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Why book your shore excursions with Holland America Line?

Experts in Each Destination

- Working with local tour operators, we have carefully curated a collection of enriching adventures. These offer in-depth travel for first-timers and immersive experiences for seasoned alumni.

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- Pre-cruise, on board the ship, and after your cruise, you are in the best of hands. With the assistance of our dedicated call center, the attention of our on-board team, and trustworthy service at every stage of your journey, you can truly travel without a care.

Our Best Price Guarantee

- Save time and money. After booking your cruise, log in to purchase your shore excursions. If you purchase a tour and find a better price on an identical tour offered elsewhere, we'll refund 110 percent of the price difference in the form of an on-board credit (conditions apply).



Which Shore Excursions Are Right for You?

Choose the tours that interest you by using the icons as a general guide to the level of activity involved, and select the tours best suited to your physical capabilities. These icons will help you to interpret this brochure.



Easy Activity: Very light activity including short distances to walk; may include some steps.



Moderate Activity: Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or steps.



Strenuous Activity: Requires active participation, walking long distances over uneven and steep terrain or on steps. In certain instances, paddling or other non-walking activity is required and guests must be able to participate without discomfort or difficulty breathing.



Panoramic Tours: Specially designed for guests who enjoy a slower pace, these tours offer sightseeing mainly from the transportation vehicle, with few or no stops, and no mandatory disembarkation from the vehicle during the tour. As vehicles outside the United States are rarely lift-equipped and ramps are seldom available, a very small amount of walking will be necessary. The pace is gentle and taking your time is encouraged.



Limited Capacity: The number of people able to participate in this tour is strictly limited. Reasons for limiting capacity may include the number of transportation seats available, or the need to maintain a safe ratio of guides for hikes, fishing and water activities. Tours require a minimum number of participants in order to operate.



Snack: This tour includes a small snack or tasting of local specialties. The snack is not a meal.



Meal: This tour includes a meal—lunch on daytime tours, dinner on evening tours.





Guests Using A Mobility Aid Device or Wheelchair

Frequently Asked Questions

What should I wear?

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for all shore excursions. When you visit places of worship, we recommend dressing conservatively (no shorts or sleeveless tops), but casual clothing is perfectly acceptable. Dress in layers and have a jacket along. Bring an umbrella or raincoat, a hat and sunscreen.

What about meals?

Most tour departures complement the ship's meal service hours. In-room dining is available on board.

How will I know what time each tour departs?

The on-board Shore Excursions Order Form in your stateroom will show departure times. This information will also be printed on your shore excursions tickets, which you will receive on board. Approximate tour departure times are posted on our website at hollandamerica.com.

I am traveling with friends. Can we be accommodated on the same motorcoach?

The departure location for each tour is printed on

your shore excursions tickets. If you wish to travel with friends, please arrive at the designated meeting place together. This will enable the staff to allocate space for you on the same vehicle.

Tour durations

The individual tour descriptions include approximate durations. To allow our Shore Excursions Managers flexibility to coordinate your time in port with meals and activities on the ship, exact departure times are published in the Shore Excursions Order Form on board. For more information, please attend the Shore Excursions Presentation or visit the Shore Excursions Desk.

Tour descriptions

Tour descriptions may change after printing. Information that becomes available after this brochure is published will be posted in the Shore Excursions section of our website, which can be found online at hollandamerica.com. Significant changes will be noted on the Shore Excursions Order Form on board. Tour schedules are subject to change.

I have a disability. How do I know which tours will best suit me?

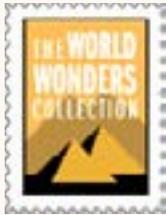
The tours are graded according to the relative level of activity they entail. The activity icons that appear at the beginning of each tour description provide a general idea of the level of activity to expect. Please see page 1 for specific information or speak to a Shore Excursions specialist (1.888.425.9376). It is important to keep in mind that tour operators are subject to the laws of their own country with respect to accommodating the needs of guests with disabilities. In most foreign countries, the laws are not as stringent as those in the United States.

Will I encounter difficulties (dis)embarking the ship when it's in port?

Please see the on-board Shore Excursions staff to help determine whether you can expect to encounter difficulties (dis)embarking the ship in a particular port of call. The decision whether or not to carry or provide other mobility assistance to a guest and their device (wheelchair, walker, etc.) up or down a ship's gangway, or on or off a tender boat, is at the sole discretion of the Captain, made based on his evaluation of guest and crew safety. We encourage you to bring a collapsible wheelchair as space limitations may restrict the ability of some tour operators to accommodate motorized mobility aid devices.

The Collections of Holland America Line

What fascinates you? A cooking class with a local chef? A private car, complete with driver and/or guide? A chance to encounter wildlife or view natural wonders up close? The Collections represent a small subset of the shore excursions you will find in this brochure. Each collection offers its own particular focus and is available only in select ports.



World Wonders Collection

Natural treasures, architectural marvels, technical wonders: to the Seven Wonders of the World we add our own nominations based on decades of leadership in global travel—the sandstone city of Petra, the *moai* statues of Easter Island, and the Great Wall of China, among others. What they have in common is the ability to inspire awe.



Encore Collection

Been there, done that? Think again. The Encore Collection, designed especially for repeat guests, lets you discover what lies beyond the well-known attractions you've already seen. Barbecue with Argentine gauchos, bike the tree-lined boulevards of Barcelona, ride an Icelandic pony across a windswept beach near Reykjavík. These tours showcase hidden gems, unusual angles and inside stories that will bring you back time and again.



Overland & Overnight Collection

A passion for new experiences, goodwill toward others, or immersion in life elsewhere—whatever drives you to travel, Overland Adventures and Overnights take you further. Dig deeper, make connections, leave a part of your soul in great places, and bring home a wider knowledge of our planet and those with whom we share it.



Cruise with Purpose Collection

For every global citizen who has ever dreamed of either giving back or paying it forward, the innovative Cruise with Purpose Collection is about improving our planet one voyage at a time. Assist in scientific research, bring supplies to an orphanage, participate in a fair trade scheme or cultural exchange, replant a forest or restore fragile habitat—your footprint will be light and your soul enriched.



Medallion Collection

This series of exclusive experiences is designed to accommodate our most discerning guests. Each Medallion Collection tour is carefully chosen to provide an in-depth perspective, often exclusive to Holland America Line. They offer unparalleled access to events and sights not normally readily available to the public. First-class style, smaller groups, elite activities for a privileged few—this is the Medallion Collection.



The Signature Collection

Explore at your leisure with a private vehicle and English-speaking driver and/or guide at your service. Choose your companions and visit only the landmarks that interest you so that you maximize your time ashore.



Signature Collection

This exclusive touring option for independent-minded travelers lets you completely customize and maximize your time ashore by reserving private transportation (along with an English-speaking driver and/or guide) in advance. Whether you travel by car or minivan, customized boat, classic floatplane or stretch SUV limousine, you choose the companions, sights and pace that perfectly suit you.

To Whom is the Signature Collection Suited?

The Signature Collection is for solo travelers, couples, families, friends and special interest groups traveling together. This may also be an excellent choice for non-ambulatory guests. Value and flexibility are just two of the advantages of first-class touring and luxury transportation. Privacy, comfort, safety, and personalized guide service are also yours to enjoy.

Itinerary Planning

If you need help planning your personal itinerary, the Shore Excursions Manager can assist you and will gladly answer your questions. This can be very helpful in many destinations where travel time, location, holidays, and opening hours of attractions need to be taken into consideration in order to maximize the efficiency of your time ashore.

Booking on Board

The Signature Collection may be available for booking once you are on the ship, but this cannot be guaranteed. Please check with the Shore Excursions Office on board.

About the Signature Collection Transportation

Each type of transportation will be of the highest grade available in that port. Not all modes of transportation are available in all locations. For information about the transportation sizes and availability, please see our website at hollandamerica.com.

Online Reservations

The fastest and easiest way for you to reserve and pay for your Signature Collection experience is online at hollandamerica.com. Please note the cost will be per mode of transportation (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to make the reservation. The price shown on the website is the total cost for the transportation, driver and guide (not a per-person price). In many ports, availability is extremely limited. We encourage you to reserve as early as possible.

Also Included

The cost includes the service of a English-speaking guide and/or driver, unlimited mileage, road tolls, parking fees and bottled water.

Not Included (Unless Otherwise Noted)

Guests' entrance fees for attractions are not included in the price due to the wide range of attraction possibilities, uncertain number of attractions to be visited, and varying number of guests participating. We strongly recommend that you bring some local currency to cover such costs as credit cards are not readily accepted in some ports. Lunch will not be included on any tour as many guests prefer to select their own dining venue.

Payment & Tour Vouchers

Your credit card will be charged after your reservation is confirmed. Next, start planning what you'll do with your Signature Collection experience in each port. On board the ship, you will be given a tour voucher and a form to advise the Shore Excursions staff of the itinerary you have chosen.





Shore Excursions Bookings & Confirmation

Now you can choose your tour times, book your tours, and receive confirmation of your tour reservations 24 hours a day. Visit us online at hollandamerica.com.

Book online now, up until three days before sailing. Make your payment online via our secure website, and receive confirmation as well as your approximate tour departure times.

You can also download the shore excursions, view tour prices, find answers to frequently asked questions and read general information. And remember, online tour reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling.

Please see the Reservations & Online Reservations paragraph in the General Information section for terms and conditions.

Expand the Experience

Make the most of your time in each port by combining different half-day tours to complete a full day of sightseeing. You might want to consider a morning cooking class and an afternoon walking tour; a morning stroll through a mosaic-lined church and an afternoon of sampling local wine at a vineyard; or even a bike ride and an evening cultural performance—all in one day! Whatever your interests, and whichever pace suits you best, there's a huge variety of tours to mix and match in this brochure. Please consult with a Shore Excursions specialist at 1.888.425.9376.

Best Price Guarantee

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Bergen, Norway - Tuesday, July 20, 2021: Gateway to fjord country, beautiful Bergen is surrounded by steep, forested mountains and has the lively feel of a university town.

A Walk through Bergen & the Ice Bar



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$74.95; Child \$54.95

Meet your guide and **walk** with him/her from the ship to **Bryggen**. This is the wharf that was built by the Hanseatic League of the German merchants back in the Middle Ages. They were very powerful -- an early example of collective bargaining -- and did a great deal of trade with the fishermen of northern Norway. At the peak of their power (1350-1550) the Hanseatic merchants held a monopoly on the fishing industry and wielded significant political power in Bergen. They built some lovely warehouses here, and you'll see these today.

Next, move on to the **Fish Market**, where it is clear that the heyday is over but the fun is well underway.

An **Ice Bar** has cropped up in Bergen -- your chance to enjoy an ice-cold welcome and a drink in an environment where everything is made of ice.

Head back to the ship after your tour.

Notes:

This is a walking tour. Participants must be fit enough to cover approximately 2½ miles of walking on paved roads as well as cobblestones and uneven terrain. Walking

time is about 2½ hours.

Bergen & Mt Floien



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$79.95

Until 1830, commerce and shipping were key in Bergen, and one of the four major Hanseatic trading offices was located here.

Your tour starts with a drive along the German pier with its wooden buildings with pointed gables, now a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. See how the people of Bergen live today with a brief city tour including **Nordnes Peninsula**, which bisects the harbor.

Take a **funicular** ride up to **Mount Fløien**, 1,200 feet above sea level. From the top you can enjoy a magnificent view of Bergen and the surroundings.

As you return to the lower funicular station, your tour continues **on foot** to the famous **Fish & Flower Market** and through the ancient buildings and alleyways of the **Bryggen Wharf** -- a scene straight out of the Middle Ages.

Notes:

The bus ride to the funicular is a transfer only, so you will not be able to leave any personal belongings on the bus. The tour ends

in town; you must make your own way back to the ship.

Dutch Guided: Hardangerfjord & Highlands of Scenic Norway



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 7½ Hours
Adult \$239.95; Child \$139.95

A Dutch-speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a Dutch interpreter). A limited number of Dutch guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment. This is not a bilingual tour; please see Hardangerfjord & Highlands of Scenic Norway for the same tour guided in English.

Hardangerfjord is without doubt one of Norway's favorite fjords. It is framed by mountains that peer into the water to catch a glimpse of their own beautiful reflection.

Leaving from the ship in Bergen, you will pass the **Fortress of Bergenhus**, King Hakon's Hall and the **Rosenkrantz Tower**. Watch for the gabled buildings of the Hanseatic period and the fish market.

The scenery quickly changes as you leave the city behind. Passing through the community of Os, you will cross **Fusafjord** by ferry. Look out for the lovely views across Bjørnefjord with islands and snow-capped mountains in the distance. Venjanaset, on the opposite side, is the first of many small communities you will see, complete with typical west coast

scenery. You will reach the tiny **wooden church** at Holdhus -- a distinctive landmark dating back to the days of the old stave churches.

At Mundheim, the road links up with the **Hardangerfjord**. Norwegians call this the Queen of the Fords. Why? See for yourself as you take a one-hour drive along its shores with views to the majestic mountains on the opposite side. On a clear day, you'll glimpse the Folgefonna Glacier, the third-largest glacier in Norway. Orchards wearing springtime wreaths of blossoms or summertime profusion of fruit bedeck the fjord in brilliant color.

Break for **lunch** -- a typical Norwegian buffet with hot and cold dishes, desserts and coffee -- along the way.

You'll also stop at the **Steinsdal Waterfall** for the thrill of walking under the falls without getting wet, then ascend the **Tokagjel Gorge** via a series tunnels before reaching the **Kvamskogen mountain plateau**. This is a popular recreation and winter ski resort area for the people of Bergen.

Before returning to the city, you will pass the largest island on Norway's west coast, Oster Island.

Notes:

This tour involves approximately 125 miles of scenic driving. Restroom facilities are limited before and after lunch. Tour operates subject

to meeting a minimum number of participants.

Dutch Guided: Scenic Bergen & the Floien Funicular



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 2 Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$49.95

A Dutch-speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a Dutch interpreter). A limited number of Dutch guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment. This is not a bilingual tour; please see Scenic Bergen & the Fløien Funicular for the same tour guided in English.

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Today's **panoramic drive** starts with a drive along the German pier with its wooden buildings with pointed gables, now a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

You will see how the people of Bergen live in a contemporary world, with a brief city tour that includes the **Nordnes Peninsula**, which naturally bisects the harbor. Pass Grieg Hall and Gamlehaugen -- the Royal residence in Bergen.

Back in Bergen's center, your tour ends at the funicular station. Your guide will provide **tickets for the funicular** for you to explore on your own. From the top -- some 1,200 feet above sea level -- take in the magnificent view

of Bergen and its surroundings. Spend as much time as you like and return to the ship at your own pace -- your ticket is a round trip ticket valid for the whole day, so you can ride as many times as you wish.

Notes:

The guide will not accompany you on the funicular. He/she will leave you at the funicular station and you must make your own way back to the ship after your ride.

Easy Bergen



Departs: 9:00 AM, 2:00 PM
Approximately 2 Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$49.95

Your **panoramic excursion** starts with a drive through Sandvika or Sandy Bay, full of charming white wooden buildings built in traditional Bergen style. Watch for beautiful St Mary's Church -- the oldest building in Bergen and one of the few Romanesque buildings in Norway. You will see the well-known fish market as well.

Continue to the **Nordnes Peninsula** for a photo stop at the old Customs pier.

Drive past the Bergen Aquarium and a typical, narrow Bergen street known as a *smug*. Your guide will point out the Bergen Theatre and, in the Haakonsgaten area, St John's Church. You will pass Grieg Hall, the busy Danmarksplass intersection and Haukeland University Hospital.

Complete your tour with a drive through Kalfaret -- a residential area with many

charming old buildings.

Fjords & Glaciers Seaplane Flightseeing



Departs: 10:15 AM
Approximately 1 ¼ Hours
Price \$719.95

This scenic **seaplane flight** takes you **over the stunning fjords of Bergen and its mountain scenery**.

Begin with a short transfer to the charming town of Sandviken. Meet your pilot and step aboard a four-seater Cessna seaplane aircraft to experience the thrill of taking off from the water.

You will soar over the white snow-capped mountains and view the beautiful fjords from above for a bird's-eye view stunning Hardangerfjord, blue glacier lakes, and Folgefonna -- one of the largest glaciers in Norway.

Returning to base, watch for Mount Ulriken and the city of Bergen, where you will see your cruise ship docked in the harbor -- a breathtaking trip over the wild and beautiful landscapes of western Norway.

Notes:

Only smalls bags and/or purses can be taken on board. Flight time is approximately 40 minutes.

Hardangerfjord & Highlands of Scenic Norway



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Approximately 7 ½ Hours
Adult \$239.95; Child \$139.95

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Lysverket: In Partnership with Food & Wine Magazine



Departs: 9:45 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Price \$249.95

Norwegian chef Christopher Haatuft has an impressive pedigree. He has worked in some of the world's top restaurants (Per Se and Blue Hill at Stone Barns) before returning to his homeland of Norway to open **Lysverket**. This cutting-edge restaurant is housed within KODE 4 -- a former power plant converted into an art museum. The design of the space

is as cool and stylish as the surrounding artwork, with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking a landscape of water and mountains.

Haatuft serves what he calls "neo-Fjordic" **cuisine**, which is based on local foraging -- fresh-caught fish and local flavors enhanced by unexpected ingredients such as sea snails and salted plums.

