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**A VIP TOUR:**

**ICELAND: Games of Ice and Fire**

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| <b>Tour Code</b>                        | EICL1007-VIP                         |
| <b>Tour Start Date</b>                  | July 11, 2011                        |
| <b>Tour End Date</b>                    | July 21, 2011                        |
| <b>Price Land Only</b>                  | €3840                                |
| <b>Price with flights from Tel Aviv</b> | €4190                                |
| <b>Single Supplement</b>                | €480                                 |
| <b>Pre/Post Hotel Night</b>             | \$130 twin share<br>\$110 per single |



Iceland is an island country of glaciers, hot springs, geysers, active volcanoes and snow-capped peaks. Even though its name is associated with cold, it's becoming one of the hottest destinations in Europe. Its popularity stems from its magnificent natural locations, including glaciers and thermal springs, geysers (including the site "Geysir" from this term is drawn) and volcanoes, snow-capped mountain peaks and expansive lava fields. But this country is also known for its remarkable history and attractive literature, valued traditions and appealing folklore. This is a special opportunity to tour one of the most unusual and exhilarating countries in the world.

**Itinerary:**

**Day 1, Monday** Home Gateway – Reykjavik

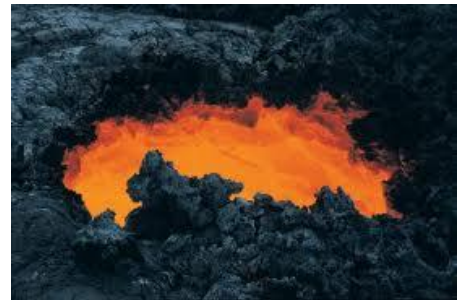
Arrival to Keflavik International Airport near Reykjavik in Iceland. Upon arrival we'll take a panoramic drive to Reykjavik for an initial impression of the city, and continue to our hotel for dinner and rest.

**Day 2, Tuesday                    Reykjavik – Þingvellir – Gulfoss – Geysir**

The first item on today's agenda is a visit to Reykjavik City Hall. From there we'll set out to Þingvellir National Park, where the Althing, Iceland's first parliament was founded in the 10th century. We'll continue to Gulfoss Falls and the famous location Geysir, from where the name for all similar thermal spring phenomena drawn their name. We'll return to Reykjavik for dinner and to spend the night.

**Day 3, Wednesday            Reykjavik – Akureyri – Myvatn Lake**

This morning we'll transfer to Reykjavik's domestic airport from where we'll fly northwards to Akureyri, capital of northern Iceland. From there we'll travel by bus to Myvatn Lake where we'll spend the day exploring the area around the lake. We'll visit a geothermal power plant, the mouth of an 18th century volcano – the Cauldron of Krafla – on the way to Myvatn Lake, which is located in the most active thermo-volcanic area in Iceland. Thousands of ducks nest around the lake, where we'll find young lava fields and thermal springs aplenty. In the summer the lake is covered with ducks. Overnight in the area.



**Day 4, Thursday                Lake Myvatn – Mount Askja - Lake Myvatn**

Today we'll explore one of Iceland's most interesting sites, the stratovolcano of Askja. We'll tour the high plains of the Icelandic desert, a basalt-strewn land with many wide rivers until we arrive to the huge mountain that collapsed after the volcano erupted. This will be a very long – but very worthwhile – day. Overnight in the area.

**Day 5, Friday                    Detifoss – Husavik**

In the morning we'll travel via Echo Rock Reserve to Detifoss, the largest waterfall in Europe. From there we'll continue to the mighty Jokulska River that runs from the Vatnajokull Glacier and through the Jokulska nature reserve; then on to the horseshoe shaped Asbyrgi Canyon. According to local legend, the horse of one of Iceland's mythical heroes dropped his horseshoe there. We'll continue through the Tjornes peninsula to the fishing town of Husavik, where we'll prepare for Shabbat, Shabbat services and dinner.



**Day 6, Shabbat                Husavik**

After Shabbat services and lunch we'll take a walking tour of the area, including a visit to the Whale Museum and the Museum of Nature & Folklore.

**Day 7, Sunday                      Husavik, via the fjords to southern Iceland**

Today we'll head out to the eastern fjords of Iceland. Our day's journey along the many fjords will take us first to the city of Egilsstaðir. After lunch we'll continue southward towards to the town of Hof on Iceland's southern coast. Overnight in Hof.

**Day 8, Monday                      Hof – Vatnajökull Glacier - Skaftafell**

In the morning we'll drive along a beautiful glacial lagoon where ice floes that broke off the gigantic Vatnajökull Glacier float in the water. From there we'll take a snowmobile ride on the largest glacier in Europe. We'll continue our journey along the eastern glacial fjords. As we travel along the coast we'll see seagulls and walrus in one of the attractive coastlines in Iceland. Our final destination for the day is Skaftafell – an “Open School” to study the history of the volcanic and glacial vistas, located on the east side of a black sand desert. Skaftafell National Park is an oasis wedged between sand and glacier. Its unique natural beauty is a result of favorable weather conditions and the interplay of fire and ice. We'll spend the night at a hotel or lodge in the area.

