more dramatic landscape known for its fjords. As wild as the terrain is at times, modern technology has still made its mark, as you will discover while driving through a tunnel nearly two miles long.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gaze out over Tórshavn from a lookout before exploring the natural beauty beyond.
- See ancient stone cairns that mark the way between villages.
- Marvel at the boundless beauty in the North Valley and the pristine fjords nearby.
- Drive through a tunnel that cuts nearly two miles through a mountain outside Tórshavn.

HELPFUL HINTS

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; include a rain jacket or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is panoramic in nature with limited optional walking at the stops. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, and those with mobility concerns are cautioned only to participate to the extent of their personal stamina and ability. The order of sites visited or viewed may vary.

TAN-004OE OE-SCENIC TORSHAVN

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OVERVIEW

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TAN-005 KIRKJUBOUR & TORSHAVN WALK

Date: Jul 13, 2024 Time: 11:31 AM

Date: Jul 14, 2024 Time: 09:31 AM

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$109.00



OVERVIEW

Delve into the early history of the Faroe Islands in the village of Kirkjubøur as a prelude to exploring the oldest section of Tórshavn. Kirkjubøur was among the first areas settled in the Faroes and became an important

religious and cultural center in the Middle Ages. The imposing ruins of the 13th-century Saint Magnus Cathedral stand as a reminder of that period, and as you will see it still dominates Kirkjubøur. You will gain a different historical perspective at the turf-roofed Roystova Farmhouse Museum, which was built about two centuries earlier, making it one of the oldest wooden buildings in Europe. The wood is supposedly driftwood from Norway as there are no forests in the volcanically formed Faroes. The same family has occupied the farm for 17 generations. To further enhance your understanding of the islands, you will take a leisurely walk through Tinganes, the historical heart of Tórshavn, the delightful capital of the self-governing Faroes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the village of Kirkjubøur, which gained prominence in the Middle Ages.
- Visit a turf-roofed farmhouse museum that is one of Europe's oldest wooden buildings.
- Meander through Tinganes, the oldest section of Tórshavn.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; include a rain jacket or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about two hours of moderate walking with some uneven surfaces, steps and a small incline to negotiate. It is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns should evaluate their stamina and ability before joining the tour. The order of the sights viewed or visited may vary.

TAN-006 SAKSUN & KOLLAFJORDUR

Date: Jul 13, 2024 Time: 11:31 AM

Date: Jul 14, 2024 Time: 09:31 AM

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$119.00



OVERVIEW

Travel through the immensely picturesque countryside of Streymoy Island with enlightening stops to view the highlights in the villages of Kollafjörður and Saksun. You will follow a circuitous route through a volcanically formed landscape that couldn't be more naturally beautiful. Upon reaching Kollafjörður, you will visit a church constructed in 1837 in the heart of town. Like many of the buildings from that time period, it features a grass roof, black-tarred wood, a white stone foundation and a modest clocktower. To reach remote Saksun, you will follow a stream deep into the mountains. Only a few dozen people live there and the main attraction is its gorgeous setting, as Saksun sits in a natural amphitheater overlooking the tidal lagoon. While browsing a farmhouse from the Middle Ages, you will gain an understanding of early life there. More spectacular mountain and fjord views will await you before pausing once again to view Tórshavn from a scenic overlook.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Follow a wonderfully circuitous road through the gorgeous hinterlands of Streymoy Island.
- Visit a 19th-century church in Kollafjörður with a design emblematic of that time period.
- Browse a farmhouse from the Middle Ages in a tiny and remote mountain village.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; include a rain jacket or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about one hour of moderate walking with some uneven surfaces, steps and a small incline to negotiate. It is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns should evaluate their stamina and ability before joining the tour. The order of the sights viewed or visited may vary.

TAN-007 PANORAMIC TORSHAVN & VILLAGES

Date: Jul 13, 2024 Time: 11:31 AM
Date: Jul 14, 2024 Time: 09:31 AM
Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$89.00



OVERVIEW

Take in the natural beauty of Streymoy Island from elevated viewpoints and by traveling into the less-populated areas where the terrain has changed little over the centuries. Although you will drive through historical Tinganes, where the parliament met for more than 1,000 years, and pause at a lookout above Tórshavn harbor, most of this excursion celebrates nature. Not far from town, you can still see the ancient stone cairns that mark the footpaths between villages, a reminder that time has stood still throughout much of the Faroe Islands. Another brief stop for photos will be made in Nordradalur Valley, from which you can see Koltur Island on a clear day. Deeper in the valley, you will be treated to spectacular views of the fjords below and hand-hewn stone salmon ladders that lead to Lake Leynar.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire the stunning natural beauty of Streymoy Island from various viewpoints.
- See ancient stone cairns that mark the way between villages.
- Take in the sweeping views of Nordradalur Valley and the dramatic fjords below.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; include a rain jacket or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about one hour of moderate walking with some uneven surfaces, steps and a small incline to negotiate. It is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns should evaluate their stamina and ability before joining the tour. The order of the sights viewed or visited may vary.

