Iceland. - the Land of Fire and Ice is a country full of contrasts. From steamy hot springs to top-notch spas, spectacular scenery to art museums, this unique land is the perfect place to relax, recharge, and explore. Legends say that the ancient gods themselves guided Iceland’s first settler, Ingolfur Arnarson, to make his home in Reykjavik (“Smoky Bay”), named after the geothermal steam he saw. Today this geothermal energy heats homes and outdoor swimming pools throughout the city—a pollution-free energy source that leaves the air outstandingly fresh, clean and clear.

On this exciting long weekend getaway, you will dine on Icelandic specialties, including delicious seafood, ocean-fresh from the morning’s catch, highland lamb, and unusual varieties of game. It’s purely natural food imaginatively served to delight the most discerning of diners. Reykjavik is also renowned as one of Europe’s hottest nightspots, where the action in the friendly pub and club scene lasts right through the long winter nights.

But perhaps the greatest draw is the Aurora Borealis—the Northern Lights. This is the best time of year to see them because it has to be totally dark to get the best effect—and this is a country where the sun never fully sets in the summer! In the evening of our arrival day, we’ll head out to try and see the real thing (weather permitting). If the weather doesn’t cooperate with us we’ll try again the next night... and the next.

This weekend getaway gives you the opportunity to travel with fellow alumni and explore this rugged and breathtaking country.

Day 1: Depart US

Day 2: Early morning arrival in Iceland where you will be met and escorted to your hotel in Reykjavik, where a sumptuous breakfast buffet awaits. This morning we have a bus tour of downtown Reykjavik for a wonderful introduction to Europe’s smallest capital city! This evening after dinner, weather permitting, we will head out to attempt to view the Northern Lights. (B, D) Overnight: Reykjavik

Day 3: Our excursion today takes us along the south coast of the island to Vík where we will see the volcanic beach south of the village. From here you can view the rock formations Dyrhólaey and Reynisdrangar.

Visit the fairytale-like Seljalandsfoss waterfall, where you can experience walking right behind the misty cascade, and the gorgeous 60-metre high Skógafoss waterfall. Heading back to Reykjavik, we will stop at the renowned Fjoruborðið restaurant in the village of Stokkseyri, where a traditional Icelandic lobster feast awaits us.

Day 4: Leaving Reykjavik, your first stop is Pingvellir National Park, site of the world’s first parliament. Here you can walk from America to Europe. Fontana spa at Laugarvatn, a naturally occurring hot spring bath, where you will spend some time relaxing in the waters.
Continuing on to the south coast, you’ll visit the church at Skálholt, and stop to peer into the icy depths of Kerið volcanic crater, before you return to your hotel in Reykjavik for a free evening. Why not sample one of the city’s award-winning restaurants (such as the Grillið restaurant in your hotel) - making sure to reserve ahead of time for the more popular ones.

Day 5: This morning is free to take advantage of one of the many optional activities offered through the hotel tour desk - you can visit the Blue Lagoon, go on a whale watch, or ride an Icelandic horse, to mention just a few. Alternatively, you can visit some of the sights and museums around the city - or do a little shopping. You leave the hotel after lunch (at 2 p.m.) to transfer to the airport for your return flights to the US.

## Program Inclusions

- **Airfare:** Round-trip airfare from Boston, JFK or Newark including all customs fees & airport taxes;
- **Hotel:** 3 nights’ accommodation in first-class hotels in Oaxaca, including all hotel taxes and service charges;
- **Transportation:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary;
- **Meals:** 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners;
- **Guides:** Discover Europe Tout Director throughout;
- **Entrances:** Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary;
- **Transfers:** Arrival and departure airport transfers

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