The best way to cap off a meal here is with a **behind-the-scenes tour** of the **art museum** -- a synthesis of light, color and texture, reminiscent of Lysverket's noteworthy dishes. The museum houses a permanent collection of European Modernism, with Klee, Picasso and Miro represented here. Another gallery is dedicated solely to local hero Nikoli Astrup -- painter of magnificent Norwegian landscapes.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Cancellation deadline is 48 hours before the call date and is nonrefundable once this deadline has passed.

Mt Floien Hiking



Departs: 12:30 PM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$84.95; Child \$64.95

Walk with your guide along the **Bryggen pier**, where the German office of the Hanseatic League of Merchants was once located, and the wooden warehouses from that era still stand, impervious to the passage of time. You will also pass the famous Fish & Flower

Market.

Board the **funicular** for an eight-minute ride to 1,200 feet above sea level. At the top of **Mount Fløien**, you will **hike** to **Skomakerdiket Lake**. The views of Bergen and its surroundings become increasingly spectacular.

Hike for approximately 45 minutes to reach **Rundemannsvegen** and the highest point at 1,800 feet, walking on dirt roads and paths. Walk back to the Fløibanen, take the funicular down to the center of Bergen; then, stroll back to the ship along the pier.

Notes:

Wear comfortable, sturdy walking shoes and a windproof jacket; bring a bottle of water. Tour operates subject to meeting a minimum number of participants. Minimum age is 6 years. Please realistically assess your physical fitness and ability prior to booking, as the walk is uphill, over unpaved, rough walking tracks with steps.

Private Minivan Half Day (Driver & Guide)



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$1,099.00



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the

personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 4 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Sounds of Edvard Grieg & Fantoft Stave Church



Departs: 1:00 PM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$169.95; Child \$109.95

On this excursion you will experience two of the city's main attractions -- Troidhaugen, the home of the composer Edvard Grieg, and the new-old Fantoft Stave Church.

Your tour starts from the pier with a **panoramic drive** past some of the city's most famous sights, including the gabled warehouses from the Hanseatic period and the famous fish market.

Continue through suburbs with well-kept houses and gardens on the way to **Troldhaugen**. After a short **stroll** from the parking area, you will explore Edvard Grieg's villa and gardens. You can also walk to the edge of **Nordaas Lake** to the composer's hut, where many of his pieces were created. Grieg and his wife Nina rest in very simple graves cut into a cliffside overlooking the lake.

Listen to an exclusive **piano recital** of Edvard Grieg's music in the adjacent Troldsalen.

Finally, you will visit the new **Fantoft Stave Church**, rebuilt after a fire completely destroyed the church in 1993. The new church is an exact copy of the old one, which dated back to 1150. Take special note of the dragonheads and serpents on the roof -- designed to frighten away evil spirits.

Notes:

Tour operates subject to meeting a minimum number of participants. The concert may take place at either Troldsdalen or at the Troldhaugen Restaurant.

Alesund, Norway - Wednesday, July 21, 2021: This picturesque fishing port at the mouth of Stor Fjord spans two islands and features delightful art nouveau architecture — stone towers, spires and medieval façades.

A Walk through Alesund & Coffee



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 2½ Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$49.95

Alesund is one of the few **Art Nouveau** towns left in the world. This lovely and unique coastal city can best be enjoyed **on foot**.

A knowledgeable guide will escort you through the winding streets, pointing out the many colorful details of the buildings. You will soon discover some interesting details about both the buildings and the town's history. A catastrophic fire in 1904 left the town in ashes and 10,000 people homeless. The city was rebuilt in Art Nouveau or Jugend style with provisions and building materials from all over Europe.

Visit the **Art Nouveau Style Center** for a fascinating insight into Art Nouveau through authentic interiors and objects, as well as captivating multimedia program called *The Time Machine*. You can experience the city fire via film and photographs, and impressive sound and light effects.

Coffee and cake are served in the café before you walk back to the pier.

Notes:

Participants must be able to walk the full tour and be on their feet for 2½ hours. There is some climbing during the walk and there are steps inside the Art Nouveau Center.

Alesund City & Surroundings



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$69.95

The coastal city of **Alesund**, with a population of 41,000, is the commercial capital of the More-Romsdal District. The city boasts one of Norway's largest fishing harbors, with a rich and lively history behind it, including a devastating fire in 1904 which gave rise to a popular expression of surprise in Norway, "I haven't heard anything like that since Alesund burned down." The fire left 10,000 people homeless and destroyed the whole city center. Alesund was rebuilt in Art Nouveau style with building materials from all over Europe. It is now one of very few Art Nouveau towns in the world, and inhabitants and visitors alike value its atmosphere and distinctive character.

Travel from the pier through the **center of the town** with its amazing buildings with their fascinating decorations and colorful façades.

At the **Sunnmore Open-Air Folk Museum**, view some of the old houses and a collection of boats.

Notes:

Tour requires approximately one hour of walking, as well as periods of standing. There are some steps, steep inclines and uneven terrain at the Sunnmøre Open-Air Folk Museum. Some of the houses have high

thresholds, low doorways and stairs. Some houses are not wheelchair/walker accessible.

Alesund Highlights & Atlantic Ocean Park



Departs: 1:15 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$79.95

Tour **Alesund's** famous **Art Nouveau district** for a glimpse of what makes this charming town tick.

Then, head out of town to the **Atlantic Sea Park** situated along the oceanfront at Tueneset. The park occupies 1½ acres of coastal scenery with fishing spots, hiking trails, swimming sites and outstanding diving venues. The Atlantic Sea Park contains exhibition space and is the **largest aquarium in Scandinavia**. It is uniquely built into coastal surroundings and adapted to modern exhibition principles. Large landscape aquariums teem with life direct from the ocean, with an emphasis on the western regions. you can see what the marine life is like under the ferry quay, in the ocean current, between islets and skerries, and in the depths of Storfjord. Enjoy watching the huge fish and discover the 'silver of the sea'.

You'll also stop at **Mount Hessa** view point for a spectacular view of the city, the islands and the Sunnmore mountains.

Dutch Guided: Romsdal & the Troll Path



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$229.95; Child \$169.95

A Dutch-speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a Dutch interpreter). A limited number of Dutch guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment. This is not a bilingual tour; please see Romsdal & the Troll Path for the same tour guided in English.

Take a short sightseeing tour of **Alesund** city, passing the town of Spjelkavik en route to Sjøholt village.

From Sjøholt, you'll follow the **shoreline of Storfjord**, enjoying beautiful scenes from the road. You are now in an area known for both salmon fishing and furniture making. The furniture crafted here is exported all over the world. In Stordal alone there are several furniture factories.

Pass the old, octagonal Stordal Church (1789) and through Liabygd and Valladal, renowned for growing sweet strawberries. You will follow the valley towards Trollstigen (the Troll Path), passing the impressive Gudbrandsjuvet Gorge. On top of the mountain you can still see signs of the old road built in 1028 by Viking King Olav.

In the center of the Trolltindene mountain range you will stop for a typical **Norwegian**

buffet lunch of hot and cold dishes, desserts and coffee. A bottle of mineral water or light beer is included per person.

From the highest point on the road, at 2,800 feet above sea level, you will drive the famous **Troll Path** with its 11 exciting hairpin bends leading down to **Isterdalen Valley**. Stop to visit the famous **Troll Wall** -- well known to mountaineers all over the planet. This wall has the highest overhang in Europe and is visited by world-famous climbers every summer.

Pass Romsdalsfjord and the picturesque villages of Innfjorden, Mandalen, Vagstrand and Vikebukta before crossing Orskog Mountain to join the main road back to Ålesund .

Fjord Kayak Adventure



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Price \$149.95

After brief instructions on how to paddle and maneuver, your guide will assist you into your **kayak**.

Set out in a **small group**, paddling along the coastline of Ålesund. Heading out onto the fjord, you'll explore the natural beauty of the Norway -- a perfect combination of adventure and relaxation as you enjoy the scenery and fresh air.

Pretty little islands are scattered haphazardly across the water, making for charming views and more sheltered waters in which to explore.

Notes:

Tour capacity is limited for safety reasons and to create an intimate tour experience. Each participant must be in good physical condition and be a capable swimmer. Guests with back problems or conditions worsened by cold water should not participate. Minimum age is 6 years. Children aged 6 - 12 years must be accompanied in the kayak by a responsible adult. Tour may be canceled at tour operator's discretion due to inclement weather. Dress warmly in layers.

Hiking Sugarlump Mountain



Departs: 1:30 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$89.95; Child \$69.95

Start with a short drive through Ålesund to the foot of **Sugarlump Mountain**, located on the Island of Hessa. Continue on foot for a **one-hour hike** on a narrow, 1¼-mile-long nature trail. The hike starts at 164 feet above sea level and continues to the summit at an elevation of 1,000 feet, offering extensive views over the city of Ålesund, Borgundfjord, and further inland to the Sunnm Mountains. After the hike, your coach will return you to the city.

Notes:

Participants will be required to climb approximately 836 feet over a total of 2½ miles round trip over varying terrain. A portion of the route is uphill. Wear closed-toe, comfortable walking or hiking shoes and comfortable, layered, loose clothing.

Participants should be aware that there are certain inherent risks involved in any hiking excursion. Carry a backpack for your belongings and bring bottled water to stay hydrated during the hike. Guests should be physically fit to participate. Not suitable for guests with a heart condition, weak knees or limited physical fitness. Minimum age is 16 years.

Hjørundfjord Cruise



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Price \$159.95

Ålesund boasts a beautiful setting, built across several islands stretching out into the ocean. A large part of the city was destroyed by fire in 1904 and rebuilt in Art Nouveau style, typical of the first decade of the 20th century. The surrounding scenery is spectacular and you will see one of the gems of the fjords near Ålesund on this leisurely cruise along **Hjørundfjord**.

It's a short **walk** to a sightseeing **boat** for a **cruise** along the fjord. At 20 miles long, Hjørundfjord is considered one of the most magnificent in Norway. Relax on board and marvel at the wonderful views, as you're surrounded on both sides by many mountain peaks. Some of these rise up from the fjord to a height of more than 5,000 feet.

Your cruise continues through **Vegsundet and Borgundfjord** back to Ålesund, where a short walk brings you back to the ship.

Notes:

Limited walking is required and guests must be able to negotiate the gangway to board the boat, which may be steep. There are 12 stair steps to reach the outside deck on the boat. While there is sufficient seating for everyone on the boat, seats are occupied on a first-come, first-served either inside or on the open deck.

Private Minivan Full Day (Driver & Guide)



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 7 Hours
Price \$1,499.00



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 4 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Private Minivan Half Day (Driver & Guide)



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$1,299.00



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The Best Of Romsdal & the Troll Path



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$229.95; Child \$169.95

Take a short sightseeing tour of **Ålesund** city, passing the town of Spjelkavik en route to Sjøholt village.

From Sjøholt, you'll follow the **shoreline of Storfjord**, enjoying beautiful scenes from the road. You are now in an area known for both salmon fishing and furniture making. The furniture crafted here is exported all over the world. In Stordal alone there are several furniture factories.

Pass the old, octagonal Stordal Church (1789) and through Liabygd and Valldal, renowned for growing sweet strawberries. You will follow the valley towards Trollstigen (the Troll Path), passing the impressive Gudbrandsjuvet Gorge. On top of the mountain you can still see signs of the old

road built in 1028 by Viking King Olav.

In the center of the Trolltindene mountain range you will stop for a typical **Norwegian buffet lunch** of hot and cold dishes, desserts and coffee. A bottle of mineral water or light beer is included per person.

From the highest point on the road, at 2,800 feet above sea level, you will drive the famous **Troll Path** with its 11 exciting hairpin bends leading down to **Isterdalen Valley**. Stop to visit the famous **Troll Wall** -- well known to mountaineers all over the planet. This wall has the highest overhang in Europe and is visited by world-famous climbers every summer.

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The Islands of Giske & Godoy



Departs: 1:00 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$89.95

Your tour starts with a short city sightseeing of **Ålesund's Art Nouveau quarter**. Ålesund's architectural character is the legacy of the great fire in 1904, as the city was rebuilt according to the vogue of the day.

You will pass through some of the world's longest sub-marine tunnels connecting the islands to the mainland.

The **island of Giske** is known as the birthplace

of the famous Viking King Gangerolv, or Rollo, who conquered Normandy in AD 911 and was the antecedent of William the Conqueror. With its powerful families, the island was a seat of power in the Viking Age. Watch for the Giske Chapel -- a very simple and starkly beautiful Roman marble church dating from 1135. The church was built as a private place of worship for the famous Giske Viking family and its interior was restored in 1756. It is surrounded by old headstones and a manicured lawn.

Finally, head to the **island of Godoy** to visit the charming little fishing village of **Alnes** and its famous lighthouse on the shores of the Atlantic.

You'll also stop at **Mount Hessa** view point for a spectacular view of the city, the islands and the Sunnmore mountains before you return to the pier by way of the **sub-marine tunnels** .

Akureyri, Iceland - Friday, July 23, 2021: Iceland's second-largest city offers a picturesque harbor as well as numerous artists' workshops and galleries. Explore the lunar landscape near Lake Myvatn, marveling at its tumultuous volcanic crater lake, boiling mud pools and steaming earth.

A Taste of Akureyri



Departs: 10:30 AM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$159.95; Child \$59.95

From Akureyri, you'll drive to one of Iceland's most famous turf houses at Laufás. The 19th-century **turf farmhouse** here was built in the traditional Icelandic style of stone and turf, and it is now one of the last of its kind in the country. It is an interesting regional museum and has the original implements and equipment so essential to life in past centuries, and a beautiful **country church** (1865). The Icelandic turf house was the product of a difficult climate, offering superior insulation compared to buildings solely made of wood or stone. The relative difficulty of obtaining other construction materials in sufficient quantities also played a significant role in the adoption of turf as a building material. This is a genuine glimpse into the Icelanders' way of life from the 9th century to the 19th century.

Return to **Akureyri**, the capital of the north. The influences of its Danish trading past prevail in this town. You will notice the many contrasts in its interesting and varied architecture.

Stop at the **Nonni Museum**, where an exhibit commemorates the children's books written by Pastor Jón Sveinsson in the 1913-1940s. 'Nonni' left Iceland at a young age, lived all over Europe and wrote his books in German.

He died during World War II in Cologne in 1944.

Next, head to **Akureyri Church** to enjoy the fantastic view over the fjord and your ship.

Walk down **Art Alley**, where artisans keep their workshops and galleries.

Your final stop is at one of Akureyri's excellent cafés -- the **Bláa Kannan Café**, situated in the center of town. The café is renowned for its homemade *terta*. The name comes from Latin word *torta*, but it is a **cake** that is commonly made in Icelandic homes for special occasions. Among the choices are Devil's Terta, Marens (meringue) Terta, Chocolate Terta, Orange Terta, and Vienna Terta -- you absolutely cannot go wrong! Enjoy coffee or tea, or the café's popular hot chocolate with fresh cream.

Walk off your snack with some **free time** for browsing or **shopping** in the core of Akureyri. Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must return to the ship on their own.

Notes:

Dress warmly in layers. Wear sturdy, closed-toe, non-skid shoes. This tour includes some walking and a steep descent from Akureyri Church down to the café. The museums have uneven floors, narrow hallways, low ceilings and, in some areas, narrow wooden steps. Not

advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Please realistically assess your physical fitness and ability prior to booking. All walking is optional and most sights can be viewed through the motorcoach windows. There are some inclines to negotiate and rough grass/mud/gravel paths. Wear sturdy, closed-toe, non-skid walking shoes. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the Tour staff on board.

Akureyri & Santa's House Giftshop



Departs: 2:30 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$39.95

Akureyri has 18,000 inhabitants and is Iceland's second most important commercial and industrial center. As you travel through its timeline of cityhood, stop in front of a beautiful **modern church** and stroll through the lovely **Botanical Gardens**.

You will also visit the **Nonni Museum**. An exhibit here commemorates the children's books written by Pastor Jón Sveinsson in the 1930s-1950s. See the fishing boats in the busy harbor en route to **Listagil Street**, where artisans keep their workshops and galleries.

A short time is allocated for browsing or **shopping**; then, you'll drive out to **Santa's House** -- a Christmas store that operates all

year round. This is a great opportunity to pick up a memento of your trip to Iceland.

Notes:

All walking is optional and most sights can be viewed through the motor coach windows. There are some inclined surfaces to negotiate and rough grass/mud/gravel paths. Suitable for guests with mobility limitations with a companion to assist. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. The museum has uneven floors, narrow hallways, low ceilings and, in some areas, narrow wooden steps. Santa's House is not wheelchair accessible. All walking is optional and most sights can be viewed through the motor coach windows. There are some inclines to negotiate and rough grass/mud/gravel paths. Dress warmly in layers. Wear sturdy, non-skid walking shoes. Depending on weather, the botanical gardens are usually in full bloom in June, with fall dieback beginning in August. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the Tour staff on board.

Dutch Guided: Godafoss Waterfall, Lava Labyrinth & Hot Springs



Departs: 10:30 AM
Approximately 6½ Hours
Adult \$199.95; Child \$89.95

A Dutch-speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a Dutch interpreter). A limited number of Dutch guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment. This is not a bilingual tour; tours guided in English are available at Exploration Central on our website.

Begin with a drive along the coast of Iceland's longest fjord, **Eyjafjörður**, with an excellent view of Akureyri and its surrounding mountains.

After crossing **Víkurskard Pass**, you will view **Fnjóskadalur Valley**, where geological remains of glacial and post-glacial times can clearly be seen.

