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LAND OF ICE AND FIRE
MAY 29 - JUN 8, 2026 | 11 DAYS | 19 MEALS
JOURNEY LEADERS: DEB AND BRIAN TILSON

Observe puffins in their natural environment

This incredible land of ice and fire is blessed with truly remarkable geography—featuring lunar landscapes, hot springs, geysers, grand vistas, and best of all, warm and friendly people. Pristine natural wonders await your arrival: over 10,000 waterfalls, 15 active volcanoes, numerous glaciers, and Europe's largest ice cap. The rugged coastline teems with wildlife, including whales and birds of every size and description.

Join us for an unforgettable journey through Iceland, where we'll explore its magnificent scenery and meet the welcoming locals whose Nordic and Celtic ancestors have called this island home for over 1,100 years.

Accompanied by our Canadian journey leader and a professional local guide, we'll gain meaningful insights and develop a deep appreciation for this enchanting land. Come see for yourself why Iceland has become a top destination for nature lovers and adventurers from around the world.

Tour Highlights

- Explore Snæfellsnes Peninsula's towering mountain vistas
- Cruise the beautiful Breidafjörður fjord with its rich and diverse wildlife
- Marvel at Iceland's waterfalls, including Godafoss, Seljalandsfoss, and Dettifoss
- Experience whale watching up close in Husavik
- Volcanic landscapes, steaming geothermal fields, and natural hot springs
- See Europe's largest ice field, Vatnajökull
- Cruise among the icebergs at Jökulsárlón
- Soak in the thermal waters of the famous Blue Lagoon
- Reykjavik, Iceland's capital and largest city
- Farewell dinner at The Harpa

Journey Leader

Deb and Brian Tilson spend their time with family between Guelph-Eramos and Terrace BC. They lead an active lifestyle of hiking, biking, and canoeing. They also love pickleball! They have travelled to many parts of the world including Hawaii, New Zealand, England, Ireland, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama and Canada from coast to coast. Brian is a skilled photographer and is looking forward to sharing his love of photography with you. Deb is a recently retired music teacher, and has been singing and entertaining on stage for many years. They joined the Craig Travel Team in 2017 and are thrilled to be able to share their passion for travel with all who will join them.



Inclusive Features

- Return economy group airfare from Canada to Keflavik with Icelandair
- Accommodation in comfortable hotels as indicated or similar
- 19 meals included as noted (B - 10 breakfasts, L - 1 lunch, D - 8 dinners)
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for included services
- Services of our journey leader plus our professional guide in Iceland
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with purchase of group airfare

MAY 29, Friday

CANADA / KEFLAVIK

Tour members from across Canada gather for our flight to the North Atlantic island of Iceland.

MAY 30, Saturday

KEFLAVIK / THINGVELLIR NATIONAL PARK

After meeting our local guide, we'll start the day with breakfast nearby before visiting Viking World, home to "The Iclander," a replica of a 9th-century Viking ship. Here, we'll explore the roots of Iceland's Viking heritage. We then bypass the capital as we make our way to Thingvellir National Park, site of Iceland's first—and one of the world's oldest—parliaments, established in 930 AD. The park is located along a geological fault that shapes Iceland's stunning landscapes. Following a lunch break, we continue through the scenic Borgarfjörður region before arriving at our countryside hotel.

Hotel Varmaland or similar (2 nights)

BD

MAY 31, Sunday SNAEFELLSNES PENINSULA

An exhilarating cruise through the natural paradise of Breidafjörður awaits in the charming village of Stykkisholmur. As we sail, we'll take in spectacular island scenery and dramatic tidal flows, rich with birdlife such as puffins, eider ducks, kittiwakes, fulmars, and white-tailed eagles. A dredge will be towed along the ocean floor, bringing up fresh shellfish that we'll have the chance to sample on board. Our journey will continue around the Snaefellsnes Peninsula, where we'll round the tip of the peninsula beneath the glacier-capped Snaefellsjökull volcano and pass Arnarstapi, known for its striking basalt cliffs shaped by the sea. This scenic region is also home to landmarks like Kirkjufell mountain and Ytri Tunga beach, a favourite for spotting seals. We'll then travel through lava fields and farmlands before returning to our hotel. BD



Indigenous horses of Iceland

JUN 1, Monday GLAUMBAER / AKUREYRI / MYVATN

We cross over the Holtavorduheiði Pass en route to Hunavatnssýsla and Skagafjörður, stopping at the beautifully restored Glaumbaer farm museum. This region is famous for its horse breeding, so be sure to keep an eye out for the charming Icelandic horses grazing in the meadows. We will enjoy lunch at a local horse farm, where we'll have the chance to observe these small horses up close and learn more about them from the breeders and staff. Afterward, we follow the scenic route along the north coast to Akureyri, a city nestled on a stunning fjord. Our day concludes with a visit to the impressive Godafoss or "Waterfall of the Gods," before we arrive at our hotel near Lake Myvatn. **Sel Hotel Myvatn** (2 nights) BLD