TAN-009 STREYMOY MOUNTAIN HIKE

Date: Jul 13, 2024 Time: 11:31 AM
Date: Jul 14, 2024 Time: 09:31 AM
Duration: 3.25 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Follow a trail through the volcanic terrain on Streymoy Island to the summit of a mountain that will offer breathtaking views of the natural wonders below. As an introduction to the island's beauty, you will follow a coastal road along Kaldbak fjord, where you can expect to see spectacular waterfalls and sheep lazing about the pastures. Although this part of the Faroes was inhabited in the 11th century, it wasn't until 1980 that the village of Kaldbak was even connected to the main road system. That remoteness is much of its charm. Your hike will begin at a column of basalt that defines the Streymoy sill, a geological phenomenon that an ancient volcanic eruption left behind. As you ascend to the mountain top, you will enjoy sweeping views of the hauntingly beautiful landscape below. It will be quite the sight in every direction. The island due west is Vágur, home to the only airport in the Faroe Islands.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike through the sometimes stark but always beautiful terrain of Streymoy Island.
- Ascend to the summit of a mountain for the ultimate view of the surrounding landscape.
- See waterfalls, mountain lakes and clear evidence of the island's volcanic formation.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered clothing.
- Sturdy, comfortable hiking or walking shoes are essential.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about two hours of moderate hiking with uneven surfaces, natural terrain and inclines to negotiate. It is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns should evaluate their stamina and ability before joining the tour. Participants should be in good physical condition. This tour is subject to cancellation due to weather.

TAN-010 THE ISLAND OF VAGAR

Date: Jul 13, 2024 Time: 11:31 AM
Date: Jul 14, 2024 Time: 09:31 AM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Gain an understanding of village life on naturally beautiful Vagar, one of the Faroes' westernmost islands. To reach Vagar from Streymoy, you will drive through a modern, three-mile-long tunnel beneath the sea, a journey that was once only possible by ferry. Upon arriving on Vagar, the guide will point out the attractions and describe the local history. Like the residents throughout the Faroes, many of the people are descendants of the Norwegian Vikings that colonized the islands around the 9th century. You will get a good sense of daily life in villages such as Sandavágur, where you will visit red-roofed Midvágur church, and in Bøur, a coastal setting with classic sod-roofed buildings with black-tarred wooden walls. The latter offers a wonderful view of the Tindhølmur and Mykines islands, which lie even farther west. A drive through a tunnel blasted out of the mountain will bring you to the tiny village of Gasadalur, which perches at the edge of a seaside cliff.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive through two modern tunnels, one under the sea, the other blasted out of a mountain.
- Explore several villages on Vagar and get a feel for the island's daily life.
- Marvel at the natural beauty throughout Vagar, a land of waterfalls and rugged mountains.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; include a rain jacket or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about one hour of moderate walking with some uneven surfaces and small hills to negotiate. It is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns should evaluate their stamina and ability before joining the tour. The order of the sights viewed or visited may vary.

Heimaey, Iceland

HEI-007 LAVA WALK WITH LOCALS

Date: Jul 16, 2024 Time: 09:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 02:00 PM
Duration: 2.50 Hrs Price: \$129.00



