

Iceland - *Land of Fire and Ice*

October 5 - October 11, 2022

What an incredible, “once in a lifetime” adventure that has been planned for the **UBank Travel Club** in 2022!

Iceland is a unique destination that offers pristine nature, boasting geysers, geothermal pools, waterfalls and wildlife, breathtaking landscapes and vibrant culture deeply rooted in ancient heritage. Spend five nights in Hveragerdi while exploring this amazing land of fire and ice. Iceland is one of the best places in the world to see the aurora borealis, or Northern Lights. Here, at 65° N on the southern edge of the Arctic Circle, you can see auroras almost every night.

Iceland is an island in the North Atlantic. It is home to a progressive and peaceful nation that has formed a modern society where freedom and equality are held in high regard. Iceland continuously ranks near the top for measurements of quality of life, gender equality, and democracy, and is one of the highest ranked countries in the world for health care, education, and internet availability.

The cornerstone of Icelandic culture is the Icelandic language, which has spawned a literary tradition that dates back to the ancient Icelandic Sagas. These are tales of violent blood feuds, traditions, family, and character. A strong literary tradition still thrives in modern Iceland. Icelandic authors publish more books per capita than any other country in the world. Iceland also boasts a prospering music scene, a burgeoning film industry, and Icelandic design is coming of age.

Iceland was the last country in Europe to be settled. When the Viking settlers first arrived in Iceland in the late 9th century, they found an uninhabited island. An island located in the middle of the North Atlantic, the country was settled by emigrants from Scandinavia and the British Isles in the tenth century, and due to its location, remained an isolated nation of mostly farmers and fishermen until the early 20th century. Isolation and the extreme nature have shaped Icelandic culture through the years. These conditions have created a resilient nation where family ties are tight, the sense of tradition is strong, and the bond with nature is powerful.

This is your chance to tour Iceland, “Land of Fire and Ice”. If Iceland is on your “bucket list” of adventures, please let Patsy know as soon as possible so that you may be added to the waitlist with Mayflower Tours for this tour.

\$3,889.00 P/P Double * \$4,378.00 Single

If you are receiving this information, you have already paid your \$250.00 per person deposit and have purchased the \$299.00 per person Insurance through Mayflower Tours.

Currently, there are no additional spaces available on this tour. Waitlist only.

Final payment will be due by **June 30, 2022.**

Tour price includes Airport Transfers * Air Tickets * 7 Meals (5 Breakfasts & Two Dinners) * City Tour of Reykjavik * South Shore Excursion * Reykjanes Peninsula * Blue Lagoon * Golden Circle Tour * All Taxes & Tips on Included Meals * 5 Nights at hotel located in town of Hveragerdi or Selfoss

Not Included: Items of a personal nature * Gratuities for guides and drivers * Airline Baggage Fees

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL:

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Day 1 – Wednesday - October 5

Transfers included from Lufkin & Nacogdoches to IAH or DFW for our overnight flight to Keflavik, Iceland. This tour is in conjunction with Mayflower Tours, and they will be arranging our flights. You will be notified well in advance of our tour as to times of transfers and flight itineraries.

Overnights: Hotel Ork in Hveragerdi or Hotel Selfoss in Selfoss

Day 2 - Thursday - October 6 (Dinner) Reykjavik, Iceland

Iceland is full of surprises – for one, it isn't covered in ice! It is a stunning mix of green plains, wild volcanic scenery, beautiful coasts, and lakes, spouting geysers, hot springs, mud pools and sophisticated cities. Topped off by clean, fresh air, you will find yourself in a trance surrounded by unique natural beauty throughout the country. Upon arrival, you will be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises & Tours and transferred to Hotel Ork in the town of Hveragerdi or Hotel Selfoss in Selfoss. Rooms will be available for check-in upon arrival. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Day 3 - Friday - October 7 (Breakfast) Iceland's South Shore After breakfast, your adventure to the South Shore begins with a journey through small villages and farmlands to the majestic mountains with views including Mt. Hekla, the most active volcano in Iceland, and the towering, ice-capped strato volcano Eyjafjallajokull, which last erupted in 2010. Iceland is also famous for its waterfalls, and you will see two of the most magnificent—the Seljalandsfoss which tumbles over high rock escarpments allowing you to walk behind the waterfall, and Skogafoss. Exploration continues to Dyrholaey, a magnificent rocky headland with sheer cliffs, enroute to the village of Vik. Head to the seashore, flanked by steep bird cliffs rising high above the beautiful black sand beach. In the sea, just outside of Vik, see the Reynisdrangar Rocks which stand 216 feet above sea level at their highest point.

