

Iceland | HIKING THE LAND OF FIRE & ICE

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THE WORLD'S GREAT ADVENTURES

A passion for travel. Simply put, we love to travel, and that infectious spirit is woven into every one of our journeys. Our staff travels the globe searching out hidden-gem inns and lodges, taste testing bistros, trattorias, and noodle stalls, and discovering the trails and plying the waterways of each remarkable destination. When we come home, we separate wheat from chaff, creating memorable adventures that will connect you with the very best qualities of each destination.

Unique, award-winning itineraries. Our flexible, hand-crafted journeys have received accolades from the world's most revered travel publications. Beginning from our appreciation for the world's most breathtaking and interesting destinations, we infuse our journeys with the elements of adventure and exploration that stimulate our souls and enliven our minds. Whether you are looking for a challenging physical expedition or a leisurely cultural exploration, Boundless Journeys has exceptional itineraries to match your sense of adventure.

Insider connections. There is simply no substitute for traveling with a knowledgeable insider, and our expert local guides will open doors for you that other travelers miss, like dinner with their extended family in Peru's Sacred Valley, or meeting an art scholar in Florence. Relationships developed over many years allow you to experience our destinations through a well-connected friend.

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Flexibility to suit your travel style. We offer both scheduled, small-group departures and custom journeys so that you can choose which works best for you. Not finding exactly what you are looking for? Let us customize a journey to fulfill your travel dreams.

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Multi-year recipient of *Travel + Leisure* magazine's "World's Best Tour Operator"; and recognized by the editors of *National Geographic ADVENTURE* magazine as one of the **Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth**.

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Thank you for your interest in joining us on this fantastic hiking journey in Iceland. We have hand-crafted this tour from our own experience and hope you fall in love with the area—as we have!

THE INSPIRATION FOR THIS JOURNEY

Iceland is a land of extreme contrasts. Vast, desolate lava fields are interrupted by lush, moss-carpeted valleys. Giant cascading waterfalls give way to vibrantly colored rhyolite mountains. From the otherworldly landscapes of the south coast, to the mystical power of the central highlands, our overland expedition takes in the most beautiful and inspiring areas of Iceland.

Hikes on the south coast lead us through fairytale scenery; past dramatic waterfalls, floating icebergs, and some of Europe's largest glaciers. A kayak excursion, cultural connections, and an optional ride on an Icelandic horse round out our adventure. Along the way, we spend a day in the interior highlands of Landmannalaugar hiking along colorful mountains—an experience not to be missed. Testaments to the constantly evolving earth are everywhere—lava fields, hot rivers, craters, and glaciers dominate our views. In the evenings, we return to comfortable accommodations and enjoy relaxing in “hot pots” (Icelandic hot tubs), or taking a nighttime stroll under the midnight sun.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike through dramatic and unusual scenery, including expansive green valleys, black pebble beaches, and glacier fields
- Kayak excursion past glaciers and floating icebergs
- Overland adventure into the interior highlands
- Relax in the soothing, mineral packed waters of the Blue Lagoon
- Icelandic culture past and present: fascinating Viking history, folklore, and fishing communities

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TOUR OVERVIEW



THE BASICS

Duration:	7-day trip
Tour start:	Reykjavík, Iceland
Tour end:	Reykjavík, Iceland
Accommodations:	6 nights in boutique hotels
Trip rating:	1 2+ 3 4 5 Easy Strenuous (See page 11 for more details)
Land cost:	\$5,995 per person
Single Supplement:	First two reserved on each departure: \$450 (must reserve at least 120 days ahead); Additional singles: \$950



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Just pack your bags—we've got you covered! When you're on a Boundless Journeys adventure, every detail is taken care of for you, so you can relax and truly experience each moment. Put your wallet away, leave your travel books behind, fold up your maps, and BE there. Your Boundless Journeys adventure includes:

- Expert leadership
- All accommodations
- All meals beginning with lunch on Day 1, and ending with breakfast on Day 7
- All on-tour transportation
- All activities and entry fees as noted in the itinerary
- Local wine and beer with dinners
- All gratuities except for those for your guide and driver, which are at your discretion
- Explorers Club savings on your next scheduled, small-group trip (conditions apply)

International airfare is not included in the price of your trip. Please contact your local travel agency or the airlines directly to make any arrangements you may need. If you would like assistance with booking your flights or other travel plans, please contact Boundless Journeys directly at 800-941-8010 for a referral to our partners who will best fulfill your needs.



ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

DAY 1

Meet in Reykjavík and depart for the beautiful Gjáin Valley where sandy lava fields, birch woods and countless waterfalls await.

DAY 2

Embark on an overland expedition to Landmannalauger via the *fjallabak*, or “route behind the mountains,” where you’ll explore colorful rhyolite mountains, volcanic craters, and idyllic waterfalls.

DAY 3

Explore an iceberg-filled lagoon by kayak. Ride a farm tractor to our trail head to hike past puffin nesting sites along the Atlantic.

DAY 4

Walk through scenic Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon, offering stunning views of the plains and glacial brooks below. Continue to Þakgil, a sheltered enclave amid dramatic mountain scenery.

DAY 5

Morning hike along Skóga River, past Skógafoss falls, and to the hidden Kvernufoss falls. Strap on some crampons and explore an active glacier and ice field in the afternoon. In the evening, enjoy an optional horseback ride.

DAY 6

Visit Geysir and Gullfoss, two of Iceland’s best-known natural wonders. Discover Thingvellir National Park, home of Iceland’s first parliament, and visit the organic farm Akur.

DAY 7

Take a relaxing bath in the healing mineral waters of the Blue Lagoon, and transfer to the airport for departing flights.

THE JOURNEY



Day 1: Gjáin Valley, Hjalparfoss and Háifoss

Activity Overview: Hiking on trails

Activity Level: Easy to moderate

Activity Length: 3-4 hours, approximately 5 miles

Upon meeting our guide in Reykjavík after breakfast, we begin our drive to Gjáin Valley, a fairy-tale world where two river channels cascade over waterfalls and lava formations. We will hike, explore craters and lava caves, and see wellsprings.

We will also visit Hjalparfoss, a unique double waterfall, and Háifoss, one of the tallest waterfalls in Iceland where the water cascades a mesmerizing 400 ft.

At day's end we transfer to our countryside hotel in the small town of Hella before entering the vast and untouched interior of Iceland. Dinner will feature traditional Icelandic cuisine based on ingredients from local farmers and fishermen.

Accommodations: Landhotel, Hella

Meals: L, D

DAY 2: Landmannalaugar

Activity Overview: Hiking on trails

Activity Level: Easy to moderate

Activity Length: 3-4 hours; approximately 3-4 miles

Today we venture into the Icelandic highlands of Landmannalaugar for a day of hiking. The highland roads are unpaved, and if conditions permit, we take the fjallabak (literally, "route behind the mountains") to Landmannalaugar, an area of multicolored rhyolite mountains and hot springs.

Along the way we stop at the Sigöldufuss waterfall and a crater lake called Ljótípollur. Despite the name, which translates to "Ugly Puddle" in Icelandic, expect vivid colors amidst lava sand. At Landmannalaugar, we hike through one of the largest geothermal fields in Iceland and an otherworldly landscape of rough lava, obsidian, and moss.

A transfer south leads to our accommodations for the next two nights, at the cozy and welcoming Hrifunes Guesthouse.

Accommodations: Hrifunes Guesthouse, Hrifunesvegur

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3: Ingólfshöfði, Jökulsárlón and Fjallsárlón Glacial Lagoon

Activity Overview: Hiking on trails and up a sandy slope; glacier lagoon kayaking

Activity Level: Easy to moderate

Activity Length: 2 hours, approximately 3 miles; 2 hours glacial lagoon excursion

After breakfast, we drive across Skeiðarársandur, a vast river delta formed by runoff from nearby glaciers. Catastrophic flooding occurs here regularly, as geothermal activity melts the glaciers, causing a tremendous amount of water to flood the plain. Across the delta is Vatnajökull National Park, home to Europe's largest glacier, whose presence lords over the surrounding landscape.

Our first stop this morning is a visit to the spectacular Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon. Watching icebergs float down the lagoon and into the ocean is captivating. From here, we continue on to a more remote glacial lagoon for an intimate kayak excursion. This is the perfect place to experience unspoiled nature and the unique environment of Iceland,



"A wonderful variety of experiences, from hiking in remote mountains, swimming outdoors in naturally warmed springs, and strolling along a coast teeming with birdlife, to learning about the wonderful history, geology and stories of this unique culture made this a remarkable trip for me."

