



LOWE

CULTURAL TOUR OF ICELAND

(JUNE 2 – 8, 2019)

Join us for an immersive “white glove” exploration of the art, history, and culture of this magical island. Highlights include intimate conversations with notable museum directors and behind-the-scenes tours of their institutions; private gallery and collection visits; VIP access to historic landmarks and key cultural sites; and delectable samplings of the local cuisine. This six-day, five-night tour features an optional “add-on” afternoon of related activities in Manhattan on the day of departure for those who are interested and able to join us for a fun and tasty introduction to the trip.

Please note: this itinerary is still in development and remains subject to change.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 – NEW YORK CITY

OPTION 1: **AN ICELANDIC AFTERNOON IN NYC** (Not included in per person price)

Independent arrivals to NYC by noon. All guests participating in this option must be on the same flight departing NYC for Reykjavik this evening. Flight details will be provided upon registration.

LUNCH

Smörgås Chef

Enjoy a fresh and unique menu based on the principles of “New Nordic Cuisine,” which is committed to using local, sustainable, and all-natural ingredients, at Scandinavia House.

AFTERNOON

Scandinavia House: The Nordic Center in America

View exhibition and meet with curator to learn about Icelandic art. The leading center for Nordic culture in the US, Scandinavia House offers a wide range of programming relating to the cultures of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

EVENING

Non-stop, overnight flight to Reykjavik

All guests must be on the same flight departing NYC for Reykjavik. Flight details will be provided upon registration.

OPTION 2: **INDEPENDENT ARRIVALS TO REYKJAVIK**

Independent arrivals in Reykjavik. Individual airport transfers are included in the trip price; our tour operator, Marella Consolini, will schedule your transfers for arrival and departure after receipt of your flight details.



MONDAY, JUNE 3 – REYKJAVIK

7.00 AM

Arrivals

Five star accommodations TBA.

INDEPENDENT LUNCH

2.30 PM

Bus Tour of Reykjavik

Take in the sights while learning about Reykjavik's rich history.

4.00 PM

The Settlement Exhibition

Just below ground in downtown Reykjavík, this open excavation uncovers the city's Viking Age history. Discovered during building work, then carefully excavated, these remnants of the past are the earliest evidence of human settlement in the city. | Learn more:

<http://borgarsogusafn.is/en/the-settlement-exhibition>

5.30 PM

The National Gallery of Iceland

Enjoy a tour of the National Gallery of Iceland, led by NGI Director, Harpa Þórsdóttir. Considered Iceland's leading art museum, the Gallery's collection focuses on 19th- and 20th-century works, and aims to celebrate Icelandic, as well as internationally renowned, artists. | Learn more:

<http://www listasafn.is/english/collections/>

7.00 PM

Welcome Dinner

Harpa Þórsdóttir, Director of the National Gallery of Iceland, will join us for a delicious meal at a leading restaurant.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 – REYKJAVIK

MORNING

Reykjavik Art Museum, Hafnarhús

Housed in three distinct buildings, the Reykjavik Art Museum features work by leading Modern and Contemporary artists (both Icelandic and international), as well as local, emerging, and mid-career artists. Hafnarhús, located in the oldest part of Reykjavik in an old harbor warehouse, offers a progressive, contemporary program. | Learn more: <http://artmuseum.is/visit>

Visit to i8 Gallery

i8 Gallery is one of Iceland's top contemporary art venues, representing artists like Ólafur Eliasson, Ernesto Neto, and Lawrence Weiner. After a welcoming introduction from i8 Gallery's director, enjoy exploring the space, as well as other nearby galleries and shops, at your leisure. | Learn more: <https://i8.is/>

Þúfa

Visit this outdoor, site-specific artwork by contemporary, Icelandic artist Ólöf Nordal. Follow a spiraling pathway to the top of the mound-like artwork for amazing views of Harpa, the surrounding mountains and Faxaflói Bay. | Learn more: <https://visitreykjavik.is/thufa>

Marshall House

Located in Grandi, the up-and-coming cultural district, the Marshall House is an industrial space that was transformed into a cultural center in 2017. Today, it is home to three institutions: The Living Art Museum, Gallery Kling & Bang, and Studio Ólafur Eliasson. | Learn more: <https://visitreykjavik.is/marshall-house>

LUNCH

Marshall Restaurant + Bar



Savor Italian inspired cuisine made with fresh Icelandic produce.

