

Dance On The Water
Ireland and Iceland
August 4-18, 2024

Day 1 – Arrival in Dublin, Ireland Sunday, August 4 – Arrive in Dublin airport, with a shuttle to the ship (if you have booked your flight with Going Places – see the “Flights” tab). You can embark as early as 1:00 p.m. We set sail at 5:00 p.m. Tonight, and every night on the ship, we have a room reserved for dancing!

Day 2 – Waterford, Ireland Monday, August 5 – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner every day on the ship. Your choice of excursion. Currency: Euros



Day 3 – Bristol, UK Tuesday, August 6 – Your choice of excursion. Currency: British pound sterling.

Day 4 – Cork (Ringaskiddy), Ireland Wednesday, August 7 – Your choice of excursion. Currency: Euros.



Day 5 – Bantry, Ireland Thursday, August 8 – Your choice of excursion. Currency: Euros.

Day 6 – Galway, Ireland Friday, August 9 – Your choice of excursion. Currency: Euros.



Day 7 – Killybegs, Ireland Saturday, August 10 – Your choice of excursion. Currency: Euros.

Day 8 – Belfast, North Ireland Sunday, August 11 – Your choice of excursion. Currency: British pound sterling.



Day 9 – Douglas, Isle of Man Monday, August 12 – Your choice of excursion. Currency: British pound sterling.

Day 10 – Liverpool, UK Monday, August 13 – Your choice of excursion. Currency: British pound sterling.



Day 11 – Fly from Dublin to Reykjavik Tuesday, August 14

We disembark as early as 8:00 a.m. after breakfast onboard the Nautica. A transport to the airport will be available if you have booked your flight through Going Places – please see the “Flights” tab.



After arriving into Keflavik Airport, you will make the 45-minute journey to Reykjavik with your pre-paid guide. Along the way you will see the otherworldly moss-covered lava fields and peeks of the ocean.

Reykjavik is the capital city of Iceland, the world's northernmost capital. Nearly two-thirds of the country's population lives in the capital area. Granted, that's only around 123,000 people, but what it lacks in terms of the populace, it makes up for in culture and excitement. You will have some time to explore Reykjavik on your own. The króna or krona is the currency of Iceland. Iceland is the second-smallest country by population, after the Seychelles, to have its own currency and monetary policy.

Lunch and dinner on your own. Your accommodation for the night will be Reykjavik Lights Hotel or similar.

Day 12 - Golden Circle Wednesday, August 15



After breakfast, you will make your way to Thingvellir National Park (Þingvellir) which is one of the best geological wonders in Iceland. Þingvellir means assembly fields and in the year 930 AD, Iceland's historic democratic parliament – one of the first in the world – was founded

there. Most Icelandic people regard Þingvellir as a sacred place, a place of great beauty and an incredible stepping stone in their history.

After lunch (cost not included), you make your way to the last stops of the day. Gullfoss is one of the most stunning sights in Iceland and is listed as one of the top 10 waterfalls in the world by the World of Waterfalls. Lastly you will continue on to Geysir, one of Iceland's signature attractions. Geysir is known as one of four places on earth to regularly erupt up to 25 meters high! It was the first geothermal erupting area described in a printed source and the first known to modern Europeans.

Dinner on your own. Your accommodation for the night will be Fosshotel Nupar or similar.

Day 13 - Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and Ice Cave Thursday, August 16





After breakfast, this day starts with the incredible Katla Ice cave tour. You will ride from Vik in a Super Jeep, taking you on a stunning adventure. Mýrdalsjökull glacier is one of the best-known in Iceland, from which the alluring Kötlujökull glacier originates. Kötlujökull is named after the robust Icelandic Volcano Katla, covered by the glacier. The enormous mass of ice has been slowly crawling down from the volcano mountain, creating some of Iceland's most impressive natural ice caves. On this exhilarating Super Jeep tour, you will get to explore the wonders of this stunning natural phenomenon. You will see why as soon as you step in!

After this epic tour we continue eastward to Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and nearby Diamond Beach. Many of these natural ice sculptures are washed onto the beach and broken into a million pieces that then decorate the black sand like sparkling diamonds. This is how the site earned the name of "Diamond Beach." Don't forget to look out for the floating icebergs, cut off from the glacier tongue, on the shore of Diamond Beach.

On the way back to the hotel you will visit Skaftafell Nature Reserve which is a green area in the middle of jagged mountains and snow-capped peaks.

Lunch and dinner on your own. Your accommodation for the night will be Fosshotel Nupar or similar.

Day 14 - South Coast Friday, August 17



After breakfast, as we begin our journey back to Reykjavik, the first stop is Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon, a stunning and magical canyon close to Kirkjubæjarklaustur in southeast Iceland.

We then make our way to Vík, where we stop at Reynisfjara black sand beach. Reynisfjara black sand beach is the most famous beach on the south coast of Iceland. Its beautiful black sand, powerful waves, and the nearby Reynisdrangar sea stacks make Reynisfjara a truly unique place to visit and a popular filming location (*Game of Thrones*, *Star Wars* and more). This is a place of wild and dramatic beauty where the roaring waves of the Atlantic Ocean power ashore with tremendous force. Take care as the ocean is very dangerous in this area.

There are more waterfalls to see! Skógafoss is one of the largest and most elegant waterfalls in Iceland. A waterfall of this size generates a lot of spray, often creating a single or double rainbow on sunny days. Lastly, we stop at Seljalandsfoss. When visiting you should be prepared to get a little wet because Seljalandsfoss is one of few places in the world where it's possible to walk behind a waterfall.

You will end the day back in Reykjavik. Lunch and dinner on your own.

Your accommodation for the night will be Reykjavik Lights Hotel or similar.

Day 15 – Departure Saturday, August 18

On your final day, your prepaid guide will take you back to Keflavik for your flight home.