Stop at **Godafoss** -- the waterfall of heathen gods and one of the most spectacular waterfalls in Iceland. The Skjalfandaflljot River falls from a height of 36 feet over a breadth of 100 feet.

You'll drive directly to the **Lake Myvatn** area, stopping by the **Skutustadir Craters** before **lunch**. After lunch visit the **Dimmuborgir lava labyrinth** -- a paradise of towering lava castles, natural arches and countless unexplored grottos.

The last stop is at the gurgling purple and yellow sulfur cauldrons at the high-

temperature geothermal field of **Namaskard**.

You'll also enjoy a short panoramic drive through the town of **Akureyri** if time allows.

Notes:

All walking is optional and most sights can be viewed through the motorcoach windows. There are some inclines to negotiate and rough grass/mud/gravel paths. Suitable for guests with mobility limitations with a companion to assist. It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Outer layer should be waterproof and windproof. Bring gloves, a warm hat and a scarf. Wear sturdy, closed-toe, non-skid walking shoes. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the Tour staff on board. Small black flies (midges or "no-see-'ems") populate the Lake Myvatn area. Although they don't bite, they can be quite annoying. Wear insect repellent and bring a light scarf or net to cover your face and/or mouth.

Godafoss Waterfall, Lava Labyrinth & Hot Springs



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Godafoss Waterfalls, Botanical Gardens & Laufas Folk Museum



Departs: 11:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$59.95

Leaving Akureyri, cross the waters of the fjord and travel along the slopes of **Vadlaheidi Mountain**, via the **Fnjóskadalur Valley** to **Vaglaskogur Forest** -- one of Iceland's rare woodlands -- which is part of an extensive soil and vegetation reclamation project.

Travel to historic **Godafoss** -- waterfall of the heathen gods, which figures prominently in Iceland's 12th-century Book of Settlement.

Continue to one of Iceland's most famous turf houses at Laufás. The 19th-century **turf farmhouse** here was built in the traditional Icelandic style of stone and turf, and it is now one of the last of its kind in the country. It is an interesting regional museum and has the original implements and equipment so essential to life in past centuries, and a beautiful **country church** (1865). The Icelandic turf house was the product of a difficult climate, offering superior insulation compared to buildings solely made of wood or stone.

Return to **Akureyri** for a short **panoramic sightseeing** tour of the city, including an outside view of the modern church and a stop at the **Botanical Gardens**.

Notes:

All walking is optional and most sights can be viewed through the motorcoach windows. There are some inclines to negotiate and rough grass/mud/gravel paths. Suitable for guests with mobility limitations with a companion to assist. The museum is not wheelchair accessible; it has uneven floors, narrow hallways, low ceilings and, in some areas, narrow wooden steps. Dress warmly in layers. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Depending on weather, the botanical gardens are usually in full bloom in June, with fall dieback beginning in August. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the Tour staff on board.

Godafoss, Dimmuborgir & Hot Springs Express



Departs: 11:30 AM
Approximately 5½ Hours
Adult \$174.95; Child \$69.95

A panoramic drive takes you along the coastline of **Eyjafjordur**. This is Iceland's longest fjord and it's also Akureyri's backyard. Weather permitting, you will take in an excellent view of the town and the surrounding mountains.

Crossing Vikurskard Pass, you enter the Fnjoskadalur Valley, where clear geological remains from glacial and post-glacial times can still be seen.

You'll stop at **Godafoss** – one of the most spectacular waterfalls in Iceland. The water of

the River Skjalfandafljot rushes to a 40-foot drop over a width of almost 100 feet. The resulting cascade is mighty, impressive and loud. History states that in AD 1000, the legislative assembly decided that Christianity was to be the official religion of Iceland. Statues of the pagan gods (*Goda*) were pitched into waterfall (*foss*) as a symbol of abandoning the Norse pagan religion. Its astounding beauty and power might may cause you to think of other reasons for the Waterfall of the Gods to be so named.

Next, drive directly to the Lake Myvatn area, stopping to view the rather unusual **craters at Skutustadir**.

Walk through the **Dimmuborgir lava labyrinth** -- a Tolkien-esque paradise of towering lava castles, natural arches and countless unexplored grottos.

Your last stop is at the gurgling purple and yellow sulphur cauldrons at the Namaskard geothermal field. The pools here are so hot that they actually boil.

A short **city sightseeing** tour of **Akureyri** is included if time allows.

Notes:

Dress warmly in layers, with a water- and windproof outer layer. Wear sturdy walking shoes. Some walking is involved but it is optional; however, the main attractions are not easily accessible by guests using walking or mobility aids. Small black flies (midges or "no-see-ems") populate the Lake Myvatn area. Although they don't bite, they can be

quite annoying. Wear insect repellent and bring a light scarf or net to cover your face and/or mouth.

Lake Myvatn Ultimate Flight



Departs: 11:00 AM
Approximately 1¼ Hours
Price \$499.95

This brilliant flightseeing tour takes you over the dramatic landscape where **Game of Thrones** and **Oblivion** were filmed. Take off from Akureyri and head out with your pilot for a bird's-eye view of numerous scenic attractions and natural geothermal phenomena.

(S)he will fly you over impressive Godafoss waterfall, the Lake Myvatn area and magical lava rocks. Watch for the Vatnajökull Glacier National Park and see Dettifoss -- the most powerful waterfall in Europe. Watch the water rushing through the magnificent Jokulsargljufur canyons, including stunning Asbyrgi Canyon. Legend holds that Asbyrgi was formed when Sleipnir -- the eight-legged horse owned by the Norse god Odinn -- took a giant step that created a horseshoe-shaped canyon surrounded by high cliffs. Scientists say that enormous, catastrophic glacial bursts carved out Asbyrgi's deep ravines and rocky basins. What do you think? No matter how it came about, this area is famed for its beauty and is known as the Diamond of the North.

In the territory where Paganism met Christianity, you'll fly over Godafoss waterfall. Keep in mind that this is the waterfall into which statues of the pagan gods were thrown when Iceland converted to

Christianity a thousand years ago.

You'll land back at Akureyri's airstrip and visit the **Flight Museum** just a couple of minutes away. The museum offers a brief overview of Iceland's aviation history. It's the perfect way to end the day before you return to the ship.

Notes:

Guests must be able to fit comfortably into the seating provided. Seats are similar to compact car seat size. Legroom is limited. Each guest will receive headphones to wear during the flight. Go-Pro cameras are sometimes allowed; please check with the tour operator, who takes no responsibility for any damage to equipment. The tour operator reserves the right to cancel the tour in the case of unfavorable conditions.

Myvatn Nature Baths



Departs: 10:30 AM
Approximately 5½ Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$59.95

Leave Akureyri and the fjord, and head to **Godafoss** (Waterfall of the Gods) -- one of the most spectacular waterfalls in Iceland.

The **Nature Baths at Myvatn** offer bathers a completely natural, relaxing dip amid clouds of steam, and a luxurious swim in a pool of geo-thermal water drawn from depths of 7,000 feet. Active volcanoes and belching steam vents populate the vicinity. The baths contain a unique blend of minerals, silicates and geo-thermal microorganisms. The warm, soothing waters are beneficial to skin and

spirit alike. Facilities include a reception area and café, changing rooms and showers, as well as three natural steam baths and a 53,000-square-foot outdoor geo-thermal bathing pool maintained at a constant temperature of 100 - 104° F. Due to its chemical composition, undesirable bacteria and flora cannot live in the lagoon, making chlorine or other disinfectants redundant.

Relaxed and rejuvenated by your **geothermal dip**, you will return to Akureyri.

Notes:

Local custom and pool regulations mandate that all guests shower and wash thoroughly with soap and water (without swim attire) before entering the baths. A limited number of curtained shower cubicles are available. Separate shower facilities for men and women are available on site. Lockers are free of charge and all items and clothing can be stored in the lockers. Jewelry is not recommended in the water as the minerals might stain metals. Shoes are not to be worn inside the locker facility; they are either stored outside the locker area on designated shoe shelves, or put in plastic bags to store inside the lockers. Swimwear must be worn in the thermal baths. Light-colored swimwear can be discolored by the minerals in the water. Bring your swimsuit and a towel from the ship (or these items can also be rented at the facility at your own expense). Bring sandals or flip-flops. Minimum age is 3 years. There are some inclines to negotiate and rough grass/mud/gravel paths. Dress warmly in layers. Wear sturdy, non-skid walking shoes.

Private Touring - Half Day Minivan



Departs: 1:00 PM
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Private Touring - Full Day Minivan



Departs: 10:30 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Price \$1,499.00



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Whale Watching from Akureyri



Departs: 12:30 PM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$69.95

Iceland is one of the best locations in the world to enjoy **whale watching**. The abundance of marine life in the waters around Akureyri provides ideal feeding grounds, attracting more than twenty species of whales, dolphins and porpoises.

The whale watching **boat** is only a short **walk** from the pier in Akureyri. The friendly crew welcome you on board before you set off on the pristine waters of Eyjafjörður Fjord. Tall, snow-capped mountains line the seemingly endless fjord. Your exciting search for the ocean's gentle giants is both thrilling and beautiful.

The tour enjoys a 95% success rate for spotting whales. Many species have been sighted here, including blue-fin, humpback, minke and sei whales. The best period for whale watching in Iceland is the late spring to early fall months (May - September). Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must make their own way back to the ship.

Notes:

The boat may not be exclusive to Holland

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America Line guests. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Outer layer should be waterproof and windproof. Bring gloves, a warm hat and a scarf. Wear sturdy, non-skid walking shoes. Bring sunglasses and binoculars. Tour requires some walking from the pier to where the boat is docked (15-20 minutes from the ship) on paved and even ground. There are steps on board the boat to reach the viewing platforms and to access the cabin area downstairs.

Isafjordur, Iceland - Saturday, July 24, 2021: This busy fishing port runs to sizable shipyards as well as shrimp and fish factories-- all ready to handle the catch of the day from the icy waters of the Denmark Strait. Perfect jumping-off place for hiking, biking and kayaking.

Arctic Foxes & Avalanches



Departs: 12:30 PM
 Approximately 3 Hours
 Adult \$149.95; Child \$49.95

Learn about the Arctic fox during a visit to the charming and quaint village of Súðavík. The drive from the pier to Súðavík village is a scenic one, with majestic snow-white and gray-striped mountains set against the sky and the ever-changing ocean below.

Súðavík is small, with only 200 inhabitants. It was founded in the 19th century when Norwegian fishermen established two whaling stations in the fjord thus creating new employment possibilities. The village is divided into two halves -- the Old Town and the New Town. The Old Town was hit by a huge avalanche during the winter of 1995, destroying part of the village and claiming numerous lives. After the avalanche the villagers sought a safer place to build new houses and that's how the New Town came into existence.

In the middle of the divided town you will find the **Arctic Fox Center** -- a non-profit research center and museum dedicated to the only native terrestrial mammal in Iceland. The museum focuses on the biology and natural history of the Arctic fox as well as the social history of Iceland in relation to it. Enjoy coffee and **refreshments** in the lovely café.

Visit the local **church** for a traditional Icelandic music program. The church was originally built in Hesteyri -- a village that later was abandoned. Several decades later it was moved to its current location despite vehement protests by the former villagers of Hesteyri.

Continue your drive to the **Langeyri Péninsula**. Two whaling stations that used to be located here provided work for more than a hundred people. Little remains of this industry today except for a few old whalebones that lie on the coast.

Before heading back to Ísafjörður and the ship, you'll stop briefly in the fjord to visit the avalanche memorial.

Notes:

It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Wear sturdy, closed-toe, non-skid shoes. Bring a wind- and waterproof outer layer and a hat. Due to Sudavik's remoteness and the scarcity of professional guides, all guiding is handled by locals; some are not professional but all have great experience of guiding and extensive knowledge of the area. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the tour staff on board.

Biking in Bolungarvik



Departs: 10:00 AM
 Approximately 3 Hours
 Price \$239.95

This biking tour for the really adventurous guest involves **cycling** along a ghost road -- a road once used by traffic but now closed to vehicles and open only for non-motorized recreational use.

Once reputedly among Iceland's "most dangerous" roads, Óshlíð connects two towns in the West Fjords -- Ísafjörður and Bolungarvík. It is famous for its enormous cliffs and steep mountains on one side, and the roaring ocean on the other. It is perfect for bikers and runners -- for anyone seeking fresh air, rugged landscape views, fjord scenery and the great outdoors.

Your bike adventure starts out in the town of Ísafjörður, where you will gear up with a bike and set off towards the small village of Hnifsdalur. **Hnifsdalur** is home to only 250 people, but its depth of history is evident as you pass through.

En route to Bolungarvík, a couple of stops allow you to rest and take some beautiful photographs, including a stop at an elevated viewpoint of the Nature Reserve. The stunningly beautiful aesthetic enhancement to your adventure is the deep, cold and beautiful Icefjord.

Upon arrival in **Bolungarvík**, board a mini-coach for transportation back to Ísafjörður.

Notes:

Due to Sudavik's remoteness and the scarcity of professional guides, all guiding is handled by locals; some are not professional but all have great experience of guiding and extensive knowledge of the area. This tour is only for the very physically active. It is three hours of cycling over 15 miles with an elevation gain of 1,180 feet. The road is unpaved in places and the surface is rough; the tall cliffs tend to slough rocks and gravel onto the right of way. Dress in layers. Wear a daypack, sunglasses, comfortable clothing, and shoes suitable for a bike ride. Bring a waterproof outer layer and bottled water. Minimum weight is 77lbs. Minimum age is 12 years.

Calm Fjord Kayaking



Departs: 9:00 AM
 Approximately 2 Hours
 Price \$139.95

Grab a paddle and get ready for an unforgettable adventure. **Fjord kayaking** is not only a healthy and rewarding way to spend the day; it's also a perfect way to get to know Icelandic nature up close. The Westfjords have earned a deserved reputation for being the ultimate nature- and adventure-lovers' paradise.

Kayaking will appeal to those wishing to approach the fjord's beauty from another angle. Paddling a kayak under the magnificent mountains towering over the town offers proximity to nature from a new and exciting perspective. Weather permitting, guests will enjoy paddling the kayak while embracing the stunning scenery.

Notes:

Due to Sudavik's remoteness and the scarcity of professional guides, all guiding is handled by locals; some are not professional but all have great experience of guiding and extensive knowledge of the area. Tour operates rain or shine, but may be cancelled by the operator in the event of extremely bad weather or unsuitable conditions. Double kayaks will be used; but single kayaks can be requested well in advance. See the tour staff on board the ship. Minimum age is 12 years. Participants must walk approximately 400 yards to the kayaks. It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing (no jeans) in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Bring a wind-and waterproof out layer and a hat, as well as extra clothing in case you get a little wet.

Dynjandi Waterfall & Sudureyri: A Taste of the Westfjords



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 6 Hours
Adult \$329.95; Child \$159.95

In a land blessed with thousands of waterfalls, it is indeed a privilege to visit the one that many Icelanders claim is the most beautiful of all. Dynjandi Falls is your destination today.

From Ísafjörður, you'll set out on a panoramic drive through the breathtaking scenery of the Westfjords area. The route takes you across an unforgiving landscape of jagged mountain ridges and narrow passes. The coast is lined with steep slopes and deep fjords, where farms and villages huddle together on narrow strips of land that reluctantly yield a living for the hardy souls that tend them. Take advantage of a number of scenic photo opportunities along the way.

The **Dynjandi waterfall** itself features a tall upper cascade and tiered terraces, ending with a free-fall into the pool below. Your guide will lead you on a walk up to the falls for a closer view.

Next, acquaint yourself with beautiful **Suðureyri village** -- a destination you feel like you've got all to yourself. In Suðureyri, it's all about fish. This is your chance to hear about life at the edge of the Arctic Circle and to see for yourself how this thriving community processes Iceland's ocean bounty. Enjoy a taste of fresh fish while listening to local stories. Learn how Iceland's first-class export produce can be on your dinner plate in North America just 36 hours after leaving the icy-

cold Atlantic Ocean. It might also surprise you to hear that sustainability is king here -- this small, forward-thinking village has an eye on the future at all times.

Notes:

Due to Sudavik's remoteness and the scarcity of professional guides, all guiding is handled by locals; some are not professional but all have great experience of guiding and extensive knowledge of the area. Some walking is required, mainly on paved flat surfaces, with some inclines and a few steps as well as a few gravel paths and uneven surfaces. Approximate distance covered on foot is one mile. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Wear sturdy, closed-toe, non-skid shoes. Bring a wind- and waterproof outer layer and a hat. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the tour staff on board.

Fjords & Flowers



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$164.95; Child \$79.95

Driving among the mountains of Ísafjörður affords an excellent view of the harsh local landscape, where narrow passes cross sharp mountain ridges, deep fjords shelter farms and villages huddled on narrow strips of land.

Visit **Skrúður** -- the first Icelandic **botanic garden**, founded in 1909. This small garden is the brainchild of the former minister and principal of Núpur -- cultivation pioneer of Iceland. He grew plants and vegetables that nobody ever dreamed could germinate so far north or in such a rugged landscape and harsh climate.

You'll drive to **Flateyri village**, which was formed around the shark-fishing industry in the mid-19th century. In Flateyri, leave the bus at a charming, small and intimate church, quite typical of the smaller towns in Iceland. Step into the church to hear an **Icelandic music program**; then, **stroll** with your guide down the small main street of Flateyri.

Visit the **old bookstore** and the **merchant's home**, where you'll find an exhibit explaining the history of Flateyri.

