



EXETER
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WHY EXETER INTERNATIONAL?

Our Experience

At Exeter International we have been creating memories and crafting custom-designed journeys since 1993. We are a team of specialists committed to providing the best travel experiences in our destinations. Each of our experts has either travelled extensively on reconnaissance trips, or has lived in their area of expertise, giving us unparalleled first-hand knowledge. Because we focus on specific parts of the globe, we return to the same destinations many times, honing our experience over the years.

Knowledgeable Up-to-the-Minute Local Information

We are best placed to give you advice about traveling to Europe and beyond; from logistics and new protocols in museums, hotels and restaurants in each country. We are here to expertly guide you through the new normal in travel.

Original Custom Programs, Meticulously Planned

Our experts speak your language both literally and culturally. Our advice and recommendations are impartial, honest, and always have the individual in mind. We save valuable time in pre-trip research and focus on developing experiences that enrich and enhance your experience. Once on your journey you will have complete peace of mind with our local 24-hour contact person who is on hand to coordinate any changes in your program or help you in the case of any emergency.

Hand-Selected Guides

We know that guides are one of the most important components of any travel experience. That is why we only use local experts who have a history of working with our guests and whom we know personally. We are extremely particular in selecting our guides and are confident that they will be one of the most memorable aspects of any of our trips.

DAY 1



SUNDAY, MARCH 10 ARRIVE TO REYKJAVIK

Welcome to the Land of Fire and Ice. Our journey will take you across Iceland's many amazing landscapes formed by volcano lava flows and glaciers. Each day welcomes a new adventure!

Upon arrival in Reykjavik, we will be greeted just outside of baggage claim for your transfer into the city. The drive is about 40 minutes. Our hotel rooms will be reserved from the night before and ready for immediate check-in on our early morning arrival.

This afternoon, we will enjoy a walking food tour of the vibrant city. We will eat our way around the city, exploring the city's delicacies as our guide regales us with the island's history and how it intertwines with the food. Iceland may be known for interesting food options such as fermented shark; however, we guarantee you will be pleasantly surprised about the local flavors.

Return back to our hotel in the early evening to rest up after a long day. For those still with energy the city really comes alive at night with many bars and restaurants to check out!

If looking to experience a lagoon, we can arrange for a visit to the Sky Lagoon, located just outside the city. The geothermal heated lagoon is right next to the sea, providing a stunning view.

EXETER SERVICES

Airport Transfer; Food Tour (3 hours)

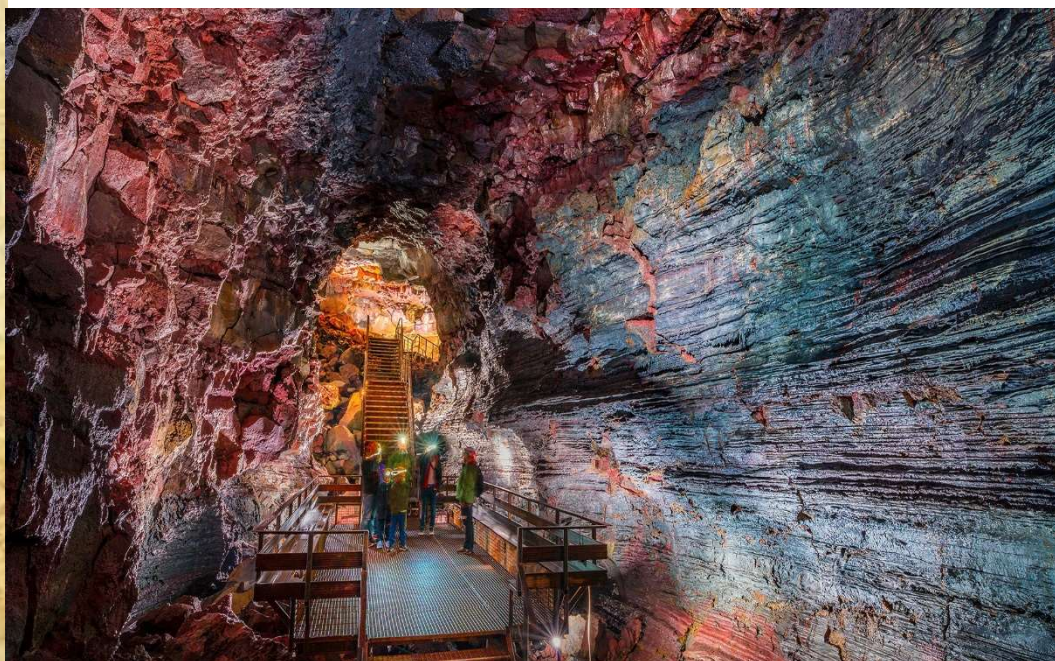
HOTEL

Konsulat or Parliament

MEALS:

