





The Traveling Professor Presents

# **ICELAND AND THE NORTHERN LIGHTS**

## **TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

# Day 1

Arrive in Reykjavik after an overnight flight. Check in to the Holt Hotel. Later in the afternoon let's meet in the lobby, get to know each other, and do a professionally guided walking tour of Reykjavik.

# Day 2

Thingvellir National Park is the site of the founding of the oldest democracy in Europe. Walk through a geologic chasm where Europe splits with North America. Then it is on to an outdoor geothermal breadbaking demonstration. It's time for lunch at a hydroponic tomato farm with a delicious lunch (not included in the price) of hot tomato soup and other treats. Spouting geysers, enormous waterfalls and the famous Icelandic ponies are also on the agenda for today.

Tonight, if the conditions are right, we go out for a hunt of the Northern Lights. If we don't see them tonight, we will go out subsequent nights to see them until the trip is over.

## Day 3

A free day in Reykjavik. There is plenty to see and do in this very walkable town. Visit the local flea market. The Settlement Museum depicts the settlement of Iceland. There are interesting churches, shops, food markets too.

# Day 4

A day trip to the remote and stunning South Coast of Iceland is a day trip most tourists never see, but all those who go remember. Bring your camera. Volcanoes, black sand beaches, waves smashing against the rocks, towering waterfalls, and icy glaciers are all on today's itinerary.

#### Day 5

In the morning we pack up and check out of the hotel for our private van to take us to the Blue Lagoon. A premium experience there provides the bather with towels, a robe, slippers and a free drink while enjoying the wonderful geothermal springs. We depart from the Blue Lagoon to the airport.

#### ABOUT OUR SMALL GROUP TOURS

Since each tour is planned with traveler input, your tour may be slightly different. We always add in "off the itinerary" sites of interest. Adjustments may be made for crowd management, weather, special events, or conditions beyond our control.

We travel with a small group of 8-14 active adults. This offers the flexibility to do what we want to do, on our own schedule. The Northern Lights tour is carefully planned. We plan a flexible itinerary to re-schedule day trips in case of severe weather.

Breakfast is included each day of the tour. Every day we plan a relaxing lunch and dinner. Please join us or go out on your own - we are glad to offer our best recommendations.

Our guide is with us during the day. Tour leaders are with the group 24/7. Unless otherwise noted, we ask travelers to be ready to go at 8:30 a.m. for a full and active day of touring.

Well before departure date, each traveler is supplied with an updated itinerary along with a complete and detailed information packet. It has advice on packing, money matters, passports, weather, etc. We make sure travelers are well-prepared. And of course, we are always available to personally answer any questions you may have.

Extra nights in Reykjavik are available upon request.

For more information, including travel dates and pricing, see www.travelingprofessor.com