

THE ARCTIC - HIGHLIGHTS OF ICELAND | OCEAN VICTORY



INTRODUCTION

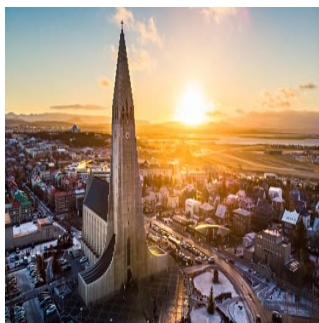
Your Icelandic adventure begins in Reykjavik, a capital that blends modern Nordic energy with easygoing charm. From here you sail out of Faxaflói Bay aboard Ocean Albatros, following old Norse routes toward Iceland's remote northern coast and the dramatic Westfjords. This journey invites you to step into lively harbour towns, volcanic islands and communities shaped by centuries of seafaring, all while surrounded by the striking landscapes that make Iceland so distinctive.


Throughout the voyage, you can explore fishing towns with deep cultural roots, cross the Arctic Circle at Grāmsey, visit wildlife rich islands and witness volcanic history up close. Expect opportunities for whale watching, coastal walks, bird viewing and time to soak in local geothermal springs. With knowledgeable guides, comfortable shipboard life and varied experiences each day, this itinerary offers a rich introduction to the nature, history and communities that define Iceland.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive Reykjavik & Embarkation

Our adventure begins in Iceland's vibrant capital, Reykjavik. Famous for its modern Nordic culture, excellent food scene, and relaxed atmosphere, Reykjavik is the ideal starting point for our Arctic adventure. After boarding our expedition ship, Ocean Albatros, guests will enjoy dinner and champagne as we set sail out of Faxaflói Bay, following ancient Norse sea routes towards the wild Westfjords.



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DAY 2: Isafjordur

Tucked in the heart of the Westfjords, Ísafjörður is surrounded by dramatic basalt mountains and deep fjords. Once a quiet fishing settlement, it became an international trade hub in the 16th century, with its rich waters attracting traders and ships from across the Atlantic. Today, the colourful houses, swanky downtown buildings, and visitors from around the world make a surprisingly cosmopolitan town centre. Chilly breezes and sweeping landscapes welcome visitors to explore the remoteness and beauty of this northern gem.



DAY 3: Siglufjordur and Grímsey

Siglufjörður, Iceland's northernmost mainland town, thrived during the herring boom of the mid-20th century, growing from a sleepy village to the hub of the country's fishing industry. Today, the herring still reigns supreme; the charming streets and Herring Era Museum showcase this proud heritage, while its jaw-dropping fjord setting offers rich bird-watching opportunities. Later, we sail to Grímsey Island, the only part of Iceland that crosses the Arctic Circle. A guided walk reveals its rugged beauty, curious, unafraid seabirds, and the symbolic Arctic Circle marker, 'Orbus et Globus', which is shifted annually to account for tiny changes to Earth's orbit.



DAY 4: Akureyri

Nestled at the end of Eyjafjörður, Iceland's longest fjord, Akureyri is known as the 'Capital of the North.' Despite its small size, the city boasts a unique cathedral, the first botanical gardens in Iceland, massive geothermally heated swimming pools, and a lively cultural scene. Sheltered by surrounding hills from the worst of the Arctic weather, its rich volcanic soils support abundant agriculture, and the frigid waters of the fjord hold rich fish stocks - a treat for the discerning palate!



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DAY 5: Husavik

Just beyond Akureyri lies Húsavík, Iceland’s oldest settlement, founded by the Viking pioneer Náttfari in the late 9th century. Small but bustling, Húsavík has fully embraced tourism and is the undisputed whalewatching capital of Iceland. Where whalers once hunted, conservation and tourism now shelter these gentle giants. The town also offers museums, including one dedicated to whale conservation and research and another celebrating Iceland’s contributions to exploration, in the Arctic, Antarctic, and even into space. No trip to Husavik is complete without a soak at the nearby Geosea Spa with views over Skjálfandi Bay.



DAY 6: Djúpvogur


Situated on Iceland’s scenic southeast coast, Djúpvogur is framed by fjords, mountains, and rich bird habitats. It is the closest port in the country to the Faroe Islands, Scandinavia, and mainland Europe, and is therefore a very popular port of call for vessels exploring the North Atlantic. Centered around the harbor, the town dates back to the 16th century and is known for its unique public art, including the Eggin í Gleðivík (Eggs of Merry Bay) sculpture. Hikers and birdwatchers are spoiled for choice, with mile upon mile of nature waiting to be explored. One of Iceland’s most beautiful black sand beaches is just a short stroll from town and features a huge variety of bird species.



DAY 7: Heimaey and Surtsey, Westman Island

Next we visit Heimaey, the largest of the volcanic Westman Islands. Visitors can explore the dramatic lava fields of Eldfell volcano, and the world-renowned bird colonies of the island. The residents of Heimaey were severely tested in 1973, when Eldfell volcano began to spew lava, threatening the town and its vital harbour. Heroic locals fought back, cooling the lava with seawater jets to save their community. Weather permitting, we cruise past Surtsey, a newly formed volcanic island strictly reserved for scientific research.



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DAY 8: Disembark in Reykjavik

Returning to Reykjavik, we conclude our voyage with lasting memories of Iceland's wild landscapes, vibrant communities, and extraordinary wildlife.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Accommodation onboard the Ocean Victory in booked cabin category
 All meals on the ship (full board): breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks
 "Welcome" and "Farewell" cocktail parties
 Complimentary house wine, beer, and soft drinks at dinner (selected labels and brands)
 24-hour access to tea, coffee, and 'Grab and Go' comfort food
 500MB WiFi card for use on your personal devices
 Expedition Parka, yours to keep
 Use of rubber style muck boots, on loan for the duration of your expedition
 English-speaking Expedition Team
 Briefings and educational lectures by the Expedition Team
 All scheduled landings and excursions
 Citizen Science program
 Photography Coach available throughout the voyage
 Participation in the Polar Plunge
 Access to onboard medical clinics
 Access to onboard fitness centres
 All port taxes and landing fees
 Digital Expedition Memento, including a curated selection of photos, videos, expedition log and map, and wildlife list

Inclusions

INCLUDED ON BALCONY SUITE (A) AND ABOVE

Wine and fruit on arrival
 In-room mini-bar refilled once daily with non-alcoholic beverages
 Complimentary laundry service
 In-room espresso machine

EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights other than specified
 Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified
 Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information
 Pre or post cruise travel expenses other than specified
 Visa (if applicable) and passport fees
 Travel insurance (compulsory)
 Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings
 Paid adventure options and all personal expenses
 Tobacco, or selected premium beverages
 Miscellaneous extras
 Laundry and communication charges on board, except as listed in inclusions
 Gratuities for Expedition team and crew
 For minors under 16 years of age at time of travel; life jackets, waterproof outer shell jacket, and boots
 For guests who require larger sizing; Waterproof outer shell jacket and rubber boots

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Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Subject to availability on request for some cabin categories. Contact us for more details.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, and may be based on quad/triple/twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
Price Dependent upon	Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

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