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**Hard to surpass the beauty, joy and fun** of this wonderful trip, but I'll keep trying my luck! **So many thanks for all your kindness.** ~ Rose.  
PS: Many thanks to Rick for letting you go again for our benefit!

Dear Cathi, **Loved our first trip with you**, many thanks! ~ M & J.

"Magnifique!" Dear Cathi, **more magnificent memories.** Thank you! Rosie.

Thank you for a **memorable experience.** Kaye.

**As always – the best!** Murray.

**Fabulous trip!** John & Wendy.

Thanks once again for your crafting of **a holiday that avoided the obvious and revealed the hidden and enchanting.** Love Andrea & Bill.



Above: The Burren, Northern Clare. Below: Gap of Dunloe.



How fantastic have the past few weeks been! **Thank you for going above & beyond.** Paul.

As always you have given us **more than we imagined.** Love Andrea & Bill.

A memorable experience, **long to be remembered.** Many thanks!  
Ilse & David.

A magnificent trip, **what a wonderful experience,** so many, many thanks Cathi. Rob.

**Thank you, travel goddess!** from Robert & Jan.

A great trip, **thank you Cathi for all your work to make it successful.** Suzanne.

A wonderful trip! Many thanks for everything. **I look forward to travelling with you again.**  
Julie.

Dearest Cathi, **Many thanks once again,** for a wonderful trip. Love "The Jones's".

Thank you so much for the **unforgettable fun, laughter, companionship & memories.**  
John & Malory.

A **unique experience,** often spontaneous and sometimes very deep – learning and accepting – a planning & organisational "miracle"! Gae.

*To The Facilitator of Dreams –  
Once again we've been to Spain &  
the rain did gently fall – However  
we managed to have a ball –  
We then moved on to La Belle France  
where on the boat we sang & danced –  
We wine'd & dined in a place of  
romance Chateau De Miambeau in  
France – Many thanks.  
From the best of Northern Spain  
9 Bordeaux Sept 2017.*

Thankyou for **an amazing adventure full of surprises.** Thanks for making everything extra special! ~ Louise & John

Yet another trip whereby **you have thought of everything.** We have absolutely enjoyed every second of it. Lauren & Hilton.

**Once again you have done it again!** Thank you for making our adventure **unforgettable** Cathi. Just love it. Lyn & Laurie.

**Another wonderful trip!**  
Many thanks, Julie.

Thank you for a magical experience. **Memories for life.** Helen.

Cathi, thankyou, **it has been truly magical!**  
Heather.

**Magical, like the first time, but different!** So many thanks. Rose.

Cathi, another trip, **fantastic places, sights and lots of fun** – thank you so much! A very big thankyou for my special day. Wendy.

Articulate... amusing... A+ research, all adds up to **a first class adventure.** Thank you Cathi you are **“simply the best”**. Steph.

Thank you for yet another great trip! **So many memorable moments** but best of all you allowed us to ‘feel the moments’ in all areas.  
A hug, Jill.

**Top trip** so far. Garry.

Cathi, another fabulous trip. **Second time around an even better experience.** Thank you  
~ Wendy.

So full of contrasts – **am loving this next adventure/magical tour.** Rosie.

**A grateful note of thanks and congratulations,** once more!  
Rose & Gordon.

Dearest Cathi, many, many thanks for another wonderful trip. **It was really enjoyable and such good company.** Phil & Sue.

Thankyou for another wonderful adventure, **lots of fun and good people. Looking forward to more.** Wendy & John.

Many thanks for another wonderful trip. **You have a unique ability to find the most interesting places to visit.** Loved the trip & the company.  
Helen & Doug.

To our dear friend Cathi, **can’t thank you enough for all your blood, sweat & tears.** Once again we are lucky enough to enjoy **an amazing and unforgettable trip.** Lyn & Laurie.

Dear Cathi, another wonderful tour! **Thankyou for your friendship and your superb organising skills.** Wendy & Glenn.

**Yet another fantastic trip!** Steve.

Dear Cathi, “Same Country–Another World” **What a revelation!** We have travelled and conquered this, our world, through your vision and creative tenacity. Travelling with you to our **great benefit and joy.** Your guests of *The Compass Society*

The brochure said it would be **peerless and life changing – and it has been totally successful in meeting this expectation.** Barb.



St Kilda, UK (Scotland)

# TOUR OVERVIEW

28 day fully escorted Tour & Cruise departing Hobart Saturday 3rd June 2023

Touring Ireland

**INCLUDING** an 11 day all-inclusive voyage aboard Silversea's *Silver Cloud* expedition ship from Dublin to Reykjavik exploring 14 ports and 3 countries

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Fully escorted small group
- Travel to Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Iceland
- Stay in distinctive local accommodations in Ireland including small pubs, inns and country houses
- Experience true Irish hospitality
- Ride through the Gap of Dunloe by horse & trap
- Stand atop of the Cliffs of Moher
- Be one of the very few Australians to feel the isolation on St Kilda
- Marvel at the Giant's Causeway
- See the wonders of Iceland



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Lerwick, Shetland Islands

# OUR TOUR ITINERARY

## Day 1

### **SATURDAY 3RD JUNE 2023: DEPART AUSTRALIA**

Depart Australia today bound for Dublin, Ireland, the home of poets, storytellers, and outstanding welcomes! "Céad Míle Fáilte"!

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## Day 2

### **SUNDAY 4TH JUNE: DUBLIN-CARRICK**

On arrival, we will be transferred to the west coast of County Donegal in the province of Ulster in northwestern Ireland. This is still an area where many speak the Gaelic language and together with its rugged coastline, we could not ask for a better introduction to the Irish way of life. On our arrival in Carrick, we will travel to Slieve League and we will stand in awe as we view these magnificent cliffs of Ireland.

## Day 3

### **MONDAY 5TH JUNE: CARRICK**

Today we explore the County of Donegal. A visit to Malin Head which is the most northerly point in Ireland will take your breath away. County Donegal is located in the Northern and Western region of Ireland, and is renowned for its immeasurable beauty and as we tour the area, you will be surprised by its National Parks, beaches, pubs and villages. The Dough Famine Village is on the itinerary today providing us with an insight of life during the Great Famine in the 1840s.

