

# Wild Earth Travel

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## FIRE AND ICE CRUISE: AN 8-DAY SAIL AROUND ICELAND

Sail around Iceland on an 8-day expedition that reveals its famed natural wonders. Hike, bike, or take 4X4 vehicles to explore remote waterfalls, secluded valleys, dramatic fjords, black-sand beaches, and forest-filled canyons. Spot an abundance of seabirds from Atlantic puffins to Arctic terns and cruise into an otherworldly glacier lagoon. Along the way, meet locals who will share Icelandic traditions as well as a glimpse into daily life, both past and present, on this subarctic island.



### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 Reykjavík, Iceland / Embark Ship

Arrive in Reykjavik, the world's northernmost capital, which lies just below the Arctic Circle. Transfer from the airport and spend the day exploring the sights, sounds, and tastes of this bustling city before embarking the ship in the afternoon.

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 2 Westfjords

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### DAY 5 Borgarfjarðarhöfn

Explore the beautiful and peaceful Westfjords region of Iceland. Hike or kayak along the base of a fjord to discover a towering waterfall. Enter Ísafjarðardjúp, known for its wealth of animal life, including whales, seals, and countless nesting seabirds. Land at Vigur Island, a fragile wildlife sanctuary, where the landowners continue the traditional eiderdown collection and cleaning process, and are active stewards of the colonies of puffins and black guillemots who call the island home.\*

\*Visit subject to nesting seabird season and not available on all dates.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 3 Siglufjörður

Siglufjörður was the center of Iceland's once-thriving herring industry. We stop by the Herring Museum for a salting demonstration and a tasting. Enjoy the surroundings of Iceland's northernmost mainland settlement by joining the local forestry association, one of over 50 associations in Iceland, for an afternoon of conservation in their local forest. Learn what it takes to maintain and develop a forest on this volcanic island.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 4 Húsavík

Húsavík, the site of the oldest settlement in Iceland, is our gateway to the geological exploration of northern Iceland. Depart for a full day overland visiting one of the largest waterfalls in Iceland, Goðafoss, as well as the Lake Mývatn area, the most geologically active area in Iceland. Alternatively, enjoy an adventurous journey hiking through Ásbyrgi Canyon, said to be formed by the hoof of Odin's eight-legged horse, or stay along the coast and choose a slower pace for the day with forest bathing, bird watching, and a soak in the Geo Sea bath.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Located on the eastern shore of Iceland, Bakkagerði is well known for its welcoming local puffin colony. Walk across boardwalks to witness these colorful symbols of Icelandic wildlife. Once you've captured your best photo of the famous auk species, take an invigorating hike up to the best panoramic view of the fjord or challenge yourself to a backcountry mountain bike journey to remote overlooks and stunning vistas.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 6 Djúpivogur

Arrive in the town of Djúpivogur and set out by 4x4 vehicle to visit some of the secluded valleys and remote waterfalls in the surrounding countryside. Alternatively, drive down the coast to explore the foot of the vast Vatnajökull icecap and the deep blue icebergs of the large ice lagoon of Jokulsarlon. Or, join a hike to the black-sand beaches near the town center.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 7 Heimaey and Surtsey, Westman Islands

The Westman Islands were formed by undersea volcanoes between 5,000 and 10,000 years ago and are among the youngest of the world's archipelagos. In 1963, the world witnessed on film the birth of its newest island, Surtsey—a UNESCO World Heritage site—which we see as we cruise past the coast. In 1973, Heimaey was threatened by lava flows that nearly closed off its harbor. We visit the crater, where the earth is still hot, for amazing views of areas that had been engulfed by lava.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 8 Reykjavik / Disembark



Today, disembark in Reykjavik and transfer to the airport for flights home.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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## YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>National Geographic Explorer</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Luxury Expedition</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>108 meters</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>148 (single &amp; twin cabins)</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>1982 / 2008</b>



Originally constructed for Norway's renowned Hurtigruten Coastal Express, National Geographic Explorer was a natural fit for the Lindblad Expeditions fleet thanks to her exceptional manoeuvrability, ice-strengthened hull, and purpose-built expedition design. Now fully stabilised and refitted with over five decades of exploration expertise, she is ideally suited for navigating the most remote corners of the globe--from the rugged coasts of Europe to the icy passages of the polar regions. With vast windows throughout and a Scandinavian-inspired interior, the ship invites guests to stay connected with their environment at every turn.

Aboard National Geographic Explorer, every feature is tailored to enhance discovery. From the open Bridge and observation deck to the Chart Room and mudroom for expedition gear, the ship is an authentic platform for adventure. Her recently updated suites offer comfort and understated elegance, while public spaces such as the library, Global Gallery, and multiple dining areas encourage camaraderie and relaxation. Carrying expert guides, state-of-the-art tools, and a fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks, this 148-guest ship brings guests closer to nature with all the style and substance expected of a flagship expedition vessel.

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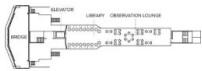
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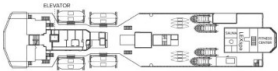


## INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Bridge Deck



Wellness Deck



Veranda Deck

- Category 4
- Category 6
- Category B Solo



Upper Deck

- Category 4
- Category 5
- Category 6
- Category 7
- Category B Solo



Main Deck

- Category 1
- Category 2
- Category 3
- Category 2 Solo



B Deck





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