Minimal activity

Moderate activity

OE Oceania Exclusive

BB Beyond Blueprints

GG Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

OS Oceania Select

CD Culinary Discovery

GL Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

FW Food & Wine Trails

WT Wellness Tour

OVERVIEW

Walk through Vestmannaeyjar, the only town on Heimaey Island, with a local guide that will describe the area's history and key attractions. You will begin at the harbor, which was nearly destroyed in the catastrophic 1973 volcanic eruption – the island's only eruption in recorded history. Hundreds of homes were engulfed in lava and hot ash, and the population of about 5,000 had to be evacuated. The lava flowed for six months, but its progress was slowed and controlled by pumping seawater on its leading edges. That enormous undertaking saved the town. You will have the opportunity to walk across the now hardened lava field and see remnants of the houses that the eruption buried. From this unique vantage point, you will enjoy a sweeping view of Vestmannaeyjar. Another highlight is the town's replica stave church, which was built a few decades ago to commemorate the 1,000th anniversary of Iceland's conversion to Christianity.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Follow a local resident around Vestmannaeyjar and view the main attractions.
- Learn about the 1973 volcanic eruption that nearly destroyed the town.
- Walk on the now hardened lava field that the eruption left in its wake.
- See a replica stave church of historical importance.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2½ hours of moderate walking and/or standing - at times on uneven, rocky and stony ground. It is not available for guests who utilize a wheelchair and those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat, non-slip walking shoes are suggested.

HEI-008 LAVA & HISTORY WALK

Date: Jul 16, 2024 **Time: 09:00 AM, 11:30 AM**
Duration: 2.50 Hrs **Price: \$129.00**



OVERVIEW

Learn about the history of Vestmannaeyjar on an enlightening walk through town that will concentrate on the most significant events and representative architecture. You will begin right at the harbor, an area that was nearly destroyed when a volcanic fissure erupted in 1973 and covered much of the town with lava and hot ash. Landlyst, one of the oldest houses in town, was spared. While viewing this wooden home that was constructed in 1848, you will likely discover how it served as Iceland's first birthing center. Equally fascinating is the replica 16th-century fort that stands nearby on land that was formed when the lava cooled and hardened. You will delve even deeper into the island's history at the Sagheimar Folk Museum, which details the volcanic eruption and the pirate raid in 1627 that left the town in ruins. Other exhibits show how the local fishermen survived hardship through the ages.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk through Vestmannaeyjar with a local guide that will impact an insider's knowledge.
- View the harbor area that was nearly leveled in the 1973 volcanic eruption.
- See Iceland's first birthing center and a replica 16th-century fort.
- Enhance your understanding of the local culture by browsing the folk museum.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.

- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2½ hours of moderate walking and/or standing - at times on uneven, rocky and stony ground. It is not available for guests who utilize a wheelchair and those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat, non-slip walking shoes are suggested.

HEI-010 VOLCANO ATV TOUR (Double)

Date: Jul 16, 2024 **Time: 09:00 AM, 11:00 AM**
Duration: 2.00 Hrs **Price: \$269.00**



OVERVIEW

Zip around the outskirts of Vestmannaeyjar on an ATV, an experience that will be especially exhilarating once you reach the Eldfell volcano. As you race across the island's treeless terrain, you will follow a somewhat coastal route, pausing along the way to enjoy the most dramatic views of the sea. You will also hear the heroic story of the fisherman who in 1984 swam for five hours in the dark in near freezing water after his trawler sank miles offshore. You will view the spot where he miraculously emerged from the water. Turning inland, you will soon reach Eldfell, the volcano that erupted in 1973 and left much of Vestmannaeyjar covered in lava and ash. The volcanic fissure was unknown until it suddenly erupted, so the town was completely unprepared for the cataclysmic event. Driving the ATV through Eldfell's crater and the surrounding volcanic landscape will reveal the magnitude of the eruption.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride an ATV along the coast of Heimaey Island while admiring the stunning views.
- Drive across the crater left behind after the Eldfell volcano erupted in 1973.
- See coastal areas where significant and heroic maritime events occurred.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

The ATVs are automatic and may carry one driver and one guest. Drivers must be at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license. Passengers must be at least 6 years old. Participants must be physically fit. Guests with leg, knee, back or neck injuries will not be permitted to participate. The tour operator reserves the right to deny participation to anyone deemed not fit to operate the ATV. Guests will be required to walk about 15 minutes to and from the pier. The actual time on the ATV is 1 hour. Single riders may be required to share the ATV with other guests.

HEI-011 VOLCANO ATV TOUR (Single)

Date: Jul 16, 2024 **Time: 09:00 AM, 11:00 AM**
Duration: 2.00 Hrs **Price: \$309.00**



OVERVIEW

Zip around the outskirts of Vestmannaeyjar on an ATV, an experience that will be especially exhilarating once you reach the Eldfell volcano. As you race across the island's treeless terrain, you will follow a somewhat coastal route, pausing along the way to enjoy the most dramatic views of the sea. You will also hear the heroic story of the fisherman who in 1984 swam for five hours in the dark in near freezing water after his trawler sank miles offshore. You will view the spot where he miraculously emerged from the water. Turning inland, you will soon reach Eldfell, the volcano that erupted in 1973 and left much of Vestmannaeyjar covered in