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## Day 4

### **TUESDAY 6TH JUNE: CARRICK**

We make our way to Glencolmcille Folk

Village. Known as "the back of beyond", this thatched-roof replica of a rural village in Ireland's most north westerly county offers a glimpse into daily life as it was during past centuries. The Folk Village Museum is a cluster of several small cottages, called a 'clachan', perched on a hillside overlooking the sandy curve of Glen Bay Beach in the Gaeltacht (Irish-speaking area) of South West Donegal. Designed, built and maintained by the local people, the Folk Village is one of Ireland's best living-history museums. Our next stop is Glenveagh National Park is a remote and hauntingly beautiful wilderness of rugged mountains, pristine lakes, tumbling waterfalls and enchanted native oak woodland in the heart of the Derryveagh Mountains in the north west of County Donegal.

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## Day 5

### **WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE: CARRICK-BALLYVAUGHAN**

After breakfast we will make our way to Galway Bay. We will stop frequently along the way as we travel through the Connacht area of the Republic of Ireland.

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## Day 6

### **THURSDAY 8TH JUNE: BALLYVAUGHAN GALWAY AREA**

Many delights of Ireland await us today! The Burren is a strange and unique region in Europe. "Burren" means "from large stones": in fact its name describes this impressive scenery perfectly well. Often described as lunar, the Burren is a high plateau of porous limestone situated in Northern Clare between Ballyvaughan and Kilfenora. The area boasts countless castles and monastic ruins. This morning we visit the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre. The sweeping view across the Atlantic has recently

been ranked the best 'cliff-view' on the planet by *Conde Nast Traveler*, rivalling the Grand Canyon. This afternoon we visit the Wild Kitchen to learn of the amazing bounty to be found in Ireland's native foods. This walking adventure will take us to the beach and give us the opportunity to forage in the hedgerows. An experience not to be missed. Tonight, we become one of the gentry, dining on a mediaeval banquet in a 15th century castle. It will be an evening of merriment and song.

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## Day 7

### **FRIDAY 9TH JUNE: BALLYVAUGHAN-KILLARNEY VIA THE DINGLE PENINSULA**

Depart Ballyvaughan for Killarney.

An early start with our first stop at Bunratty Castle, one of the most complete and authentic medieval castles in Ireland. Built in 1425, it was authentically restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendour. Within the grounds Bunratty Folk Park vividly recreates 19th century life with over 30 buildings in a 'living' village and rural setting. It is here that we will learn the art of making the perfect Irish Coffee!

As we make our way around the Dingle Peninsula and see some of the most incredible Irish coastal scenery, we will bear witness to the traditional ways of life being preserved. Dingle town is a thriving fishing town and is typical of a country Irish town. We stop at one of Dingle's friendly pubs and taste the local gin whilst the publican keeps us entertained! Walk the sands of Inch, a long beach bordered by dunes and made famous by David Lean's movie "Ryan's daughter". The Dingle Peninsula will charm you with its villages painted in bright colours and will bewitch you with the dramatic beauty of its landscapes.

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## Day 8

### SATURDAY 10TH JUNE: KILLARNEY – THE GAP OF DUNLOE

The Gap of Dunloe is one of the most stunningly beautiful parts of Ireland. Stretching through the MacGuillicuddy Reeks mountain range, this beautiful glacial valley simply must be experienced to be appreciated. We will explore the Gap of Dunloe with a jaunting car ride and open boat tour prior to enjoying a picnic lunch. In the afternoon we return to Killarney.

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## Day 9

### SUNDAY 11TH JUNE: KILLARNEY – RING OF KERRY

The Ring of Kerry is the most famous and panoramic route in Ireland. The astonishing beauty of this large peninsula, Iveragh, comes from the great diversity of its spectacular scenery – mountains, peat bogs, lakes and magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean.

Leaving Killarney we pass through Killorglin, famous for its Puck Fair, then to Glenbeigh where the cliff road affords panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula, drive through peat bogs to the town of Waterville. Continue to Sneem Village, famous for its brightly coloured houses. Travel through the mountains to Molls Gap and Ladies View taking in superb views of the famous Lakes of Killarney.

Tonight we will be tapping our feet as we indulge in the music and dance of Ireland.

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## Day 10

### MONDAY 12TH JUNE: KILLARNEY TO NENAGH

This morning, we will be transferred into the very heart of Ireland, County Tipperary. What is most imagined when they think of Ireland? It is the local



BUNRATTY CASTLE

people and the green, lush spectacular scenery. We will be staying on 76 acres of beech woodland and formal gardens in historic accommodation close to Nenagh Town. Feel free to wander the estate, view the Neolithic Ring Forts, try your hand at fishing or alternatively absorb the tranquillity and peace of what is the true Ireland.

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## Day 11

### TUESDAY 13TH JUNE: NENAGH

Another day of exploring this stunning area as we join Killaloe River Cruises for the best opportunity to explore the River Shannon and Lough Derg. From the history of the Killaloe Canal and the Shannon Scheme of 1929, we cruise towards where Brian Boru, High King of Ireland, kept watch over the river crossing at Beal Boru. Cruising into the calm waters of Lough Derg, sheltered by the Slieve Bernagh and Arra Mountains, the panoramic view is spectacular.

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## Day 12

### WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE: NENAGH TO NAVAN

Today will leave the West Coast and make our way towards Dublin where we will overnight just outside of the City

before boarding our cruise tomorrow.

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## Day 13

### THURSDAY 15TH JUNE: DUBLIN, IRELAND DEPARTURE 1800

Dublin is one of the most vibrant cities in Europe and this morning we will witness the heart of the city including a visit to Trinity College. Here we see the famous Medieval Book of Kells which is renowned for its exquisite illustrations. Then it's time to board our Silversea expedition ship, the *Silver Cloud*.

