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Loreto College Swords Iceland



22 - 26 October 2015

Day 1 Thursday, 22 October 2015

08:50hrs Meet your GTI representative at Dublin airport – Terminal 1

08:50hrs Check-in for your Icelandair Charter flight from Dublin to Keflavik Airport (Reykjavik)

20kg checked luggage allowance per person
+
10kg hand luggage allowance per person

Carrier: Icelandair
Booking Reference:
Destination: Keflavik Airport

Flight Number: FI 1509

11:20hrs Depart Dublin on Icelandair Flight FI 1509

12:30hrs Arrive Keflavik Airport

The guide will meet the group in the arrivals hall at Keflavik Airport with a sign that says:
Loreto College

Your guide will accompany the group to the awaiting coach

13:00hrs Meet your coach driver, at Keflavik Airport .

Coach Driver: to be advised
Mobile No: to be advised

13:15hrs Depart by coach for transfer to Reykjavik

14:00hrs Meet your guide, (name to be advised) at (place to be advised) for **Guided city walking tour of Reykjavik.**

Guide: to be advised
Mobile No:

Walking Tour of Reykjavik . Reykjavik city, also known, as “smoky bay” is the world’s most northerly capital. The name derives from the first settlers who noticed steam rising from the ground from the hot springs in Reykjavik. The city, although small in population, has everything larger cities have to offer. Several cultural and social events and various recreations are available. Not to forget interesting museums, galleries, delightful restaurants and cafés. Reykjavik’s unique proximity to nature, with Salmon River Elliðaá running through it, a thermal beach at Nauthólsvík, green valleys and outdoor swimming pools, make this city second to none in the world. The Reykjavik Grand Excursion is a detailed and comprehensive introduction to Reykjavik’s past and present.

16:00hrs Check into your hotel.

1 nights accommodation on Half board basis at:

Hotel Cabin.

Borgartún 32
105 Reykjavík
Tel: +354 511 6030

Located along Faxaflói Bay's scenic waterfront promenade, Hotel Cabin is a 5-minute walk from the large, geothermal Laugardalslaug Swimming Pool. It offers free private parking and rooms with satellite TV. Reykjavík city centre is 1.5 km away.

16:30hrs Swimming in **Laugardalslaug**: 5/10 minutes walk from Hotel
Laugardalslaug is the city's largest pool with extensive facilities.

18:30hrs Return to your hotel

19:00hrs Dinner at your hotel – At the 'Saladbar' buffet style

Overnight accommodation

Day 2 Friday, 23 October 2015

08:00hrs Breakfast at your hotel & checkout

08:45hrs Meet your coach driver, at your hotel and load luggage onto coach.

09:00hrs Visit to **Golden Circle Tour**.

Morning drive over Hellisheiði plateau and continue to **Gullfoss**, the Golden Waterfall, one of the most impressive waterfalls in Europe. Here you will see thousands of tons of icy water thunder majestically down in double falls into a deep canyon. Only a few minutes drive from Gullfoss is the famous Great **Geysir** which has given name to hot spring all over the world. You will see one of the most active geysers in the area, **Strokkur**, spouting up to 30 meters. Onwards to **Pingvellir**, a remarkable geological site and the most historic site on the island. Pingvellir is the site of the world's oldest democratic parliament founded in 930. Pingvellir, located by Lake Pingvallavatn, the largest lake on the island, is now a national park. The beautiful canyon running through the park is actually the meeting point of two of the earth's tectonic plates, and Pingvellir's combination of natural phenomena and historical significance make it inseparable from the fabric of Icelandic national life. From Pingvellir we travel to our hotel in Selfoss for dinner and overnight

Packed Lunch included: Sandwich / cake / fruit / juice

17:00hrs Check into your hotel.

3 night's accommodation at:

Hotel Selfoss.
Eyravegi 2
800 Selfoss IS
Tel: +354 480 2500

Hotel Selfoss offers a quality and well-appointed rooms with satellite TV, high-speed computer connections, telephones, minibars, hair dryer and safe, as well as a feature is a general room service for guests of Hotel Selfoss. There are also a cozy restaurant and unique and comfortable spa.