In the next building, relax and enjoy a **coffee** break. Homemade **Icelandic cakes** are served with coffee or tea.

Notes:

Due to Sudavik's remoteness and the scarcity of professional guides, all guiding is handled by locals; some are not professional but all have great experience of guiding and extensive knowledge of the area. Flowers may not be in full bloom in May or September. It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Wear sturdy, closed-toe, non-skid shoes. Bring a wind- and waterproof outer layer and a hat. Walking is required for

this tour on gravel paths and uneven surfaces. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Suitable for guests with mobility limitations with a companion to assist. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the tour staff on board.

Hesteyri & Glacier Fjord Cruise



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$169.95; Child \$79.95

Visit the abandoned village of **Hesteyri**, reached only by a 70-minute **boat ride**.

The landscape in Jökulfirðir Fjord is very beautiful, with impressive, steep snow-flecked mountains and quiet, secluded coves. In the late 1940s, all 80 inhabitants of Hesteyri village made the decision to move away. At the time, they were living without telephone, electricity and roads. By 1952, the village was completely abandoned.

Stroll through the village with your guide, enjoying **traditional Icelandic refreshments** at the old doctor's house. You will feel the distinctly eerie atmosphere of this unusual place where time seems to have stood still.

A renowned crime and thriller Icelandic author Yrsa Sigurðardóttir wrote a fantastic ghost story *Ég Man Þig* (Remember You) whose plot takes place on Hesteyri Island. The story was recently made into a movie filmed on location here during the winter.

Notes:

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It's A Viking Thing



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$299.95; Child \$159.95

This blast from the past is your invitation to step back in time and learn about the Viking ways and how these hardy people lived off the land.

Your journey begins with a **panoramic drive** from Isafjordur to the old **Viking village of Thingeyri**. Walk through a recreated Viking area, learning about what is fact and what is fiction in the many stories you've heard about the famous Vikings. A short hike brings you to the old ruins of the Viking meeting place called a *Thing* -- the closest translation of this

in English is 'parliament'.

Step inside the interactive **Viking Museum** for a chance to dress up in authentic hand-sewn Viking clothing, take photographs, drink Icelandic Viking beer, bake your own Viking bread, and explore the museum -- all part of learning more about Viking ways.

After your Viking experience, head back to before heading back to Isafjordur.

Notes:

Walking is required, mainly on paved flat surfaces, with some inclines and a few steps as well as a few gravel paths and uneven surfaces. Approximate distance covered on foot is one mile. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Wear sturdy, closed-toe, non-skid walking shoes. Due to Sudavik's remoteness and the scarcity of professional guides, all guiding is handled by locals; some are not professional but all have great experience of guiding and extensive knowledge of the area. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the tour staff on board.

Life & Culture of Isafjordur



Departs: 1:00 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$154.95; Child \$79.95

From Isafjörður harbor, you will head through the center of town with a stop at the Osvör 19th-century **fisherman's hut**, restored in 1988.

Drive through Bolungarvík village and back to Isafjörður with views of the magnificent mountains and Westfjord -- a beautiful but sometimes harsh landscape.

You will also see the Buná Tunguá River and the waterfall in Tunguskogur, and **sip fresh mountain water** that flows down the stream. What could be more clear and refreshing!

Finally, see the **Maritime Museum of Isafjörður**, located in one of the town's oldest houses (1780).

Notes:

Approximately 50 steps must be negotiated at the Osvör Museum. It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Wear sturdy, closed-toe, non-skid shoes. Bring a wind- and waterproof outer layer and a hat. Due to Sudavik's remoteness and the scarcity of professional guides, all guiding is handled by locals; some are not professional but all have great experience of guiding and extensive knowledge of the area.

Parents traveling with children under the age

of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the tour staff on board.

Off the Beaten Track: Cruise to Vigur Bird Island



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$89.95



Leave Ísafjörður harbor by **boat** to cruise Djupfjord and reach the **island of Vigur**. This island offers a wealth of **magnificent bird life** including puffins, eider ducks and arctic terns. The only windmill of the country, almost 160 years old, is still maintained on the island. Here, the farmers live off the land and by harvesting the down of eider ducks.

Vigur village is like a time warp. Its ten friendly inhabitants welcome you with their relaxed, easy manner. A leisurely **walk** around the island gives you an opportunity to see an abundance of birds in their natural habitat during high season.

Enjoy some refreshments at the old **Cow House** before returning to the boat.

A farmer's family will serve **refreshments** in a mid-19th-century house -- the perfect way to complete your visit before returning to Ísafjörður.

Notes:

It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Bring a wind- and waterproof

outer layer and a hat. About an hour of walking is required for this tour on gravel paths and uneven surfaces. There is also a 200-yard walk from the ship to where the tour boat is docked. The boat is not wheelchair accessible. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Participants must be able to step onto the boat and up to the island from the dock. Most of the bird species start migrating away from Vigur around the 10th of August. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. The boat ride is unguided. There is no restroom on the boat.

Suðureyri: A Taste of the Westfjords



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$39.95

Visit the beautiful village of **Suðureyri village** -- a destination you feel like you've got all to yourself. In Suðureyri, it's all about fish. This is your chance to hear about life at the edge of the Arctic Circle and to see for yourself how this thriving community processes Iceland's ocean bounty.

Enjoy a **taste of fresh seafood** as you listen to local stories. Learn how Iceland's first-class export produce can be on your dinner plate in North America just 36 hours after leaving the icy-cold Atlantic Ocean. It might also surprise you to hear that sustainability is king here -- this small, forward-thinking village has an eye on the future at all times.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Some walking is required, mainly on paved flat surfaces but with some inclines and a few steps, as well as a few gravel paths and uneven surfaces. Approximate distance covered on foot is one mile. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Wear sturdy, closed-toe, non-skid shoes. Bring a wind- and waterproof outer layer and a hat. The fish-processing plant may or may not be operating during your visit. Due to Sudavik's remoteness and the scarcity of professional guides, all guiding is handled by locals; some are not professional but all have great experience of guiding and extensive knowledge of the area. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the tour staff on board.

Surf & Turf in Isafjordur



Departs: 1:00 PM
Approximately 3½ Hours
Adult \$199.95; Child \$109.95

An amazing **panoramic drive** takes you along Isafjardardjup -- the largest fjord in Iceland -- for fantastic views of the stunning Westfjords region and some great photo opportunities.

You're headed to the small **Litlibær turf farm**. This is a coastal setting where you may be lucky enough to spot some friendly seals lounging about in their natural habitat. Your visit to the turf farm is an opportunity to learn how the Icelanders use to live in the early 1900s -- often a struggle in the harsh

environment of the vast Icelandic countryside. Look inside the farm buildings and experience how Icelanders lived back in the day. Churn fresh cream into butter and then taste it on traditional Icelandic flatbread.

Explore the farm and enjoy refreshments of **coffee with a waffle and homemade jam**.

Heading back to Isafjordur, sit back, relax and enjoy the stunning scenery of the fjords.

Notes:

Wildlife sightings are likely but not guaranteed. Some walking is required, mainly on paved flat surfaces, with some inclines and a few steps as well as a few gravel paths and uneven surfaces. Approximate distance covered on foot is one mile. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Due to Sudavik's remoteness and the scarcity of professional guides, all guiding is handled by locals; some are not professional but all have great experience of guiding and extensive knowledge of the area. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the tour staff on board.

The Back Streets of Isafjordur



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 2 Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$39.95

Stroll through Westfjord's largest town, **Ísafjörður**, with your local guide. Ísafjörður is interesting to explore on foot -- its back streets and old houses are unique in all of Iceland.

The town boasts a significant role in the history of this isolated country and many well-known persons have made their homes here, including Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson -- Iceland's fifth president.

Snap a photo of some of the local landmarks - including the fisherman's monument -- and peer into the windows of the local shops.

End your tour outside the Maritime Museum. Take a photos and, if you wish, you can step inside the museum to explore some more (at your own expense). Your guide will bid you goodbye in front of the museum and you can walk back to the pier (just a couple of minutes away). Guests who wish to stay in town to shop or explore independently are welcome to do so, but must make their own way back to the ship.

Notes:

Not advisable for guests with mobility limitations. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Notes:

Due to its remoteness and with scarcity of professional guides, all guiding is handled by locals, some are not professional but all have great experience of guiding and good knowledge of the area. The Maritime Museum is not included; the guide will leave you outside the museum and you are free to enter on your own and at your own expense. You will walk back to the pier unescorted -- it is only a couple of minutes away. Not advisable for guests with mobility limitations. Suitable for guests using a wheelchair, with a companion to assist. Restrooms are not wheelchair accessible. It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Bring a wind- and waterproof outer layer and a hat. Wear sturdy, non-skid walking shoes.

Whale Watching & Wildlife Cruise



Departs: 1:00 PM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$219.95; Child \$99.95

Enjoy the breathtaking landscapes of Iceland's **Westfjords area** while searching for local wildlife in its beautiful natural environment.

A 10-minute **walk** from the pier brings you to a comfortable **boat**. Find a seat inside if you wish, or step outside to take in the spectacular views. You're headed across the waters of **Isafjardardjup** -- one Iceland's largest fjord systems that is home to eight different individual fjords, beautiful inner fjords and picturesque mountain ranges.

Cruise along the beautiful Snaefjallastrond (

Snow Mountain Coast) watching for whales in the icy water. Seals and dolphins often pop up their heads to say hello, too. Isafjardardjup, especially the picturesque island Vigur, is known for its rich bird life. Chances are high that you will spot puffins on the water.

Walk back to the ship when you return to Isafjordur.

Notes:

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed; however, the success rate for seeing whales on this tour is very high. Prime time for whale watching in Iceland is the late spring to early autumn months (May through September). Guests who suffer from motion sickness should consider this before booking and/or take appropriate medication. There are several steps to negotiate to reach the inside seating on the boat. It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Outer layer should be waterproof and windproof. Bring gloves, a warm hat and a scarf. Wear sturdy, non-skid, close-toe walking shoes (preferably waterproof) with thick wool socks.

Whale Watching from Isafjordur by RIB Boat



Departs: 12:30 PM
Approximately 2 Hours
Adult \$249.95; Child \$139.95

Head out on a thrilling two-hour sightseeing and **whale safari** from Ísafjörður. This small town in the Westfjords of Iceland offers a magnificent view over the surrounding landscape. You'll explore this scenery from a seaside perspective.

Board a **RIB boat** (rigid inflatable), providing an intimate experience while being environmentally friendly. You'll start with safety briefing and put on a set of warm overalls and a life jacket. These will keep you warm out on the sea. Heading away from the town, you will skim across the water to Ísafjarðardjúp -- the stunning fjord region just a short distance from Ísafjörður. The area is very remote, and typically the **whales** are both plentiful and friendly, sometimes even showing off for visitors. You'll pass the beautiful bird island of Vigur or the Snaefjallaströnd (Snow Mountain Coast). Watch for several different kinds of birds that make their homes here -- puffins, eider ducks and other seabirds. It is also common to see seals frolicking in the waters. You'll stop for photos as needed.

Weather and wildlife conditions dictate the route, so every outing brings an entirely unique adventure.

Notes:

Minimum age is 4 years. Not suitable for

pregnant women or for guests with a heart condition, back conditions or mobility limitations. It is essential that you wear warm, layered clothing in order to fully enjoy and participate in this excursion. Outer layer should be waterproof and windproof. Bring gloves, a warm hat and a scarf. Do not wear jeans. Wear warm underclothes and sturdy, non-skid shoes with thick, warm wool socks. Wear the warmest appropriate footwear you have, as it can be quite cold on the fjord. The tour enjoys a 90%+ success rate in spotting whales. Wildlife sightings are likely but not guaranteed. Many seabirds start migrating away around mid-August. Due to Sudavik's remoteness and the scarcity of professional guides, all guiding is handled by locals; some are not professional but all have great experience of guiding and extensive knowledge of the area.

Reykjavik, Iceland - Sunday, July 25, 2021: Geysers, hot springs and fields of cooled lava are testament to Iceland's volcanic origins. Swim in the naturally warmed Blue Lagoon.

Bathing in the Blue Lagoon



Departs: 3:30 PM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$109.95



The **Blue Lagoon** is located southeast of Reykjavik, near the fishing village of Grindavik, on the Reykjanes peninsula.

A high-temperature geothermal field supplies the Reykjanes district with hot water and steam to run a power plant, and it is the mineral-rich overflow water from this operation that fills the bathing lagoon. The geothermal water is pumped up from 6,000 feet below the earth's surface. High levels of silica, minerals and algae give the Blue Lagoon its rich, blue color and also form a light natural sediment on the bottom.

Don't miss this chance to relax in the refreshing waters of the Blue Lagoon, whose healing properties are legendary. You'll head straight to the lagoon where you will spend approximately two hours relaxing in the delightfully warm water and enjoying the natural resources of Iceland.

The Blue Lagoon Comfort Package offers you a silica mask, a towel, and a cooling drink while enjoying the warm waters of the Blue Lagoon. **Notes:**

Minimum age is 2 years. Bring your swimsuit. Towels are provided. The changing rooms are gender divided, but are European-style (not

private). Lockers (locked with digital wristbands), showers, hair conditioner and soap are included. US dollars (bills only; no coins), euros or Icelandic kroner and major credit cards are accepted. Hygiene regulations require that you shower with soap and without a swimsuit before entering the lagoon. Shoes are not to be worn inside the locker room area; they are to be stored on shoe shelves or in plastic bags inside lockers. The water is very warm. Please ensure you are hydrated. The minerals in the water make hair dry and coarse, but it returns to normal after a few showers. You may wish to ensure you don't get your hair wet. The Blue Lagoon sells special hair conditioners and recommends that long hair is put up before you enter the lagoon. Do not wear jewelry in the water, as the minerals can stain metal. Although the lockers are safe, you are advised not to bring valuables to the lagoon. Floors may be slippery; take care when walking inside locker area and out to the lagoon. Guests with heart conditions should seek advice from their doctor prior to booking.

Best of the Golden Circle by Private Accessible Van



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 7 Hours
Price \$1,249.00



From Reykjavik you will drive over the Mosfellsheidi Heath to beautiful **Thingvellir National Park** -- a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a primary site of Iceland's geological and historic heritage.

Walk through a massive geological fault to the place where the Icelandic Althingi -- Europe's oldest national legislative assembly -- was established in AD 930. Astonishingly, the Althingi convened here in grandiose surroundings every summer for nearly eight centuries. It eventually moved to Reykjavik.

Continue over the Lyngdalsheidi Heath and into the fertile farmlands of the south for a visit to the enormous, spectacular, roaring **Gullfoss**. Many people feel that this is Iceland's most beautiful waterfall -- what do you think?

Nearby, you'll also stop at the **Geysir Geothermal Area** with its multitude of hot springs. The most active geyser spouts every few minutes, erupting in an eye-popping display of boiling water and cooling spray. This is a glimpse of the raw power of nature.

Returning through the Grimsnes region, you will also see Hveragerdi Village, where geothermal water has been used to build an extensive greenhouse industry. Pass through the city center en route back to the pier.

Notes:

This tour is by private wheelchair-accessible vehicle -- a sprinter van that fits one guest in a wheelchair plus additional guests depending on size of vehicle. Many of the sites are gravel, with wooden steps and platforms, and uneven terrain, but are accessible with a companion to assist. The water at the hot springs is

extremely hot. Do not touch or approach the hot springs and do not throw objects or coins into the waters at Thingvellir National Park or at the hot springs. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the tour staff on board.

Best of the Golden Circle: Evening Edition



Departs: 2:30 PM
Approximately 7½ Hours
Adult \$189.95; Child \$79.95

Conducted in broad daylight, this evening tour from Reykjavik takes you past the city's geothermal power plant for a quick photo stop. You'll also pass through Hveragerdi village, where geothermally heated water is used to support an extensive greenhouse produce-growing industry.

Broad Lyngdalsheidi Heath leads to the fertile farmlands of the south and to perhaps Iceland's most beautiful waterfall -- **Gullfoss**. Nearby is the truly fascinating **Geysir geothermal area**, with its multitude of hot springs. The most active geyser spouts every few minutes and is riveting to watch. A two-course **dinner** and coffee are served at a restaurant nearby.

Next up is a short drive over to the stunning **Thingvellir National Park** -- a UNESCO **World Heritage Site** and a primary site of Iceland's geological and political heritage. Walk through a massive geological fault to the

place where Europe's oldest national legislative assembly, the Icelandic Althingi, was established in AD 930. Astonishingly, this age-old parliament convened here in magnificent natural surroundings every summer for nearly eight centuries.

Cross the Mosfellsheidi Heath and pass through the Reykjavik city center en route back to the pier.

Notes:

Dress for the weather. Wear sturdy walking shoes. Guests who prefer to stay on the coach may do so at most stops; however, all guests must leave the coach during the driver's break . Guests using a cane, walker, or manual collapsible wheelchair must be able to negotiate a few steps in order to (dis)embark the coach. Collapsible wheelchairs/scooters can be stored on the coach; full measurements of the wheelchair/scooter must be provided to the tour staff on board the ship at least 48 hours prior to arrival in Reykjavik. Most attractions are wheelchair/scooter accessible; please be mindful that accessible areas may offer a slightly different angle/point-of-view than ambulatory guests may encounter. The dinner venue is wheelchair accessible.

Best of the Golden Circle: Thingvellir, Waterfalls & Geysirs



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$189.95; Child \$99.95



From Reykjavik, you will drive across the Mosfellsheidi Heath to beautiful **Thingvellir National Park** -- a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and a primary site of Iceland's geological and historic heritage.