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## Day 14

### FRIDAY 16TH JUNE: PORTRUSH, IRELAND 0700 – 1900

Portrush is adjacent to the stunning North Antrim coastline. Here lies the medieval Dunluce Castle ruins. Perched picturesquely at the edge of a rocky outcropping high above the sea, the castle is dramatically surrounded by terrifyingly steep drops, which the early Christians and Vikings would have considered a very important security feature. The castle and surrounding areas have been frequently used for the filming of "Game of Thrones". Another attraction reached from Portrush is the Giant's Causeway: around 40,000 hexagonal basalt columns that descend in a kind of pathway to the sea. Formed over 50 million years ago, visitors have marvelled at its majesty and mystery for centuries, and UNESCO has recognised this site with World Heritage status.

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## Day 15

### SATURDAY 17TH JUNE: LOCH SCAVAIG, ISLE OF SKYE, SCOTLAND 0600 – 1215

Near the southern end of the Isle of Skye lies Loch Skarvaig. Open to the

sea, the sheltered Loch penetrates the rounded granite hills of Skye. Heather moorlands grow on the hill slopes, with purple flowering heathers providing colour, starting in Spring and climaxing later in summer. Common Seals, otherwise known as Harbour Seals, are frequently seen swimming in the coastal water at high tides. Only their heads are visible as they take breaths between diving for a meal of fish, crustaceans or molluscs. At low tides the seals are easier to see, resting on the foreshore rocks. When ashore, Common Seals often lie on one side with their hind flippers and heads raised in a shallow U shape like oversized spotted grey bananas. There are about 300 Common Seals living in and around Loch Coruisk. Skye also has a population of larger Grey Seals with long straight noses. Although all seals are protected now, they were once hunted for their skins, which were used to make clothes and for sporrans to accompany kilts. Considered the shortest river in Britain, Scavaig River or River Coruisk empties into Loch Scavaig. At only a few hundred metres long, it connects to the freshwater of Loch Coruisk. This freshwater loch collects run-off from the hills and overflows down the bends of the river to the sea of Loch Scavaig. Lying close together, the two lochs can look similar at high tide but they have totally different life. The saltwater kelps and shellfish of Loch Scavaig's shores are revealed at low tide.

### **ISLE OF CANNA, SCOTLAND 1430 – 2030**

Many different groups of people have lived on the small Canna Isle. Neolithic people settled thousands of years ago. Later, Christian Celtic monks, Norse settlers and various Scottish groups lived on Canna. Evidence of most are still present, notably stone churches. One unusual relic is a standing stone with a hole above people's heads in which the thumb of a lawbreaker was jammed. The accused was left for a time to reflect on his or her deeds. Canna is one of the Little Isles group of the Inner Hebrides. A bridge connects it to the adjacent Sanday Island. Both

islands are small, with a tiny resident population. Today, the island is managed by the National Trust of Scotland. Compass Hill, 139 metres (456 feet) high (*perhaps Compass Society Hill for us!*), is a prominent landmark. It is named after the high iron content of the tuff—consolidated volcanic ash—makes up the hill. This attracted the needles of compasses on nearby ships causing confusion to pre-satellite navigators. The hill slopes have a variety of wildflowers that take advantage of good soils, and warm springs and summers. Canna is a bird sanctuary, with 15,000 breeding seabirds of 14 species. Half of the birds are Common Guillemots who nest on cliff ledges. A long-term National Trust bird ringing study has found guillemots live for a long time, with the oldest ever recorded for Britain being a 38 year-old bird on Canna. As well as abundant seabirds, we may see scarcer birds including birds of prey. The majestic White-tailed Sea-eagle is one to look out for.

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### **SUNDAY 18TH JUNE: DUNVEGAN, ISLE OF SKYE, SCOTLAND 0600 – 1200**

Skye epitomises Scotland's wild celtic appeal. A turbulent geological history has given this beautiful, rugged island some of Britain's most varied and dramatic scenery. Steeped in mystery, romance and adventure, the Isle of Skye is perhaps the most well-known of Scotland's many islands. Charles Edward Stuart, better known as Bonnie Prince Charlie, escaped here from the mainland disguised as a maidservant of a woman by the name of Flora MacDonald. The north of the island is dominated by a rugged volcanic plateau, the south by The Cuillin mountain range, whose peaks were sculpted by the glaciers of the Ice Age. Skye is divided by numerous sea lochs allowing continuous proximity to the sea. The limestone grasslands of the south are the home of sheep and cattle. Scattered

about are ruins of crofts, small holdings used for grazing; they were abandoned as their owners fell into poverty due to lack of income. Dunvegan is situated in a sheltered sea loch, or fjord, on the northwestern coast of the island on the Waternish peninsula. The small settlement is dominated by Dunvegan Castle. The oldest inhabited castle in Scotland, it has been the seat of the chiefs of the Clan MacLeod for the past 700 years. It offers insights into Scotland's clan spirit with paintings and relics from the MacLeod Clan. The gardens were originally laid out in the 18th century and are of considerable interest with the woodland glades, shimmering pools and a multitude of rhododendrons. Loch Dunvegan is home to a seal colony; the two main varieties are the brown seal and the great gray Atlantic seal. Small local boats depart from the jetty at frequent intervals throughout the day enabling close observation of these playful sea mammals.

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### **MONDAY 19TH JUNE: NOSS, SCOTLAND 0600 – 1130**

Exploring the sandstone cliff faces of the Isle of Noss will reveal ledges loaded with gannets, puffins, guillemots, shags, kittiwakes, razorbills, fulmars and great skuas. The island was recognised as a National Nature Reserve in 1955, and has one of Europe's largest and most diverse seabird colonies. Sheep have grazed the inland hillsides of Noss since the late 1800s and early 1900s when around twenty people lived on the island to manage the sheep farm. Along with the sheep, shaggy Shetland ponies graze the windblown slopes of Noss.