Glacier Lagoon

JUN 2, Tuesday HUSAVIK / ASBYRGI

Head to the charming village of Husavik to embark on a whale watching cruise with chances to see humpback whales and thousands of puffins aboard traditional Icelandic oak boats. After lunch, we continue along the scenic coastline of the Tjörnes Peninsula to Asbyrgi, a striking horseshoe-shaped canyon said in Norse mythology to be the hoofprint of Sleipnir, the eight-legged horse of Odin—the powerful god of wisdom, war, and magic. From there, we make our way to the Hverir geothermal area near Namafjall, where steaming vents and bubbling mud pools highlight the region's dramatic geothermal activity. This evening, there may also be an opportunity to enjoy a local hot spring. BD



The beautiful town of Husavik

JUN 3, Wednesday LAKE LOGURINN

Today we travel through the rugged northeast, where the landscape shifts from open highlands to quiet valleys. If weather allows, we'll stop at Dettifoss, the country's most powerful waterfall, where glacial water crashes 44 metres into a deep canyon. From there, we continue on to the town of Egilsstaðir, on the shores of Lake Logurinn. BD

Lake Hotel Egilsstaðir (1 night)

JUN 4, Thursday LAKE LOGURINN / HOFN

Journey south through the peaceful Eastern Fjords, where dramatic coastlines and quiet seaside villages shape one of Iceland's most scenic regions. Along the way, we'll stop for photos and visit Petra's Stone Collection, featuring an impressive array of locally gathered minerals and crystals. The drive continues along winding fjord roads and ends near Hofn, with sweeping views in the area surrounding the former Almannaskard Pass. **Hali Country Hotel** (1 night) BD



Waterfalls are plentiful in Iceland

JUN 5, Friday**HOFN / VIK**

Drive along the base of Vatnajökull, Europe's largest icecap, to the glacial lagoon of Jokulsarlon, where we will enjoy a cruise among the icebergs. Explore Skaftafell National Park to see vast valley glaciers descending nearly to sea level. On a short walk around the park, we will see a unique landscape and possibly wildflowers that thrive on the lower slopes of the mountains. Then we will cross the Skeidararsandur outwash plains on our way to the village of Vik and our hotel. **Hotel Vik** (1 night) BD

JUN 6, Saturday**SKOGAR / GEYSIR / REYKJAVIK**

Rising early, we begin our day with a visit to the Skogar Folk Museum, offering insight into the daily lives of Icelanders in past centuries. We then continue to the picturesque Seljalandsfoss waterfall before visiting Reynisfjara, Iceland's striking black sand beach, known for its basalt sea stacks and dramatic Atlantic waves. After a full day of exploration along the South Coast, we return to Reykjavik for our final nights in the capital.

Center Hotels Arnarhvoll (2 nights)

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JUN 7, Sunday**REYKJAVIK**

Today's highlight is the Blue Lagoon, one of Iceland's most iconic sights. Bring your bathing suit and enjoy a relaxing soak in the warm, mineral-rich waters. The lagoon's milky blue colour comes from geothermal brine, a by-product of a nearby heat exchange plant that draws energy from two kilometres underground. Surrounded by black lava fields, the landscape feels almost lunar. We'll also visit Perlan, a glass-domed exhibition space and observation deck offering panoramic views over Reykjavik and its surroundings. In the evening, we gather for a special farewell dinner at La Primavera, located inside Harpa, Reykjavik's striking glass concert hall and cultural centre. BD

JUN 8, Monday**REYKJAVIK / CANADA**

Enjoy a free morning to explore the capital before we transfer to the airport for our return flights to Toronto and our homes across Canada. B



The steaming vents and bubbling mud pools of Hverir

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CT Rating 3.5/5 - Challenging: This is a coach tour with relatively long travel days and a busy itinerary. Several of the site visits involve a good deal of walking, much of it over rough, uneven surfaces. To fully enjoy this journey, members should be good walkers. Hotels in the countryside are clean and comfortable, with relatively compact rooms reflecting the island's simple lifestyle. Most are low-rise (two stories) and do not have elevators. As porters are not available, members must be prepared to handle their own luggage. Iceland is an expensive country to visit, and while we provide exceptional value, members need to allow for the high cost of additional meals and services.



**Book by December 1, 2025
and save \$200 per person**

**Tour Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person**

Land Only* (Join / Leave hotel).....	\$8,995
Toronto	\$9,995
Montreal / Ottawa (Join Montreal).....	\$10,165
Halifax / Winnipeg	\$10,235
St. John's.....	\$10,295
Saskatoon / Regina	\$10,335
Edmonton / Calgary / Vancouver	\$10,235
Victoria.....	\$10,335
Single Supplement	\$2,245

*Land only price excludes flights and airport transfers. Prices are based on sharing a twin-bedded room at hotels, on a minimum of 20 members and on rates, taxes and fees effective June 2025. Please discuss your domestic flights at time of booking. Prices are subject to change due to factors beyond our control.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

Final payment is due February 25, 2026

Deposit is \$800 per person

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