19:00hrs Dinner at your hotel – Menu: Fish and chips

Overnight accommodation

Day 3 Saturday, 24 October 2015

07:00hrs Breakfast at your hotel

08:00hrs Meet your coach driver and guide at hotel

08:15hrs Depart for **South Shore Tour**.

Drive through small villages and farmlands to the majestic mountains towering over the coast we will have frequent views of mountains, including the towering strato volcano **Eyjafjallajökull**, which is probably one of the most famous volcanoes in the world today. We continue through the region where one of the best known of the Icelandic classical sagas, **Njáls Saga** is set. A stop at the spectacular waterfalls **Seljalandsfoss** and **Skógarfoss**. Those two waterfalls tumble over high rock escarpments

Packed Lunch at **Skógarfoss** included: Sandwich / cake / fruit / juice

12:00hrs After lunch the group will drive to the foot of the Sólheimajökull glacier for the Glacier Walk.

15:00hrs Continue onwards to **Reynisfjara beach and Dyrhólaey**

17:45hrs Departure towards Hotel Selfoss

19:30hrs Estimated arrival time back at Hotel Selfoss.

20:00hrs Dinner at your hotel – Menu: Spaghetti Bolognese

Overnight accommodation

Day 4 Sunday, 25 October 2015

08:00hrs Breakfast at your hotel

08:45hrs Meet your coach driver and guide at hotel

09:00hrs Depart for Visit to **Reykjanes Peninsula**.

We drive on towards **Kleifarvatn** and **Krísuvík**, with powerful jets of steam escaping from deep below the earth's crust and sulphurous steam rising from numerous vents of a geothermal field. Here we can see innumerable small hot springs, mud pots and boiling pools. We proceed to the town of **Grindavík** with its sizeable fishing fleet. We visit the

bridge between continents at the Mid Atlantic Ridge, the site where major tectonic plates are being pulled apart by the earth's forces

Packed Lunch included: Sandwich / cake / fruit / juice

15:00hrs Arrival at the **Blue Lagoon**.

The Lagoon is a unique wonder of nature; a lagoon with pleasantly warm mineral-rich geothermal water in a middle of a black lava field. The high natural levels of silica and minerals give the Lagoon its rich blue colour. The facilities include modern changing rooms and showers, an indoor geothermal pool, a winter garden, restaurants and other services. A visit to the Blue Lagoon is both invigorating and exciting whether one bathes there surrounded by snow in the middle of the winter or in the long summer daylight.

16:30hrs Departure from the Blue Lagoon

17:40hrs Estimated arrival back at Hotel Selfoss

19:00hrs Dinner at your hotel – Menu: Chicken with fries and side salad

Overnight accommodation

Day 5 Monday, 26 October 2015

08:30hrs Breakfast at your hotel & checkout

09:30hrs Meet your coach driver and guide at hotel, load luggage onto coach

11:00hrs Depart for Visit to **Hveragerði Village**.

A morning drive to Hveragerði, known as the greenhouse village. We will have a look at the exhibition "Quake 2008" which presents the causes and derivatives of an earthquake in Hveragerði in 2008, before we will experience boiling eggs in a hot spring, and afterwards taste them with bread which has been baked in a hot spring as well.

Lunch not included today – options to follow

12:00hrs Departure towards Hellisheiði Powerplant.

12:30hrs Arrival at **Hellisheiði Powerplant**.

Arrival at Hellisheiði Powerplant

Get an in-depth enlightenment on how geothermal energy is processed from hot water at the Power Station, located on an active volcanic ridge.

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16:30hrs Depart from Keflavik Airport on Icelandair flight FI 1510

18:40hrs Arrive into Dublin Airport – Terminal 1

GROUP TRAVEL INTERNATIONAL wishes you a happy and successful tour.