Walk through a massive geological fault to the place where Europe's oldest national legislative assembly, the Icelandic Althing, was established in AD 930. Astonishingly, it convened here in grandiose surroundings every summer for nearly eight centuries.

Your tour continues over the Lyngdalsheidi Heath into the fertile farmlands of the south, for a visit to Iceland's most beautiful waterfall -- **Gullfoss**.

Nearby, you'll also stop at the **Geysir Geothermal Area** with its multitude of hot springs. The most active geyser spouts every few minutes.

A two-course **lunch** and coffee will be served at a restaurant nearby. Returning through the Grimsnes region, you will also pass Hveragerdi Village, where geothermal water has been used to build an extensive greenhouse industry.

Enjoy a panoramic drive through Reykjavik's city center before reaching the pier.

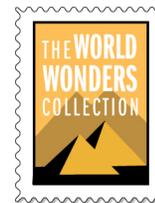
Notes:

Guests who prefer to stay on the coach may do so at most stops; however, all guests must leave the coach during the driver's lunch break. Collapsible wheelchairs/scooters can be stored on the coach; full measurements of the wheelchair/scooter must be provided to the Tour office on board the ship a few days prior to arrival in Reykjavik. The attractions are mostly wheelchair/scooter accessible; please be mindful that accessible areas may offer a slightly different angle/point-of-view than ambulatory guests may encounter. The lunch venue is wheelchair accessible. Dietary requests must be received 48 hours before ship's arrival. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the EXC Tours staff on board.

Dutch Guided: Best of the Golden Circle: Thingvellir, Waterfalls & Geysir



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$189.95; Child \$89.95



A Dutch-speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a Dutch interpreter). A limited number of Dutch guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment. This is not a bilingual tour; please see Best of the Golden Circle: Thingvellir, Gullfoss & Geysir for the same tour guided in English.

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Walk through a massive geological fault to the place where Europe's oldest national legislative assembly, the Icelandic Althing, was established in AD 930. Astonishingly, it convened here in grandiose surroundings every summer for nearly eight centuries.

Your tour continues over the Lyngdalsheidi Heath into the fertile farmlands of the south, for a visit to Iceland's most beautiful waterfall -- **Gullfoss**.

Nearby, you'll also stop at the **Geysir Geothermal Area** with its multitude of hot springs. The most active geyser spouts every few minutes.

A two-course **lunch** and coffee will be served at a restaurant nearby. Returning through the Grimsnes region, you will also pass Hveragerdi Village, where geothermal water has been used to build an extensive greenhouse industry.

Enjoy a panoramic drive through Reykjavik's city center before reaching the pier.

Notes:

Guests who prefer to stay on the coach may do so at most stops; however, all guests must leave the coach during the driver's lunch break. Collapsible wheelchairs/scooters can be stored on the coach; full measurements of the wheelchair/scooter must be provided to the EXC Tours office on board the ship a few

days prior to arrival in Reykjavik. The attractions are mostly wheelchair/scooter accessible; please be mindful that accessible areas may offer a slightly different angle/point-of-view than ambulatory guests may encounter. The lunch venue is wheelchair accessible. Dietary requests must be received 48 hours before ship's arrival. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the tour staff on board.

Easy Reykjavik



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 2½ Hours
Adult \$49.95; Child \$29.95

View Reykjavik's highlights -- perfect for guests with mobility limitations and for those wishing to see and learn a lot in a relatively short space of time.

The **Reykjavik** capital area consists of seven municipalities with approximately 190,000 inhabitants. With plenty of space, clean air and natural green energy, Reykjavik clearly revels in its reputation as being one of the most modern, forward-thinking societies in Europe. The city's 'Pure Energy' slogan says it all.

View such landmarks as the Laugardalur sport and recreational area with its open-air geothermal swimming pool, the spectacular coastline and harbor area, and Höfði House. The latter is where the Cold War officially ended in 1986 with a meeting between President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev.

Take a panoramic drive to picturesque Hafnarfjörður (Harbor Fjord). This lovely town is a friendly seaside community, home to varied birdlife, numerous natural wonders, and -- for true believers -- the home of the *huldufólk*. These mysterious but friendly elves live in the many lava rocks scattered throughout the town. Hafnarfjörður is also known as the land of lava and Vikings.

Driving back to Reykjavik, you will drive past Hallgrímskirkja Church and through Reykjavik's colorful old quarter with its quaint wooden houses and narrow streets.

Learn the basics of geothermal energy, observe a little of Iceland's geological phenomena, and enjoy the varied landscapes. You will also see the many faces of Iceland's amazing architecture, both past and present.

Notes:

Dress warmly in layers Wear sturdy, non-skid shoes. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the Tour staff on board. This tour predominantly consists of sightseeing from the coach.

Golden Circle & Horse Show



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8½ Hours
Adult \$219.95; Child \$99.95



Enjoy an in-depth perspective of the **Golden Circle** with some extra attractions.

From Reykjavik you will drive over the

Mosfellsheidi Heath to beautiful **Thingvellir National Park** -- a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and a primary site of Iceland's geological and historic heritage. It was here in AD 930 that the Vikings formed the *Althingi* -- the oldest parliament in the world still in existence today.

Continue over the **Lyngdalsheidi Heath** into the fertile farmlands of the south to visit the **Gullfoss** golden waterfall.

A light lunch will be served at the Gullfoss Café.

A few minutes' drive away is the great **Geysir Geothermal Area**, which has given its name to hot springs (geysers) all over the world. Here, you will see one of the most active geysers in the area, Strokkur, spouting up to 90 feet every few minutes.

Next, you'll drive to **Faxi Waterfall** to view Icelandic sheep pens and a salmon ladder.

At Fridheimar, watch a professional display showcasing the particular tolt gait of the **Icelandic horse**. The show is both educational and entertaining, and gives an insight into a magnificent breed that has been intertwined with the culture and history of the Icelandic nation through the centuries. After the show, check out the **stables**, where you can get close to the horses, take pictures and chat with the riders.

Then, it's on to the Grímsnes region with a stop at the impressive **Kerid volcanic crater**, which forms part of a group of volcanic hills thought to have been created around 6,000

years ago.

Head back to Reykjavik via **Hellisheidi Heath** with a short stop at the Hellisheidi Power Plant.

Notes:

All walking is optional and most sights can be viewed through the motor coach windows. There are some inclined surfaces to negotiate and rough grass/mud/gravel paths. Dress warmly in layers. Wear sturdy, non-skid walking shoes. Special dietary requests must be submitted 48 hours prior to the ship's arrival. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the Tour staff on board.

Let's Go Volcano!



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 6 Hours
Price \$399.95



embark on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure discovering the volcanic environs of the reykjanes peninsula.

the adrenaline kicks in pier side as you board your specially **modified super truck** -- your transportation for today's volcanic journey. your first stop is at the perfectly formed **lava ring and crater of stóra eldborg** (3,000 years old) where you will take an invigorating **hike** up the steep flanks of the crater, enjoying breath-taking views of the lunar-like surroundings on your way to the way to the top.

next on the agenda is a **lava-tube caving** experience. following a short drive, and subsequent walk over spongy moss and uneven ground, your guide will locate the almost undetectable cave entrance via gps. gear up, donning a safety helmet, and grab a high-beam flashlight to embark on a journey into the mysterious depths of the icelandic underworld.

visit the bubbling hot springs and fumaroles at the high temperature **geothermal field of krýsuvík**, located in the middle of the fissure zone that traverses iceland.

in the nearby fishing village of grindavík, a **lunch** of lobster (langoustine) soup is served with freshly baked bread.

returning to civilization, you will head back to reykjavik and the ship.

notes:

walking and caving are required of all participants. this tour is a grade 4 hike (with 5 being the most difficult). suitable only for guests who are physically fit. please realistically assess your physical fitness and ability prior to booking, as the walk is uphill, over unpaved, rough walking tracks with many steps and the walk up to stóra eldborg crater is a large area of very loose gravel. pregnant women are not allowed to participate. not suitable for guests with back or neck conditions. minimum age is 8 years. dress warmly in layers. wear sturdy, non-skid walking or hiking shoes. the cave is small and tight; not suitable for persons that suffer from

claustrophobia. helmets with headlights are provided. the vehicle rides very high; participants must be able to (dis)embark the vehicle without assistance. dietary requests must be made on board the ship well prior to the call at reykjavík.

Reykjavik 64 Degree Distillery: In Partnership with Food & Wine Magazine



Departs: 4:45 PM
Approximatley 2½ Hours
Price \$129.95

Meet your guide and board a coach for the short and scenic drive through Hafnarfjörður to the **64° Reykjavík Distillery**. Located in the town of lava, Vikings and elves, 64° Reykjavík was established in 2009 and is the first Icelandic distillery of its kind.

This is a special **behind-the-scenes tour** so, when you arrive at the distillery, you'll be greeted by the **owner, Snorri Jonsson**. Snorri is an expert on Iceland's old-time foraging culture. He will personally guide you through the distillery, offering snippets of history, explaining the process and, of course, letting you **taste his handcrafted spirits**.

Jonsson and his team of distillers are passionate about capturing the diverse flavors of Iceland, and they harvest all the ingredients locally, from blueberries, juniper, crowberry and rhubarb to wild herbs. This fun and informative visit sets the tone for a very personalized and intimate glimpse of Reykjavík.

Notes:

In the unusual event that owner Snorri Jonsson is not available to greet you, another distiller will lead you through the facility. Minimum age to sample the spirits is 20 years.

Reykjavik Highlights



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$59.95

Begin your tour of Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital, at the **Árbær Open-Air Museum**, whose specific purpose is to preserve and showcase a selection of old Icelandic houses, furnishings and implements.

Next, relax for a panoramic drive past Reykjavík's largest outdoor swimming pool in Laugardalur, heated with water from natural hot springs under the city. Watch for the sculpture garden adjacent to the Asmundur Sveinsson Museum.

Stop briefly at Höfði House, where the Reagan-Gorbachev summit took place in 1986, ending the Cold War.

Continue driving to **the Pearl** -- a glass dome built over the hot water tanks that store water for the greater Reykjavík area -- enjoy panoramic vistas of the city from the viewing deck.

Watch for the beautiful Hallgrímskirkja Church, whose steeple is a Reykjavík landmark.

Your tour will be complete with a drive into the charming city center where you will see various landmarks including the Town Hall, the cathedral, and other interesting buildings.

Notes:

Walking at the Perlan Viewpoint is over paved and even surfaces. Elevators take visitors to the viewing platform on the 4th floor. Dress warmly and in layers for the day's weather conditions. Wear sturdy, closed-toe, non-skid shoes.

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Notes:

The Árbær Museum is an open-air museum with gravel paths and some inclines between houses. The houses are small and have narrow entrances and low ceilings. Take care when entering the houses, as some have low doorways. Dress warmly in layers. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the Tour staff on board.

Spanish Guided: Best of the Golden Circle: Thingvellir, Waterfalls & Geysir



Departs: 9:00 AM
8 Hours
Adult \$189.95; Child \$89.95



A Spanish -speaking guide leads this tour (or a guide with a Spanish interpreter). A limited number of Spanish guides and interpreters are available in this port; book early to avoid disappointment. This is not a bilingual tour; please see Best of the Golden Circle: Thingvellir, Gullfoss & Geysir for the same tour guided in English.

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Whale Watching Experience



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$149.95; Child \$59.95

Iceland is widely recognized as the 'whale watching capital of northern Europe'.

Enjoy this exciting three-hour **boat** trip searching for **whales**. The potential for seeing them is excellent, with so many species of whales (blue, fin, humpbacks, minke and sei whales). About half of the 36 whale species that live in the North Atlantic can be seen in Icelandic waters. No two trips are ever the same and consequently there is always an air of excitement and anticipation.

On board the boat, you will find a comfortable dining room with a bar. There is also seating on the boat's deck for those who want to enjoy close proximity to spectacular Icelandic nature and seascapes.

Notes:

Tour operates weather permitting. The tour operator reserves the right to cancel the tour if conditions are unfavorable. Guests who suffer from motion sickness should consider this tour before booking and/or take appropriate medication. Wildlife sightings are likely but not guaranteed; however, the success rate for seeing whales on this tour is very high. Refreshments are not included, but can be purchased on board at your own expense. There are several steps to negotiate on the boat; flooring can be very slippery. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair;

although the whale-watching boat itself is accessible, the cafeteria and shelter from weather are not accessible and there is not accessible restroom on board. Bring a warm down (or similar) jacket; wear long thermal underwear and several layers of wool and/or polypro (not cotton) as it is very cool out on the water. Bring a hat, gloves and scarf. Wear sturdy, non-skid walking shoes. The whale watching boat may not be exclusive to Holland America Line guests.

Reykjavik, Iceland - Monday, July 26, 2021: Geysers, hot springs and fields of cooled lava are testament to Iceland's volcanic origins. Swim in the naturally warmed Blue Lagoon.

Bathing in the Blue Lagoon



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$109.95



The **Blue Lagoon** is located southeast of Reykjavík, near the fishing village of Grindavík, on the Reykjanes peninsula.

A high-temperature geothermal field supplies the Reykjanes district with hot water and steam to run a power plant, and it is the mineral-rich overflow water from this operation that fills the bathing lagoon. The geothermal water is pumped up from 6,000 feet below the earth's surface. High levels of silica, minerals and algae give the Blue Lagoon its rich, blue color and also form a light natural sediment on the bottom.

Don't miss this chance to relax in the refreshing waters of the Blue Lagoon, whose healing properties are legendary. You'll head straight to the lagoon where you will spend approximately two hours relaxing in the delightfully warm water and enjoying the natural resources of Iceland.

The Blue Lagoon Comfort Package offers you a silica mask, a towel, and a cooling drink while enjoying the warm waters of the Blue Lagoon. **Notes:**

Minimum age is 2 years. Bring your swimsuit. Towels are provided. The changing rooms are gender divided, but are European-style (not

private). Lockers (locked with digital wristbands), showers, hair conditioner and soap are included. US dollars (bills only; no coins), euros or Icelandic kroner and major credit cards are accepted. Hygiene regulations require that you shower with soap and without a swimsuit before entering the lagoon. Shoes are not to be worn inside the locker room area; they are to be stored on shoe shelves or in plastic bags inside lockers. The water is very warm. Please ensure you are hydrated. The minerals in the water make hair dry and coarse, but it returns to normal after a few showers. You may wish to ensure you don't get your hair wet. The Blue Lagoon sells special hair conditioners and recommends that long hair is put up before you enter the lagoon. Do not wear jewelry in the water, as the minerals can stain metal. Although the lockers are safe, you are advised not to bring valuables to the lagoon. Floors may be slippery; take care when walking inside locker area and out to the lagoon. Guests with heart conditions should seek advice from their doctor prior to booking.

Iceland Tomorrow: The Ancient Ring of Fire



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$54.95

This is a predominantly green-focused tour that circles the active 2,635-foot **Hengill Volcano**, located just a couple of miles from Reykjavík. Hengill last erupted approximately 2,000 years ago, but its numerous natural hot

springs, colorful steam vents and fumaroles still dot the surrounding landscape. Hengill produces hydro and geothermal power, which provide the capital with plentiful hot water and electricity.

Stop at the **Hellisheidi Geothermal Plant Visitor Center** to learn a little about volcanoes, geosciences, and geothermal technology.

Continue to the town of **Hveragerdi**, located on top of an old magma chamber. Hot springs bubble and hiss all around this unique community.

A short, **scenic drive** takes you past the town's trademark greenhouses and a short **walk** leads to the new hot spring area. **Refreshments** are served here.

Follow the River Sogid past the Ljóssafoss Hydro Station to the **UNESCO World Heritage Site** of **Thingvellir**. Approaching Thingvellir, you'll literally drive from one continent to another as you cross the neo-volcanic rift zone that slices through Iceland from northeast to southwest. Pause at the viewpoint to soak up a little of the nation's history, for it is here that the world's oldest existing parliament was formed in AD 930.

At the time of Iceland's settlement (in the 9th century) an estimated one fourth of the country was covered by birch woodlands. Today, forests cover just a little over one percent of Iceland. The forests were felled for timber, cleared for agriculture, and grazed by

domestic animals brought by the settlers. Since 1950, the emphasis has been on reforestation and also afforestation -- planting of forests where they didn't previously exist.

The road leading past Iceland's largest natural lake at Thingvallavatn takes you to a **viewpoint** on the lower flanks of the volcano. Take in the fascinating sight of the countless hot springs that continuously belch their sulfur-rich deposits over the amazing scenery. The drive back to Reykjavik takes you through a lunar-like landscape of volcanic phenomena.

Notes:

All walking is optional and most sights can be viewed through the motor coach windows. There are some inclined surfaces to negotiate and rough grass/mud/gravel paths. Suitable for guests with mobility limitations with a companion to assist. Dress warmly and in layers for the day's weather conditions. Wear sturdy, closed-toe, non-skid shoes. The water in the geothermal area is very hot. Do not touch or approach the hot springs. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the Tour staff on board.

Iceland on Horseback



Departs: 8:15 AM
Approximately 2½ Hours
Price \$159.95

This is an excellent opportunity for horse experts and novices alike to enjoy **horseback riding** in the Icelandic countryside on the famous breed of **Icelandic pony**. It is a purebred descendent of the horses brought to Iceland by the Vikings more than 1,000 years ago. Hardy, sure-footed and friendly by nature, Icelandic horses are extremely pleasant to ride.