### **LERWICK, SHETLAND ISLANDS SCOTLAND 1300 – 2300**

Adrift between the Scottish and Norwegian coasts, the craggy Shetland Islands form the most northerly point of the British Isles. Sprawling across 100 islands, connected by sandy bridges

and crisscrossing ferries, explore the highlights of this scenic archipelago outpost. With incredible Neolithic history, spanning 5,000 years of human heritage, these islands, which sit just shy of the Arctic Circle, are an isolated and immense treasure trove of history and thrilling scenery. Look out over dramatic coastline from atmospheric Iron Age towers. Sweeping, windswept beaches and wisps of sand connect islands and rugged cliffs: stand back as the sounds of the waves smashing against the shore and calling gulls fills the air. The islands are also home to some of the most adorable four-legged creatures you'll ever meet, the diminutive and wavy-fringed, Shetland Ponies who roam the hills and reach a maximum size of 42 inches. Don't be fooled, though, they are amongst the strongest and toughest of all breeds. Their existence here points to Viking history, as local horses bred with ponies brought ashore by Norse settlers, creating the lovable crossbreed that is an icon of these islands today. The towering Broch of Mousa is perhaps Europe's best-preserved Iron Age building—and one of the Shetland's finest brochs—a series of round, stone towers, believed to have been constructed around 100BC. Seals and birdlife ensure that the isolated islands are always well-populated with life – and you can embark on hikes to discover their coastal homes. Lerwick is the islands' capital, and there's a charming welcome on offer, as you arrive before the waterfront of stone buildings, which cascade down to the shore.

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## **TUESDAY 20TH JUNE: KIRKWALL, ORKNEY ISLANDS**

Scattered just off the northern tip of Scotland, Kirkwall is the capital of the Orkney Islands – a scenic archipelago of fascinating, dual heritage. The Viking influence is deep, while a prehistoric past and World War history adds to the

endless stories that these dramatic islands have to tell. Sparse and beautiful, let the sweeping seascapes of frothing waves, and dance of the northern lights, enchant you as you explore. Windswept beaches are inhabited by whooping swans, while grassy cliffs hide puffins amid their wavy embrace. Sea caves and crumbling castles – and the dramatic meeting of the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean add to the romantic beauty of these lands, which may be physically close to the UK, but feel an entire world away. The sandstone St. Magnus Cathedral is the centrepiece of Orkney's main town—a place of winding lanes and atmospheric walks—and Britain's northernmost cathedral is a masterpiece that took 300 years to complete. Started in 1137, the beautiful cathedral is adorned with mesmerising stain-glass windows and has been evocatively named as the Light of the North. Look down over the ruined Bishop's and Earl's Palaces nearby from the tip of the cathedral's tower. Or, test out the islands' history-rich distilleries, which produce smokey single malts – said to be the best in the world. You can also venture out to Europe's best-preserved Stone Age Village, at the extraordinary World Heritage Site of Skara Brae, which offers an unparalleled vision into prehistoric life.

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## **WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE: ST KILDA, SCOTLAND 0630 – 1400**

Gloriously remote, St Kilda is an archipelago 50 miles off the Isle of Harris. Although the four islands are uninhabited by humans, thousands of sea birds call these craggy cliffs home, clinging to the sheer faces as if by magic. Not only is St Kilda home to the UK's largest colony of Atlantic Puffin (almost 1 million), but also the world's largest colony of gannets nest on Boreray island and its sea stacks. The islands also home decedents of the world's original Soay sheep as well

as having a breed of eponymously named mice. The extremely rare St Kilda wren unsurprisingly hails from St Kilda, so birders should visit with notebook, binoculars and camera to hand. While endemic animal species is rife on the island, St Kilda has not been peopled since 1930 after the last inhabitants voted that human life was unsustainable. However, permanent habitation had been possible in the Medieval Ages, and a vast National Trust for Scotland project to restore the dwellings is currently being undertaken. The islands even enjoyed a status as being an ideal holiday destination in the 19th century. Today, the only humans living on the islands are passionate history, science and conservation scholars. One of the caretakers even acts as shopkeeper and postmaster for any visitors who might like to send a postcard home from St Kilda. It should be noted that St Kilda is the UK's only (and just one of 39 in the world) dual World Heritage status from UNESCO in recognition of its Natural Heritage and cultural significance.

## **BORERAY ISLAND CRUISING 1500 – 1600**

As an isolated island of the remote St Kilda Group, Boreray island is one of the most far flung and weather impacted islands of the North East Atlantic. Imagine trying to live here during stormy weather. Landing requires jumping or swimming ashore; and yet the island has been lived on or visited from Neolithic times. Collecting seabirds and their eggs, and storing them for winter, may have been even more important than raising sheep. Boreray Sheep are the rarest breed of sheep in Britain. They evolved from short-tailed sheep brought from the Scottish mainland but have been isolated long enough to have evolved into a distinctive small and horned breed. Only found on Boreray Island, they remained as a wild flock when the last people left the St Kilda Islands in 1930. The Souy are a separate and different breed of sheep found on the other St Kilda Islands. Look out for the Boreray Sheep

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# VISTA SUITE

- One bedroom: 22 sq.m.

Your home away from home while you embrace the intrepid explorer within. The suite's seating area has plenty of room to relax while you go over your notes, ready for the next adventure. Large picture windows frame panoramic ocean views, ideal for appraising the local wildlife.

## Suite Features

### Essentials

- Deck: 4
- Section: Aft, Forward

### Characteristics

- Window
- Sitting area
- Standard vanity
- Separate shower
- Some with full-size bath
- Walk-in wardrobe with

personal safe

### Furniture

- Queen size bed
- Writing desk
- Luxury bed mattresses

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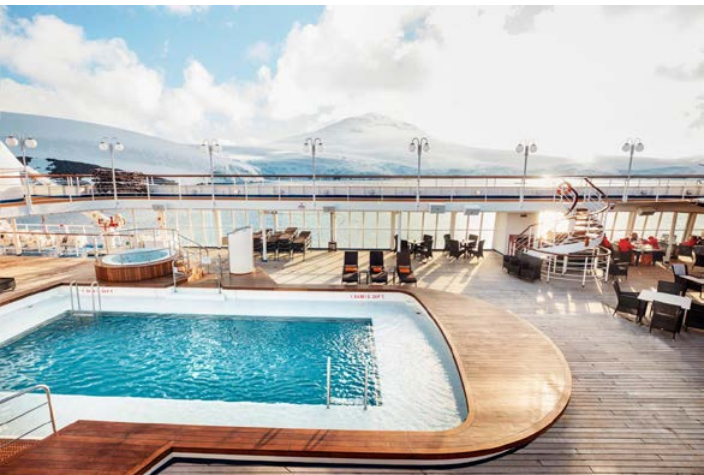
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- from \$2,870\* per person twin share
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Verandah Suite Plan

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grazing on the slopes of hilly Boreray Island. Seabirds thrive on Boreray and its two attendant rocks stacks, raising new chicks each summer. Northern Gannets glide overhead as they attempt difficult landings at nest sites. Seeing gannets plunge from a great height into the sea is an exciting way to understand the effort required to feed themselves and chicks. Northern Fulmers nest on the volcanic rock cliffs and Atlantic Puffins fly in and out of burrow-strewn slopes. Boreray is part of the St Kilda World Heritage Site, a rare example of a site recognised for both its outstanding natural and cultural values.