Day 4 - Saturday - October 8 (Breakfast) Reykjanes Peninsula and the Blue Lagoon

This morning, head for the rough tracks of Reykjanes, one of the most active volcanic areas in Iceland. Visit the geothermal area of Krysuvik and Lake Kleifarvtn with its hot springs and solfatares. The moonlike surroundings of the lake never fail to leave a strong impression on visitors!

A remarkable, life enriching experience is a visit to the Blue Lagoon – a lake of warm-mineral rich geothermal water, internationally renowned for its healing prowess. Located in the middle of a lava field in the pure and beautiful Icelandic wilderness, water is heated by underground volcanic activity at a depth of 5,400 feet and is pumped to the surface to form this man-made wonder. The Blue Lagoon is known for its special properties and its beneficial effect on the skin. Visitors from all over the world come here in search of health, relaxation, and an exotic experience. You will have an opportunity to soak in the pleasantly warm mineral-rich water.

Day 5 – Sunday - October 9 (Breakfast) Reykjavik

Reykjavik, Iceland's capital city of 100,000 people, is unique in many ways. This capital is a modern city with a variety of restaurants, museums, galleries, and theaters. Heated entirely by geothermal water, it is home to the "smoking bay", so named for the rising steam that greeted the city's Viking founder, Angolfr Arnarsson, as he sailed into the bay here in 874 AD. Hot springs, glaciers, lava fields, midnight sun, waterfalls, northern lights, volcanoes and bizarre landscapes – the city has them all!

On the included panoramic city tour of the world's most northerly capital, see the old town center, Parliament, cathedral, harbor, National Museum, 'Pearl' and Hofi House (site of the Iceland summit of 1986), and Hallgrímskirkja Church whose steeple is a landmark of the city.

Enjoy free time for lunch on your own and shopping, then prepare to 'take off' as you visit 'Fly Over Iceland'. During this virtual flight, experience waterfalls, geysers, scenic landscapes, and the spectacular natural wonders of Iceland like never before! Return to the hotel late afternoon for an evening at leisure.

Day 6 - Monday - October 10 (Breakfast & Dinner) The Golden Circle

On the full-day tour of the Golden Circle, enjoy scenic drives along with the geological and historic sites of the island. Your excursion includes a drive to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Thingvellir National Park. A remarkable geological site, it is one of the few spots in the world where the Mid-Atlantic Ridge is seen above water. The amazing canyon that runs through the park is a meeting point of two of the earth's tectonic plates. The park is situated by Lake Thingvallavatn, the largest lake on the island. The park is also the most historic site on the island as the world's oldest democratic parliament was founded here in 930 AD.

You will see outstanding natural wonders when you visit Geysir, Iceland's most famous area for thermal activity. View 'Strokkur', one of the most active geysers, and 'Gullfoss' (Golden Waterfall), Iceland's most famous waterfall. Before returning to the hotel, a visit to a local farm gives you the chance to meet some of the native Icelandic horses, as well as learn about the growing of healthy tomatoes using green energy, pure water, and organic pest controls. This evening, join your travel companions for the farewell dinner.

Day 7 – Tuesday - October 11 (Breakfast) Return to USA

Following breakfast, transfer to Keflavik Airport and bid a fond farewell to amazing Iceland, as you return home with memorable life enriching experiences to cherish.

Upon arrival at our home airport, transfers provided back to Lufkin & Nacogdoches.

Currency: The currency in Iceland is the Icelandic króna (ISK). Many places (restaurants, bars, tourist attractions) will take US dollars. Payment: Icelanders usually pay for everything by credit or debit card.

Traveler Protection Plan (TPP) - \$299

This **nonrefundable fee** waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24-hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included **ONLY** if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP). Not applicable, all travelers have purchased the Travel Protection Policy.

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

Passport & Visas – Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport. Expiry date of passports should be at least **6 months** after the return date of tour. Holders of non-U.S. passports should contact their nearest consulate and inquire about the necessary passport or visa documentation required for entry into the countries visited.

Note: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name, or you may be denied aircraft boarding.

******* Mayflower Tours requires a copy of the travelers' passport two weeks after booking. Name corrections, after final payment due date or after tickets have been issued, will result in additional fees being assessed.

***Special 'Northern Lights' Departure.** *This is a special departure to see the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights). During the tour, there will be a special excursion to a location selected by your guide that will offer optimal viewing of this amazing natural phenomenon. If the 'lights' are not seen, there will be one more opportunity offered during the tour. Please note: sightings are not guaranteed.*