This excursion is accompanied by an expert rider, and takes you through scenic and interesting areas of farmland and valleys.

Notes:

Maximum weight is 220 lbs. Minimum age is 8 years. There will be no galloping; a comfortable pace will be maintained. There are some inclined surfaces to negotiate and rough grass/mud/gravel paths. Dress warmly and in layers for the day's weather conditions. Wear sturdy, closed-toe, non-skid shoes. Participants are not permitted to use their own riding gear due to Icelandic Customs laws. Riding gear will be provided by the riding center. Waiver must be signed.

Into the Blue: Fissure Snorkeling Adventure



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Price \$279.95

The **Silfra fissure** is one of Iceland's best-kept secrets and Into the Blue is a thrilling adventure in an environment that most travelers will encounter only in their dreams.

Silfra is an otherworldly scene and is located in the heart of **Thingvellir National Park**, near the site of the world's oldest parliament. The crystal-clear water in the deep fissure gives you a feeling of being weightless as you float down with the lazy current. Rated one of the world's top ten dive sites, the Silfra Fissure offers up to 300 feet of underwater visibility and is located atop of the rift between the European and American tectonic plates.

Gear up with a drysuit and snorkel, and get into the water. The journey takes you through the Big Crack -- Silfra's narrowest section.

The fissure then widens into Silfra Hall, where the water color and clarity are unmatched. Enter the Silfra Cathedral to view the boulders and glacial silt of the deep. Your adventure ends with the limitless visibility of the stunning Silfra Lagoon.

After 30-40 minutes of **snorkeling**, climb out and head back to the transportation.

Notes:

Wear warm outdoor clothing (fleece sweater and pants recommended and a change of

clothing. Warm socks are a must. Snorkeling gear and drysuit provided. No prior knowledge of snorkeling is required. Participants must be able to swim, be comfortable in deep water and be willing to wear a tight and constricting drysuit. Minimum height is 4'11" (150 cm); maximum height is 6'6" (200 cm). Minimum weight is 99 lbs (45 kg); maximum weight is 265 lbs (120 kg). Pregnant women are not allowed to participate. Participants must be physically fit. Please realistically assess your fitness level prior to booking. Minimum age is 12 years; maximum age is 65 years. Guests age 60 years and older must request a copy of the medical waiver form from Holland America Shore Excursion Reservations prior to boarding the ship. If a guest answers YES to any question on the form, he/she must bring a certificate of doctor's approval. Each guest must provide the on-board Shore Excursion manager with height, weight and shoe size on cruise embarkation day. Participants must walk in full gear for up to 350 yards. Your head and hands are exposed to the 36° F (2° C) water through a semi-insulated material. Part of your face is not covered by the hood and comes in direct contact with the water. There is a slight current in Silfra; participants must be able to swim against it during the last part of the tour.

Lunar Landscapes & the Viking World Museum



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$54.95

Leaving Reykjavik, a **panoramic drive** takes you to the volcanic **Reykjanes Peninsula**, where you will find several dormant volcanoes and extensive lava fields.

You'll drive through the fishing town of Hafnarfjörður on your way to beautiful Kleifarvatn Lake. After a brief stop here, continue to the southern shore of the peninsula to see the amazing Krýsuvík moonscape of bubbling sulfuric mud pools and steam vents whose, geothermal activity originates deep in the earth.

Drive through the lively little fishing village of Grindavik, with its many fishing boats.

Before you return to Reykjavik, you will visit the **Viking World Museum**, home to the amazing full-scale replica of the Gokstad Viking longship that was discovered in Norway in 1882. A relaxing drive through the mossy lava fields leads back to Reykjavik, where your coach will drop you off at the pier.

Notes:

All walking is optional and most sights can be viewed through the motorcoach windows. There are some inclines to negotiate and rough grass/mud/gravel paths and uneven wooden steps. Suitable for guests with

mobility limitations with a companion to assist. Dress warmly and in layers for the day's weather conditions. Wear sturdy, non-skid walking shoes. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the Tour staff on board.

Moonscapes, Hot Springs & Lobster Tails



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$79.95



Combine a taste of Iceland with interesting hot springs and a scenic ocean route, and you'll have a memorable day.

Depart via the Blue Mountains to **Eyrbakki** fishing village on the south coast. Many of the old houses here have been renovated, forming a lovely hub of traditional homes. The oldest house, Húsid, was built in 1756.

There is nothing more Icelandic than a seafood restaurant in a typical fishing village; so you will continue to the small fishing village of **Stokkseyri** for a **lunch** feast.

Icelandic lobster (langoustine) fresh from the ocean, is served sizzling in the pan, along with a variety of side dishes.

Drive along the coast to **Lake Kleifarvatn**, set in fascinatingly stark, moon-like surroundings. Near the lake's southern end lies the **Krysuvik Geothermal Area** with powerful jets of steam escaping from beneath the earth's crust and sulfurous gases rising from numerous vents.

Enjoy a **panoramic drive** through Reykjavik's city center before reaching the pier.

Notes:

All walking is optional and most sights can be viewed through the motor coach windows. There are some inclined surfaces to negotiate and rough grass/mud/gravel paths and uneven steps. Suitable for guests with mobility limitations with a companion to assist. Dress warmly and in layers for the day's weather conditions. Wear sturdy, closed-toe, non-skid shoes. Special dietary requests must be received at least 48 hours prior to ship's arrival. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the Tour staff on board

Picture-Perfect Iceland



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 5½ Hours
Adult \$189.95; Child \$99.95



If you're an enthusiastic nature and landscape photographer, you already know that there are very few places left in the world that offer a dramatic and accessible landscape that has not been over exposed. Rejoice, for you have stumbled upon Iceland -- one of the best-kept secrets in the world of photography!

Iceland is every photographer's dream -- without a doubt the most visually exciting place for those seeking inspiration in a new and challenging location. Whether you are a

keen amateur or a dedicated professional, Iceland's fascinating, photogenic terrain will set your pulse racing.

This tour takes you to wonderful panoramic views over vast lava fields, hot springs, mountain ranges, lakes and unspoiled nature, all waiting to be discovered through your camera lens.

Notes:

Bring your own camera and camera equipment. Dress warmly and in layers for the day's weather conditions. Wear sturdy, closed-toe, non-skid shoes. The water in the geothermal area is very hot. Do not touch or approach the hot springs. The tour operator will do its absolute best to provide specialized photography guides, but this cannot be guaranteed. Parents traveling with children under the age of 3 must rent a child's car seat from the tour operator; please see the Tour staff on board.

Lerwick, Shetland Islands, United Kingdom - Wednesday, July 28, 2021: Explore Jarlshof's Stone, Bronze and Iron age ruins; take a ferry to Mousa to see the 200-year-old "broch," or castle. Meander narrow streets, stop for a pint at the pub, and pause to pet the ponies that hail from here.

Jarlshof & Scenic Mainland Drive



Departs: 12:30 PM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$109.95; Child \$79.95

Shetland is a mosaic of more than a hundred islands inhabited by approximately 22,000 people and an abundance of wildlife.

Travel one hour south of Lerwick to visit **Jarlshof**. In the winter of 1896, a violent storm uncovered this remarkable archaeological site, revealing remains from New Stone Age (Neolithic), Bronze and Iron Age settlements. Rectangular stone houses from an ancient Viking community can also be seen here. Explore with your guide the remains of these village settlements, sprawled over a low green promontory by the sea.

Continue the short distance to the small, historic village of **Hoswick** and a 45-minute stop at the **Visitor Center**. Here, you'll gain an understanding of the history and culture of Shetland through interpretive displays. Those interested in a little **shopping** can purchase original Shetland garments in Shetland wool from the knitwear shop.

As you travel, you'll also see the small agricultural areas where sheep farming is important. Distinctive black and brown Shetland sheep graze in pastures enclosed by neat dry-stone walls, and **small crofting communities** nestle on narrow peninsulas, never far from the sea. Peat is now rarely used

in Shetland to heat homes, but you will see the areas where peat is cut as you continue across the moorland on the 45-minute return drive to Lerwick.

Notes:

Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Lerwick Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 10:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$1,199.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle and English-speaking driver at your service. This exclusive tour allows you to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights from the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your English-speaking driver you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests. See the famous sights or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for single/solo travelers, couples, family, friends, and special-interest groups. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 6 guests. Your private party may be



of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle and English-speaking driver. Meals and entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Lerwick Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 1:30 PM
Approximately 4 Hours
Price \$699.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle and English-speaking driver at your service. This exclusive tour allows you to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights from the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your English-speaking driver you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests. See the famous sights or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for single/solo



travelers, couples, family, friends, and special-interest groups. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle and English-speaking driver. Meals and entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Lerwick Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 1:30 PM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 8 Hours
Price \$999.00

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Capacity: 6 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Mousa Island Discovery



Departs: 11:15 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$79.95

Mousa Sound is one of Scotland's most important sites for the threatened harbor porpoise. Locally known as *neesicks*, these animals are present between May and September, taking advantage of the abundant food supply of sand eels, herring and mackerel.

You'll drive 30 minutes south from Lerwick to the small community of **Sandwick**. A short

ferry ride will transport you to the tranquil and picturesque island of Mousa, home to the world-famous **Iron Age Broch**. Mousa Broch is a dry-stone castle, more than 2,000 years old and standing 43 feet tall. On your island walk, explore the small beehive chambers and marvel at the workmanship of the Iron Age builders. Climb the internal stairway to admire the panoramic views of the island and gaze across to the ruins of the Broch of Burray on the mainland.

Mousa's **abundant wildlife** makes it one of the best locations in Shetland to watch the shy common and grey seals basking around the island's shallow pools. Mousa is also famous for its abundance of breeding seabirds, including hundreds of graceful Arctic terns, Arctic skuas and their larger relatives the great skua, which sometimes swoop very close when defending their nests. The fragile-looking Arctic terns are amongst nature's greatest travelers; they can live up to 25 years and in that time fly the equivalent of the distance from Earth to the moon. Mousa is also home to around 6,000 pairs of tiny, nocturnal storm petrels.

Notes:

Mousa is an island full of history and a natural sanctuary for wildlife. It is also part of a working farm. You are welcome to walk around the island, courtesy of the landowner and farmer. Wear sturdy walking shoes or boots (no sandals or flip-flops allowed) and a wind- or waterproof jacket dependent on the weather. Participants must be physically fit. Not advisable for guests with mobility limitations. Approximately 1½ - 1¾ hours are

spent on Mousa Island. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Northernmost Scotland



Departs: 1:00 PM
Approximately 4¼ Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$69.95

Northmavine is the northernmost part of the mainland of Shetland. To get there, you must cross the Mavis Grind isthmus -- 32 yards wide at its narrowest point. This is the only place in the UK where you can toss a stone across land from the North Sea to the Atlantic Ocean.

At the **Tangwick Haa Museum** -- a 17th-century laird's (lord's) house built for the Cheyne family -- discover a fascinating collection of artifacts. These offer a great insight into the harsh lifestyle of people living in this remote area.

Pause for refreshments at the Braewick Café. The views of the famous Drongs sea stacks are marvelous.

Rejoin your motorcoach and head to the **Eshaness Lighthouse**, designed in 1929 by David and Charles Stevenson, uncles of Robert Louis Stevenson. These were the last of the Stevenson lighthouses to be built in Shetland. A short optional **walk** along the cliff top leads you to wonderful scenery and geological forms. Few places in Britain rival Eshaness' scenery. The ferocity of the Atlantic has contributed to the spectacular geological formations found here -- sea stacks, natural

arches and caves. The cliffs are also home to a number of seabirds.

Notes:

This excursion involves optional walking over uneven surfaces. Not advisable for guests with mobility limitations. Bring local currency or credit cards for additional purchases. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes.

Scenery of Western Shetland



Departs: 10:30 AM
Approximately 3 Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$74.95

Shetland is the crossroads of the northern seas and is unlike anywhere else in Scotland. It is 112 miles of moors and wiry pasture, penetrated by great sea inlets. The sight and sound of the sea is ever-present, woven into the island's maritime heritage. As you come ashore, you will notice that Lerwick, with its narrow Main Street and small shops, seems almost to be built on top of the water.

Travel across heather-clad hills to **Scalloway**, former capital of Shetland. You'll see Scalloway Castle and stop to take a few photos. Visit the nearby **Scalloway Museum**, which displays local artifacts and exhibitions on fishing, and learn about the Shetland Bus -- one of the dramatic stories to emerge from the Second World War.

Head towards the fertile **Tingwall Valley**. This is an area of uninterrupted views across farmland, small lochs and streams. A handful of houses and the occasional church stand out against the skyline. Head north through a

peat- and heather-covered landscape before, suddenly, the road passes a belt of trees -- the only ones of any significance in the barren Shetlands.

At **Weisdale Voe**, the landscape changes dramatically. You'll have time here for a little **shopping** as you visit the small workshops of **Shetland Jewellery**, which manufactures a wide range of silver and gold jewelry, featuring Celtic, Viking and local wildlife designs. The showroom also stocks a selection of **local crafts**.

Shetland Ponies & Scalloway Castle



Departs: 10:45 AM
Approximately 2½ Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$54.95

Begin your tour with a brief **panoramic orientation drive** through **Lerwick**, the only town in Shetland. This tiny capital dates from the 1600s. From there, you'll head to the central and west mainland. A half-hour drive brings you to **Scalloway**, the former Shetland capital.

Visit **Scalloway Castle**, built in 1600 by the pompous tyrant earl Patrick Stewart by way of forced labor, oppression, extortion, and outrageous taxation of the poor. In completely unrelated news, Patrick and his equally unpopular son were later beheaded. Scalloway castle was eventually used as the administrative center for Shetland and as a barracks for Oliver Cromwell's troops (1650s). You will see that, although the original tower house has been restored, the surrounding walls and buildings are gone. A

spiral staircase provides access to rooms in the south wing of the castle, part of which is open to visitors.

The **Scalloway Museum** houses a special Shetland bus exhibit, depicting the village's unique role in world war ii. The story of the Shetland bus goes back to the German occupation of Norway resulting in a stream of refugees heading to Shetland. Norwegians began training with units of the British armed forces, knowing that there were thousands of Norwegian servicemen hiding in their own country who needed only arms and communications to become an effective underground movement. It's a great story.

Stop to visit **carol's ponies**. Carol breeds top-quality animals and is a true enthusiast. She, or a member of her staff, will be delighted to share with you their knowledge of these hardy beasts.

Passing through peat- and heather-covered landscapes, you'll begin the return journey to Lerwick. Snap some photos of the spectacular vistas of many of the islands that make up the Shetland archipelago and hear more about Shetland's culture and heritage from your local guide.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Invergordon (Inverness), Scotland, United Kingdom - Thursday, July 29, 2021: The skirl of Highland bagpipes calls you ashore. Go in search of your clan tartan, and "Nessie," the spurious monster often sighted in Loch Ness.

Cruising Loch Ness



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$69.95

This is a half-day tour to Scotland's most famous lake -- Loch Ness. It's also your opportunity to scour the loch's inky waters in search of Nessie -- the world's most famous waterhorse.

Traveling southwest from Invergordon, you'll follow the banks of the beautiful Cromarty Firth. Then, the drive passes through Muir of Ord and the town of Beaulieu (whose name means 'beautiful place'), with its atmospheric ruined abbey. A final descent winds down a steep hill towards the stupendous **Loch Ness**. This is Britain's largest volume of fresh water; its murky depths conjure up lurid tales of sightings of weird creatures including, of course, the Loch Ness Monster.

Upon arrival at the loch, step aboard a **boat** for a **cruise** out onto these legendary waters, learning about its geology, history and, of course, its most famous inhabitant. Have your camera ready -- at best, you'll capture a shot that will internationally immortalize you if "the wee beastie" should show herself; at worst, you'll have some beautiful photos by which to remember the dramatic mountainous scenery surrounding the loch.

Head to **Inverness** -- capital of the Highlands -- for a brief **city tour**. The town is brimming with historical landmarks, including the

Gothic-style Town Hall, Inverness Castle and the Tollbooth Steeple.

From here, return to the ship at Invergordon.

Notes:

The boat ride may not be exclusive to Holland America guests. Inside seating may be limited in the case of inclement weather. Bring a waterproof outer layer.

Dunrobin Castle



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$109.95

Dunrobin Castle, ancient seat of the Earls of Sutherland, is the northernmost of Scotland's great houses. Standing in an immense park overlooking the sea, it is also the largest house in the Northern Highlands, with 189 rooms, and is one of Britain's oldest continuously-inhabited residences, dating in part from the early 1300s.

During your visit, see the opulent and fascinating collection of furniture, pictures, *objets d'art* and family memorabilia, displayed mostly in their original settings. Step out into the **Dunrobin Castle Gardens**, every bit as grand as the castle. These magnificent, formal 19th-century gardens were modeled on Versailles, designed in grand French style to echo the architecture of

Dunrobin Castle.

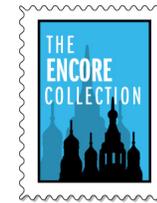
Notes:

Photography is not allowed inside the castle. Bags/backpacks cannot be taken into the castle. Participants must negotiate steep steps to the gardens.

Glenmorangie Distillery & Lovely Dornoch



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 3¾ Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$69.95



A short coach ride north brings you to the ancient Royal Burgh of **Tain** -- an attractive small town of grand, whisky-colored sandstone buildings.

