

A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND

LOCAL LIFE,
MUSIC, FOOD,
CULTURE & MORE:
A SATISFYING 360°
EXPERIENCE

PLUS NEW
DISCOVERIES,
NEW WAYS TO
EXPLORE



DEAR TRAVELER,

I have been to Iceland several times, for Arctic Council meetings and personal reasons. I loved each of my experiences there, the places both familiar and new that I explored. However, I always yearned to go beyond. And on our [Circumnavigation of Iceland](#) itinerary, you can. Go deeper, farther, into an authentic connection with this stunning land and its remarkable people. Thanks to introductions by my friend, Dr. Enric Sala, and others, plus ethnomusicologist, Jacob Edgar's global music network, we will introduce you to fascinating individuals who will enrich your experience of this admirable island nation. I promise if you travel with us, our team will do whatever it takes to ensure you uncommon and unforgettable experiences.

All the best,



Sven-Olof Lindblad



From top: Silja Ómarsdóttir, Thóra Arnórsdóttir, Ragna Árnadóttir.

LOCAL LUMINARIES

Each Iceland expedition features opportunities to meet and hear from interesting locals aboard ship, including:

SILJA ÓMARSDÓTTIR

Professor of International Affairs. Focused on Icelandic society and politics, reproductive rights, Iceland's foreign and security policy, and feminist international relations. Served as chair of Iceland's Gender Equality Council and on the Constitutional Council of 2011.

THÓRA ARNÓRSDÓTTIR

Investigative journalist, documentary film producer, candidate for Icelandic president in 2012. Lecturer at University of Iceland on International Relations and holds degrees in Philosophy and International Economics & Development.

RAGNA ÁRNADÓTTIR

First woman to hold the position of Secretary General of Althingi, the Icelandic Parliament; former CEO Iceland's National Power Company that produces 75% of the country's electricity.

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EXCLUSIVE PERFORMANCES

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Our ethnomusicologist, Jacob Edgar, always invites a sterling group of Icelandic artists to perform aboard ship or in local venues. The following are examples of artists who've performed for us in the past:

HAUNTING HARMONIES: **YLJA**, comprising two female singer/guitarists, performs moving melodies in Icelandic.

STORIES AND SONGS: Known for his charming stage persona, **SVAVAR KNÚTUR** weaves compelling tales about rural Icelandic life.

A SINGULAR VOICE: Acclaimed singer **SIGRÍÐUR THORLACIUS** will be joined by some of the country's best musicians to perform classics and originals.

AN ETHEREAL EXPERIENCE: Reykjavík-based **MYRRA RÓS** is known for her exquisite voice and enthralling live shows.

CLASSIC YET MODERN: **ÁRSTÍÐIR** blends classical influences with folk rock and chamber pop, sending audiences on a compelling journey.

NORTH STAR: Hailing from a valley in northern Iceland, singer/songwriter **ÖSP ELDJÁRN** is known for concerts of striking emotional power.

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“We saw Ösp Eldjárn and also the group Árstíðir. Both were phenomenal and I purchased several of their CDs. What a treat to listen to their amazing voices and harmonies. This music enhances my memories of a wonderful trip!”

—Kathi Durst Hansen



FJORD EXPLORER

Travel the Westfjords including Ísafjörður, still a center of traditions like eiderdown production.

THE WILD WEST

Sail the western frontier, with remote island hamlets and the Látrabjarg cliffs—home to a huge population of razorbills.

RIVETING REYKJAVÍK

Visit the world's northernmost capital. See its charming Old Town and Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral, learn about Norse Culture at the National Museum, and take a soak in the iconic Blue Lagoon.

HERRING AND HISTORY

Siglufjörður: Experience the one and only Herring Museum, plus the beautifully maintained town of Akureyri.

ALL-STAR GEOLOGY

Mývatn brings boiling mud pools, an explosion crater at Krafla, and Goðafoss, the waterfall of the Gods. Make an official crossing of the Arctic Circle at Grímsey.

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LAVA'S CREATIONS

See the world's newest island—forged by a volcanic explosion in 1963—and walk on a crater where the earth is still hot.

ICELAND: BEYOND THE BLUE LAGOON

Encounter vast volcanic landscapes on one of the world's youngest islands, walk on lava fields and ice sheets, and feel the power of gushing hot springs and cascading waterfalls. Cruise into the beautiful, remote Westfjords, and spend time on the Arctic Circle spotting nesting seabirds. Zodiac cruise into fjords and serene bays, and go hiking on magnificent and remote stretches of the coast. Cap off the adventure with a soak in the famous Blue Lagoon.



THE PICTURESQUE EAST

Join naturalists for hikes and Zodiac cruises around Iceland's rugged east coast.

UP CLOSE WITH THE ICE
Visit the highlands by 4x4, or deep blue icebergs via small boat.

SUSTAINABLE DINING



Our chef makes it a priority to source seafood and produce from sustainable local providers—opening yet another window onto Icelandic culture for you.

