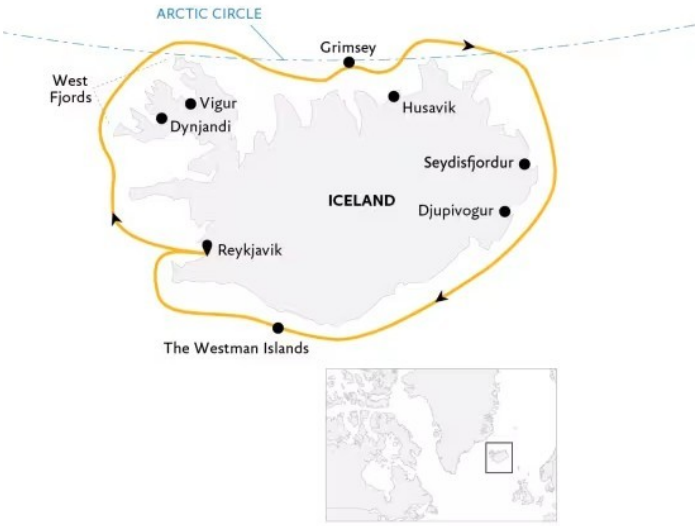


ICELAND CIRCUMNAVIGATION: MOUNTAINS, VOLCANOES AND WATERFALLS

Experience the thrill of a lifetime--a complete circumnavigation of Iceland, the legendary Land of Fire and Ice. Our 12-day Iceland Circumnavigation: Mountains, Volcanoes and Waterfalls takes you around the entire island nation, starting and ending in Reykjavik. Explore by small polar ship, Zodiac, kayak, on foot, and occasionally by coach, as you witness thundering waterfalls, vast glaciers, erupting geysers, volcanic cliffs, and remote wild coasts. Cross the Arctic Circle, spot iconic puffins, marvel at Vatnajokull Glacier, and photograph Dettifoss--Europe's most powerful waterfall.



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Day 1 - Arrive in Iceland

Arrive in the Icelandic capital and make your way to your included hotel. You will have the rest of the day to explore this fascinating city, known for its Norse history and stunning architecture.

Day 2 - Embark on Ultramarine

Enjoy your complimentary breakfast at the hotel. Your transfer to the ship is scheduled for the afternoon, leaving you time to



explore Reykjavik in the morning and have lunch on your own before you rendez-vous back at the hotel for the bus transfer to the port.

Days 3 to 5 - The Westfjords: Icelands Hidden Gem

The seldom-visited Westfjords--where land meets sea in the most dramatic fashion--are often referred to as "Iceland's best-kept secret." This rugged peninsula at the country's remote northwestern tip is rife with fjords, mountains, tumbling cliffs, gushing waterfalls, colorful beaches, rolling green hills, high moorlands dotted with rocky outcrops, small lakes, and the occasional shaggy Icelandic sheep or grazing pony. A few modest outposts of civilization, in the form of small fishing communities nestled along the fjords and shores of the Denmark Strait, face out into the mighty Atlantic, keeping alive a maritime heritage that stretches back to the Viking days. The Westfjords are the least developed of Iceland's coastal areas and, consequently, the wildest. Guests will venture into this territory on Zodiac cruises and guided shore landings at unspoiled wilderness sites where they can hike and explore on foot. One of the many waterfall highlights is Dynjandi, meaning "thunderous." Without a doubt, it's one of the most spectacular waterfalls in Iceland. The water plunges from a height of 100 meters (328 feet), tumbling over numerous ledges to create an ethereal, otherworldly ambience. You'll also get to visit Vigur, a private island where guests can delve into Icelandic culture and heritage as far back as the 11th century. Vigur is widely regarded as a capsule of Icelandic heritage. One of the island's co-owners is polar explorer Felicity Aston, the first woman to ski solo across Antarctica. You'll learn about the Icelandic tradition of eiderdown harvesting, as well as the wide array of Arctic birdlife and seals that inhabit the island. It's estimated that Vigur is home to more than 7,000 breeding ducks, 100,000 puffins, Europe's largest colony of Black Guillemots, and vast flocks of Arctic terns. You'll also have opportunities to ramble about the island, taste local food, and visit the island cafe. Today's adventure options include Zodiac cruising, sea kayaking, our paddle excursion program, and, potentially, a guided shore hike. Right across the bay lies Mongufoss, one of Iceland's most remote and beautiful waterfalls, which we'll visit by ship. On our final day in the Westfjords, our Expedition Team will seek out more of the region's rarely visited, remote corners.

Days 6 to 8 - Northern Iceland: Birds, Waterfalls, and Crossing the Arctic Circle

We'll spend the next three days exploring Northern Iceland by Zodiac, on foot, and occasionally by coach. The north of Iceland, with its long valleys and peninsulas, is interspersed with mountains, lava fields, and smooth hills carved over time by the unceasing f low of rivers. Many first-time visitors are surprised to see that the deep indentations along the northern coasts are alternately lush with vegetation--or completely barren. Your sense of awe will grow as we approach the Arctic Circle and experience the captivating brilliance of the midnight sun. Prepare to be overwhelmed by some of the most impressive waterfalls in Europe, including thunderous Dettifoss and historic Goðafoss, the "Waterfall of the Gods." Equally striking are the geological wonders of Mývatn and the lava fields of Dimmuborgir-- featured in numerous scenes in Game of Thrones. At Hverir, bubbling mud pots and steaming vents create a surreal landscape, while at Skutustaðir you'll encounter pseudocraters--volcanic features formed not by eruptions but by underground steam. You can also fulfill a polar milestone on this voyage by crossing the Arctic Circle. We'll visit Grimsey (population: 70), the only part of Iceland that lies within the



Arctic Circle. Expect to see large colonies of puffins. Other highlights in Northern Iceland include Skagafjorður, a fjord known for its impressive birdlife. Guillemots, kittiwakes, puffins, and other seabirds nest on the near-vertical cliffs of Drangey. We'll also visit Siglufjorður, a quiet f ishing village rich in history. Later, after one of our waterfall excursions, we plan an evening stop in the beautiful seaside town of Husavik. As we journey along the northern coasts, watch for potential whale sightings. Minke, humpback, and occasionally fin and orca are seen in these waters. The scenery will tempt you to reach for your camera again and again. But we invite you to pause, put it aside, and simply embrace the wonder of this enchanting landscape.

