



The Small Cruise Ship Collection

www.small-cruise-ships.com

small-cruise-ships.com

info@small-cruise-ships.com

ICELAND BY LAND & SEA: FROM REYKJAVIK TO THE WILD WEST

Explore with us in Iceland and enjoy a compact, land and sea adventure full of insider access with the soul of a party. Actively explore Reykjavik and the Golden Circle for two days and thrill to the natural beauty of the land of fire and ice. Then, go deep into the wild over three days aboard National Geographic Explorer along the countrys rugged west coast. Discover geological wonders Iceland is located on both the Iceland hotspot and the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, which means it is highly geologically active with volcanos. Discover Icelands world class geology in all its manifestations on a carefully curated explorationthundering waterfalls, soaring cliffs, geothermal springs, boiling mudpools, and rock and lava-scapes of unearthly beauty. Meet interesting localsguaranteed One of the charms of travel is meeting and mixing with engaging local people, but when traveling on your own its never a guarantee. We take the guesswork out of it by inviting interesting Icelanders to travel with us as part of our expedition community. Enjoy engaging presentation and, since theyre along as your travel companions, informal conversations over dinner or cocktails. Dine on local specialties & discover regional music Venture to lovely Viey Island for a private dinner with one of Icelands top chefs for a taste of local specialties. Discover some of Icelands established and upcoming musical acts with performances curated by our ethnomusicologist Jacob Edgar, host of the PBS program Music Voyager. Take advantage of amazing photo ops Youll have a National Geographic photographer as your traveling companion, to inspire you and provide tips in the field. And the services of a National Geographic certified photo instructor, as wellto help you turn your point-and-shoot camera into an aim & create. Youll find no

end of subjects, and the help you need to return home with your best



photos ever.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Reykjavik, Iceland

Arrive early in Reykjavik. We are whisked away past colorful, Scandinavian-style buildings to hear about todays exciting options during breakfast. Note: for those who wish to go directly



The Small Cruise Ship Collection

www.small-cruise-ships.com

small-cruise-ships.com

info@small-cruise-ships.com

to our hotel for early check-in, we can reserve your room for an additional charge. Choose a scenic drive amid the volcanic landscapes and natural hot springs of the Reykjanes peninsula to the tiny fishing village of Grindavik. Or soak in the soothing geothermal waters of the iconic Blue Lagoon. After lunch, check into the Borg Hotel or similar. Tonight explore one of Reykjaviks fine restaurants on your own. (B,L)

DAY 2: Reykjavik & Golden Circle/Embark Ship

Today we see Iceland's wild nature: glacial waterfalls, abundant rivers and hot springs. Thundering Gullfoss falls and the steaming Geysir hot springs will remain in your memory. At Thingvellir National Park we see nature and history converge: its the open-air site of the ancient Parliament. Our dining options throughout will be inspired Icelandic choices and settings, and dinner this evening is a special treat. A short ferry ride across the harbor takes us to scenic Videy Island, with its historic house set aside exclusively for our group. Catered by one of Icelands most famous chefs, with interesting Icelandic guestsdinner should be memorable. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: Exploring the West Coast of Iceland

National Geographic Explorer navigates Icelands wild western frontier coastline, sailing beneath the immense Latrabjarg cliffs home to a huge population of razorbills. The cliffs were once famous for egg collecting; men were tied to ropes and lowered down onto the ledges like spiders. Stop at the charming island of Flatey for walks around the picture-postcard 19th-century village, and take a Zodiac cruise along the coast. (B,L,D)

DAY 4-5: Exploring the Westfjords & Hornstrandir

Just south of the Arctic Circle, Hornstrandirthe spiky peninsula at the northern tip of the Westfjordsis Icelands truest wilderness,

an uninhabited nature reserve backed by the majestic Hornbjarg cliffs and only accessible on foot or by boat. Youll have a choice of activities each day in the Westfjords region, and the option to join the naturalist whose interests mirror yours. Hike with our botanist or birder through a wildflower-filled meadow, kayak quiet coves for independent exploration or explore on a Zodiac cruise. Join a photo hike with our National Geographic photographer and soak up the legendary scenery. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: Reykjavik/Disembark/Home

Disembark in Reykjavik and take an early flight home, or continue exploring with us. Opt to visit the Saga Museum; wander among bubbling mud pools and hot springs; or stop at a farm to see and photograph Icelandic horses. Continue to lunch and transfer to the airport for flighta home. (B,L)

Please Note:

Flexibility is a hallmark of our expeditions, and often the day-by-day itinerary will change as we take advantage of rare wildlife sightings or photographers linger ashore through the golden hour of light. Extraordinary adventure is a guarantee.



YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

YOUR SHIP:	National Geographic Explorer
VESSEL TYPE:	Luxury Expedition
LENGTH:	108 meters
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	148 (single & twin cabins)
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	1982 / 2008

National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, enabling it to navigate polar passages while providing exceptional comfort. It carries kayaks and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft. An Undersea Specialist operates a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) and sophisticated video equipment, extending access to the underwater world. Public areas : Bistro Bar; Chart Room; Restaurant; Global Gallery; Library, Lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; Mud Room with lockers for expedition gear, and Observation Lounge. Our "Open Bridge" provides guests an opportunity to meet our Officers and Captain and learn about navigation. Meals : Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menu is international with local flair. Cabins : All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Expedition Equipment : Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, SplashCam, underwater video camera, Crow's Nest remote controlled camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear. Special Features : A full-time doctor, Undersea Specialist, LEX Photo Specialist and Video

Chronicler, Internet Cafe and laundry. Wellness : The vessel is staffed by two Wellness Specialists and features a glass enclosed Fitness Center, outdoor stretching area, two LEXspa treatment rooms



and Sauna.



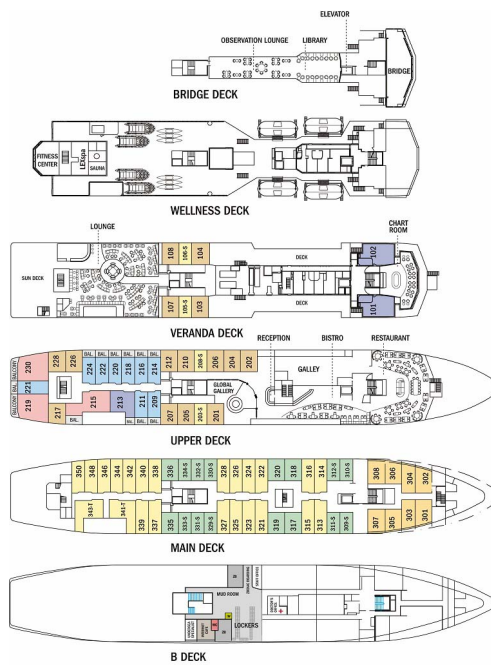
The Small Cruise Ship Collection

www.small-cruise-ships.com

small-cruise-ships.com

info@small-cruise-ships.com

INSIDE YOUR SHIP



The Small Cruise Ship Collection

www.small-cruise-ships.com

01432 507 280 (within UK)

info@small-cruise-ships.com | small-cruise-ships.com



The Small Cruise Ship Collection

www.small-cruise-ships.com



small-cruise-ships.com

info@small-cruise-ships.com

PRICING



The Small Cruise
Ship Collection

www.small-cruise-ships.com

01432 507 280 (within UK)

info@small-cruise-ships.com | small-cruise-ships.com