Early Dinner (part of food tour)

DAY 2



MONDAY, MARCH 11 GOLDEN CIRCLE

Today, we will journey to the Golden Circle to explore some of the country's best highlights. Along the way, we will stop for an **extraordinary walk through a lava tunnel**. As we walk through the tunnel, in the lava's path from 5000 years ago, your guide will discuss the unique colors and formations. With 130 volcanos on the island, they control the ever-changing landscape.

Afterwards, we will explore **Þingvellir (Thingvellir) National Park**. This is the best spot to witness the Mid-Atlantic rift dividing North America and Eurasia. It is the only spot in the world to see a rift above sea level.

Continue onto Geysir, the location of the first geyser to be discovered in Europe, dating back over 1,000 years ago. Also known as the "**Great Geyser**" that spouts every few minutes. Afterwards, we make our way to Gulfoss, the Golden Falls.

Tonight, we will enjoy an organic dinner at a tomato greenhouse! This truly unique restaurant is located in an area that is warmed by the geothermal springs making it a hotbed for greenhouses. The greenhouse owners will walk through the facility, describing the growing process. Afterwards, we will dine right among the tomato vines! Our tomato-influenced menu offers the freshest ingredients.

This evening we check into the 360 Hotel, reserved exclusively for us! As its name indicates, the hotel offers a full panoramic view of the surroundings. **The remote area is void of most artificial light, proving a great opportunity to spot the northern lights!**

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver & Guide (up to 10 hours)

HOTEL

360

MEALS

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 3



TUESDAY, MARCH 12 HIGHLANDS

Today we will get our adrenaline pumping as we **venture out into the Highlands and explore via ATVs.** After dressing in thermal overalls, we will have a quick lesson on operation and then we are off, zooming across the snowy fields. Companions will share an ATV and have the opportunity to switch drivers halfway through. Please inquire if interested in a single ATV. Enjoy the serenity of the landscape as we ride through streams and up to waterfalls.

During our ride, we will make a stop for a **special barbecue lunch set up for us exclusively in a secluded spot.**

After exploring the Highlands, we will return back to enjoy a communal served dinner at our hotel.

A hot spring spa is available on the property for us to indulge in an evening soak under the stars and hopefully see the Northern Lights! Massages can be arranged. If interested, please inquire.

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver & Guide (up to 6 hours)

HOTEL

360

MEALS

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 4



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 THORSMÖRK

Today our adventure continues as we explore Thorsmörk, a nature reserve tucked between glaciers. Its name comes from the Norse God Thor. The reserve's rugged beauty can only be explored by Super Jeeps, which are essentially monster trucks! **Our driver will take us through some extreme landscapes, across-canyons, streams, gullies and mountains.**

We will stop to enjoy a snowmobile excursion on the Eyjafjallajökull glacier. Below the glacier lurks the Volcano that erupted in 2010, causing major flight disruptions. We will hop on our snowmobiles for an exhilarating ride across the snowy landscape framed by mountains and extended wintery vistas.

Late afternoon check-in into **Skalakot Manor, reserved exclusively for us!** The property is designed to feel like an elegant but cozy home and the staff will welcome us like family!

This evening enjoy dinner at the Manor. Afterwards, we suggest visiting the spa cabin for a dip in the hot tub. Massages can be arranged; however, space is very limited. Please inquire if interested.

Our eyes will be towards the sky tonight in hopes of seeing the northern lights in this secluded hideaway.

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver & Guide (up to 8 hours)

HOTEL

Skalakot Manor

MEALS

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 5



THURSDAY, MARCH 14 SOUTH COAST

Today, we make our way along the South coast which offers a variety of stunning scenery. We will see the volcanic black sand beaches. Along the beach, we will see the huge Basalt columns, created from hardened lava. Fans of Game of Thrones will certainly recognize the scenery.