Day 9 - East Iceland: Fjords, Mountains, and Icelandic Heritage

East Iceland is defined by fantastic scenery, featuring deep narrow fjords, towering mountains, the country's largest forest (Hallormsstaðaskogur), lush farmlands, abundant fjords, and picturesque fishing villages. This morning we find ourselves on Seyðisfjorður a fjord marked by stunning scenery, steep mountains carpeted in verdant green, with streams cascading down picture perfect alpine valleys. It's also home to the Skalanes Nature and Heritage Center, a place rich in biodiversity, science, cultural heritage, and education. Here, we hope to meet with local scientists, who host students and fellow researchers throughout the year. There is a network of trails available to us with options suited to all abilities, and local science and cultural educators will be happy to share their knowledge with us along the way. While reindeer sightings are not everyday occurrences, they do happen, so we'll scan the hillsides carefully. Arctic foxes are also occasionally seen in the mountains above Skalanes. Beyond science and research, Skalanes is devoted to preserving cultural heritage through practice and story. Iceland's traditions are felt here, not only in the epic sagas but also in the enduring ways of people who for centuries have lived in harmony with this harsh yet beautiful land--where nature, science, and culture intersect.

Day 10 - Southern Iceland: Djupivogur and Vatnajokull Glacier

Djupivogur sits where east and south Iceland meet. Here, the rugged, verdant topography of the east gives way to the gentler forelands of the south, which ultimately rise to Vatnajokull, Iceland's famous ice cap, crowned by its tallest peaks, the 2,100-meter (6,890 feet) Hvannadalshnukur. Though Djupivogur has the infrastructure to welcome ships like Ultramarine, it remains a small community, situated amid ranges of triangular mountain peaks. These mountains are lush with vegetation, accented by rocky outcrops, lingering snowfields, and cascading waterfalls-- landscapes we won't want to leave. From here, we'll travel westward by coach, as the south coast's waters are shallow and wave-battered, making them inhospitable for landing. Instead, we'll journey inland to Vatnajokull National Park, celebrated for its glaciers, volcanoes, waterfalls, and geothermal springs. We'll explore Jokulsarlon Glacier Lagoon, marvel at its drifting icebergs, walk along Diamond Beach with its striking black sands, and hike this otherworldly coastline.

Day 11 - The Westman Islands (Vestmannaeyjar): Nature-Rich Archipelago

Today we explore The Westman Islands by ship and Zodiac. The archipelago of 15 islands, and surrounding sea cliffs, are teeming with birdlife. In fact, The Westman Islands group is home to one of the largest puffin colonies in the world, and is also renowned for its rich fishing grounds and whale population. Formed by below-sea-level eruptions, the soil is shallow and not

suitable for agriculture-- which is obvious when you see the large stretches of rocky terrain and lava. However, some rare plants grow in Herjolfsdalur Valley. The Westman Islands are rich in stories, none more dramatic than the volcanic eruption of 1973 that destroyed many buildings on Heimaey, the largest--and only inhabited--of the islands. Evidence of the event can still be seen today. Heimaey is also home to one of the most remarkable harbors in Iceland, with an entrance so narrow it is unforgettable on approach. As we near its tightest passage, look to the starboard side to glimpse Klettsvik, a sheltered cove once home to the killer whale Keiko--better known to the world as "Willy," star of the film Free Willy. Following the movie's release, a campaign was launched to grant Keiko real freedom. His gradual reintroduction to the wild included time here in Klettsvik, where he first encountered the open waters of Iceland before eventually swimming free. Beyond its human and cinematic history, Heimaey is also a haven for large seabird colonies. Puffins nest in great numbers here, and we will have the chance to visit one of the colonies by foot at the island's southernmost point. The walk itself is rewarding: meadows of tall grass swaying in the wind, sheep grazing contentedly, and cobalt-blue seas stretching southward.

Day 12 - Disembark Reykjavik

You'll disembark in Reykjavik, Iceland's bustling capital, at the end of your journey. If you have booked post-expedition accommodation, we provide a transfer to a central downtown location.

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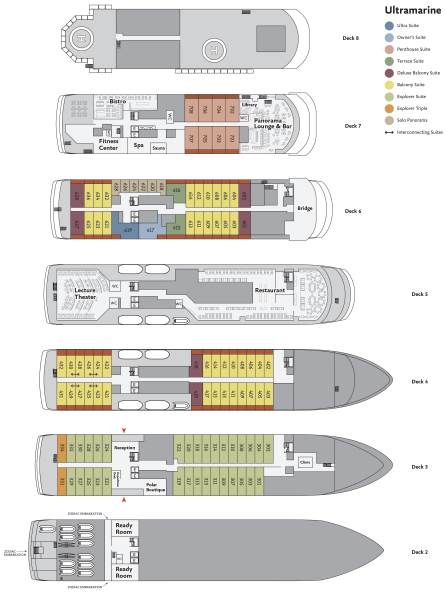
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