A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND 11 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

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EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: *National Geographic Explorer:* 2021 Jul. 11, 24; Aug. 2 2022 Jul. 12, 21
National Geographic Resolution: 2022 Jun. 20

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	U.S./Fly To Reykjavík, Iceland	Day 7	Lake Mývatn and Húsavík
Day 2	Reykjavík/Embark	Day 8	Exploring Eastern Iceland
Day 3	Flatey Island/Látrabjarg	Day 9	Djúpivogur
Day 4	Exploring Northwestern Iceland	Day 10	Islands of Heimaey & Surtsey, Westman Islands
Day 5	Ísafjörður	Day 11	Reykjavík/Disembark/Home
Day 6	Siglufjörður and Akureyri		

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with **Tommy Heinrich** on July 11, 2021; **Erika Skogg** on July 24, 2021; **David Wright** on August 2, 2021; and **Sisse Brimberg** on July 20, 2022.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

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ENCOUNTER UNCOMMONLY COOL GEOLOGY

Two exciting new excursions bring Iceland's world-class geology front and center. An intimate nature walk in Djupivogur highlights the country's abundant—and dramatic—black sand beaches. Plus, a dash of culture and history. While a trip to the volcanic Lake Mývatn area gets you up close with spectacular Goðafoss Falls, an ethereal lava labyrinth, and bubbling sulphur cauldrons. The adventure caps off with a rejuvenating soak in the GeoSea Baths overlooking views of the Arctic Circle on the horizon.



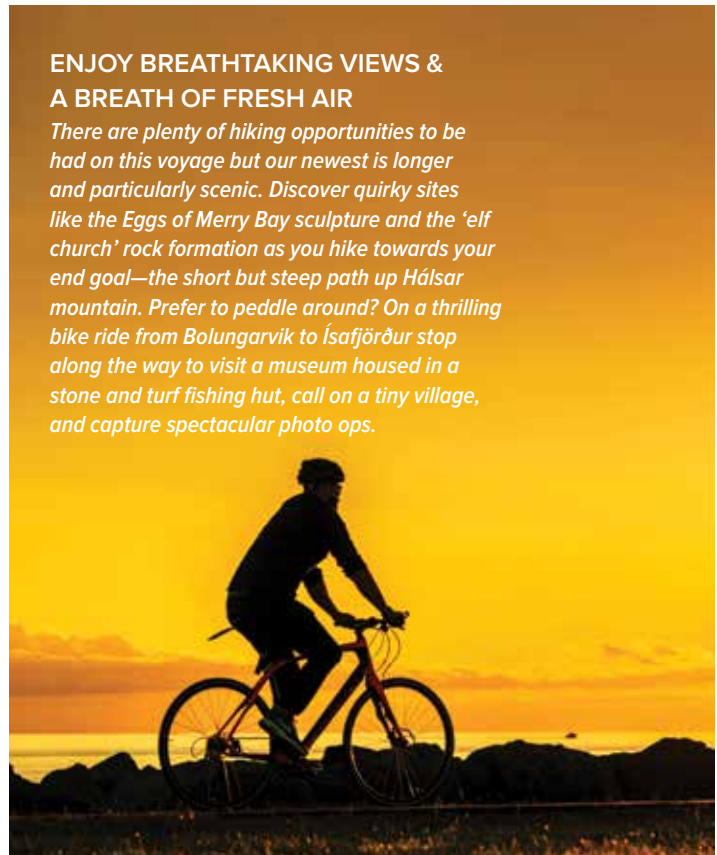
SAVOR, SIP & DISCOVER LOCAL FLAVORS

Iceland's food is as unique as its landscape. In the charming town of Ísafjörður join our expert guide on a walk full of culinary surprises. Count on stops in local establishments, plus an intimate home visit, as you get a taste of both traditional and modern fare. Beer lovers will say 'cheers' to the tour at Brothers Brewery, nestled on tiny Westman Islands. The energetic staff introduce us to one-of-a-kind brews flavored with unusual local ingredients: a seaweed called dulse and fragrant Icelandic thyme.



ENJOY BREATHTAKING VIEWS & A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

There are plenty of hiking opportunities to be had on this voyage but our newest is longer and particularly scenic. Discover quirky sites like the Eggs of Merry Bay sculpture and the 'elf church' rock formation as you hike towards your end goal—the short but steep path up Hálsar mountain. Prefer to peddle around? On a thrilling bike ride from Bolungarvík to Ísafjörður stop along the way to visit a museum housed in a stone and turf fishing hut, call on a tiny village, and capture spectacular photo ops.





AWESOME NEW WAYS TO EXPLORE

Our compelling 360° exploration provides some rare experiences. Hiking or Zodiac cruising to the base of spectacular Dynjandi Waterfall. Walking through the historic village of Flatey Island and the colorful town of Ísafjördur. Beholding Látrabjarg's massive bird cliffs and puffins at Grimsey on the Arctic Circle. And for the 2021/22 season we've curated even more rewarding options to help you discover this island nation with all your senses—from culinary tours and an active hike or bike ride to a closer look at the region's remarkable geology. Whichever you choose, our team will do whatever it takes to make every experience unforgettable.

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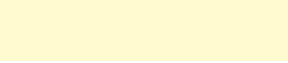
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