— J.L., Rochester, MN

where icebergs calve off the largest glacier in Europe, the great Vatnajökull, and float around the lagoon in all shapes and colors.

This afternoon, we visit a nature reserve located at Ingólfshöfði. This area is known for its incredible birdlife, especially its puffins. These comical waterbirds are a delight to watch, and a local farmer gives us a ride on his tractor to an isolated headland, where we can hike in their midst. This remote cape, surrounded by black sand beaches, is also the place where Iceland's first settler, Ingolfur Arnarson, spent his first winter in Iceland in 874 A.D.

If your tour takes place later in the summer, when the puffins have left Ingólfshöfði, we'll instead visit Vatnajökull National Park for a hike at the base of Europe's largest glacier. Our walk begins from the park's visitor center and steadily climbs up through birch forest to a plateau. Here, the landscape turns into tundra, and the views are magnificent in all directions.

We then return to our hotel, with time to freshen up, before enjoying a dinner of Icelandic specialties.

Accommodations: Hrifunes Guesthouse, Hrifunesvegur

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4: Fjaðrágljúfur and Þakgil

Activity Overview: Hiking on trails

Activity Level: Easy to moderate

Activity Length: Morning hike: 2-3 hours, approximately 4 miles; Afternoon hike: 1-2 hours, approximately 2 miles

This morning we hike along Fjaðrágljúfur Canyon, hollowed out over millions of years by the Fjaðrá River. We follow the eastern edge, which offers stunning views of the plains

and glacial brooks below, before descending through moss-covered rock formations to the floor of the canyon.

In the afternoon we travel to Þakgil, an expansive valley surrounded by dramatic mountains. We will explore the trails in this breathtaking area, before traveling to our boutique accommodations located at the foot of the famous Eyjafjallajökull volcano.

Accommodations: Skálakot Manor Hotel, Ásólfskáli

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5: Skógafoss and Kvernufoss, Sólheimajökull Glacier Walk

Activity Overview: Hiking on trails and glacier walk

Activity Level: Easy to moderate

Activity Length: Morning hike: 2 hours, approximately 4 miles; Afternoon walk: 3-4 hours, approximately 1 mile

This morning we see the impressive Skógafoss Waterfall, a 200-foot-high cascade that often produces rainbows in its mist. For those in the mood for a more substantial hike, we can ascend a 370-step staircase to the top of the falls, and continue along the Skogá River. We pass many beautiful waterfalls and on a clear day, we can see the coastline and Eyjafjallajökull and Myrdalsjökull glaciers in the distance. This is true Icelandic wilderness on the heath.

Close to Skógafoss is the waterfall Kvernufoss—a secret, lesser-known jewel nearly 100 feet tall. We hike a short distance into the gorge to enjoy this hidden beauty.

After lunch, we continue to Eyjafjallajökull massif. From its eastern face, the Sólheimajökull glacier tongue extends from its parent glacier, Myrdalsjökull, Iceland's fourth largest. Here, we meet our Icelandic mountain guide, who

A BOUNDLESS MOMENT IN ICELAND

As our kayaks slipped from shore into the deep, icy waters, we stared across the mirror-like surface of Fjallsárlón Glacial Lagoon. The icebergs were everywhere, dwarfing us; jagged, ancient towers that seemed to reflect a deep blue color one minute, and white and grey the next.



equips us with the proper tools (crampons and ice axes) for an adventure on an active glacier. After instruction on the proper use of our equipment, we traverse the glacier onto an ice field, where a wonderland of ice sculptures, ridges, and deep crevasses await our discovery.

En route back to our hotel we stop at Reynisfjara Beach, with its black volcanic sand, smooth pebbles, and unique rock formations. A late day walk on the beach will allow us to take in this beautiful sight at a quieter time, when we can hear the waves crashing on the shore.

This evening we have the option to ride Icelandic horses. (Please note horseback riding is not included in the price. Details can be found on page 11.) These friendly horses have been selectively bred for centuries to produce an animal that is even-tempered and strong, with great endurance. They also have a very smooth gait—the tölt—which makes riding them a wonderfully comfortable experience, even for beginners.

