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Iceland

The Northern Lights: Nature's Most Spectacular Performance

MARCH 7 TO 12, 2020

Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

We invite you to be among the thousands of Cornell alumni, parents and friends who view the Cornell Alumni Association (CAA) Travel Program as their first choice for memorable travel adventures.

If you've travelled with CAA before, you know to expect excellent travel experiences in some of the world's most interesting places. If our travel offerings are new to you, you'll want to take a closer look at our upcoming tours.

Working closely with some of the world's most highly-respected travel companies, CAA trips are not only well organized, safe, and a great value, they are filled with remarkable people. This year, as we have for more than forty years, are offering itineraries in the United States and around the globe.

Whether you're ascending a sand dune by camel, strolling the cobbled streets of a 'medieval town', hiking a trail on a remote mountain pass, or lounging poolside on one of our luxury cruises, we guarantee *'an extraordinary journey in great company.'*

And that's the reason so many Cornellians return, year after year, to travel with the Cornell Alumni Association. If you, like me, simply can't wait for your next travel adventure, I encourage you to register today for this or another of our remarkable travel offerings.

Warmly,

Alumni Affairs
Cornell University

YOUR ITINERARY

DAYS 1/2 ~ NEW YORK/REYKJAVÍK/BLUE LAGOON

RANGA HOTEL. (Meals Afto; B,L,D)

Fly overnight and arrive at the Keflavik International Airport, where you will be met by your guide. Your first stop is in Grindavík, a beautiful Icelandic fishing town, where you will enjoy an authentic Icelandic welcome breakfast. Stop at the Blue Lagoon and take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich water. The lagoon is a natural geothermal pool in the middle of a large and dramatic lava field. Dry off and enjoy some fleeting daylight as you get back into the coach for a drive to Krýsuvík Hot Springs. Have your cameras handy for the magnificent sites you'll see while driving along the coast, including waterfalls, the sudden bursts of nearby geysers, glaciers, impressive mountains, and possibly a herd of Icelandic Horses lunging along the road. From Krýsuvík, drive to South Iceland, stopping first to check out the new Lava Center exhibition on volcanic activity, then continuing on to your luxuriously cozy hotel for the next 3 nights for some well-deserved rest. After dinner, set out on your first hunt of northern lights.

DAY 3 ~ SOUTH COAST RANGA HOTEL. (B,D)

Drive along the south coast of Iceland, one of the country's most beautiful and scenic regions. Enjoy views of amazing waterfalls, majestic glaciers, black sand beaches and, depending on the weather, some of the most beautiful vistas you'll ever encounter. Among the stops on this tour are the gorgeous Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls. Seljalandsfoss is part of the Seljandsá river, which has its origins in Eyjafjallajökull glacier. What makes Seljalandsfoss so famous and unique is that you can walk behind it. You will also stop at Reynisfjara black sand beach, with the Reynisdrangar rock formations and columnar basalt. Embark on another hunt for the northern lights this evening, after dinner.

DAY 4 ~ REYKJAVÍK ~ GULLFOSS WATERFALL/ GEYSER STROKKUR/FRIÐHEIMAR FARM/ SECRET LAGOON RANGA HOTEL (B,L,D)

After a hearty breakfast, head towards Gullfoss Waterfall, sometimes referred to as the "Golden Waterfall". The white foaming glacial river Hvítá abruptly plunges in two stages (36 feet and 68 feet) into a crevice 105 feet deep. The crevice, about 66 feet wide, and 1.5 miles in length, forms a beautiful canyon. Next, head to the Geysir geothermal area where the most active geyser, Strokkur, explodes every 6 to 10 minutes with a spurt of hot water that reaches as high as 98 feet. In the afternoon, visit the Friðheimar Farm to see how this family has developed an indoor greenhouse technique to grow tomatoes all year long! A chat with a member of the family will provide a personal insight into the history of Icelandic horticulture. On your way back to the hotel, stop at the Secret Lagoon for a refreshing bath in the (newly-renovated) oldest swimming

pool in Iceland where you are surrounded by hot springs. After dinner, once again set out for another Northern Lights hunt.

DAY 5 ~ THINGVELLIR NATIONAL PARK/ REYKJAVÍK HOTEL REYKJAVIK CENTRUM. (B,L,D)

Head to Reykjavik by way of Thingvellir National Park, the National Shrine of Iceland and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At Thingvellir – literally "Parliament Plains" – the Alþingi (althing) general assembly was established around 930 and continued to convene there until 1798. Today Thingvellir is a protected national shrine due to its historical past, and its geological wonders. From Thingvellir, drive to Reykjavik for a short tour of the city. This afternoon you'll have time to explore the city on your own, reconvening with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in the center of town.

DAY 6 ~ REYKJAVÍK/NEW YORK

Enjoy some time at leisure to discover Reykjavik's sites this morning. In the afternoon bid Iceland bless (goodbye) as it is sadly time to return home.



Walk behind Seljalandsfoss waterfall for incredible photos



The winter landscape of Reykjavik

Did you know ...



This ancient compass symbol is a vegvisir, a magical rune from ancient Iceland meant to protect travelers. Famous Icelandic Bjork has one as a tattoo.



Aurora over the ocean coast



A look into the Krýsuvík geothermal area

OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO WEST ICELAND



Extend your adventure to West Iceland, where warm clothing is mandatory and awe-inspiring sights are the norm. Venture to the Ice Cap Glacier, delving into ice tunnels aboard special glacier vehicles as you are surrounded by perfect blue ice.

