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Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice
A photographer’s paradise

Iceland is an island of exceptional natural beauty and wonderment, homeland to some of the world’s most extreme climate, seismic activity, writers, musicians, politicians, explorers and discoverers in history. This tiny island in the North Atlantic, with a population of slightly more than 350,000 inhabitants never ceases to amaze the rest of the world. On this epic journey we will experience the power of this immensely beautiful place. We will photograph the beauty of her volcanoes, glaciers and icebergs, pristine salmon rivers and powerful majestic waterfalls. This tour includes a boat excursion for an up close opportunity to photograph migratory birds and puffins, as well as a helicopter ride for unique and exceptional views over the Troll Peninsula. Iceland is an exceptionally beautiful place and truly a photographer’s mecca, come join us on this unforgettable photographic journey to “the land of the midnight sun”, one of the worlds most spectacular places.
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TRIP ESSENCE

• Boat ride to view Puffins on the Islands of Akurey and Lundey
• Boat ride through Jokulsarlon Iceberg Lagoon to the base of Europe’s largest glacier, The Vatnajokull
• Photograph Iceland’s immense beauty viewed from above on a private helicopter excursion

WHAT’S INCLUDED

• All accommodations
• All breakfasts, 7 dinners, 2 picnic lunches
• Daily photographic instruction, forum and discussion
• Boat ride to the Puffin Islands of Akurey and Lundey
• Guided “Golden Circle Tour”
• Guided Skafetfell Blue Ice Glacier Walk; Boat-ride through Jokulsarlon Iceberg Lagoon
• Helicopter sightseeing trip on the Troll Peninsula
• Shuttle at the end of the tour

TRIP DETAILS

2016 Trip Dates
• Itinerary available as a private group departure, dates can be chosen based on your preferred time to travel and the best time to visit the location

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• Athletic Beginner

Trip Price
• Please contact us for pricing, adjustments to the itinerary can be made upon request

EQUIPMENT

For Hikes
• Shorts and mild weather clothing
• Sweater and long pants for chilly nights and walks
• Good and solid trekking shoes

For Photography
• Body SLR or compact digital camera
• Wide-angle lens
• Laptop (for selecting images)
• Tripod
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**DAY 1**

REYKJAVIK

**Hotel** - TBD  
- **Location:** Reykjavik  
- **Duration:** 1 Night  

**Meals** - D

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**Highlights**

Welcome to Iceland!  
Meet at the hotel at 12:30 pm for a light lunch and welcome meeting. We will have a guided tour of Reykjavik and a boat ride to the Puffin Islands of Akurey and Lundey. Tonight we will have some welcome drinks and dine together.

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**DAY 2**

REYKJAVIK TO SNAEFELLSJOKULL NATIONAL PARK

**Hotel** - Hotel Hellnar or equivalent  
- **Location:** Brekkubær  
- **Duration:** 2 Nights  
- [http://myantrahotels.com/id-266760.html](http://myantrahotels.com/id-266760.html)

**Meals** - B, D

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**Highlights**

After breakfast we will head out for a guided Golden Circle Tour, a great introduction to this tour. We’ll visit the Gullfoss waterfall, the Geyser and Thingvellir National Park. After lunch, we’ll descend into the World’s only visitable Volcanic Magma Chamber, Thrihnukagigur volcano. Overnight in Snaefellsjokull National Park.

This award-winning, eco-friendly hotel is on the Snæfellsnes peninsula, 3.5 miles from Iceland’s famous Snæfelljökull glacier and volcano. Flat-screen TVs with satellite channels, private bathrooms and mountain or sea views are standard room features at Hotel Hellnar. Wi-Fi available.

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**DAY 3**

SNAEFELLSJOKULL HIKE

**Hotel** - See Day 2  

**Meals** - B, D

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**Highlights**

The Mountain is one of the most famous sites in Iceland, primarily due to the Novel Journey to the Center of the Earth (1864) by Jules Verne, in which the protagonist finds the entrance to the Center of the Earth through the mouth of the Volcano on Snaefellsjokull.
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DAY 4

AKUREYRI/DALVIK

Hotel - Klængshóll Lodge
• Location: Bergmann
• Duration: 2 Nights
• www.bergmenn.com/en/about-us/accommodation

Meals - B, D

Highlights

After breakfast we shuttle to Akureyri/Dalvik. Picturesque Lighthouses and small fishing villages along the way and a stop at Erik The Red’s Homestead. Lunch in Akureyri, Iceland’s other capital. Transfer to Dalvik for an afternoon hike.

Klængshóll Lodge in Skíðadalur Valley (Raven Hill Lodge in Ski Valley) is an ancient sheep farm that’s been continually habited from the time of the settlement of the Vikings in Iceland in circa 850AD. Sauna, hot tubs, yoga room.