Accommodations: Skálakot Manor Hotel, Ásólfsskáli

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6: Gullfoss, Geysir, Akur Farm and Thingvellir

Activity Overview: Farm visit and sightseeing

Activity Level: Easy

Activity Length: 1-3 hours, 1-2 miles

This morning we explore some of Iceland's most well known sites beginning with Gullfoss, or the "golden falls." This impressive cascade drops over a series of tiers into the Hvítá canyon, and its volume of water makes it one of the

largest falls in Iceland. From Gullfoss, we continue a short drive to the "Great Geysir," believed to have been created around the end of the 13th century when a series of strong earthquakes shook the Haukadalur Valley.

We next visit Akur organic farm. Here, we have a chance to meet the farmers, learn about their biodynamic practices and the challenges of growing food in Iceland, and see their three greenhouses. Thanks to geothermal heat, they are even able to grow tropical fruits like bananas and mangoes! Of course, we will sample some of what is in season while we are here.

Our day concludes with a visit to Thingvellir, a national park of great historic significance to the Icelandic people. The park is home to Iceland's first parliament, established in 930 A.D. Each summer, representatives from communities around the country would meet here to establish laws and resolve disputes. The journey could take weeks over the rugged terrain. We traverse the parliament plains, and also explore a natural phenomenon that makes Thingvellir an important geological site—here we are standing on the rift between the Eurasian and North American plates—which are constantly, over the millennia, drifting apart.

Evening brings a celebratory dinner in the capital city of Reykjavík, as we reminisce about our adventures in this Nordic island nation.

Accommodations: Alda Hotel, Reykjavík

Meals: B, L, D



"I'm sure you get this feedback a lot, but I'll add my voice to the others praising our guide. His extensive knowledge of pretty much all things Icelandic, his skilled leadership and smooth management of practical matters, and his energy and good humor played key roles in making this a fantastic trip."

— J.D., Chapel Hill, NC



DAY 7: Blue Lagoon and Departure

Activity Overview: Optional city walk and thermal soak

Activity Level: Easy

Activity Length: 1-3 hours

Awake at your leisure this morning, or perhaps rise earlier to do some last minute shopping in downtown Reykjavík. We'll head to the Blue Lagoon mid-morning, where the warm waters beckon us for a soak. A fitting tribute to our stay in the land of fire and ice.

Keflavik International Airport is only 15 minutes away from the Blue Lagoon, and we will drive you there in time for your late-afternoon flight.

Meals: B

PLEASE NOTE: *This is a typical itinerary, and actual activities may vary to take advantage of weather conditions, local events, and to allow serendipity to play a hand in your experience. Accommodations are as outlined in the itinerary, although we reserve the right to change these should the need arise. See our booking terms and conditions for more information about our change policy.*

ACCOMMODATIONS

Comfortable and charming hotels, all with private baths. Accommodations in Iceland's countryside are scarce, and we have chosen what we consider to be the best available in each region.



NIGHT 1

Landhotel

Hella, Iceland

Tel: +354 558-0550 | booking@landhotel.is

Situated near some of the country's most stunning sights the Landhotel is the perfect base for our stay in Iceland's southern countryside. Enjoy a meal at the on-site restaurant and retreat to your cozy room at night. Heated geothermally, this new 4-star hotel is designed to be at one with nature.



NIGHTS 2 & 3

Hrifunes Guesthouse

Hrifunesvegur, Iceland

Tel: +354-863-5540 | info@hrifunesguesthouse.is

Situated on unspoiled farmland of the Skaftartunga region, the Hrifunes Guesthouse is surrounded by glaciers, black sand, and green pastures. Originally built in 1947 as a restaurant and community center, owners Hadda and Haukur restored the building in 2007 to be a cozy, 12-room guesthouse.



NIGHTS 4 & 5

Skálakot Manor Hotel

Ásólfskáli, Iceland

Tel: +354-487-8953 | info@skalakot.com

The Skálakot Manor Hotel is a 14-room boutique hotel on a horse farm in a remote area of southern Iceland. Surrounded by beautiful countryside, Skálakot offers optional horseback rides, spacious yet cozy common areas, and family-style dining.