Your destination is the **Glenmorangie Distillery**, which offers a fine view over the shores of the Dornoch Firth. Glenmorangie means 'Valley of Tranquility' -- a particularly appropriate description for this calm and scenic location. The distillery has been in production for more than 150 years and is famous for its highly-rated single malt, which is distributed all over the world. The traditions surrounding the art of distilling have been passed down from generation to generation through the local families who have made up the dedicated workforce over the years. During your leisurely visit, see the production area and absorb all the sights, sounds and aromas associated with the making of malt whisky. You'll also have the

opportunity to try a wee dram.

Afterwards, spend a little time in the **Visitor Center** to discover the traditional skills of coopering and malting and the effects of wood on whisky.

Cross Dornoch Firth via the low causeway bridge to enter the enchanting, 12th-century town of **Dornoch**. This is indeed a very picturesque village, surrounded by sand dunes and blessed with an exceptionally sunny climate. Solid Edwardian buildings, trees and flowers in profusion, miles of sandy beach, and a championship golf-course are the main attractions here. The town's oldest buildings are all gathered around its spacious and beautiful square, including the impressive medieval cathedral. This idyllic setting was the scene for Madonna's rock 'n' roll wedding and her son's baptism in 2000. Opposite stands the majestic 16th-century Bishop's Palace, with stepped gables and towers and, next door, the Old Town jail -- now home to a series of enticing galleries and shops.

Leaving Dornoch, travel south towards Invergordon and return to the ship.

Notes:

Photography is not allowed within the production area of the distillery. Wear comfortable walking shoes. There are many stairs to negotiate to reach the distillery from the bus parking area and inside the production area. Not advisable for guests with mobility limitations.

Invergordon Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 8:30 AM
 Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
 See additional NOTES below.
 Price \$1,499.00



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Capacity:7 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Invergordon Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM
 Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
 See additional NOTES below.
 Price \$899.00



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Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Invergordon Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 9:00 AM
 Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
 See additional NOTES below.
 Price \$1,099.00



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Inverness On Your Own



Departs: 8:45 AM
 Approximately 4½ Hours
 Adult \$69.95; Child \$49.95



This **transfer** may suit you if you would like to explore on your own. It consists of a motor coach ride from the ship to **Inverness**, the capital of the Highlands. You will be dropped off at a central location, and the coach escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey. You will have approximately **three hours of free time** in Inverness.

Notes:

Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the pick-up point at the given return time. An English-speaking escort will be aboard the transfer motor coach to answer questions en route. Travel time to Inverness is approximately 45

minutes each way.

Loch Ness & Urquhart Castle Ruins



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 4¼ Hours
Adult \$139.95; Child \$109.95

Visit Scotland's stunning Loch Ness. This body of water is world famous thanks to Nessie -- the Loch Ness monster. No matter how skeptical you are regarding the existence of such a creature, it is impossible to drive alongside Loch Ness without scouring the dark waters in hope of a sighting.

Embark on a scenic drive through the Highlands to enjoy stunning views of the mountains and meadows. Your first stop will be at **Urquhart Castle**, built both as a fortress and as a residence. Romantics say that Nessie (or 'the Wee Beastie', as she is affectionately known locally) lives in a cave beneath the castle. Keep this in mind as you walk the pathway down to the lower level of the castle! At the Urquhart Castle **Visitor Center**, view the exhibits that illustrate the story of Urquhart and Nessie.

The road will bring you right along the banks of the loch, where there will be ample opportunity to snap photos of the mysterious lake before reaching the Highland capital -- **Inverness**. Enjoy a short orientation tour of this city and its delightful riverside setting.

Notes:

The pathway from the motorcoach down to the lower level of the castle is fairly steep, but you can remain on the upper level and enjoy panoramic views and photo opportunities. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Loch Ness, Water Monsters & Highland Castles



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$199.95; Child \$149.95

Today's excursion will introduce you to Scotland's famous **Loch Ness** and two of the country's most romantic medieval castles -- one in ruins, the other an opulent-but-homey residence.

Traveling southwest from Invergordon, the coach skirts the banks of the beautiful Cromarty Firth, then drives through Muir of Ord and past the town of Beaulay. Keep your eyes peeled for a glimpse of its atmospheric ruined abbey.

Descending a steep hill, you will see the splendid Loch Ness -- Britain's deepest freshwater lake -- whose murky depths inspire lurid tales of fantastical creatures. Not the least of these is the fabled Loch Ness Monster. Her real name is Nessie, but you can call her 'the wee beastie', as the locals do.

Stop at the 14th-century **Urquhart Castle**, situated right on the edge of the loch. This is one of the most picturesque areas in Scotland and boasts a state-of-the-art **Visitor Center**. Don't miss the captivating audiovisual that

brilliantly brings to life the castle's dark and dangerous history, with an ending that leaves many visitors gasping in astonishment.

Head to **Inverness**, capital of the Highlands. A city tour introduces you to some of the historic sites, such as the Gothic-style Town House and Tolbooth Steeple, as well as the pretty, tree-lined River Ness.

After you've enjoyed **lunch** at a local hotel, the coach ride turns inland through a landscape of alternating open countryside and quiet woodland. You'll drive past Culloden Moor -- perhaps Scotland's most famous battlefield. This eerie, windswept stretch of land is the site of the last battle on Scottish soil -- a turning point in the nation's history and the beginning of the end for the clan way of life in Scotland.

Next, you will head to the conservation village of Cawdor and the impressive **Cawdor Castle** -- a truly beautiful, traditional medieval castle with exceptionally lovely gardens.

At the conclusion of your visit, return to Invergordon and the ship.

Notes:

Flash photography is not allowed inside Cawdor Castle. Large bags cannot be carried inside. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Panoramic Loch Ness



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 3¼ Hours
Adult \$89.95; Child \$69.95

Depart from Invergordon for a **panoramic drive** along the banks of the Cromarty Firth, pausing briefly at the town of Beaulay on your way to **Drumnadrochit** village.

Catch your first glimpse of world-renowned **Loch Ness** as you approach the water from the hillside high above. The largest volume of freshwater in Scotland, Loch Ness is famous around the world for being the home of a mysterious mythical water creature that goes by the nickname of Nessie. Keep an eye out, and be sure to let your guide know if you spot the elusive 'wee beastie'.

Continue the stunning drive along the main road running the length of the loch, and stop at the Clansman Hotel, located at the loch's edge. This brings you as close to the water (and Nessie) as possible without venturing out in a boat. Leave the coach and have a look around. Snap some photos before returning to Invergordon via the western shore of the loch and the Highland capital of Inverness.

Photographic Expedition in the Scottish Highlands



Departs: 8:30 AM (Waitlisted)
Approximately 3¾ Hours
Price \$189.95

Designed especially for the professional photographer or serious amateur, this excursion is your opportunity to **explore and photograph the Northern Highlands of Scotland** -- indisputably one of the most picturesque and photogenic areas in the UK.

Your driver and expert guide is a **professional photographer** with ample experience exploring and photographing the Highlands. Let him/her share with you his/her passionate interest in the people, places and wildlife of the Highlands as well as an irrepresible enthusiasm for this remote and beautiful area. (S)he will take you to just the right locations to capture those very special shots, providing instruction that will enable you to get the best out of your camera.

Notes:

Dress in layers. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Romantic Cawdor Castle & Culloden Battlefield



Departs: 9:00 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$119.95; Child \$89.95

Explore the historic battlefield of Culloden Moor and the enchanting and romantic medieval fortification of Cawdor Castle. The route south from Invergordon follows the coastline of the beautiful Cromarty Firth and crosses the Black Isle before turning inland. The landscape here is alternating open countryside and quiet woodland.

You'll soon reach the **Culloden Battlefield**, where you will have the opportunity to walk out onto the battlefield or visit the café (you will not have time to explore the visitor center and admission is not included). This eerie, windswept moorland is the site of the last battle on Scottish soil (1746) -- a turning point in the nation's history and the beginning of the end for the clan way of life in Scotland.

Next you will head to the conservation village of Cawdor and the impressive **Cawdor Castle** -- a truly beautiful, traditional medieval castle and residence with interesting ties to Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. The castle, dating back to 1372, is still in the hands of the Cawdor family after six centuries. Approach over the drawbridge and enter the castle for an inside visit (unguided), after which you will have time to roam through the exceptionally beautiful **gardens**. Soft fruits, flowers, vegetables, and orchards mingle closely together to form the North Garden. The other part contains the Paradise Garden,

Knot Garden and Thistle Garden, as well as an orchard with old fruit trees. The wild garden on the bank of Cawdor Burn (stream) leads into the wonderfully mysterious Cawdor Forest.

Notes:

Flash photography is not allowed inside Cawdor Castle. Large bags cannot be taken inside. At Culloden, you will not have time to browse in the visitor center and admission to the visitor center is not included.

Scenic Highland Drive & Dornoch



Departs: 9:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$79.95; Child \$64.95

A relaxed **panoramic motorcoach drive** illustrates the contrast between gentle wild moors and rugged mountains of the Highlands.

You'll leave the coach and **walk** with your guide along an unpaved path through the trees until you reach the stretch of the falls on the River Shin. This is not a raging waterfall -- rather, it is a cascade of water over a bed of rocks. The river is only five miles long, but its drop of 270 feet from Loch Shin to the Kyle of Sutherland presents a challenge to the salmon that return to spawn upriver, making this one of the best places in the country (seasonally) to watch salmon jumping.

Continue along the north side of the Dornoch Firth before turning off to climb up over the moors. The circular route then takes you via

the Highland village of Spinningdale toward the coast, where you will visit the small town of **Dornoch**. Mellow stone houses stand in broad, tree-lined streets and Dornoch, full of character, retains an old-world dignity despite its popularity as a vacation resort.

Visit the **craft center** and town jail, or the ancient cathedral dating from 1224.

At the conclusion of your visit, descend towards the Cromarty Firth and return to Invergordon.

Notes:

Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Wear sturdy walking shoes.

The Wild West Highlands & Romantic Eilean Donan Castle



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 8 Hours
Adult \$189.95; Child \$99.95

Begin your day with a **panoramic drive** from Invergordon along the banks of the beautiful Cromarty Firth. Descending a steep hill, you will see splendid Loch Ness -- the largest volume of fresh water in the UK -- home of the Loch Ness Monster. Enduring legend, clever hoax, or the real thing? You decide. Pause briefly for photos on the banks of **Loch Ness**; then, head south, skirting the banks of the loch en route to the hamlet of Invermoriston.

Continuing through some of Scotland's most rugged and wild landscapes, you'll pass Loch Clunie and Glen Shiel, with a dramatic ridge

that boasts no fewer than seven Munros (mountains that stand at more than 3,000 feet). This is the site of a famous Jacobite battlefield.

Magical, iconic and unforgettable **Eilean Donan Castle** is your next destination. This astonishingly graceful castle presides over the once strategically-important confluence of Lochs Alsh, Long and Duich. Its imposing tower rises from the water's edge and is joined to the shore by a narrow stone bridge, with the sheer mountains as a backdrop. Spend two hours exploring as your guide provides detailed information on the castle's vivid history, which dates back to the 13th century.

The drive back to the port at Invergordon is a three-hour scenic adventure through the wilderness of the Highlands. You'll see some of Scotland's most awe-inspiring countryside -- breathtakingly rugged landscapes, seascapes and towering mountains. Pass Loch Carron, Glen Carron, and the forbidding Achnasheen ('field of storms'). A series of four tranquil lochs (Achanalt, A Chuilinn, Luichart and Garve), and the impressive Victorian town of Strathpeffer, ease you back to Invergordon.

Notes:

Photo stops are time and traffic conditions permitting. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Photography is not allowed inside the castle. Bags/backpacks cannot be taken into the castle.

South Queensferry (Edinburgh), Scotland, United Kingdom - Friday, July 30, 2021:

Your jumping-off point for the highlights of Edinburgh, including historic Edinburgh Castle, housing the Scottish crown jewels and the palace that was once home to Mary Queen of Scots.

A Stroll Down the Royal Mile



Departs: 9:45 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$89.95; Child \$69.95

The best way to appreciate the historical past of **Edinburgh** is to explore the **Royal Mile** on foot. This famous thoroughfare was the heart of the Old Town of Edinburgh during medieval times, and stretches from the high hillside setting of Edinburgh Castle for approximately a mile downhill to the Palace of Holyrood House. It is really a continuation of four streets joined together -- Castle Hill, Lawnmarket, High Street and Canongate. Edinburgh Castle, an imposing castle-fortress, stands proudly at one end of the Royal Mile.

You'll pass **Gladstone's Land**, where some of the features of this interesting, tall, early 17th-century building can be admired, including an outside staircase, arcaded ground floor, oak shutters, leaded glass, and crow-stepped gables.

Lady Stair's House, a literary museum dedicated to the works of Burns, Scott and Stevenson, can be seen from a secluded close that opens into a spacious courtyard.

St Giles Cathedral with its crown spire is a much-recognized landmark standing adjacent to **Parliament Square**, where the buildings now house the **Law Courts of Scotland**.

Famous church reformer John Knox once lived here, and his 16th-century house has been rebuilt extensively through the years. It has a red-tiled gable roof, projecting timber gallery and outside stairs.

Your guide will point out the Church of Canongate, where many historical figures are buried in the churchyard, including the murdered Italian secretary of Mary, Queen of Scots. At the bottom of the Royal Mile, visit **Holyrood House** -- the British Monarch's official residence in Scotland and a magnificent palace closely associated with Bonnie Prince Charlie and Mary, Queen of Scots, who resided here for six long and lonely years. Your guided visit will include the state apartments, which are filled with tapestries, paintings, and impressive furniture. Of special note is the picture gallery with more than 80 portraits of Scottish Monarchs.

Notes:

Tour is available only on select sailings. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Britannia & the Best of Edinburgh



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 8¾ Hours
Adult \$199.95; Child \$129.95

Travel to the port of **Leith** to visit **Britannia** -- the Queen's Royal Yacht from 1953 to 1995. Your tour ranges from the Queen's cabin to the engine room in an upstairs-downstairs look at this legendary craft that was the setting for Charles and Diana's honeymoon. Walk through the comfortable drawing room to the formal dining room. Tour the bridge, the Admiral's Suite and the officers' wardroom. Then, head below decks to see the spotless crew quarters, the sickbay and laundry. Britannia gleams with polished wood and brasswork and offers an intriguing glimpse into the private life of the royals.

Stepping ashore, continue to **Edinburgh** and to a local hotel for **lunch**.

The crowning glory of this magnificent city is **Edinburgh Castle** -- a great medieval fortified village perched atop an eroded volcanic crag. Enter the superb fortress complex on Crown Square and allow your guide to orient you to all that can be seen on the grounds. You will explore the interior rooms and the grounds on your own. Highlights include the Crown Room housed within the 14th-century Old Royal Palace, where **Scotland's Crown Jewels** can be found. View the chamber where Mary,

Queen of Scots, gave birth to James VI of Scotland -- later crowned James I of England and founder of the Stuart Dynasty

Enjoy some **free time** to explore the many shops, boutiques, galleries and cafés of the New Town on **Princes Street** before returning to South Queensferry.

Notes:

At the castle, an uphill walk is required from the coach parking area to the castle entrance, over cobblestone surfaces that are uneven in places. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Edinburgh Highlights & Castle



Departs: 8:45 AM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$129.95; Child \$59.95

History and beauty unite in the proud city of Edinburgh.

Travel along the main road to arrive at Princes Street, with its array of fine stores on one side, and the beautifully laid out formal gardens on the other.

Visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Scottish kings and queens for centuries, perched on its rocky site 445 feet above the city. This castle has witnessed many tense moments in its

thousand-year history. Inside, don't miss the 15th-century Old Royal Palace, which houses the Scottish Crown Jewels. See the apartment in which Mary, Queen of Scots gave birth to the future King James VI of Scotland who also became James I of England.

Driving through the Old Town, you will see the historic stretch of road known as the Royal Mile, including Canongate and Lawnmarket with delightful multi-storied houses and quaint side streets. Pass Holyrood House, the official Scottish residence of the Queen, before returning to the pier.

Notes:

There are three floors and 30 steps within the Royal Palace where the Crown Jewels are displayed. The cobblestone entrance paths are very steep and are difficult to access by wheelchair. A vehicle is available to transport guests to the top but it does not accommodate wheelchairs.

Edinburgh, Floors Castle & Dryburgh Abbey



Departs: 8:30 AM
Approximately 9¼ Hours
Adult \$179.95; Child \$119.95

Every inch of the area of Scotland known as the **Borders** has been fought over, bitterly and often, from prehistoric times until the middle of the 17th century. Whole towns were sacked, hastily rebuilt, and heavily fortified after the lessons learned.

The Border country is a checkerboard of fertile farmland laced with wooded river

valleys within a rim of undulating hills. Enjoy this peaceful region as you travel to **Kelso**, a compact market town, where two famous Border rivers, the Teviot and the Tweed, meet under the city walls.

You will visit **Floors Castle**, the home of the Duke of Roxburghe and the 'ancestral home of Tarzan', having been the location of the movie *Greystoke*. Built by William Adam between 1721 and 1725, this immense mansion, flanked by vast pavilions, with minarets and cupolas, has an almost Eastern look. A tree in the grounds marks the spot where James II was killed by an exploding cannon in 1460. The apartments display an outstanding collection of French 17th- to 18th-century furniture, many fine works of art and tapestries, Chinese and Dresden porcelain, and a Victorian collection of birds.