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Day 20

#### THURSDAY 22ND JUNE: DAY AT SEA, INTERNATIONAL WATERS

Days at sea are the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and catch up with what you've been meaning to do. So whether that is going to the gym, visiting the spa, whale watching, catching up on your reading or simply topping up your tan, these blue sea days are the perfect balance to busy days spent exploring shore side.

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Day 21

#### FRIDAY 23RD JUNE: DJUPIVOGUR, ICELAND 0600 – 1730

Slow the pace and discover the refreshing approach to life that Djupivogur has made its trademark. You can leave your phone behind as you step out into this Icelandic town, which has won awards celebrating its leisurely outlook and stubborn rebellion against the frenetic pace of modern life. After all, who needs emails and notifications when you have some of the most humbling monochrome scenery and gashed fjords, waiting on your doorstep? Sitting on a peninsula to the south-east of Iceland, the glacial approach to life here wins many hearts.



KIRKWALL, ORKNEY ISLANDS

A place where hammers knock on metal in workshops, artists ladle paint onto canvases, and where you might spot a few Icelandic horses roaming across mountains, Djupivogur is an uninhibited artistic hub – full of makers and creatives. The most expansive project is the 34 egg sculptures that dot the coastline, created by the Icelandic artist, Sigurður Guðmundsson. Each egg represents a different native bird species. Fishing remains the primary industry, and you can savour the soft fruits of the labour in restaurants serving up smoked trout and fish soup within their cosy confines. Wander the surrounding landscapes, where snow-freckled mountains rise, and lazy seals lie on dark rock beaches, to feel Djupivogur's natural inspiration seeping under your skin. Alive with greens and golds in summer, further ventures reveal glaciers and the sprawling waterfalls of Vatnajökull National Park. The cliff-hugging puffins of Papey Island are a must see, while Bulandstindur Mountain's pyramid shape is a stand out even among these fairy-tale landscapes.

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Day 22

#### SATURDAY 24TH JUNE: VESTMANNAEYJAR, ICELAND 0900 – 1730

The name Vestmannaeyjar refers to both a town and an archipelago

off the south coast of Iceland. The largest Vestmannaeyjar island is called Heimaey. It is the only inhabited island in the group and is home to over 4000 people. The eruption of the Eldfell Volcano put Vestmannaeyjar into the international lime light in 1973. The volcano's eruption destroyed many buildings and forced an evacuation of the residents to mainland Iceland. The lava flow was stopped in its tracks by the application of billions of liters of cold sea water. Since the eruption, life on the small island outpost has returned to the natural ebb and flow of a small coastal fishing community on the edge of the chilly and wild North Atlantic.

#### CRUISE SURTSEY, ICELAND 1930 – 2030

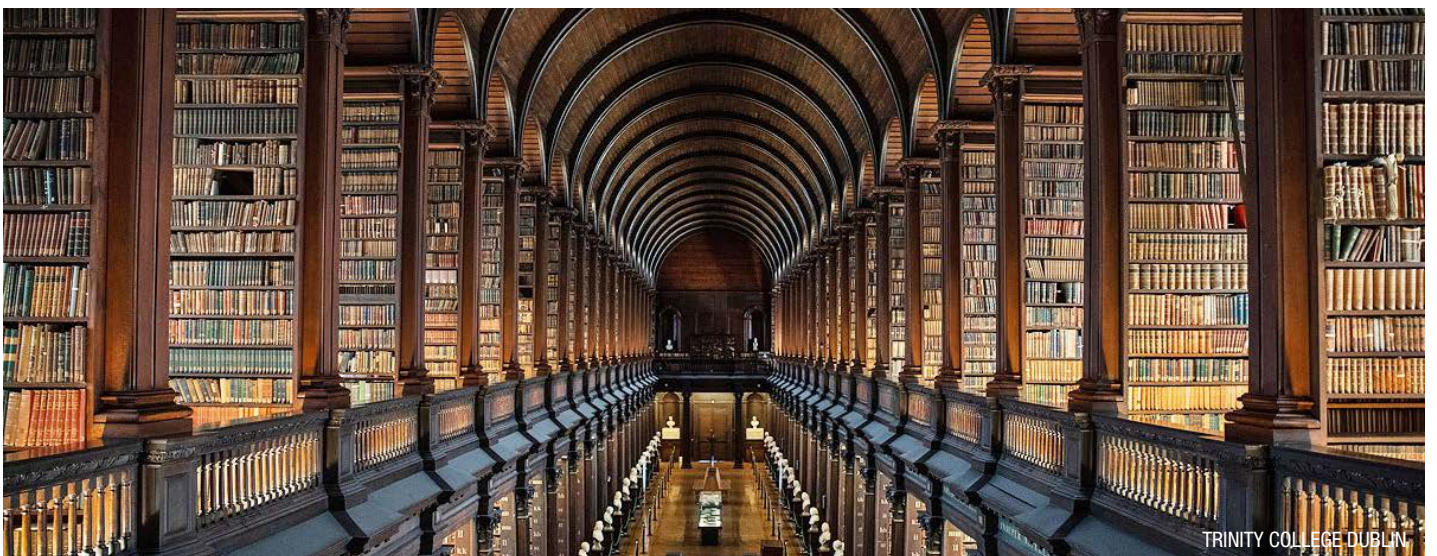
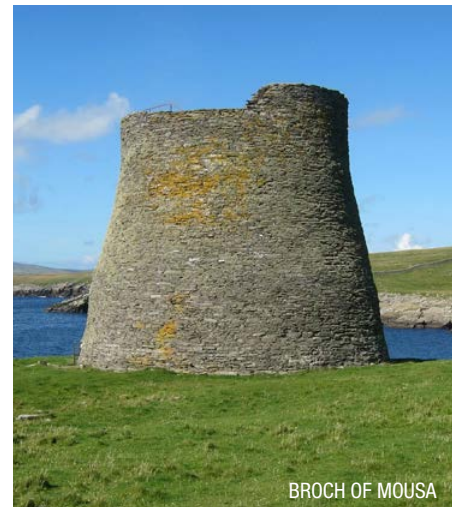
On 14 November 1963, a trawler passing the southernmost point of Iceland spotted a column of smoke rising from the sea. Expecting to find a burning boat they were surprised to find instead, explosive volcanic eruptions. They were witnessing the birth of a new island. Columns of ash reached heights of almost 30,000 feet in the sky and could be seen on clear days as far away as Reykjavík. The eruptions continued for three and a half years, ending in June 1967. Once formed, Surtsey was 492 feet above sea level and covered an area of almost 2 square miles. The island was named after the Norse fire god Surtur. It is a perfect scientific study area used to understand the colonisation process of new land by plant and animal life.