Take a walk behind the famous **majestic Seljalandfoss waterfall**. Then we will have the opportunity to scale the height of the **Skogafoss waterfall**.

Then we continue to a glacier to begin our hike. We will be provided with crampons (shoe spikes) to ascend the icy landscape. Only by hiking on the glaciers can we truly appreciate their massive size.

This evening return back to Skalakot Manor for our dinner.

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver & Guide (up to 8 hours)

HOTEL

Skalakot Manor

MEALS

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 6



FRIDAY, MARCH 15 SOUTH COAST-KEFLAVIK

This morning, we will be introduced to the **Icelandic Horses for a ride though the surrounding valley**. Skalakot Manor takes great pride in their horses, in fact they were a horse farm before becoming a hotel. This is truly one of the best spots in Iceland to experience horseback riding!

On our privately guided tour, we will make our way to the remote Írárfoss waterfall, fed by the Eyjafjallajökull glacier. More experienced riders can break out into a fast pace while the newer riders will enjoy a slower paced gallop across the landscape.

Afterwards, we will depart and make our way west back towards Reykjavik and the airport area.

We will make a stop for an **exclusive private tour of the Caves of Hella**. Explore three of the sandstone caves believed to have been dug back before Viking times. Your guide will discuss the possible inhabitants and the clues left behind. After your tour, enjoy a tasting of local beer, whisky and snacks.

Afterwards, we continue on to the Retreat. These luxurious accommodations are located next to the famous Blue Lagoon and were created for an exclusive hideaway, away from the crowds at the Blue Lagoon. The property is surrounded by private lagoons for the Retreat guests.

This evening, we will enjoy a Farewell Dinner. Our hotel rooms feature floor to ceiling windows, overlooking the lava fields, perfect for the opportunity to glimpse the northern lights!

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver & Guide (up to 8 hours)

HOTEL

Retreat

MEALS

Breakfast, Light Lunch (snacks) and Dinner

DAY 7



SATURDAY, MARCH 16 REYKJAVIK-ONWARD

Today we will have the opportunity to relax in the private retreat Blue Lagoon, famous for the healing qualities of its silica mud and mineral rich geothermal seawaters. **Delight in the warm waters and exclusive lagoon area, just for Retreat guests away from the large crowds.**

During our visit, we will have private changing/shower facilities. Indulge in the 7-step ritual which offers relaxing skin treatments.

Later this afternoon, we will be transferred to the airport for your departing flight.

EXETER SERVICES

Blue Lagoon Ritual; Airport transfer

MEALS

Breakfast



WHAT IS INCLUDED

Price: \$12,000 per person, double occupancy
+\$4,425 Single supplement

Accommodations

Reykjavik

Deluxe Room for One (1) night at the Konsulat or Parliament Hotel; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily. Includes Early check-in.

Golden Circle

Deluxe Room for Two (2) nights at the Hotel 360; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

South Coast

Deluxe Room for Two (2) nights at Skalakot Manor; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

Keflavik

Junior Suite Moss View for One (1) nights at the Retreat; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

Services

Private vehicle, driver and guide at your service as described. The timing for each day is noted in your program. Exeter International's local offices are available for emergency assistance 24 hours per day while you are traveling.

Tickets

All entrance tickets as described in the program.

Exeter International Travel Information

BAGGAGE

The vehicles reserved for your itinerary can accommodate up to two medium-sized suitcases per person. If you intend to travel with additional luggage, please advise your travel consultant so appropriate arrangements may be made. In general, we schedule a sedan for parties of two, a minivan for parties of three to four and a minibus for parties of five or more.

SIGHTSEEING

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time you plan to visit them. However, weather can change very quickly and some services may be deemed unsafe. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, we make every effort to arrange the touring to include everything described.

OPTIONAL EXPENSES

Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in your tour price and are at your own discretion. Please see your final documents for tipping suggestions.

REFUNDS

We regret that refunds cannot be issued for arrangements confirmed on your itinerary but unused once your tour has begun.

INSURANCE

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment. You will find insurance costs noted on your invoice and insurance coverage information in your original booking packet.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of 2023. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Devaluation of a foreign currency will be weighed against any tariff increases imposed. Exeter International does not breakdown costs involved in any Small Group or Individual Travel Program.

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