

## **Program Proposal for Iceland Incentive 2012**

**Travel date: April/May or September/October 2012**

**Group Size: 5-50 pax**

This program covers major highlights of Iceland's inspiring nature and interests with emphasis on quality and not to long driving distances. The program has great activity days with relaxing days in between.

International flights can be arranged with Iceland ProTravel as well.

### **Arrival day: Blue Lagoon**

Most flights arrive in Iceland from Europe in the afternoon. The tour guide(s) will be at the airport to meet and greet the group. This guide will be with the group throughout the tour.

Outside the airport, there will be **Econoliner Super Jeeps** waiting for the group and will transfer them to the **Blue Lagoon** (20 min) where the group will go for a relaxing bath in the Lagoon. There will be a cocktail served in the lagoon from the Lava bar. **Optional:** towel rent and massage in the lagoon.



Further 40 min drive to Reykjavík, where the group will stay in a 4\* hotel for the first night. Unfortunately there are no 5\* hotels in Iceland.

**Suggested hotels are: Grand Hotel Reykjavík, Hotel Borg or Hilton Reykjavík.** All excellent 4\*hotels. Dinner will be in the hotel restaurant on the first night.

### **Day 2: Golden Glacier Ride.**

Breakfast buffet in the hotel.

Outside the hotel, there will be a Super Truck waiting for the group to bring them on a tour that allows them to get in touch with some of Iceland's most famous and exciting natural phenomena.

The first stop is at Þingvellir National Park, 40 min drive east of the city. Þingvellir is one of Iceland's most historic sites as it was here that Iceland's first parliament was founded in the year 930 AD.



From Þingvellir we head along gravel tracks towards the world-renowned geothermal area around the Geysir hot spring. This is the original spouting hot spring that all such phenomena on Earth are named after.

From there we continue on to Gullfoss („the Golden waterfall“) where your proximity to its edge is so close you can feel the spray of the glacial water on your face.

Next we kick the action into higher gear as we get even closer to Iceland's nature and go for a snowmobiling tour on Langjökull, Iceland's second largest glacier.

Lunch will be served on the glacier as a buffet.



After the snowmobile ride we can either drive down to the south of Iceland or have a helicopter come and pick up the group.

With the helicopter we can add a fantastic sight-seeing trip over the glacier and the highlands.

Dinner and accommodation in **Hotel Rangá**, a 4\*+ Hotel in the south of Iceland. This hotel offers various types of rooms and suites. They have outdoor hot pools for guests to relax in. The tradition of bathing in hot pools is very strong in Iceland.

## Day 3: Super Jeep self-drive to Thorsmork.

Breakfast in the hotel.

Outside the hotel, there will be **5 Land Rover Super Jeeps** (see picture on the right) waiting for the group, ready to take the group to the next adventure!

These are special highland jeeps on 38" tires and our guests will learn how to drive those cars.



On this day the drivers will be challenged when driving in the wilderness of Iceland, through rivers and along highland roads. We head to a beautiful valley in the highlands: **Thorsmörk** (Valley of Thor).

The route takes us by the waterfall **Seljalandsfoss** and lake **Lón**, where you can see the glacier break into the water. The group will have a Barbeque (grill) in Thorsmork, either outside (if weather permits) or in a highland hut.



Depending on time, we may head for **Skógafoss**, another beautiful waterfall and to **Mýrdalssandur** where the drivers can try the unique experience of driving in the black sand, by the sea!

After a day of great experience it will be fantastic to relax in the **warm pools** of Hotel Rangá.

Dinner and accommodation again in Hotel Rangá.



## Day 4: Aim for the west

Breakfast in the hotel.

On this day, the group will drive in Super trucks in the direction of Borgarfjordur (west).



On the way we will stop at a typical Icelandic horsefarm, where guests will have the opportunity to see the wonderful Icelandic horse. The Icelandic horse has a worldwide reputation for its gentle nature and ability to master the 5 walks, including „tolt“ (a unique walk of the Icelandic horse).

The family in this farm will make an exclusive horse show for the group and have them visit their green-house, since this is also a tomato farm. Light refreshments are served at the farm.

**Optional:** horseback riding.

Drive further up to the west part of Iceland. In this area the group will visit the spectacular waterfalls **Hraunfossar** and **Barnafoss** and the largest hot spring in Iceland, **Deildartunguhver**.

Further on the tour takes the group to **Snæfellsnes peninsula**.

The accommodation, Hotel Budir, is by the mystic glacier **Snæfellsjökull**, but this mountain has a role in Jules Verne stories as one of Hell's entrances. It is a well known belief in Iceland that staying close to this glacier will bring you energy and positiveness.



Dinner and Accommodation in **Hotel Budir**, a high quality country hotel, well-known for its gourmet restaurant (natives drive from Reykjavik up there for dinner!).

## Day 5: Snæfellsnes and Flatey

Breakfast in the hotel.

The Snæfellsnes peninsula is a nature wonder and there are endless possibilities to spend the day and visit interesting geological and historical places. To name a few: **Arnarstapi, Djupalonssandur, Dritvik, Ondverdarnes** and more.



This day would be spent in Snæfellsnes and to add some spice to it the group would go on an exclusive boat sailing in Breidafjörður and visit Flatey-island.

**Optional:** deep-sea fishing on the boat and/or fishing and tasting of fresh shellfish.



Return to Hotel Budir again **OR** go back to Reykjavík and overnight in the same hotel as the first night, for the remaining two nights.

Dinner in Hotel Budir or in one of Reykjavík's fantastic Restaurants: **Restaurant Einar Ben, Restaurant Húmarhusid or Restaurant Lækjarbrekka.**



## **Day 6: Relaxing day in Reykjavík**

Breakfast in the hotel. Relaxing day in Reykjavík.

### **Optional:**

1. Spa-visits/treatments in many of Reykjavík's wonderful spas.
2. City Sightseeing on foot
3. Whale watching from Reykjavík harbour
4. Shopping
5. Golf. There are several 18-hole high class golf courses in the Reykjavik area, open May-Sept.
6. Daytour to the Westman Islands by flight.
7. Daytour to the North of Iceland by flight, visit Myvatn area.



Gala- dinner in one of Reykjavík's most extravagant Restaurants.

## **Day 7: Departure day**

Breakfast in the hotel.

Private airport transfer by bus in the early morning, since most flights leave for Europe at that time.