AFTERNOON

Perlan Museum

The Perlan Museum is dedicated to exploring the natural wonders of Iceland through interactive and technology-based exhibitions. Most notably, the Perlan's observation deck provides guests with a breathtaking, 360 degree view of Reykjavik. | Learn more: <https://perlan.is/>

Hafnarborg Center of Culture & Fine Art

The Hafnarborg has two major exhibition galleries and is known for its collection of contemporary, as well as 20th-century Icelandic art. We will be greeted by the director before exploring. | Learn more: <http://hafnarborg.is/en/>

Gerðarsafn Art Museum

Gerðarsafn is a progressive art museum that specialises in Modern and Contemporary art. The museum was founded in memory of Gerður Helgadóttir, a pioneer of modern sculpture in Iceland. | Learn more: <https://gerdarsafn.kopavogur.is/>

Museum of Design & Applied Art

The Museum of Design & Applied Art has been collecting and preserving Icelandic design while exhibiting objects that span from the beginning of the 20th century through today. | Learn more: www.honnunarsafn.is/en

DINNER

TBD

7.30 PM

Harpa Concert Hall

Designed in cooperation with artist Ólafur Eliasson, the Harpa Concert Hall is considered one of Reykjavik's most distinguished landmarks. Enjoy a performance of *Icelandic Sagas: The Greatest Hits*, a 75-minute comedy, and discover why the building is renowned for its acoustics.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 – REYKJAVIK

MORNING

Videy Island



A short boat ride beyond the city shore will take us to another world: historical ruins, contemporary art (by Yoko Ono and Richard Serra, for example), and stunning views. This will be a half-day trip and will require a moderate amount of walking.

LUNCH

TBD

AFTERNOON

Árbær Open Air Museum

Reykjavik's historical "living" museum is comprised of more than 20 buildings, each their own "exhibition," forming a town square, a village and a farm. | Learn more: <http://borgarsogusafn.is/en/arbaer-open-air-museum>

Reykjavik Art Museum, Kjarvalsstaðir

One of the 3 RAM buildings, and a fine example of Nordic modernism itself, Kjarvalsstaðir houses the work of one of Iceland's most influential and recognized artists, Jóhannes S. Kjarval (1885-1972).

Reykjavik Art Museum, Asmundarsafn

The last of the three RAM buildings, Asmundarsafn is a white, domed structure, originally home to the studio of Icelandic sculptor, Ásmundur Sveinsson (1893-1982). The building is surrounded by a sculpture garden and houses a stand-alone art experience.

DINNER

TBD

THURSDAY, JUNE 6 – REYKJAVIK

8.30 AM

Departing Reykjavik

MORNING

The Golden Circle

You can't visit Iceland without seeing some of the incredibly rich nature the country has to offer! Looping from Reykjavik to the southern uplands and back, this day-trip will take us to three primary stops: the Þingvellir National Park, the Gullfoss waterfall, and the geothermal area in Haukadalur, which contains the geysers Geysir and Strokkur. Though Geysir has been dormant for many years, Strokkur continues to erupt every 5–10 minutes.

AFTERNOON

The Blue Lagoon

Walk through a path carved in the lava plain to see the incredibly distinct blue-green colored lagoon, the result of a natural mix of sea and fresh water, minerals, silica, and algae. A “can’t miss” experience!

INDEPENDENT DINNER

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 – REYKJAVIK

MORNING

Ingólfur Arnarsson Studio Visit

If you joined the Lowe’s Marfa Cultural Tour in 2016, you might remember an installation of delicate drawings by Ingólfur Arnarsson permanently installed at the Chinati Foundation.

Iceland Phallological Museum

Housing the world’s largest display of phallic specimens (280) from 93 species of animals, the Phallological Museum is the only museum in the world dedicated to documenting and organizing penises and penile parts. | Learn more: <https://phallus.is/en/>

INDEPENDENT LUNCH

AFTERNOON

Old Town



Enjoy free time to explore historic Old Town. A list of design, craft, clothing, shoe, and jewelry stores will be provided.

DINNER

Farewell Dinner

TBD

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 – REYKJAVIK

Independent departures.



COST AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

PER PERSON PRICE, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$3,758 Land Arrangements + \$1,152 hotel + \$400 tax-deductible donation to the Lowe suggested

TOTAL: \$5,310 PER PERSON

PER PERSON PRICE, BASED ON SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\$3,758 Land Arrangements + \$2,337 hotel + \$400 tax-deductible donation to the Lowe suggested

TOTAL: \$6,495 PER PERSON

INCLUDED:

Hotel for 5 nights

Breakfast

WiFi

Airport transfers in Reykjavik, on arrival and departure

3 lunches (2 independent lunches, June 3 and June 7)

4 dinners (wine included; 1 independent dinner, June 6)

Ground transportation throughout the trip

Museum admissions, tours and guides

Taxes and gratuities

NOT INCLUDED:

International flights

Room incidentals

Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

Alcohol at lunches

To register, contact Emily Valdes, emily.valdes@miami.edu or (305) 284-6981.