**Day 9, Tuesday Skaftafell – Glaumbaer – Reykholt**

Today we travel westwards toward the picturesque fishing village of Vik. On the way, we'll stop at the museum and waterfall at Skogar, stopover at the cliffs of Dyrhólaey where – if we're very lucky, we'll get to see Puffin birds nesting in the rock face along the coast. We'll continue to Skógafoss waterfall. Overnight in the area.

**Day 10, Wednesday              Landmannalaugar – Reykjavik**

We'll travel today by jeep to Landmannalaugar nature reserve – the colorful land of thermal springs. It's a beautiful drive, with breathtaking volcanic views. We'll then make our way back to Reykjavik where we'll spend the night. If there's time we'll take a walking tour through the city.

**Day 11, Thursday                Reykjavik – Home Gateway**

Our last day in Iceland. After breakfast we'll make our way to the airport for our flight home. It's been a fascinating journey to a most unusual land. Welcome home.

**Price Includes:**

- ➔ First class hotels or the best available. Please note: This is a rugged tour and some overnights will be at lodges or guest farms in the Icelandic outback.
- ➔ A comfortable travel coach
- ➔ 4X4 vehicles for traveling
- ➔ Kosher half board + supplies for making sandwiches for lunch
- ➔ Professional experienced Eddie's Travel guide & Local Guide as required
- ➔ Entrance to all sites mentioned in the tour plan,
- ➔ Domestic flight, snowmobile and whale-watching during the tour

**Price Excludes:**

- Travel and baggage Insurance,
- Shows that are not included in the tour plan,
- Tips for local service providers: €120,
- Changes in air fares due to increases in fuel - airport tax and security tax surcharges,
- Travel Insurance,
- Personal expenses,
- Tip for Israeli guide (Recommended: €3 per person per day)

**Important to Know:**

- There may be changes to the order of places visited. We will make every effort to visit every place mentioned in the itinerary.
- The tour organizers have no control over airline services such as seating, special meal requests, changes in departure times or delays. These remain the sole responsibility of the airline company.

**Kashrut on Tours**

Kosher food is provided to our travelers on all our tours. We work with the local Rabbinat to provide Hashgacha for all local ingredients and fresh meat and poultry. In some cases, we fly in kosher food from Israel and other sources, depending on the destination of the tour. We do not guarantee Pat Israel and Chalav Israel for all destinations.

In many destinations we have our own crockery and cutlery. Where we don't, we provide disposables at the meals. When we cook in Hotel kitchens, we ensure proper Kashering and we use our own kitchenware on kashered and covered surfaces. All this is done under the strict supervision of our trained staff/guides who function as our Mashgichim.

Our travelers enjoy gourmet meals prepared by our team including fresh local fish, fruit, and vegetables. This is an integral part of Jewish travel. We make great efforts to assure that our travelers will experience local foods first-hand, while maintaining stringent observance of Kashrut laws on all occasions.

**Rabbi Menahem Fogel**

A native of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Menahem Fogel served as a pulpit rabbi in South Africa and Canada before returning to Israel in 1984 to take up the position of spokesman of Yad Vashem, in Jerusalem, a position he held for six years.

Since that time he has held senior positions in both the public and private sectors developing interactive computer systems for museums around the world. He also lived and worked in the USA, Netherlands, Austria, UK and India. A lifelong yearning for travel led to his becoming a Tour Manager in 2000 and developed expertise tourism to Japan & China, Alaska, Canadian Rockies and Africa. Recently he took on the added role of Rav Hamachshir

for The Kosher Travel Club to ensure the highest standards of Kashrut are implemented on all our Kosher Tours.

For any questions about Kashrut please feel free to email [menahemf@netvision.net.il](mailto:menahemf@netvision.net.il)

#### **Deposit, Cancellation Fees & Policy:**

A \$500 USD Deposit per person must be received at the time of booking in order to confirm your reservation. Payment in full is due 90 days before departure. A minimum number of participants are required to operate tour dates. If a minimum number has not been reached prior to tour departure and the tour is cancelled you will receive a FULL refund.

- 90 days before departure bookings are refundable less a \$100 administration fee
- 60-90 days prior to departure: \$500 + \$100 per passenger
- 30-60 days prior to departure: \$1,000 + \$100 per passenger
- Less than 30 working days prior to departure: 100% of total - no refund
- We strongly recommend purchasing Travel Insurance.

#### **Flights**

If you are joining us for the Land Tour package only (from outside Israel) you can get an obligation free quote for your flights from [Shelley@eddiestravel.com](mailto:Shelley@eddiestravel.com)

#### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance encompassing both cancellation and medical insurance is very important and we cannot stress that enough. We strongly recommend that our clients are adequately insured when travelling. It is crucial to purchase the travel insurance within 14 days from the 1st payment that you make for this trip (flights/cruise/tour etc). Your payment is made directly to the insurance company. We highly recommend the 'cancel for any reason' upgrade option. Our preferred policies are Travel Safe (USA & Canadian residents), Travel Select (USA residents) and Global Trip Protection Elite (All other Nationalities).

For an obligation free quote and further details email Yonah [insurance@eddiestravel.com](mailto:insurance@eddiestravel.com)

#### **Bookings**

**To reserve your space on this tour, please complete the booking form below and return it to us by fax as soon as possible.**