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Easy activity	Strenuous activity	OS Oceania Select	CD Culinary Discovery	GL Go Local
Evening excursion	Meal included	ADA Accessible	FW Food & Wine Trails	WT Wellness Tour

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HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

The ATVs are automatic and may carry one driver and one guest. Drivers must be at least 18 years old with a valid driver’s license. Passengers must be at least 6 years old. Participants must be physically fit. Guests with leg, knee, back or neck injuries will not be permitted to participate. The tour operator reserves the right to deny participation to anyone deemed not fit to operate the ATV. Guests will be required to walk about 15 minutes to and from the pier. The actual time on the ATV is 1 hour.

HEI-003 CAVES & ISLANDS RIB SAFARI

Date: Jul 16, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM
Duration: 2.00 Hrs Price: \$299.00



OVERVIEW

Explore the sea caves along the coast of Heimaey Island in a rigid inflatable boat or RIB specifically designed for these sorts of adventures. After a briefing to help you maximize the experience, you will head off in the open-air vessel and skirt along the coast of the island, which is the largest in the surrounding archipelago. Be sure to notice how the sea and volcanic activity have shaped the rugged shoreline. You can expect to enter several caves in the RIB, the smallest being Eider Duck Cave, which is named for the seabird colony nearby. The largest and deepest cave is Ægir, a reference to the god of the sea in Norse mythology. Cliff Cave is known for its acoustics. See for yourself with a hearty shout or whistle. While cruising between the caves, you will observe an abundance of birds such as cormorants, puffins and fulmars. You may also spot whales and dolphins breaching the water’s surface.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise around Heimaey Island in a rigid inflatable boat known more familiarly as an RIB.
- Enter a number of sea caves with vastly different characteristics in the RIB.
- Look for whales, dolphins and all sorts of seabirds while cruising around the island.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour requires a moderate amount of activity and participants should be in good physical condition. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, guests with mobility concerns, recent back or neck injuries, heart conditions, epilepsy, diabetes, respiratory conditions or pregnant women. The tour is weather dependent and may be cancelled at the last minute. Minimum age to participate is 6 years of age. Flotation Suits and Life Vests will be provided which must be worn at all times. RIB safari boats are

rubber boats with powerful motors which bounce and bob on the water.

HEI-005 ISLAND OF HEIMAEY

Date: Jul 16, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM
Duration: 2.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Enjoy a panoramic drive around Heimaey Island and pause at the most notable attractions for a more in-depth understanding of the local lifestyle. Not far from Vestmannaeyjar, you will find Herjólfsdalur Valley, which forms a natural amphitheater where Iceland’s largest annual outdoor festival is held. Volcanic activity formed the valley eons ago and continues to change the archipelago. For instance, an undersea eruption in 1963 created the neighboring island Surtsey, while another violent eruption in 1973 nearly leveled Vestmannaeyjar. You will be treated to a magnificent view of that latter volcano, known as Eldfell or “Fire Mountain,” and the 6,000-year-old Helgafell volcano as you head back towards town. Lava from the most recent eruption created much of the land around the harbor, where you will see a replica 16th-century fort, Iceland’s first birthing center and a stave church built in honor of Iceland’s conversion to Christianity around the year 1000.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in the natural beauty of Heimaey while enjoying a panoramic drive around the island.
- View amphitheater-like Herjólfsdalur Valley, site of Iceland’s largest outdoor festival.
- View neighboring Surtsey, an island so pristine that it’s a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- See several volcanoes that greatly altered the landscape of Heimaey Island.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes minimal walking with some steps to negotiate over some uneven ground during photo stops. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Weather appropriate clothing; an umbrella; and flat, non-slip shoes are recommended.

HEI-006 KAYAK & PUFFINS

Date: Jul 16, 2024 Time: 09:30 AM, 12:00 PM
Duration: 2.00 Hrs Price: \$259.00



OVERVIEW

Paddle around sheltered Klettsvik Bay in a kayak and observe the marine life and seabirds that are commonly seen along the coast. As you approach the beach near Heimaklettur cliff, you may see seals frolicking, as they often congregate in this area. Seabirds are even more abundant throughout the island, especially ones that prefer to nest in high cliffs. Kayaking offers a unique perspective to observe these birds, in particular puffins since so many of them inhabit the island. Puffins are easily recognized by their stout black-and-white bodies and orange beaks, which become more vibrant during the summer breeding season to attract suitable mates. They are also excellent swimmers and when diving for food flap their wings underwater as if they are flying. To complement your bird-watching experience, you will paddle into the Klettshellir sea cave, which is known for its spectacular acoustics.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kayak along the coast of Heimaey Island and admire the outstanding

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Easy activity	Strenuous activity	Oceania Select	Culinary Discovery	Go Local
Evening excursion	Meal included	ADA Accessible	Food & Wine Trails	Wellness Tour

natural beauty.

