# Iceland's Magical Northern Lights March 10 - 17, 2018 (Fly) (8 days - 7 nights)



#### <u>Sat, Mar 10</u>

Motorcoach to DFW where we board our overnight flight to Iceland.

#### <u>Sun, Mar 11</u>

#### Reykjavik, Iceland

Your tour opens in Reykjavik. Get acquainted with old town Reykjavik on a walking tour featuring Hallgrimskirkja church, city hall, the harbor and Reykjavik's oldest building, now home to the Kraum Icelandic design center. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers at a popular restaurant for dinner, featuring Icelandic cuisine. Then, take an exhilarating northern lights cruise. Leave behind the bright city lights and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis – or northern lights – one of nature's wonders. When revealed you will be dazzled by the flickering display of light bursting with color that unfolds before your eyes.

#### Mon, Mar 12

#### <u>Vik, Iceland</u>

Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Icelanders gathered here in A.D. 930 and established what is considered one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing

Bilbrey Tours, Inc. 3262 South 27th Street Abilene, Texas 79605 upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site marking the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Experience the eruptive energy of the Icelandic landscape with a stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur. Then, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Next, see the beautiful Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and picturesque waterfalls with a walkway behind it. Continue southeast to Vik, the southernmost village in Iceland, surrounded by beautiful valleys, beaches, cliffs and mountains. After dinner, amidst the peace and stillness of rural Iceland, search for the aurora borealis - the elusive northern lights.

#### <u>Tue, Mar 13</u>

Vik, Iceland

Drive along the scenic south shore to the Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Centre. Learn about a family's struggle to live during and following the dramatic 2010 explosion of the infamous Eyjafjallajökull volcano that brought European flights to a halt. Visit Skogar Folk Museum which contains an outstanding collection covering all aspects of Icelandic life including farm and domestic artifacts, as well as turf-built homes. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Later, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations, cliffs scattered with caves and rich bird life including the Fulmar, Black Guillemot, Razorbill, Gannet and various types of seagulls. See the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights, a truly spectacular sight.

#### Wed, Mar 14

#### Vik, Iceland

Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and perhaps see some seals swimming in Arctic waters. Travel to Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull

# **Highlights Include:**

- Reykjavik, Iceland
- Northern Lights Cruise
- Golden Circle
- Thingvellir National Park
- Geysir geothermal fields
- Gullfoss waterfall
- Seljalandsfoss waterfall
- Vik, Iceland
- Eyjafjallajokull Volcano Visitor Centre
- Skogar Museum
- Skogafoss waterfall
- Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon
- Skaftafell National Park
- Vatnajokull Glacier
- Blue Lagoon

National Park. The largest national park in Europe, Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains; an Alpine environment; and the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest. After dinner, continue searching for the shimmering northern lights dancing across the night sky.

Thu, Mar 15 Reykjavik, Iceland Drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, numerous hot springs, and home of the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavik for your farewell dinner and overnight stay.

Fri, Mar 16 Iceland to DFW where we will overnight.

Sat, Mar 17Dallas-Return homeThis morning we will motorcoach to Abilene.

# Thank you for traveling with Bilbrey Tours!

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# **Price Includes:**

- Roundtrip transportation to DFW from Abilene
- Overnight accommodations in DFW March 17
- Roundtrip air from DFW;
- (call for prices from other airports)
- 6 nights hotel accommodations
- Hotel baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage
- Meals: 5 breakfasts and 5 dinners
- Admissions to all included attractions per itinerary
- Gratuities for drivers and local guides
- Services of a tour escort

Price subject to fuel supplement surcharges by airlines or other vendors

### Cost:

### \$4069 per person (2 people per room) \$4369 per person (1 person per room)

Travel Protection Insurance -\$280 per person (due upon booking)

# \$500 due upon booking

# Final due September 1, 2017

Travel Protection Insurance is available at a cost of \$280 per person. A complete outline of coverage is available upon request. Insurance is optional and may only be purchased with initial deposit; premium is non-refundable. We strongly urge you to purchase this insurance to protect yourself in the event of a medically related cancellation. All cancellations must be reported to Bilbrey Tours, Inc. within 72 hours of the problem causing the need to cancel. All claims must be completed by attending physician.

*Medicare does not pay outside the United States.* Tour is operated by Collette.

Luggage tags and a detailed itinerary will be mailed 2-3 weeks prior to the tour.

**Passport Required** 