DAY 5

TROLL PENINSULA

Hotel - See Day 4

Meals - B, D

Highlights

Hike and/or helicopter ride on the troll peninsula. Troll peninsula is believed to be the last home of ugly and quite dangerous giant trolls. The awesome region of North Iceland is also known as “the Icelandic Alps.” Even though summits do not exceed 6,561 ft, hikers should keep in mind that when hiking in Iceland, they have their feet in the ocean.

DAY 6

AKUREYRI TO MYVATN

Hotel - Vogafjós Guesthouse
• Location: Myvatn
• Duration: 1 Night
• www.vogafjos.is/

Meals - B, D

Highlights

Visit Dimmuborgir Park, featuring lava towers, arches, caves, and bridges that were created 23,000 years ago when a lava pool at least 30 feet deep covered a marshy lake. As steam rose through the lava, it formed the weird rock shapes that were left behind when the lava pool drained. A short stop at Godafoss waterfalls (Waterfall of the Gods). Afternoon hike and soak in Iceland’s Best Natural Hot Springs.

Vogafjós Guesthouse is a family own guest-house, warm and cozy, built in 2005. The rooms are classical and well furnished and designed to let our guests feel good and relaxed in unique natural environment. Traditional Icelandic breakfast is served in our cowshed café “Vogafjos” three minutes walk from the guest-house. While having breakfast you can watch the cows being milked (starts around 7:30) and even taste the fresh warm milk direct from the cows.
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DAY 7
MYVATN TO HUSAVIK

Hotel - Húsavík Cape
- Location: Húsavík
- Duration: 1 Night

Meals - B, D

Highlights

Skutustadagigar Craters, these craters were formed by steam explosions, when boiling lava flowed over the wetlands. The wetlands spread to the southern shore of the lake Myvatn famous for its bird watching. Asbyrgi Canyon (Shelter of the Gods) one of the most magical places in Iceland. According to Norse mythology the god Óðinn was once riding his 8-legged horse, Sleipnir, and it put one of its hoofs down and created Asbyrgi, which is in the shape of a very big horse-shoe; Whispering Cliffs and Europe’s Mightiest Waterfalls of Dedifoss, in the glacier river Jökulsa á Fjollum, flowing from the glacier Vatnajökull, is reputed to be the most powerful waterfall in Europe.

Húsavík Cape is a new hotel, located at Húsavík, with great view over the town and Skjálfandi bay. The hotel is in a historic house in Húsavík, built in 1950 by the Húsavík Fishing company.

DAY 8
GOOD BYE!

Meals - B

Highlights

After breakfast around 9 am we offer one group shuttle to Akureyri airport.
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ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

GETTING TO REYKJAVIK
Fly to Reykjavik airport (KEF) through major cities like Boston, Denver and New York.

DEPARTING FROM HUSAVIK
After breakfast around 9 am we offer one, 1.5 hour group shuttle to Akureyri Airport (AEY).

OTHER INFORMATION

For Flight Reservations
Valerie Wilson Travel
Call: 1-855-780-2022 or
E-mail: ciclismoair@vwti.com

Travel Insurance
MH Ross
Call: 1-800-423-3632

Transportation
Rome2rio
http://www.rome2rio.com
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INSURANCE, TERMS & CONDITIONS

Insurance
Ciclismo Classico will not assume responsibility or liability for any loss or damage of personal effects or for any injury or loss during the duration of the tour. Therefore, we highly recommend that you obtain travel insurance. Information on travel insurance will be sent to you via email once trip deposit is received. We recommend MH Ross, but travelers may choose the insurance carrier of their choice.

Cancellations and Refunds
All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing as soon as possible to Ciclismo Classico. Exceptions to their cancellation policy cannot be made for any reason, including weather or personal emergencies. There is no refund for unexpectedly leaving a trip early or arriving late. The purchase of short-term travel insurance policy is strongly recommended. Cancellation fees are determined as followed:

Days before departure – Cancellation fee
91+ days - 50% of the deposit
61-90 days - 30% of the trip price
31-60 days - 60% of the trip price
31-44 days - 100% of the trip price

*You may transfer your trip deposit to another departure in the same tour season up to 90 days before your original departure with payment of a $100 per person transfer fee. Prices quoted are subject to adjustment without prior notification. OR your deposit ($600) may be rolled over to the following year as a credit towards the final balance of a tour. At the time of booking, we will ask for another $600 deposit to secure your spot.

Alterations to the tour itinerary
Sometimes modifications may be made to the itinerary. We will notify you of any changes that may affect your arrival, departure or lodging. Any changes to the program are made in the best interest and safety of the group.

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