- Observe the many seabirds nesting in the high cliffs, especially puffins.
- Appreciate the acoustics in the Klettshellir sea cave while paddling through it.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking and standing, at times over uneven and cobblestone surfaces. The launch is not wheelchair accessible and therefore, this tour is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. The order of sights visited may vary and the itinerary may be reversed.

HEI-009 POMPEII OF THE NORTH

Date: Jul 16, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

Settle in for a wonderfully picturesque drive around Heimaey Island that will reveal its unusual history, especially how volcanic activity has shaped the landscape. As you travel through Herjólfsdalur Valley, you can't help but notice how the surrounding mountains form a natural amphitheater. How appropriate since Iceland's largest outdoor festival is held there annually. While skirting along Heimaey's coast, you will spot other islands in the archipelago, most notably Surtsey, a recent volcanic formation so ecologically important that UNESCO deemed it a World Heritage site. After pausing at the inactive 6,000-year-old Helgafell volcano, you will focus on the 1973 eruption that devastated the island and spawned its nickname – Pompeii of the North. Expect to see the harbor area where the lava eventually stopped, sparing a number of historical buildings. The exhibits at the Eldheimar Museum go into more detail, leaving you with a fuller understanding of this catastrophic event.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in the natural beauty of Heimaey Island on a leisurely scenic drive.
- View amphitheater-like Herjólfsdalur Valley, site of Iceland's largest outdoor festival.
- See neighboring Surtsey, an island so pristine that it's a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Learn about the volcanic eruption that led to Heimaey's nickname: Pompeii of the North.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 1½ hours of moderate walking/standing over mainly even surfaces and some steps to negotiate. The tour is not recommended to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

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General Information

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Transportation - Licensed and insured late-model coaches, mini-vans, automobiles, watercraft and other modes of transportation are utilized.

Guides - Licensed, English-speaking local guides accompany all tours.

Admission Fees - Shore excursions include all required admission fees, where applicable.

Meals & Refreshments - Meals and/or refreshments are included only when indicated in the shore excursion description.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

- Shore excursions operate rain or shine.
- Minimum participation levels are required to operate shore excursions, so please sign up as early as possible. Excursions may be cancelled if minimum participation levels are not met. To ensure quality guides and sufficient transportation, we must provide the tour operator with passenger counts at least 36 hours in advance.
- Shore excursion packages are fully refundable prior to embarkation of your cruise. Packages cancelled after embarkation will incur a 100% cancellation fee.
- À la carte excursions are fully refundable until 36 hours in advance of the excursion. Excursions cancelled less than 36 hours in advance will incur a 100% cancellation fee.
- In the event of a port cancellation, guests who have purchased a shore excursion package will receive a pro rata refund for that port based on the price paid. Guests who have purchased an à la carte excursion for a cancelled port will receive a full refund.
- For guests with the Simply More Shore Excursion Package, no refunds or credits will be given if the excursion is not taken, unless the excursion is cancelled by Oceania Cruises.

PRICES, ITINERARIES & GENERAL INFORMATION

- All pre-reserved shore excursions receive priority confirmation over those booked on board.
- In order to receive maximum pre-cruise savings, you may pre-purchase shore excursions up until 7 days prior to your sail date.
- The discount of 25% off à la carte excursion prices that is offered with the Simply More Shore Excursion Package is subject to a minimum number of excursions that must be purchased. This minimum is based on the number of port days on your cruise.
- Shore excursion prices are subject to change to meet unexpected cost increases or currency fluctuations. Once excursions have been purchased, pricing is guaranteed and not subject to change.
- During local or national holidays, access to certain facilities (such as museums or archaeological sites) may be limited or denied. In such instances, adjustments in the shore excursion itinerary will be made to minimize inconvenience to guests.
- Some shore excursions have limited availability; reserve your excursions early to avoid disappointment.
- Oceania Cruises reserves the right to require guests to complete a liability waiver for select shore excursions. For more information, please consult the Destination Services Desk on board.


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 Go Local

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