Continue to Dryburgh and visit the abbey there -- one of the quartet of 12th-century Border abbeys founded by David I. Built in 1150, **Dryburgh Abbey** is today a beautiful ruin, but its cloister buildings are more complete than those of other Scottish monasteries. In common with the other abbeys, Dryburgh was ravaged by the English until 1545, when Hertford, acting for Henry VIII, left it a smoking ruin. It was robbed of its usefulness, but not of its tranquil beauty, nor its atmosphere of sanctity.

Look out for the **tomb of Sir Walter Scott**. The stately cedars that throw their shade across the grass were brought back from the Holy Land during one of the crusades.

Lunch is served at a small country hotel and your excursion continues with a drive through more typical Border country and scenery

Arriving in **Edinburgh**, you'll take a **panoramic drive** along Princes Street, with its elegant shops on one side and the sunken gardens on the other side. See Edinburgh Castle perched on its lofty rock overlooking the Old Town -- the most ancient part of Scotland's capital.

Notes:

Tour is available only on select sailings.

Falkirk Wheel & Stirling



Departs: 10:00 AM
Approximately 6 Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$69.95

Almost 100 years ago, a series of eleven locks was used to connect the Forth and Clyde Canals, running from Glasgow to Edinburgh's Union Canal. As part of a Millennium initiative to encourage waterway usage, the **Falkirk Wheel** was designed and constructed to provide a 21st-century solution to more speedily link the canals. The Wheel is a truly unique and awesome spectacle -- Scotland's most exciting example of modern engineering. More than just the world's first rotating boat elevator, the Falkirk Wheel is also a symbol heralding the dawn of Britain's new Canal Age. Its role may be simple, but its shape is far from conventional -- it is an eye-catching, working sculpture.

Embark a **canal boat** to experience a journey through a canal tunnel and across an aqueduct. Upon your return, the canal seems to simply drop off the end, but in fact your boat is gently lowered to the next level by the Falkirk Wheel. Boat elevators are nothing new -- the last one made in Britain was built in 1875. A rotating boat elevator, however, is quite unique and the result is both awe-inspiring and beautiful.

Back on dry land, re-board the motorcoach and continue the short distance to **Stirling**. You will have **free time** here in the town to spend sightseeing, shopping or visiting the castle of great renown (at your own expense).

Panoramic Edinburgh



Departs: 9:15 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$39.95

Depart from the ship at South Queensferry and drive into the heart of **Edinburgh** city.

Begin your **panoramic drive** passing along Princes Street -- Edinburgh's main thoroughfare and shopping district. Catch a glimpse of St Giles Cathedral with its soaring crown spires, and travel down the Royal Mile, Edinburgh's main street in medieval times.

You will also see Holyrood Palace, official home to the Queen when she visits Scotland, and the Sir Walter Scott Memorial. Take advantage of the opportunity to stop and stretch your legs if you wish to get off the coach for a photo opportunity at the new Scottish Parliament building -- an unusual, modern building with a strong influence from

South Queensferry (Edinburgh), Scotland, United Kingdom - Friday, July 30, 2021

Gaudi's version of Art Nouveau.

Drive around Holyrood Park -- a green oasis of lakes and ponds; then, if time permits, you will stop for a photo opportunity within the grounds of Holyrood Palace.

Notes:

There is a five-minute walk from the ship to the motorcoach loading area. The photo stop is optional; participants may remain on the coach.

South Queensferry Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM

Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below. Price \$1,299.00

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also

be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

South Queensferry Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



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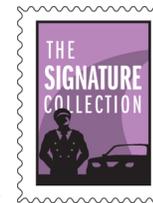
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Capacity: 5 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

South Queensferry Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 9:30 AM

Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below. Price \$899.00

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Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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South Queensferry Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 9:30 AM

Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below. Price \$999.00

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Capacity:5 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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St Andrews: Home of Golf



Departs: 1:15 PM
Approximately 4½ Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$39.95

Confident, poised and well-groomed, the town of **St Andrews** is most famous as the home of golf. It is also well known for its university -- the oldest higher-learning institution in Scotland.

St Andrews faces the sea from above a wide bay on the coast of Fife, and has always been at the heart of Scottish history. The town takes its name from the Apostle Andrew, whose relics, according to legend, were brought here by St Rule.

On arrival in this medieval cathedral town, you will transfer to the famous **Royal & Ancient Golf Club** for an independent stroll across of the Old Course. You will not play a game of golf.

There will be some **free time** for **shopping** before you transfer back to South Queensferry.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

The Trossachs Panoramic



Departs: 1:00 PM
Approximately 5 Hours
Adult \$69.95; Child \$39.95

Begin your tour of one of Scotland's most beautiful areas with a drive that follows the south side of the **Firth of Forth** and en route you'll view the towering **Wallace Monument**. Completed in 1869 after eight years of construction, the 220-foot-tall Wallace Monument sits prominently on the Abbey Craig, two miles north of the city of Stirling. It was from this hilltop in 1297 that William Wallace watched the English army cross Stirling Bridge. He led the Scots into the battle of the same name, and to a stunning victory that was a major setback for the English.

Head to **Stirling** -- a city whose historic quarter feels like a step back in time with its steep, cobblestone streets. Stirling Castle, traditionally of huge strategic importance, comes into view. It is set high atop a rocky promontory. Perhaps not surprisingly, local lore once held that whoever controlled the Castle at Stirling controlled all of Scotland.

Relax for a brief coach tour through the **Old Town**, then drive on through the **Trossachs** -- an area boasting a magnificent diversity of scenery with dramatic peaks and mysterious forest-covered slopes. This area of wild glens and sparkling lochs between Callander and Aberfoyle is often regarded as the 'Highlands in miniature' and was immortalized by Scott's poem, *Lady of the Lake*. At its heart, you'll see the forested slopes of Ben Venue rising above the still waters of Loch Achray. Pass

through **Achray Forest** and drive over Dukes Pass with panoramic views of the surrounding tree-clad mountains and distant lochs. This is also Rob Roy country, named for the famous 17th-century Clan MacGregor outlaw and folk hero who roamed these parts.

You'll stop in **Aberfoyle**, gateway to the Trossachs and a base for adventurers engaging in outdoor pursuits. Return to the ship via the **Lake of Menteith** -- this is Scotland's only lake, as all the others are lochs.

Amsterdam, The Netherlands - Sunday, August 1, 2021: Alongside its graceful canals and gabled houses, Amsterdam offers such world-class sights as the Van Gogh Museum and the Rijksmuseum.

Amsterdam Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$999.00



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Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Amsterdam Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



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Capacity: 7 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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Amsterdam Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.
See additional NOTES below.
Price \$699.00



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Windmills & Edam with Airport Transfer



Departs: 7:30 AM
Approximately 4 Hours
Adult \$99.95; Child \$89.95



Enjoy this chance to learn about the art of cheese making and a scenic ride through the colorful Dutch countryside.

Just a short distance from Amsterdam lies the village of **Zaanse Schans**, located on the banks of the River Zaan. Bring your camera, as the scenery packed into this tiny park-village is quite remarkable. The **windmills** spaced along the river are quintessentially and beautifully Dutch -- the stuff of postcards. Enjoy a close-up view of how a windmill works.

You'll also be able to **watch a local clog-maker** crafting those unique shoes that look terribly uncomfortable but are, in fact, quite pleasant to wear.

Continue to the village of **Edam**, famous for its cheese of the same name. **Stroll** through the flat, narrow streets of this picturesque village to the Bell Tower and revel in the history of some of the houses here, which date back to the 1600s.

Notes:

This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Amsterdam and with flights departing at 3pm or later. Tour does not operate on holidays. Use of an audio headset (included) will enhance your tour experience.

Overland Adventures & Overnights



General Information

For those with a thirst for adventure as well as luxury cruising, we offer a selection of special Overland Adventures and Overnights to take you deep into the heart of the lands we visit. Varying in length from two to several days, these tours will take you through breathtaking scenery and to historical sites that allow you to explore each region more thoroughly.

Clothing

Comfortable, layered clothing and walking shoes are strongly recommended.

Flights, Meals & Accommodation

As flight times have not been confirmed at the time this brochure was printed, some meals and visits to some attractions may be adjusted for your comfort and convenience, to accommodate the schedule. Overland Adventures and Overnights include all meals (unless otherwise specified), transportation and overnight accommodations in the finest hotels available and are escorted by a member of Holland America Line's staff.

Advance Bookings

We are increasingly aware that many discerning travelers are enthusiastic to participate in our comprehensive program of spectacular Overland Adventures and Overnights. Because it is not always possible to guarantee space beyond the tours' booking deadline on these exciting journeys, we earnestly encourage you to use the Holland America Line website well in advance to secure space

on the overland or overnight experience of your dreams. Space is limited! We suggest that you book early to avoid missing these truly enticing tours which have been arranged to give you an in-depth view of inland areas.

Physical Limitations

Due to the in-depth nature of these tours, most areas are not accessible to wheelchairs.

Luggage

Luggage must be limited to one small checked bag per person on Overland Adventures and Overnights.

Special Notes

- Wear comfortable footwear at all times
- Bring a lightweight sweater or jacket in case of cooler temperatures
- Book early. Capacity is limited on many Overland Adventures and Overnights
- Book your Overland Adventures and Overnights online at hollandamerica.com

Visas, Vaccinations & Tourist Cards

It is each guest's sole responsibility to obtain (before traveling) any visas, vaccinations and/or tourist cards that are required for participating in Overland Adventures and Overnights, unless noted otherwise in the description. Please be aware that you may need a visa for any and/or all countries that you will depart from and travel through as part of your overland adventure or overnight tour, and for the country in which you will re-join the ship.

Tour Durations & Prices

The information in this brochure is designed to help you select the tours most suited to your interests. The individual tour descriptions include approximate durations. Prices can be found on our website at hollandamerica.com and are quoted in U.S. funds. Prices are subject to change without notice. To allow the Shore Excursions staff the flexibility to coordinate your time in port with meals and activities on the ship, exact departure times are published in the Shore Excursions Planning Form on board. For more information, please attend the Shore Excursions presentation or visit the Shore Excursions Desk.

Tour Descriptions

Tour descriptions may change after printing. Information that becomes available after this brochure is published will be posted in the Shore Excursions section of our website, which can be found online at hollandamerica.com. Significant changes will be noted on the Shore Excursions Planning Form on board. Tour schedules are subject to change.

Guides, Services & Transportation

In certain interesting, off-the-beaten-track places, professional guides and vehicles are at a premium. The best available are engaged. For all tours other than the Signature Collection, it is exceptional for drivers of public hire vehicles to speak any language but their own and it is not always possible to obtain air-conditioned buses or taxis in many ports. However, we do our utmost to find the very best packages for your touring pleasure. Guests who leave during a tour for which transportation is included must thereafter provide for their

own transportation and services at their own expense. Transportation standards vary from country to country.

Self-Guided Touring

Guests who do not join these prearranged shore excursions must rely on whatever transportation is available in each port. If you choose to devise your own excursion, we suggest that you remind the driver or tour escort of the ship's sailing time. Of course, the ship's facilities are fully available to guests while in port.

Reservations & Online Reservations

Now you can easily choose your tour times, book your tours and receive confirmation of your shore excursions reservations 24 hours a day. Visit us online at hollandamerica.com or phone us at 1-888-425-9376. Book online now, up until 3 days before sailing. Make your payment online via our secure website, and receive confirmation as well as your tour departure times. You can also download the shore excursions, view tour prices, find answers to frequently asked questions and read general information. Remember, online and phone shore excursion reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling. At

the time of making your reservations online, we will advise you whether or not your reservations are confirmed or whether you have been waitlisted. Your credit card will be charged immediately for all confirmed reservations. Should space become available for a waitlisted tours request, we will e-mail or otherwise contact you at that time and either immediately charge your credit card if you have already given us your credit card information or ask you to provide us with that information for immediate charge processing. Reservations for shore excursions are subject to cancellation by us at any time prior to the credit card charge being accepted by your bank. If you or Holland America cancel a tour (except Overland Adventures and Overnights) more than 3 days prior to cruise departure, we will issue a credit on the credit card that you used to pay for the reservation. For any cancellation within 3 days of departure, a credit will not be given on your credit card. Instead, we will apply an ONBOARD CREDIT ONLY policy under which the refund (less any cancellation fee) will show up as a credit to the shipboard account of the person who was to take the tour. If the credit is not fully utilized during the cruise, the balance will be paid to that guest by the ship's Purser. Once on board, if you cancel your tour reservation after the booking deadline stated in the Shore Excursion Planning Form on board, a 100% cancellation fee will apply since transportation and services will have already been arranged. If space on the tour you have ordered is not available you will be contacted to see if you are interested in another tour selection. You may receive confirmation of your tours via e-mail. Vouchers for each confirmed tour will be delivered to your stateroom after embarkation.

Immunizations

Immunizations may be required for some of the ports of call included in your voyage. Please contact your local physician, Health Department and/or travel medicine clinic to discuss immunization requirements for all countries on



your itinerary. You can also check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at cdc.gov. Click on Travelers' Health and then Vaccinations. It is also a good idea to bring along a record of your immunizations, as requirements for immunizations may change. It is the guests' responsibility to remain apprised of changes in immunization policies, so that they have all the required inoculations and immunizations at the time of departure.

Safety

We take steps to identify and contract with reputable tour operators. Tour operators must comply with local government requirements and carry liability insurance in amounts consistent with local standards to address personal injury and property damage.

Visa Requirements

Each guest is responsible for obtaining all visas needed to join the cruise. Unless otherwise noted, it is the guest's sole responsibility to obtain any necessary visas to participate in any Overland Adventures and Overnights. Guests must keep themselves apprised of policy changes. Passports, visas (other than as specified above), tourist cards, and vaccinations, if required, are the sole responsibility of the guest. Remember, guests must have a passport that is valid for at least six months beyond the completion of their trip.



Visa Service

VisaCentral can assist you with the collection of necessary documentation: see details online at <http://hollandamerica.visacentral.com>, or contact VisaCentral as follows for:

Residents of Australia:

Phone: 1902 251 370; email: info@au.visacentral.com

Residents of Austria:

Phone: +43 1 22811; email: service@cibtvisas.at

Residents of Brazil:

Phone: 55 (11) 3065 0655; email: info@cibtvisas.com.br

Residents of Canada:

Phone: 888 665 9956; email: customerservice@cibtvisas.ca

Residents of Germany:

Phone: 030 230949175; email: info@cibtvisas.de

Residents of Mexico: Phone: (52-55) 5282 0020;
email: customerservice@cibtvisas.com.mx

Residents of the Netherlands:

Phone: 070 315 0201; email: info@cibtvisas.nl

Residents of Switzerland: Phone: +41 (0) 31 313 20 20 or
+41 (0) 22 884 18 70; email: info@visacentral.ch

Residents of the United Kingdom: Phone: 0800-1218239;
email: specialservices@cibtvisas.co.uk

Residents of the United States: Phone: 866 788 1100;
email: customerservice@visacentral.com

You are also welcome to engage your own choice of visa service.

Cancellation of Signature Collection Arrangements

There is no penalty for canceling most pre-booked tours; however, if you cancel a Signature Collection private vehicle tour, a 100% cancellation fee will apply since transportation and services will have already been arranged.

Cancellation of Overland Adventures and Overnights

The cancellation policy for Overland Adventures and Overnights is (unless noted otherwise in the tour description):

- 30 - 60 days before tour date: 25%
- 14 - 29 days before tour date: 50%
- Within 14 days: Non-Refundable

Please note that the Cancellation Protection Plan covers pre-booked tours, including Overland Adventures and Overnights, if cancellation is made up to 24 hours prior to commencement of cruise. Tours cancelled within 24 hours prior to commencement of cruising or while on board are not covered by the Cancellation Protection Plan and are subject to the above penalties. In the event a complete tour is cancelled by Holland America Line or the tour operator, pre-booked refunds will be handled on board. Very shortly after each booking deadline/cancellation date, e-mails are sent from the ship to the agencies concerned, informing them of our definite requirements for meals, seats on aircraft, number of automobiles and motorcoaches, etc., and commitments are made. If notice of cancellation is received after the booking deadline/cancellation date, a refund can be assured only if the ticket is resold. Guests are encouraged to pre-purchase tours. We recommend speaking with the Shore Excursions Manager on board if you have any questions about your physical ability to take part in any tour. Should you opt not to take the tour following this discussion, full reimbursement will be made provided the cancellation is made within 24 hours of boarding the ship. For Overland Adventures and Overnights, due to the in-depth nature of the adventures, most areas are not accessible to wheelchairs and require a considerable amount of activity.



Scooters

Depending on the port, the tour operator(s) may impose weight restrictions for electric scooters and/or additional charges may apply.

General Conditions

Shore Excursions, Overland Adventures and Overnights are “Non-Holland America Line Services” for the purposes of your Cruise Contract. This means that tours are not owned or operated by Holland America Line. Refer to your Cruise Contract for a full statement of your rights and obligations as well as those of the Owner of the Ship, Holland America Line Inc. and certain other persons and entities with respect to Non-Holland America Line Services. In particular, please note that you are assuming the entire risk of utilizing Non-Holland America Line Services subject only to whatever terms or arrangements are made by you or on your behalf with the third party furnishing the Non-Holland America Line Services. Holland America Line does not assume liability for injuries or damages that occur during or as a result of Shore Excursions, Overland Adventures and Overnights, nor is Holland America Line liable for loss of or damage to any baggage or other property which occurs ashore, for any reason whatsoever. Tours are subject to cancellations or changes. Tour operators reserve the right to deny participation to guests based on such criteria as they may establish. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult aged 21 years or older.