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Day 23

#### SUNDAY 25TH JUNE: REYKJAVIK, ICELAND 0700

Sprawling Reykjavik, the nation's nerve center and government seat, is home to half the island's population. On a bay overlooked by proud Mt. Esja (pronounced eh-shyuh), with its ever-changing hues, Reykjavik presents a colorful sight, its concrete houses painted in light colors and topped by vibrant red, blue, and green roofs.



In contrast to the almost treeless countryside, Reykjavík has many tall, native birches, rowans, and willows, as well as imported aspen, pines, and spruces. Reykjavík's name comes from the Icelandic words for smoke, reykur, and bay, vík. In AD 874, Norseman Ingólfur Arnarson saw Iceland rising out of the misty sea and came ashore at a bay eerily shrouded with plumes of steam from nearby hot springs. Today most of the houses in Reykjavík are heated by near-boiling water from the hot springs. Natural heating avoids air pollution; there's no smoke around. After disembarkation, we will transfer to our hotel and each guest will have the opportunity to explore this unique city.

**B**

## Day 24

### MONDAY 26TH JUNE: REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Today we leave the city on a day tour exploring areas around Reykjavík. Hot springs (remember your bathers!), lunch and a chance to explore the unique countryside of Iceland on our private tour. This evening we enjoy our farewell dinner for the group.

**BD**

## Day 25

### TUESDAY 27TH JUNE: REYKJAVIK TO OUR OVERNIGHT TRANSIT

We farewell Reykjavík today after breakfast. Due to flight connections to Australia, at the time of printing the brochure, it is required that we overnight in transit on our return. The city in which we do so is subject to flight schedules but will, no doubt provide many interesting places to explore.

**B**

## Day 26

### WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE: IN TRANSIT TO AUSTRALIA

We board our flight today for our return flight to Australia. **A**

## Day 27

### THURSDAY 29TH JUNE: IN TRANSIT TO AUSTRALIA

## Day 28

### FRIDAY 30TH JUNE 2023: ARRIVE HOME

Our flight brings us home to Tasmania today, where we bring home magical, wonderful memories of an unforgettable adventure in such good company.

Included meals as shown in the itinerary:

**B** Breakfast; **L** Lunch; **D** Dinner;

**A** In-flight service



DJUPIVOGUR, ICELAND

## Tour Highlight: Lissadell House

On Day 5 we'll visit **Lissadell House**, a neo-classical Greek revivalist style country house on the south shore of Maughers Peninsula in northern County Sligo, Ireland, overlooking Drumcliff bay.

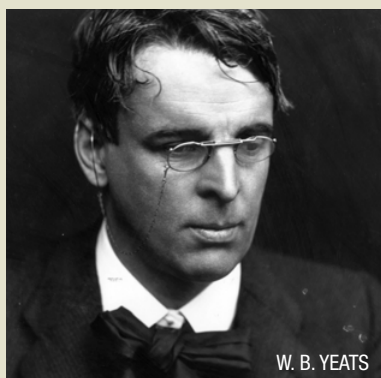
The privately restored property is famous as the childhood home of **Constance Markievicz** (née Gore-Booth), her sister Eva Gore-Booth and their siblings.

It was also the sometime holiday retreat of the world-renowned Irish poet, dramatist, writer, and one of the foremost figures of 20th-century literature, **William Butler Yeats**. He immortalised Lissadell and the Gore-

Booth sisters in his poetry.

Constance was one of the leaders of the 1916 Rising, and was the first woman to be elected to Dáil Éireann, where she served as Minister for Labour (thus becoming the first woman minister in a

modern Western European democracy), and was also the first woman to be elected to the House of Commons at Westminster, London (where she declined to take her seat).



W. B. YEATS



CONSTANCE MARKIEVICZ



DUNVEGAN CASTLE



DJUPIVOGUR EGG SCULPTURES



GLENCOLMCILLE FOLK VILLAGE



# TOUR INFORMATION

## TOUR PRICE

**TWIN SHARE \$24,980\*** per person ex Tasmania (based on a Vista Suite aboard *Silver Cloud*)

**SINGLE \$32,980\*** per person ex Tasmania (very limited availability to a maximum of three at this price in a Vista Suite – other room types on application)

## OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

### STOPOVER ON OUR RETURN

Why not break your return journey just to relax. Includes 2 nights accommodation, full breakfast daily and return airport transfers.

Twin share \$890\* per person or Single \$1590\* per person.

### UPGRADE ON SHIP

\$1,480\* per person twin share to a Classic Veranda Suite.

\$2,870\* per person twin share to a Deluxe Veranda Suite.

**UPGRADE YOUR AIRFARE TO BUSINESS OR FIRST CLASS** available upon request.

## TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Economy class airfare ex Hobart including all fees, taxes and levies
- Meals as specified
- Entrance fees to all specified attractions
- All excursions as stated in the itinerary
- Local tour escort (subject to minimum numbers)
- Expert tour guides
- All gratuities for services provided as stated in the itinerary
- Complimentary lifetime membership of The Compass Society®™

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- Guided Zodiac, land and sea tours, and shoreside activities led by the Expeditions Team
- Enrichment lectures by a highly qualified Expeditions Team
- Butler service in every suite
- Unlimited Free Wifi
- Choice of restaurants, diverse cuisine, open-seating dining
- Beverages in-suite and throughout the ship, including champagne, select wines and spirits
- In-suite dining and room service

- Onboard entertainment
- Onboard gratuities

## TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Meals other than mentioned
- Local airport departure taxes (if applicable)
- Laundry, telephone calls, beverages not specified, and other expenditure of a personal nature
- Any services other than mentioned
- Travel Insurance
- Gratuities other than specified
- Travel visa and passport costs (if applicable)

While this pricing is current as of July 2022, fluctuating fuel surcharges, currency exchange rates and taxes may result in an increased cost.

# BOOKINGS

Your Tour Escort: **Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove** at Andrew Jones Travel in Hobart  
Phone: (03) 6215 8799 or email: [cathi@ajtravel.com.au](mailto:cathi@ajtravel.com.au)

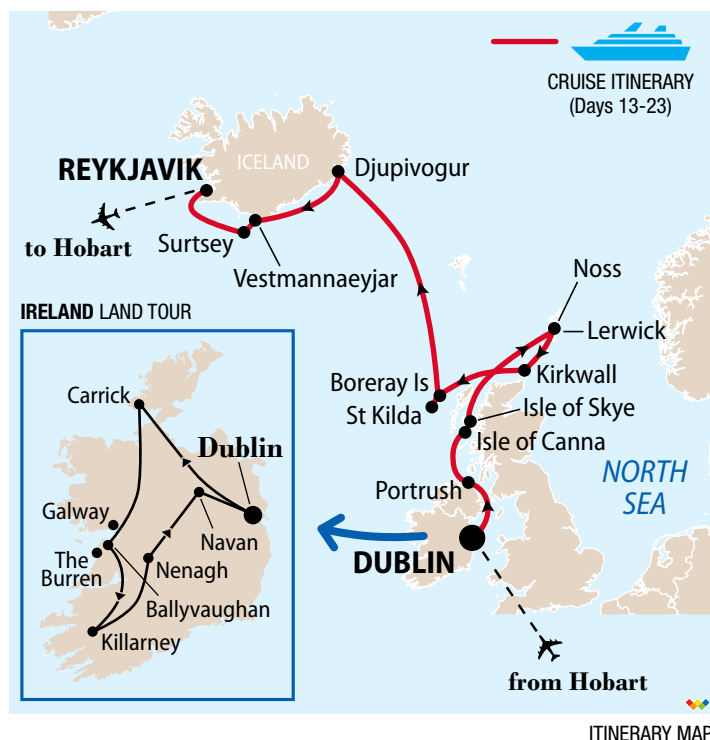
**For bookings, contact Cathi or your favourite consultant at Andrew Jones Travel in Hobart or Launceston:**

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# YOUR TOUR ESCORT Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove

Hobart-based Cathi is one of Australia's most experienced and widely awarded travel agents.

Cathi is known throughout the travel industry nationally, having a distinguished career stretching back to 1984.

Her personal success has in turn extended to Cathi's loyal client base through her well-established ability to foresee travel trends.

A shining example was her work as a pioneer of Canada and Alaska as viable tourist destinations for Australians.

Cathi's list of achievements extends far beyond that.

- She was the first Australian agent to become an International Masters Cruise Consultant.
- The first to create unique, premium, small group touring.
- Assisted in river cruising television productions to introduce Australians to this luxury travel form.

While this is a brief rundown on Cathi, her escorted tours are about you.

Her drive for perfection is legendary. Likewise is her desire for all of her

clients to be blissfully overwhelmed on their return.

Even with recent global travel challenges, Cathi has been inventive and continued to design and escort tours.

And that is not forgetting tailoring trips when back in her Hobart office for clients around Australia who want to make their own way in the world.

However, Cathi is never too busy not to welcome another chance to explore our magnificent world with existing and new clients.

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"Another wonderful trip. **You have a unique ability to find the most interesting places to visit.**"

"**You have thought of everything.**"

"**An amazing adventure full of surprises.**"

"**A holiday that avoided the obvious and revealed the hidden and enchanting.**"

"**Second time around an even better experience.**"

"**Once again you have done it again!**"

"Thank you for going **above & beyond.**"

"**Amazing and unforgettable.**"

"**Long to be remembered.**"

"**Thank you, travel goddess!**"

"**Such good company.**"

"**So many memorable moments.**"

"**Superb organising skills.**"

"Dear Cathi, you're our charismatic leader & creative designer of travel adventures which challenge us, always interest us and test all our senses.

**You connect us, giving us extraordinary experiences which remain as special friendships & unique memories."**



ABOVE: Our "Pursuit of the Northern Lights" group tour members in February 2019.



ABOVE: Exploring Chefchaouen known as the Blue City of Morocco.



RIGHT: Camel trek in the Sahara Desert



ABOVE: Breaking bread from the Communal Oven



RIGHT: Captivating Bordeaux

# BENEFITS OF AN ESCORTED GROUP

Being part of our premium, escorted group means you leave home with an experienced, personal tour escort. Not only this but you will be with someone who understands the travel industry, as Cathi has worked in retail travel for more than 35 years. You will travel with a local group of like-minded people (who you meet before we go, at our pre-tour get together(s) who are great company and

understandably excited about the adventure ahead. Along the way you will meet new friends and enjoy the peace of mind of travelling in an organised group.

Best of all, you will want to come back for more! Your holiday memories will last a lifetime and you will benefit from Cathi's expertise in crafting a unique experience that avoids the obvious and goes "above and beyond".

