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# Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice

April 15 – 23, 2019



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**9 Days • 13 Meals:** 7 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

Per Person Rates\* :

**Double \$4,599**

**Single \$5,199; Triple \$4,549**

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Sky Harbor Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$315 per person

**Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare**

Additional rate of: Premium Economy \$1,390; Business Class \$2,390

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**Collette's Flagship:** Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.



### Culinary Inclusions

- Savor Icelandic cuisine at a popular restaurant.
- Try an Icelandic delicacy — cured “hákarl.”

### Collette Experiences

- Learn about the 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark.
- Explore Skógar Folk Museum, covering all aspects of Icelandic life.
- Cruise on the ice-strewn Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, gliding past icebergs.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Gain a local's perspective of Reykjavík on a walking tour.
- Travel to the Golden Circle, one of many of Iceland's natural wonders.
- Journey to the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall.

**Highlights:** Reykjavík, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss Waterfall, Geysir, Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Cave Tour or Lava Field Walk, Breidafjörður Bay, Waterfall Seljalandsfoss, Vík, Skógar Museum, Skógafoss, Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, Vatnajökull National Park & Glacier, Blue Lagoon or Whale Watching

#### Day 1: Monday, April 15, 2019

**Overnight Flight** Set out on a journey full of dramatic contrasts. Come to know Iceland, a place where steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords.

#### Day 2: Tuesday, April 16, 2019

##### Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Begin in the capital city of Reykjavík. Join a local expert for a walking tour of the city's old section featuring Hallgrímskirkja church, city hall, the

harbor and Reykjavík's oldest building, home of the Kraum Icelandic design center. Tonight, get to know your fellow travelers during a sumptuous Icelandic dinner at a popular local restaurant. (D)

#### Day 3: Wednesday, April 17, 2019

##### Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík

Travel the stunning Golden Circle, a route encompassing many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders: waterfalls, glaciers, geysers, lava fields and volcanos. Begin at Thingvellir National Park where



Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley. This UNESCO site marks the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Next, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. **Stop at the famous thermal area of Geysir** to admire the hot spring Strokkur's explosive vertical spout that reaches a height of up to 90 feet. Your day concludes with a visit to Friðheimar greenhouse cultivation center to learn how the locals grow delicious, pesticide-free tomatoes and cucumbers with the aid of Iceland's geothermal energy; also learn about their family tradition of breeding Icelandic show horses. (B)

**Day 4: Thursday, April 18, 2019**  
**Snæfellsnes-Cave/Lava Field Tour-**  
**Breiðafjörður Cruise-Stykkishólmur**  
**Experience the otherworldliness of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula.** Take in the dramatic landscapes of black and white sand beaches, magnificent

cliffs, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, soaring waterfalls, rocky coastlines, intimate fishing villages, and its remarkable Snæfellsjökull glacier. **This afternoon it's your choice!** Select a guided Vatnshellir Cave tour\* and descend 100 feet below ground to an 8,000-year-old lava tube where you'll experience total darkness and see amazing rock pigments, lava formations, stalagmites and stalactites. Or, you may choose to walk the lava field and put your camera to work snapping photos of nature's artwork of varying textures, colors and arrangements of this dramatic landscape. **Embark on a true Icelandic cultural adventure as you spend time with a family** that keeps alive a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark. See the fishing boat utilized by their grandfather; the tiny farmer's church; and explore the museum to learn more about Iceland's deep relationship with this trade. Before leaving, taste "hákarl," cured shark meat. Your day concludes with a nature cruise in **Breiðafjörður** Bay. Experience countless birds like puffins\*\*, cormorants, kittiwakes and





the majestic white tailed eagle soaring amongst basalt rock columns. While cruising, try delicious fresh scallops and sea urchin roe straight from the ocean. Seafood simply doesn't come fresher than this! (B, D)

#### **Day 5: Friday, April 19, 2019**

**Stykkishólmur - Vík** Today continue the adventure traveling Iceland's south coast. Learn about geothermal renewable energy with a visit to Hellisheiðavirkjun, the largest power station in Iceland and the second largest geothermal power station in the world. Make a picture stop at Waterfall Seljalandsfoss, one of few waterfalls providing you with a walkway for views from the inside out. Arrive in Vík, Iceland's most southerly village and one of the most visited spots in Iceland. (B, D)

#### **Day 6: Saturday, April 20, 2019 Vík -**

**Seljalandsfoss Waterfall - Skogar Museum - Vík** Drive along the scenic south shore to see the beautiful Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and picturesque waterfalls with a walkway behind it. **Visit Skógar Museum** which contains an outstanding collection covering all

aspects of Icelandic life including farm and domestic artifacts, as well as turf-built houses. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Next, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs scattered with caves and rich bird life including the fulmar, black guillemot, razorbill, gannet and various types of seagulls. Later, see the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. (B, D)

#### **Day 7: Sunday, April 21, 2019 Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell**

**- Vík** Set sail\*\*\* among the huge icebergs of the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon. Get to taste the 1,000-year-old ice and possibly see some seals. Later, stop at Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park, the largest national park in Europe. Marvel at the Alpine environment of Iceland's highest mountains and the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest glacier. (B, D)

#### **Day 8: Monday, April 22, 2019 Vík -**

**Lava Exhibition Center - Reykjavik** Before departing the south shore, visit the Lava Exhibition Center, where

you'll learn about Iceland's historical eruptions and current lava flows that make the island a showcase of volcanism. Next, **it's your choice!** Perhaps you'll embark on a drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, and numerous hot springs, including the Blue Lagoon, where you can take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool located in the middle of a dramatic lava field **-OR-** you might prefer to further explore the wonders of Iceland's waters during an exciting whale watching adventure in the bay of Faxaflói; have your camera ready for minke and humpback whale sightings, along with white-beaked dolphins and harbor porpoises in their natural habitat. Later, gather with your fellow travelers for a local dining

experience and share stories of your days in Iceland. (B, D)

**Day 9: Tuesday, April 23, 2019**  
**Reykjavík - Tour Ends** Depart for home with many incredible Icelandic memories. (B)

#### Itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hotel Reykjavik Centrum, Reykjavik
Day 4	Fosshotel Stykkisholmur , Grundarfjordur
Days 5 – 7	Hotel Katla Hofdabrekku, Vik
Day 8	Hotel Reykjavik Centrum, Reykjavik

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

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## Experience It! Geothermal Greenhouses

Growing food in Iceland has historically been a challenge for residents due to the cold climate, unproductive land, and at times, a lack of natural light. Discover how modern technology defies these natural challenges with geothermal greenhouses. At a family-run greenhouse, learn how they are able to harness the natural warmth from the ground's geothermic waters and use it to create a year-round Mediterranean climate. Join a horticultural expert for an insider's look at innovative growing methods used to produce a large variety of tomatoes that are able thrive in this otherwise challenging environment.

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### Please Note:

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected with observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

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