NIGHT 6

Alda Hotel

Reykjavík, Iceland

Tel +354 553 9366 | reception@aldahotel.is

Situated in the heart of downtown Reykjavík, the 4-star Alda Hotel is perfectly positioned for your stay. Guestrooms feature Nordic design and modern amenities offering the perfect blend of both comfort and style. Enjoy complimentary smartphones for local calls and internet use, a sauna and hot tub, and on-site restaurant and bar.

WHAT TO EXPECT



TRIP RATING

Boundless Journeys' trips are designed for energetic and flexible individuals who like to be active and have a spirit of adventure and a positive attitude. *Hiking the Land of Fire & Ice* is rated 2+, easy to moderate, on a scale of 1-5 (with 5 being the most strenuous). The hikes on this trip are 2-5 hours long, on occasionally rough hiking trails with minimal vehicle support. On a couple of days there are elevation gains of about 400-600 feet, and on Day 5 our optional climb to the top of the Skógafoss Waterfall is about a 300 foot ascension on a metal staircase, followed by an easier 400 foot ascent for the remainder of the hike. Because of the nature of the trails, we sometimes hike out and back on the same path.

PREPARING FOR THIS TRIP

It is very important that you realistically assess your physical condition with regard to the demands of this trip. The more well-prepared you are for the activities, the more you will enjoy yourself. As a general guideline, we suggest that you engage in easy to moderate aerobic activities (such as walking, hiking, jogging, or cycling) for at least 30-45 minutes several times a week for 4-6 weeks before the trip. If you live in a flat area, try to incorporate some stairs into your workout, or use a treadmill with varying incline capability (consult your doctor before undertaking any new fitness program). Please contact us if you have any doubts regarding your physical match with this tour.

THE ICELANDIC HORSE

Horseback riding is a favorite pastime of many Icelanders, and the Icelandic horse is an ideal breed for novice and experienced riders alike. The terrain is varied, and there

are horses suitable for all levels. Your riding guide will ask you about your previous experience before choosing your horse. Helmets are provided and boots with a low, square heel are required (your hiking boots should suffice). **Please discuss this with your guide on Day 1 if you'd like to take part in this activity, as it will be offered once throughout your journey. The cost is approximately \$115 per person for a 1.5 hour ride and can be paid directly to the supplier. Please note, prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuation.**

THE GLACIER WALK

A half-day glacier walk is included, weather permitting. All necessary equipment is provided, including crampons and ice axes. Boots are available for rental, although your hiking boots should suffice. The Icelandic mountain guides we will hike with are experienced mountaineers with a great deal of knowledge about glaciers and safety procedures. After being fitted with gear and a safety briefing, we head onto the ice itself for a unique perspective on the importance and beauty of glaciers. If the weather makes this adventure unsafe, a scenic hike will be offered instead.

DRIVING DISTANCES

Although Iceland is a relatively small country, the distances from one place to another are sometimes long, due to actual miles covered or, in some cases, the conditions of the road. We have tried to strike a balance between the importance of experiencing certain unique places—such as Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and the interior highlands of Landmannalaugar – and the importance of taking time out of the vehicle to hike, explore, and immerse ourselves in the country's diverse landscapes. On a few days, there may



be total driving times of up to five hours; but rest assured that they are well broken up with opportunities to stop and explore, and that both the drives and the destinations are well worth the effort.

WEATHER

July and August are among the driest months in Iceland, although weather is still quite variable. September is slightly rainier. You are unlikely to have sunshine every day, but it is also unlikely for it to be cloudy for long. July and August bring near round-the-clock daylight.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE		
	HIGH	LOW
JULY	55 °F	47 °F
AUGUST	54 °F	46 °F

You may obtain more detailed weather information by visiting www.weatherbase.com.

WHEN TO GO

Summer in Iceland is short, and the best weather is generally from June through September. Early summer brings vibrant green landscapes 24-hour daylight, and the greatest concentrations of migratory birds. Mid-summer brings wildflowers, and late summer the low-growing plants covering the hillsides begin to change colors in a display that rivals New England foliage. While it is often bright and sunny, cool, wet weather is possible any time of year.