Walk along the black beach at Djúpalónssandur and the 8,000-year-old lava caves nearby. Thaw out in luxury accommodations, hot springs, and in the wake of volcanoes along the way.

YOUR JOURNEY COSTS

MARCH 7 TO 12, 2020
PRICE PER PERSON

- \$3,795 land only, double occupancy.
- \$895 single supplement, additional.
- \$890 estimated airfare from New York, including international taxes/fuel surcharges. (Subject to change).

YOUR EXTENSION COSTS

RETURNS MARCH 15, 2020
PRICE PER PERSON

- \$3,295 per person
- \$495 single supplement, additional.



Reynisfjara beach with rock formations and columnar basalt

YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES

- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Icelandic breakfast daily, a welcome dinner and a farewell dinner, and other meals as per itinerary. (B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner)
- All ground transfers and excursions in private vehicles.
- Services of a specialist guide with 10 travelers.
- Entrance fees to all venues indicated.
- Complimentary bottled water on coaches during sightseeing.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips and taxes for included services.
- Complimentary passport wallet and baggage tags.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.



A couple enjoys a soak in the Blue Lagoon

“In Iceland, you can see the contours of the mountains wherever you go, and the swell of the hills, and always beyond that the horizon. And there’s this strange thing: you’re never sort of hidden; you always feel exposed in that landscape. But it makes it very beautiful as well.”

— **Hannah Kent**
Novelist



Viewing Strokkur, the most active geyser

ACCOMMODATIONS

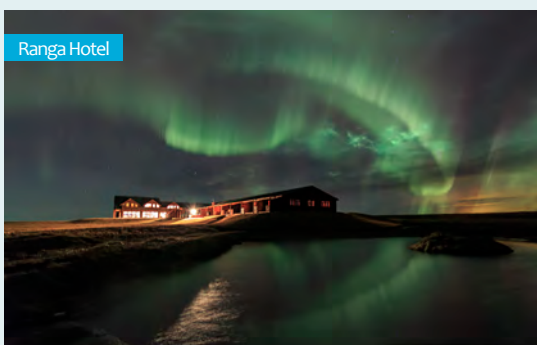
Main Program Accommodations

Ranga Hotel: Ranga Hotel is the perfect blend of secluded relaxation, and enriching culture. All guests are provided with bathrobes and slippers, and all rooms have views of either the East Ranga River, or Mount Helka Volcano. The restaurant serves modern Nordic cuisine focused on fresh local ingredients.

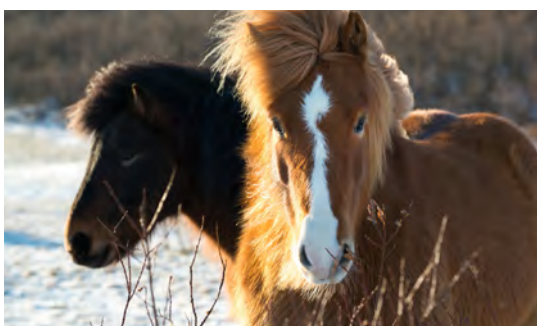
Hotel Reykjavik Centrum: A four-star hotel offering top quality service and facilities, it is located in one of the oldest streets in Reykjavik, and is just a short walk away from the main shopping district. Hotel Reykjavik features well designed guest rooms all equipped with standard amenities for a comfortable stay.

Post Extension Accommodation

Icelandair Hotel Hamar: Located in the quaint, beautiful town of Borgarnes, the Icelandair Hotel Hamar is surrounded by immense natural beauty and fascinating attractions. All rooms are equipped with modern amenities including under-floor heating to keep you warm, whatever the weather. At the end of your day, you may choose to relax in the hot tubs in the hotel garden, under the glow of the Aurora Borealis.



Savory Icelandic cuisine – Cod with lemon



Icelandic horses grazing on the tundra

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CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit of \$750 per person for the main trip and \$600 per person for the extension, to: Classic Escapes Inc. 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside NY, 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum of 15 guests on the main and 10 guests on the extension outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents /traveling companions for the duration of their trip. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions.

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HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us in case you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up December 3, 2019, less \$300 handling fee, plus \$250 non-refundable deposits given to overseas suppliers.
 - December 4–December 23, 2019, deposit is forfeited.
 - December 25, 2019–January 2, 2020, less 75% of tour cost.
 - After January 2, 2020, no refund is possible.
- These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

RESERVATION FORM: (Please Print)

TOUR CODE: 20EUL0307/CORNELL

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$750 per person, plus \$600 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Winter Adventure to Iceland departing on **March 7, 2020. Final payment due date is December 3, 2019. All final payments are required to be made by check or money order only. Please make check payable to Classic Escapes, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Classic Escapes, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377.**

Method of Payment for the deposit: ☐ Check ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Name on Card _____ Card Number _____ EXP _____ CVN _____

FULL PASSPORT NAME: _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

FULL PASSPORT NAME: _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

BADGE NAME IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

☐ The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ☐ ONE ☐ TWO Beds

☐ I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)

☐ I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Cornell Alumni Association or Classic Escapes cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount.

I prefer to share with: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-smoker

☐ I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:

☐ \$895 for the main trip ☐ \$495 for West Iceland post extension

☐ I/We wish to participate in the optional West Iceland post extension at a cost of \$3,295 per person.

☐ Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from New York via Icelandair.

(Other departure cities available upon request; prices quoted at time of request.)

We strongly recommend that you obtain travel insurance. Reservations are accepted subject to tour conditions and will be confirmed only if accompanied by completed form signed by the tour participant(s).

I/We have read the conditions of travel on this brochure and understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated herein:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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