Iceland's geology in all its manifestations—glaciers, geysers, thundering waterfalls, immense cliffs, geothermal springs, boiling mud pots, and rock and lava-scapes of unearthly beauty—is world-class. It alone makes a circumnavigation a very compelling idea. And when you add in the other itinerary components—Iceland's people, their unique cultural heritage and contemporary character, the island's geography and birdlife—seeing it all in one 360º expedition is irresistible.

**DAY 1: U.S./Fly To Reykjavik, Iceland**

Depart on an overnight flight to Reykjavik.

**DAY 2: Reykjavik/Embark**

Arrive in Reykjavik, the world's northermost capital, which lies only a fraction below the Arctic Circle and receives just four hours of sunlight in winter and 22 in summer. Have a guided overview of the Old Town, including Hallgrimskirkja Cathedral with its 210-foot tower, and perhaps shed some light on Nordic culture at the National Museum, with its Viking treasures and artifacts, and unusual whalebone carvings on display. Embark National Geographic Explorer. (L,D)

**DAY 3: Explore the West Coast of Iceland**

*National Geographic Explorer* navigates Iceland's wild western frontier, sailing past the immense Latrabjarg cliffs, the westernmost point of Iceland and home to a huge population of razorbills. The cliffs are an area once famous for egg collecting; the men were tied to ropes and lowered like spiders down onto the ledges. Continue to Flatey Island, a trading post for many centuries, for walks around the charming little hamlet that grew here, and take a Zodiac cruise along the coast. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: Ísafjörður**

Located in the Westfjords, Ísafjörður is surrounded by water on three sides, sculpted by glaciers. Renowned for its traditional eider down production, it is a picture postcard of traditional Icelandic life and a great place for hiking, kayaking and for spotting eider ducks. (B,L,D)

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2018 Departure Dates:

- Jun 28
- Jul 7, 16

Important Flight Information

Please confirm arrival and departure dates prior to booking flights.

Advance Payment:

- from $1,500

Sample Airfares:

- Economy:.......................from $700
- Business:.......................from $2,200

Airfares are subject to change

Cost Includes:

- All accommodations; meals indicated; excursions; services of Lindblad Expeditions’ Leader, Naturalist staff and expert guides; use of kayaks; all port charges and service taxes; bar tab and gratuities to ship’s crew.
DAY 5: Exploring Northwestern Iceland

Hornstrandir is Iceland's northernmost peninsula, situated in the Westfjords region. Stunningly beautiful and peaceful, this remote corner of Iceland is uninhabited and can only be accessed on foot or by boat. Summertime is magical with 24 hours of daylight and many species of seabirds, including puffins, guillemots, razorbills, and kittiwakes. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: Siglufjördur and Akureyri

Siglufjördur was the center of Iceland's once-thriving herring industry. We stop by the Herring Museum for a talk and a tasting. Continue to picturesque Akureyri, backed by snow-capped mountains. Explore the old town, with its beautifully maintained period houses, or visit the botanical garden. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: Lake Mývatn and Húsavík

Drive to Mývatn, the most geologically active area in Iceland. This is world-class field geology! See the bizarre mud pools at Hverarönd — so hot they actually bubble. At the Krafla geothermal area see the explosion crater at Viti and continue to an unforgettable sight: Godafoss, the waterfall of the gods. Meet the ship in Húsavík, and watch for whales as we sail north to the land of the midnight sun. Take Zoarcas ashore to the tiny island of Grimsey, which lies exactly on the Arctic Circle. Here we celebrate being officially in the Arctic, in the company of nesting arctic terns, fulmars, and puffins in burrows, all bathing, courting and fishing — another wonderful photo op. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: Exploring Northeast Iceland

With plenty of rarely-visited coastline, this day is left open to explore Iceland's rugged east coast. Join our naturalists for a hike or a Zodiac cruise to get a better view of the beautiful stacks at the end of the peninsula. Or, conditions permitting, we may have our first chance to kayak today under the steep cliffs. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: Djúpivogur, Iceland

Explore the vast Vatnajökull icecap and take the opportunity for either a snowmobile or super jeep adventure. Via small boat, get up-close and personal with the deep blue icebergs of the large lagoon of Jökulsárlón. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: Islands of Heimaey & Surtsey, Westman Islands

The Westman Islands were formed by underwater volcanoes between 5,000 and 10,000 years ago and are among the youngest of the world’s archipelagos. In 1963, the world witnessed on film the birth of its newest island, Surtsey — a UNESCO World Heritage Site — which we see as we cruise past the coast. In 1973, Heimaey was threatened by lava flows that nearly closed off its harbor. We visit the crater, where the earth is still hot, and have amazing views of areas that had been engulfed by lava. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: Reykjavik/Disembark/Home

Today we complete our circumnavigation of Iceland, disembarking in Reykjavik. Stop by the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths, prior to our flight home. Whether you choose to enjoy the serene bath and spa facilities or just stroll around the fascinating environs, the Blue Lagoon is unforgettable! (B, L)

Not Included:

Air transportation; personal items such as emails, laundry, voyage DVD etc.

Special Offers

FREE BAR AND CREW TIPS INCLUDED, STARTING APRIL 2017

Beginning in Apr. 2017, we will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew on all National Geographic Explorer and National Geographic Orion voyages. Please call for details.

EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS:

2017 prices are guaranteed for all 2018 departures if booked by March 31, 2017. After March 31, 2017, call or visit expeditions.com for new 2018 prices.
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### COST PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

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(1) **Travel Protection Plan**

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. and Canadian residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date. Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: [http://www.expeditions.com/TravelProtection/](http://www.expeditions.com/TravelProtection/)

(2) **Cancellation Plan**

Review our cancellation plan: