CIRCUMNAVIGATING ICELAND

2024 Departure: June 25 to July 3 (Embarkation: June 26 at 4:00 pm)

9-DAY/7-NIGHT ITINERARY

1. Depart home city
2. Reykjavík, Iceland/Embark WORLD NAVIGATOR (at 4:00 pm)
3. Grundarfjörður for Snæfellsnes Peninsula
4. Siglufjörður/Grimsey Island/Arctic Circle
5. Húsavik for Lake Mývatn
6. Seyðisfjörður
7. Djúpivogur for Jökulsárlón
8. Heimaey, Westman Islands/Cruise by Surtsey Island
9. Reykjavík/Disembark ship/Return to home city

from $6,385 plus air

PRE-PROGRAM OPTION
REYKJAVÍK AND THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

HIGHLIGHTS

♦ Nine-day, 7-night, 5-star cruise round-trip Reykjavík, Iceland, featuring Grimsey Island, located directly on the Arctic Circle.
♦ Specially designed itinerary to showcase the enchanting “Land of Fire and Ice”—featuring hot springs, powerful waterfalls, geysers, rugged coastline, and pristine glaciers.
♦ Enjoy calls at ports inaccessible to larger vessels—Siglufjörður and Seyðisfjörður.
♦ Cruise along Surtsey, one of Earth’s youngest islands, and visit Grimsey Island, located directly on the Arctic Circle.

EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED
5-STAR, SMALL SHIP
WORLD NAVIGATOR

Please call the Tar Heel Travel office at 877.962.3980 or email us at enrichment@unc.edu to reserve your cabin.
Land of Fire and Ice

A land of unparalleled geological riches, Iceland is home to 4,500 square miles of glaciers, 30 active volcanic systems, 800 hot springs, and over 10,000 waterfalls. Born of the monumental forces unleashed during the movement of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates and carved out by formidable glaciers and incredible waterfalls, the land is a combination of intense natural energy and veritable calm. The topography of Iceland continues to evolve, yet many of its landscapes remain nearly unchanged since the first Viking settlers laid eyes on them more than 1,100 years ago.

During your circumnavigation, see volcanic craters and fissures, watch as bubbling hot springs erupt steam into the air against a backdrop of Mars-like terrain, encounter pristine waterfalls and black lava deserts, and witness the stoic majesty of mountains capped with snow and volcanoes slumbering beneath sheets of ice. Along the coast, Iceland’s characteristic fjords chronicle the powerful path of the glaciers. A startlingly beautiful portrait of Earth’s history and progress, Iceland is a primordial landscape hewn by the forces of fire and ice.

Orcas in Iceland’s coastal waters

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Hallgrímskirkja church, whose distinct silhouette rises above Reykjavík’s skyline.
- Discover Iceland’s past in the village of Grundarfjörður and travel onward to Djúpalónssandur to explore the cove that once housed roughly 70 fishing stations.
- Explore Siglufjörður, one of Iceland’s most dramatically sited towns, and visit its Herring Era Museum, which recreates the history of fish salting and oil processing during the early 20th century.
- Savor northern Iceland’s extraordinary natural landscapes, stopping at Námaskarð and the pseudocraters at Skútustaðir, formed when hot lava flowed across the wetlands over 2,000 years ago.
- Walk among the surreal “dark castle” lava formations of Dimmuborgir and drive along the shores of Lake Mývatn.
- Board a specially designed small boat for a private cruise amid the luminous blue icebergs of Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon in UNESCO World Heritage-designated Vatnajökull National Park.
- See the imposing Eldfell volcano and tour the Eldheimar Museum, which chronicles its fateful activity of 1973.

EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED 5-STAR, SMALL SHIP World Navigator

- Only 89 suites and staterooms, most include a private balcony.
- All meals included on board the ship, as well as alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi.
- Deluxe amenities of a luxury hotel.

PRE-PROGRAM OPTION Reykjavík and the Golden Circle

The captivating city of Reykjavík and its surrounding natural wonders provide you with the perfect prelude to Iceland. Tour the legendary Golden Circle—UNESCO World Heritage-designated Þingvellir National Park and the thundering terraced cataract of Gullfoss Falls and Strokkur, possibly the world’s most iconic fountain geyser. Enjoy an excursion to the Reykjanes Peninsula, a UNESCO Global Geopark and natural marvel with an array of lighthouses. There, you will visit Brimketill lava rock pool and the site of the lava flood from the volcanic activity of 2021. Accommodations are for 3 nights in a luxury hotel.

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