



A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND

INSIDE ENCOUNTERS
WITH THE ISLAND,
ITS PEOPLE & ITS
RENOWNED MUSIC

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



Clockwise from upper left: Hrunn Gunnesteinsdottir, Silja Ómarsdóttir, Thóra Arnórsdóttir, Sandra Snæbjörnsdóttir.

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Cover: Guest taking in the beauty of Dynjandi waterfall.
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LOCAL LUMINARIES

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

HRUND GUNNESTEINSDÓTTIR

Filmmaker, entrepreneur, poet and playwright, consultant to the U.N. and chair of Iceland's Technology Development Fund.

SILJA ÓMARSDÓTTIR

Board member of numerous NGOs focusing on women's and human rights; one of 25 people selected to draft a new constitution for Iceland in 2011.

THÓRA ARNÓRSDÓTTIR

Investigative journalist, documentary film producer, candidate for Icelandic president in 2012.

SANDRA SNÆBJÖRNSDÓTTIR

Esteemed geologist working on the CarbFix project, aiming to store carbon dioxide as solid minerals in order to mitigate climate change.



EXCLUSIVE PERFORMANCES

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Our ethnomusicologist, Jacob Edgar, has invited a sterling group of Icelandic artists to perform aboard ship or in local venues. At least two artists from this specially curated lineup will perform on each Iceland departure.

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

ICELAND: BEYOND THE BLUE

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 among magnificent icebergs in Jökulsárlón, and spend time on the Arctic Circle spotting nesting puffins. Kayak into fjords and serene bays, and go hiking on magnificent and remote stretches of the coast.

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 Grimsey.

HERRING AND HISTORY

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

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.

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.



LAGOON



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

UP CLOSE WITH THE ICE
Visit ice caps via snowmobile or super jeep, plus 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 ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER PRICING FROM \$10,990*

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES 2019: JUL. 15, 24; AUG. 2, 11
2020: JUN. 20; JUL. 3, 16, 25

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

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

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Travel with Gianluca Colla July 15, 2019; Jeff Mauritzen July 24, 2019; and Jenny Adler August 2 and 11, 2019.

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Take a boat ride through the shimmering blue ice of the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon.



Daily Expedition Report, Jul 14, 2018, National Geographic Explorer

We sailed into beautiful Seyðisfjörður—a town that has gone straight to the top of my list of favorites. We enjoyed a great three-hour hike along a narrow trail fringed with wildflowers to a plateau above town that afforded us breathtaking views.

—Andrew Peacock, Naturalist/Certified Photo Instructor



Guests on a Zodiac cruise along the Rauðanes peninsula in



Goðafoss, waterfall of the gods.

GOING WHERE AWESOME IS IN ICELAND

Zodiac cruising the basalt columns at Rauðanes or the shorelines of incredible fjords. Walking through the historic village on Flatey Island and the colorful town of Ísafjörður. Birding or beholding Látrabjarg's massive bird cliffs and the puffins at Grimsey on the Arctic Circle. These are some of the rare experiences our **Circumnavigation** provides. And whether they're giving you photo tips at the Goðafoss and Dynjandi waterfalls, illuminating the geology behind striking Mývatn, revealing Jökulsárlón's shimmering blue ice lagoon, or arriving with hot chocolate at the perfect moment, our team will do whatever it takes to make your experience of Iceland unique and unforgettable. And should you decide to take a polar plunge, they'll cheer you to triumph!

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Pistilfjörður, an area of exceptional natural beauty.



Atlantic Puffins.

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Langjökull Ice Tunnel, Iceland.



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