TRAVELER'S RESPONSIBILITY

As a trip participant, you have responsibilities to Boundless Journeys, your fellow travelers and guide, and the local

people you encounter. This includes understanding and preparing for the conditions described in the itinerary, ensuring it meets your interests and abilities, and following the health and safety guidelines of Boundless Journeys, local authorities, and/or the CDC. At their discretion, a guide may ask a guest to leave the trip if further participation may be detrimental to the individual or other participants.

We strongly urge any guest feeling ill shortly before departure to cancel their trip. To help cover your investment, we highly recommend purchasing travel insurance with supplemental "Cancel for Any Reason" coverage. If you feel unwell during the tour, please immediately inform your guide, who can help take the appropriate next steps. We appreciate your cooperation.

SMALL GROUP TRAVEL

Small group travel affords us the opportunity to seek out the most remote and exotic destinations on the planet. Often we are exploring these locales with just 8-12 guests. The nature of active group travel is such that not all participants have the same ability level or interests. Traveling at a pace that is comfortable for the entire group, with a spirit of flexibility and adventure, are all part of this intimate experience.

DRINKS WITH MEALS

At Boundless Journeys we believe group dinners are a time to celebrate our day, while enjoying the best of local cuisine, and good company. In keeping with this spirit, we typically include local beer and wine with group dinners. If you prefer premium wine, or liquor, please feel free to order what you like, and you may settle your tab at the end of the meal.



DRINKING WATER

We provide purified or bottled water on all trips; however, in an effort to reduce waste, we strongly encourage you to bring a water bottle to refill where safe to do so. This will be the case in much of Europe, as well as a few other destinations, where tap water is safe to drink. In parts of the world where water must be purified, bottled water may be our only option. Here, we do our best to provide purified water from larger containers to refill your bottles, rather than using many small single-use bottles throughout your trip. This is just one small way we strive to travel more responsibly and we appreciate your efforts in helping us to protect the extraordinary places we visit.

Boundless Journeys has taken the Travelers Against Plastic company pledge to promote sustainable travel and encourage travelers to avoid buying bottled water when they travel. You can take the pledge, too, and learn more about TAP's efforts at www.travelersagainstoplastic.org.

CUISINE

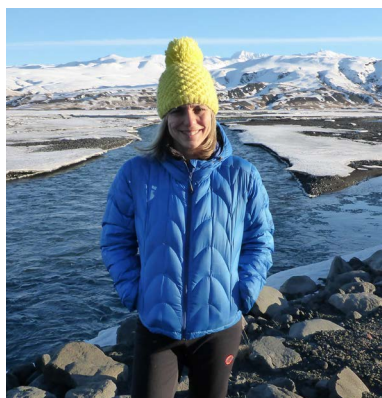
Menus in Iceland generally feature a choice of meat (often lamb) and fresh fish (many varieties of both fresh and saltwater fish are available, the most common being salmon and trout). Some menus are more extensive. Icelandic cuisine has come a long way, and many chefs train in mainland Europe before bringing their skills home to create innovative dishes using native ingredients. It is common even for small hotels to offer meals buffet-style, as this allows travelers to try traditional local dishes alongside more familiar fare. Please inform us of any specific dietary restrictions and we will do our best to accommodate you. Please call our office with any questions or concerns about our ability to meet your needs.

TRANSPORTATION

All on-tour transportation is provided in private passenger vans.

OUR ICELAND TEAM

TRIP MANAGER



Deborah Tobey

Originally from Long Island, NY, Deborah has lived and worked around the country. After a decade out west adventuring as a river guide and ski instructor, Deborah was drawn back east to be closer to family. She joined the Boundless Journeys home team in 2010 initially managing Ecuador, Palau, and Spain. Now, her portfolio includes Croatia, Norway, Portugal, Italy, Iceland, and Costa Rica. She loves being on the water, hiking in Vermont's Green Mountains, and camping with her family and dog, Winston.

GUIDES

With a Boundless Journeys guide, your experience is that of friend and local adventurer. We believe strongly in working with local guides, experts in the areas to which we travel, and they hold the keys to unlocking the hidden delights of your chosen destination. Although you will never know they are at work—the mark of a truly great leader—our guides make magical things happen and add a dimension to your trip that you could not experience on your own.

Over the years we have forged bonds with some of the best guides in the world, and we typically work with a small team of guides in each region. You will be informed of the guide for your trip one month prior to your departure.