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"Sincere thanks Cathi for a great trip. Many great experiences and an impressive itinerary to say the least!" – Sally

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**TOUR PAYMENTS** A non-refundable deposit of \$3,500 is due within 7 days of booking. An interim payment of \$5,000 is due by Thursday 15 December 2022. The full payment is due not later than Thursday 2 February 2023.

In the event of cancellation, all monies are non-refundable. Should the tour be cancelled for any reason associated to Covid-19 it is important to note that the operators involved will not generally offer refunds. Andrew Jones Travel is committed to securing credits for future travel and therefore the tour will be postponed to a future date. Travel Insurance is strongly recommended. Travel Insurance will cover some Covid-19 related scenarios – please request a copy of the Product Disclosure Statement provided by the insurer of your choice from your consultant.

**CANCELLATIONS** Tour payments are strictly non-refundable. Cancellation fees may also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the tour. Notice of all cancellations must be made in writing to Andrew Jones Travel on or before final payment due date. **Loss of payment.** After final payment due date: 100% of total price. Cancellation fees also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the vacation.

Andrew Jones Travel Pty. Ltd. and the carriers, accommodations, and other suppliers providing tour services shall all be known as the 'Operators' and reserve the right to cancel or re-schedule any vacation departure. If cancellation is made prior to departure of the tour, the only responsibility of the Operators will be to refund to the passenger the amount we have received for the reservation. We will try to re-book the same vacation with a different departure date, or a similar tour. Where the Operators have confirmed flights, we will try to confirm air seats for the selected new dates, subject to availability. The Operators cannot assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements.

**REVISION FEES** A fee of \$150 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a reservation, plus any additional costs from Operators. Airline penalties may also apply. A change to traveller name, vacation date or tour itinerary at any time will be treated as a cancellation and new reservation; standard cancellation fees apply.

**PARTICIPATION** For the benefit of everyone on your holiday, the Operators reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a holiday participant, and to remove from the tour any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other participants.

**TRAVEL FITNESS** All tour participants must be able to walk a minimum of 2km over uneven ground, handle their own luggage including carrying up and down flights of stairs if necessary, and be in a position to board and alight transportation without assistance. If guests are unable to fulfill these requirements individually, an accompanying travelling companion must accompany travellers to provide direct assistance with these requirements throughout the trip.

**TRAVELLERS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE** You must report any disability requiring special attention to Andrew Jones Travel at the time the reservation is made. The Operators will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so, nor is it responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Most transportation services, including the touring motor coach, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance, and must assume total responsibility for the handicapped participant's well-being. Motorised scooters are unsuitable for touring vacations in this brochure.

**SMOKING** Smoking is not allowed on transportation or accommodations.

**PRICE GUARANTEE** Air tickets booked via Andrew Jones Travel are guaranteed when we receive full payment. This does not include any Government/airport tax increases and currency fluctuations. Vacation prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a room. Single room supplements are listed where applicable.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** The accommodations listed in this brochure are intended to be used on this departure; however, if a change becomes necessary for any reason, the accommodations substituted will be equivalent in standard to those shown. Every effort is made to reserve your preferred room request. It may occasionally happen that an accommodation provides some double-bedded or twin-bedded rooms, as room configuration is at the discretion of individual hotels. Please note that accommodation check-in times vary worldwide. Paying for a single supplement ensures own room, not necessarily a twin bedded room.

Accommodation throughout this tour will be variable in style and standards, however we have secured the best options available in the areas we will visit.

The Tour Escort's decision is final, and check-in to all hotels will be the responsibility of your Tour Escort.

**BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE** Portage for one suitcase on vacation is included in the tour price. Airport portage at beginning and end of the vacation is not included. Due to limited coach capacity, this single bag should have dimensions not exceeding 76x53x28cm (30x21x11"). We regret we are unable to accept a second suitcase, or any luggage exceeding these limits. Please talk to your agent for baggage weight restrictions. We recommend you consult your air carrier as size and weight limitations vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. The Operators are not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers. Regulations within most airports require that travellers handle their own luggage through customs.

Your carry-on bag should not exceed the dimensions of 30x28x14cm (12x11x6"). For safety reasons wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable as hand luggage on motor coaches and mini-buses.

No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the tour participant's belongings. Baggage insurance is recommended.

**DINING** A restaurant or date of a dinner may be substituted at any time due to reasons beyond the Operators' control.

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE** Drinks with meals other than breakfast; National Park Passes; All items of a personal nature.

This tour is not guided by a Tour Director. We will meet with local guides wherever possible.

**HOLIDAYS AND RESTRICTIONS** During local or national holidays, or due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, certain itinerary features and facilities such as museums and restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible.

**SAFETY** Please be aware that during your participation in vacations operated by the Operators, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including, but not limited to, the hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. The Operators will not have liability regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that the Operators will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

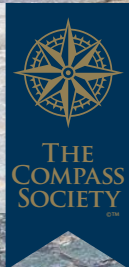
**TRAVEL INSURANCE** is compulsory and passengers must take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including, but not limited to cancellation fees, loss of luggage, early return following death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms). The Operators will not be held liable for any act of government, terrorism, revolution or other act. The Operators reserve the right to cancel the tour at any stage due to an act of government or terrorism.

**PASSPORTS AND VISAS** All passengers must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from return date. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure any applicable visas for all countries visited have been obtained prior to departure. Failure to obtain correct documentation will mean the passenger will be unable to participate in particular shore excursions and may be denied boarding and/or entry into certain countries. Meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and costs is the sole responsibility of passengers.

\* Conditions apply. Price is per person, twin share or as stated. Price is correct at time of publication (July 2022) but may fluctuate due to changes in taxes, charges, airfare, surcharges and currency. Price is land only ex Hobart and does not include airfares except as shown. Price does not include taxes imposed directly by third parties. Tour is subject to availability and terms and conditions as listed. Minimum tour numbers apply, see booking conditions for more details. A service fee and credit card surcharge will apply. Images used throughout this brochure are representative of the destinations only, and may not depict your precise tour itinerary. Base map artwork: vemaps.com.



Reykjavik, Iceland



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