



Best of Iceland Cruise

Discover Iceland's volcanic landscapes and distinctive culture on this small-ship cruise that brings you to pristine fjords, tremendous glaciers, hot springs and waterfalls. A range of exciting shore excursions offers countless ways to interact with Iceland's culture, nature, history and people.



YOUR
ADVENTURE
AWAITS

8 days/7 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Reykjavik

Individual arrival to Iceland. Optional transfer to down town or with an en-route stop at the Blue Lagoon. Use the day in Reykjavik to explore the highlights of the world's northernmost national capital city on your own, or book a guided city tour for this afternoon. The [Ocean Diamond](#) docks in the old harbour located in the heart of town which is a 5 minute walk to the inner city. The ship will depart Reykjavik harbour at 8 p.m.

This cruise reveals both natural wonders and the Icelandic way of living. A range of exciting shore excursions brings the unique character of Iceland closer to you.

Day 2: Stykkisholmur

Stykkisholmur is the starting point for our explorations of the Snaefellsnes Peninsula, which juts out from Iceland's west coast. Like a long arm with a clenched fist at its tip, the peninsula is in many ways a microcosm of the whole island. Boarding our Zodiacs, passengers will explore Breidafjörður Bay, known for its colourful bird life, unique basalt rock formations and stunning scenery. You also have an opportunity to join an adventurous expedition to the extinct volcano glacier Snaefellsjökull by "Snowcat" with our experienced guides. The glacier is one of the most famous sites in Iceland primarily because it featured in the novel *Journey to the Centre of the Earth* by Jules Verne in which the entrance to the mysterious interior of our planet is located on Snaefellsjökull. Other optional tours include a bus tour around the Snaefellsnes Peninsula or a Viking Sushi boat tour around the bay, to sample some of the amazing, fresh out of the sea seafood.

Day 3: Isafjörður

Today's destination is the idyllic town of Isafjörður, capital of the Westfjords region. This secluded peninsula, shaped like a hand reaching out into the sea, is connected to the rest of Iceland by only a narrow strip of land. Even by Icelandic standards, the area can be described as unusually isolated. The landscape provides jaw-dropping views of dramatic fjords carved by ancient glaciers, sheer table mountains plunging into the sea and untouched vegetation. Optional tours here may include Sea Angling from Flateyri/Sudureyri; boat trip to Vigur Island; bus tour to Thingeyri and Dynjandi Waterfalls; Kayaking in Flateyri.

Day 4: Akureyri

Today the Ocean Diamond remains in the port of Akureyri. Amongst the optional tours is a trip to the nearby Lake



Myvatn region, a schizophrenic landscape where it's said that "heaven and hell" clash. One side of the lake features the rugged remnants of volcanic activity, while on the other you find fertile plains with lush greenery and a varied bird life. Other optional tours offered are Wonders of National Park Myvatn including Asbyrgi Canyon, Dettifoss and Jokulsargljufur Canyon National Park.

Day 5: Husavik

In the early morning hours you enter Skjalfandi Bay and arrive at the town of Husavik. Often called the "Whale Watching Capital of Iceland", this town's offshore waters are home to 15 different whale species, dolphins and 30 varieties of birds. Take an optional RIB boat excursion to watch these graceful ocean giants in their natural, Arctic habitat – sure to be an unforgettable experience. Other optional tours include a tour to Asbyrgi Canyon for some easy hiking or a Super Jeep tour off the beaten track to some interesting areas around Husavik.

Day 7: Djupivogur

Today's port of call is Djupivogur, a fishing village in southeast Iceland, and starting point for optional excursions to Vatnajökull glacier. Take a bus tour past the Vatnajökull glacial tongues and go on a boat trip in the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon. Here icebergs of all shapes and sizes float in the water – an unforgettable adventure on a body of water that didn't exist at the beginning of the last century, as the lagoon was recently formed by the retreat of the Breidamerkurjökull glacier tongue. Go on a 4X4 vehicle up onto the glacier, Europe's largest, for an exhilarating snowmobile tour. Or take an adventurous Super Jeep tour, crossing glacial rivers and through spectacular mountain scenery, to the foot of the glacier and go for a hike (approximately 2 hours walking). All of these enticing options are available as add-on shore excursions. The hardest part will be deciding what to do!

Day 7: Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Islands)

Located about five miles off the coast of southern Iceland, the island group Vestmannaeyjar were formed by submarine volcanic eruptions around 10,000 years ago. The youngest of the islands only emerged from the sea in 1963. We go ashore in the harbour of Heimaey, the only inhabited island of the group. Residents here live with the constant threat of another violent eruption. In 1973, the entire population had to be evacuated after Helgafell volcano suddenly exploded. In many places in Heimaey one still sees the houses half buried by lava and ash. A zodiac tour will circumnavigate the island and stop at places of interest where you will get to know the local bird life, visit caves and, if lucky, spot whales (weather permitting). There is an optional bus tour of the island, known as the "Pompeii of the North" or Golf in the Volcano, giving you the opportunity to play a memorable round of golf in a sunken volcanic crater.

Day 8: Reykjavik

In the morning we return to the port of Reykjavik. After breakfast it's time to bid farewell to the Ocean Diamond. Extend your stay in Iceland and book one of our post-cruise programs, such as the Golden Circle and South Shore tour. Or explore Reykjavik and the surrounding area on your own. Reykjavik, which is both the economical and cultural hub of Iceland, boasts a variety of museums and shops. Scattered around the city are fascinating natural wonders like glaciers, waterfalls and geysers.

If you are departing Iceland this afternoon we can add in airport transfers for you, either directly to Keflavik or with an en-route stop at the Blue Lagoon, if you haven't already paid a visit.

Details

Group Size: Max. 210

2022 Departures:

May: 03

2022 Pricing:**

From US\$2,045 – triple, Category T1/US\$3,050 – twin, Category P to US\$8,775 – twin, Category A

Prices are "starting from" rates, shown in US\$, per person based on three people sharing a triple cabin type or two



people sharing a twin cabin. A twin cabin may also be booked for single use with no single supplement on select cruise dates or at 1.75X the per person, twin price. Special rates are available for children 12 years of age and under. Ask us for a full list of cabin categories and prices.

**Pricing above does not reflect discounts for special offers. The applicable reduced price will be quoted at the time of your inquiry.

See Trip Notes for other special offers.

Trip Code:

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INCLUDED

- Accommodation in chosen cabin category
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- All soft drinks, water and coffee
- Zodiac excursions
- All lectures from cruise staff and guest speakers
- On-board entertainment program
- Usage of gym and sauna-facilities
- Wind-breaker jacket

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Iceland
- Transfers from Keflavik airport to Reykjavik and return
- Transportation to/from port in Reykjavik
- Optional Shore Excursions
- Beverages and meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Gratuities
- Travel Insurance
- Items of a personal nature

TOUR NOTES

2022 Special Offers:

Family Discount: Valid for 2 adults and maximum 2 children until the age of 12. All cabins for this special have two rooms each with 2 beds, a bathroom with toilet/shower and a picture window. This offer is valid for all 2021 and 2022 departures regardless of season and duration, subject to cabin availability. Child discount 25 % until the age of 12. Please note that the minimum age limit for Iceland is 8 years and for Greenland 10 years.

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