



Northern Lights and Whales by Sea

September is a special month for a cruise in Iceland. The lazy days of summer slowly come to an end and the island landscape transforms and is reborn into the vibrant colours of autumn. Get to know the island of fire and ice both on-board your ship and ashore.



YOUR
ADVENTURE
AWAITS

7 days/6 nights

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Day 1: Reykjavík

Use your leisure time in Reykjavík to uncover the unique charm of the world's northernmost capital or book one of our pre-programs to experience Iceland. Your "floating hotel" awaits! The Ocean Diamond docks in Old Reykjavík Harbour in the heart of the city a five-minute stroll to the main squares, shopping and dining. Embarkation starts at 6 p.m. before the ship sets course for Snaefellsnes Peninsula in West Iceland at 8 p.m. In the evening, keep your eyes open for your first opportunity to see Northern Lights!

Day 2: Snaefellsnes Peninsula

In the morning the OCEAN DIAMOND reaches Stykkisholmur, jumping off point of our adventures on the picturesque Snaefellnes Peninsula. Often called "Iceland in Miniature" because it diverse landscapes, the area is home to Snaefellsjökull glacier, which sits atop a 700,000-year-old dormant volcano that was featured in the Jules Verne novel Journey to the Center of the Earth. By nightfall we set sail for Westfjords with good opportunities to observe the mystical Northern Lights.

Optional shore excursions: Viking Sushi boat tour; Bus tour of Snaefellsness Peninsula; Snaefellsness Glacier

Day 3: Ísafjörður

Today's destination is Isafjörður, an idyllic town in the Westfjords region. The landscape includes jaw-dropping views of dramatic fjords carved by ancient glaciers, sheer table mountains that plunge into the sea and pristine North Atlantic vegetation. Enjoy the silence and tranquility while fishing or visiting Dynjandi waterfall.

Optional shore excursions: Boat tour to Vigur; Thingeyri and Dynjandi Waterfall; Kayak in Flateyri

Day 4: Husavik/Myvatn

In the early morning hours we steam into Skjalfandi Bay and Husavik. After disembarkation we explore the natural beauty of the Lake Myvatn area, including the peculiar lava formations at Dimmuborgir and the pseudo craters at Skutustadir. The pseudo craters were formed by gas explosions when boiling lava flowed over the wetlands. Last but not least we visit Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall, in the northern part of Vatnajokull National Park. Lunch will be provided on the way. Dinner and overnight in the Husavik area.

Day 5: Akureyri / West Iceland

Husavik is often called the "Whale watching capital" of Iceland, the town's offshore waters are home to 15 different whale species, as well as dolphins. Watching these graceful ocean giants in their Arctic habitat is an unforgettable experience. An exciting trip with RIB boats (Rigid Inflatable Boat) to search for the gentle giants awaits you. On our way to Akureyri we visit the impressive Godafoss, "the waterfall of the Gods". In the year 1000, the Icelandic parliament (Althing) decided to give up their pagan religion in favor of Christianity. The story goes that the idols of the



ancient Nordic religion (godars) were then thrown from the top of the waterfall (foss). The cascade retains its name, Godafoss in memory of this event. Lunch will be provided on the way. Dinner and overnight in West Iceland.

Day 6: Reykjavik

On our way back to Reykjavik we pass Deildartunguhver, the most powerful hot spring in the world. A stop will be made to admire the beautiful Hraunfossar waterfalls, before continuing to Thingvellir National Park, the ancient site of the world's first parliament. Our journey ends after a city tour in Reykjavik. Lunch will be provided the way. Overnight in Reykjavik.

Day 7: Departure

Transfer to the airport or choose to extend your stay in Iceland and take some of the excellent day tours on offer or do a self-drive along the south coast. We can arrange any duration of stay with everything included, so please just ask!

This program is also offered in reverse on September 22, 2018 and September 16, 2019.

Details

2018 Dates:

September: 22

2019 Dates:

September: 16, 22

2018 Prices:

Cat. T / Deck 3, Triple cabin with porthole - US\$2,090, early bird US\$1,915
Cat. P/ Deck 3, Double cabin with porthole - US\$2,625, early bird US\$2,360
Cat. O / Decks 5 & 6, Double cabin with obstructed view - US\$3,130, early bird US\$2,765
Cat. D / Decks 4, 5 & 6, Double cabin with panorama window - US\$3,560, early bird US\$3,110
Cat. B / Deck 4, Double cabin with panorama window - US\$4,425, early bird US\$3,795
Cat. A / Deck 7, Balcony cabin - US\$5,180, early bird US\$4,400

2019 Prices:

Cat. T / Deck 3, Triple cabin with porthole - US\$2,405, early bird US\$2,215
Cat. P/ Deck 3, Double cabin with porthole - US\$2,955, early bird US\$2,665
Cat. O / Decks 5 & 6, Double cabin with obstructed view - US\$3,575, early bird US\$3,165
Cat. D / Decks 4, 5 & 6, Double cabin with panorama window - US\$4,060, early bird US\$3,552
Cat. B / Deck 4, Double cabin with panorama window - US\$4,870, early bird US\$4,195
Cat. A / Deck 7, Balcony cabin - US\$5,680, early bird US\$4,845

Prices are shown in US\$, per person based on three people sharing a triple cabin or two people sharing a double cabin. A single rate is 1.75X the per person twin-share rate in all categories except Cat. T, triple cabin.

[Check out the MS Ocean Diamond deck plan!](#)

Trip Code:

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INCLUDED

- On-board accommodation in cabin category booked
- All meals on-board the ship (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Coffee, tea and water
- Zodiac excursions (weather dependant)
- Icelandic/English speaking guide
- Presentations from cruise staff and guest speakers
- On-board entertainment program
- Wind jacket
- 3 nights of hotel accommodation on coach trip



- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners on coach trip
- Whale watching by RIB boat

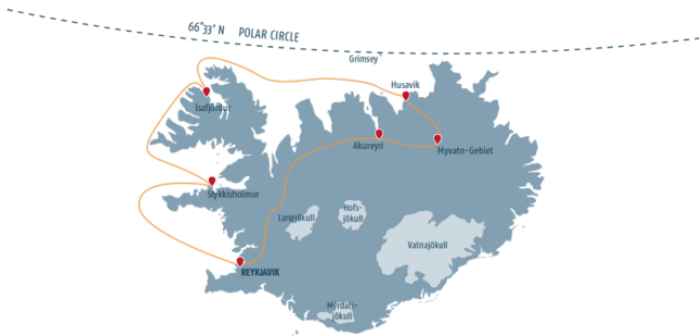
NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Iceland
- Optional shore excursions and tours
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities

TOUR NOTES

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