Snorri Wium

Snorri was born and raised in Reykjavík, where he studied classical singing. He graduated with a diploma as an opera singer from the Vienna Conservatory. Upon completion of his studies, he worked for several years as an opera singer, primarily in Germany and Austria.

Snorri returned to Iceland and began working as a guide in 2010. He is certified to guide group tours, hiking adventures, and glacier explorations. He enjoys every opportunity to take guests into the mountains and to remote, off-the-beaten-path areas of Iceland where they can experience the beautiful landscapes together.



Klara Hallgrimsdottir

Klara was born on the Western Islands off the south coast of Iceland, where she spent much of her childhood. She has traveled to many countries in the world, worked as a ski instructor in the Austrian alps, studied in Germany, and cycled in the Andes in South America. Klara also completed a teaching degree at the University of Iceland and taught high school mathematics for over a decade. For the past 20 years, she has been sharing her love of the outdoors and her country as a certified Icelandic hiking guide. First during school vacations, and now full time. Her favorite tours are in the countryside, where she can spend time in nature enjoying life's simple pleasures, fresh air, and beautiful scenery. Klara speaks fluent Icelandic, English, German, and Pinzgauerisch (an Austrian dialect).

NEXT STEPS



TO MAKE A RESERVATION

You can call Boundless Journeys at 800-941-8010, request a reservation online, or contact your travel agent. We will confirm your spot with a deposit of \$500 per person and the payment of internal airfare, payable by check or credit card.

ONCE YOU RESERVE

As soon as you confirm your adventure, we will provide you with an extensive, detailed trip planner that includes arrival and departure instructions, a complete packing list, regional information, required documents, a reading list, and other details.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

Please check our Terms & Conditions page on our website for our comprehensive cancellation and refund policies: www.boundlessjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

In addition to your detailed trip planner, we will email you a quote for Travel Guard trip insurance. Please let us know if you would like us to purchase a policy on your behalf. Boundless Journeys strongly recommends purchasing Trip Insurance.

QUESTIONS? WHICH TRIP IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Adventure travel may involve exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, and activities that may be new to you. If you have any questions about the level of comfort, difficulty, or activities included on your trip, please call Boundless Journeys at 800-941-8010, or email us at info@boundlessjourneys.com. Our travel experts look forward to helping you select the perfect adventure.

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BOUNDLESS BEYOND



RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

At Boundless Journeys, our goal is to create meaningful experiences that protect the delicate ecosystems and attributes of every location we visit. We aim to educate our guests on the best responsible travel practices for each destination.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO

Making connections. Our local guides offer insider knowledge of their country, including tips on etiquette and customs. They facilitate meaningful interactions with the people and places we visit, such as dinner at the home of a local family. While you may arrive in a destination as a visitor, you leave with a deeper understanding and connection to each place.

Going local. Boundless Journeys' small group size stems from a desire to provide a more intimate traveler experience, giving us the freedom to move through the tight alleys of old towns on foot, eat and sleep at traditional guesthouses, participate in immersive cultural exchanges, and leave a smaller footprint on all of the locales we visit. This mobility allows us to support local economies directly, forging strong relationships with our partners and friends abroad as we return year after year.

Respecting people and the environment. We support organizations working to protect ecosystems and improve the livelihoods of local communities. On many of our trips, we explore stunning natural landscapes where conservation is of the utmost importance. As visitors, we practice Leave No Trace ethics and actively contribute to the conservation of parks and protected areas.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Give back. Instead of receiving a Boundless Journeys t-shirt or water bottle, you can opt to donate the value of your gift to our travel scholarship fund, which will be awarded to a local student for an educational or service-based travel opportunity.

Learn more. Visit boundlessjourneys.com/responsible-travel to read more about how our values are reflected in our trip offerings. We also offer a selection of Resources for the Responsible Traveler, which suggests ways to tread lightly and ensure your journey has a positive impact.

Join us. Boundless Journeys has taken the Travelers Against Plastic company pledge to promote sustainable travel and encourage travelers to avoid buying bottled water when they travel. You can take the pledge at travelersagainstplastic.org.

CONSERVATION IN ACTION

Boundless Journeys is a proud member of the Adventure Travel and Trade Association, a global network of adventure seekers who believe in the protection and promotion of local communities and wilderness areas.

