East Lyme Senior Center & Lymes' Senior Center presents...

Iceland's Magical Northern Lights

March 2 – 8, 2020



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7 Days • 10 Meals: 5 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

Per Person Rates*:

Double \$3,699

Single \$4,449; Triple \$3,669

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from New York, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers, Group transportation from East Lyme center to and from NYC airport **Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$315 per person

Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Business Class \$2,990 † Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

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Collette's Flagship: Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.







Collette Experiences

- Explore Skogar Folk Museum, covering all aspects of Icelandic life.
- Experience the energy at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur.
- Learn about the volcanic nature of the island of Iceland during a visit to the Lava Exhibition Center.

Must-See Inclusions

- Search for nature's dazzling display on a northern lights cruise.
- See Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs.
- Relax in the warm, mineral-rich water of the Blue Lagoon.

Culinary Inclusions

• Savor gourmet Icelandic cuisine at a popular local restaurant.

Highlights: Reykjavik, Northern Lights Cruise, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Geysir, Gullfoss, Vik, Seljalandsfoss, Skogar Folk Museum, Skógafoss, Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, Skaftafell National Park, Vatnajökull Glacier, Lava Exhibition Center, Blue Lagoon

Day 1: Monday, March 2, 2020 Overnight Flight You're on your way to Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Where steaming lava fields and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. In this land of many natural wonders, enjoy the rare opportunity to see the aurora borealis — one of nature's most dazzling light displays, also known as the northern lights.*

Day 2: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 Reykjavik, Iceland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital city. Get acquainted with old town Reykjavik on a walking tour featuring Hallgrimskirkja church, city hall, the harbor, and Reykjavik's oldest building, now home to the Kraum Icelandic design center. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers at a popular restaurant for dinner featuring Icelandic cuisine. Then, **take an exhilarating northern lights cruise.**** Leave behind the





bright city lights and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis – or northern lights – one of nature's wonders. When revealed, you'll be dazzled by the flickering light display of bursting color that unfolds before your eyes.* (D)

Day 3: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Vik Travel the incredible Golden Circle,

a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area, where Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established what is considered one of the world's first parliaments. Find vourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley. This UNESCO World Heritage site marks the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Experience the eruptive energy of the Icelandic landscape with a stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur. Then, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double

cascade. Continue southeast, stopping at the Lava Exhibition Center to learn about Iceland's historic eruptions and current lava flows that make the island a showcase of volcanism. **Later arrive in Vik**, the southernmost village in Iceland, surrounded by beautiful valleys, beaches, cliffs and mountains. After dinner amidst the peace and stillness of rural Iceland, search for the elusive northern lights.* (B, D)

Day 4: Thursday, March 5, 2020 Vik - Seljalandsfoss - Skogar Museum - Vik Journey to the mesmerizing Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and picturesque waterfalls with a walkway behind it. Visit Skogar Folk Museum with its turf-built homes and outstanding collection of artifacts covering all aspects of Icelandic life. Nearby, view the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Later, see Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations, cliffs scattered with caves, and rich bird life including the Fulmar, Black Guillemot, Razorbill, Gannet and various types of seagulls. See the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. After dinner, gaze at the



sky in search of the northern lights,* a truly spectacular sight. (B, D)

Day 5: Friday, March 6, 2020 Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon – Skaftafell National Park - Vik Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and perhaps see seals swimming in Arctic waters. Travel to Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park, the largest national park in Europe. Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains, an Alpine environment, and the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest. After dinner, continue searching for the shimmering northern lights dancing across the night sky.* (B, D)

Day 6: Saturday, March 7, 2020 Vik -Lava Exhibition Center - Blue Lagoon -Reykjavik Drive along the south shore towards the Reykjanes Peninsula. Known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, and numerous hot springs, the peninsula is home of the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavik for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Sunday, March 8, 2020 Reykjavik - Tour Ends Depart for home with many incredible memories. *(B)*

Itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight				
Day 2	Centerhotel Plaza,				
	Reykjavík				
Days 3 – 5	Hotel Katla by Kea, Vik				
Day 6	Centerhotel Plaza,				
	Reykjavík				
On some dates alternate hotels may be					
used.					

For important reservation information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/917265. You can also find this information on your tour documents.

Experience It! The Northern Lights

Each year, during the winter months, travelers journey to Iceland and venture out into the dark to see the magical but elusive Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis). This natural phenomenon is the product of collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun that enter the earth's atmosphere; the results are spectacular! Streaks of colorful light appear across the sky. The colors can vary from white to pink or purple and, most commonly, green. It is known that the best time to witness the lights in Iceland is from late September to mid-April, when the nights are the longest. This light show is truly dazzling and worth the pursuit.

Please Note:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements. IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by observance of religious or local holidays.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Coaches which may not be lavatory equipped may be used on this program. In this case, stops are made during travel periods.

*The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the Northern Lights are not guaranteed.

**The northern lights cruise is weather dependent and may be cancelled in the event of serious weather. Because the northern lights are a winter event, you will be walking and waiting outdoors while looking for them. It is recommended that you wear sturdy non-slip snow footwear and warm clothing including thermals, hat, scarf and gloves.

Included activities are subject to change due to inclement weather.

Icelandic breakfasts are continental; included dinners are of a simpler nature due to the remote locations of the restaurants.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces, should be expected.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation.

Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 10:00 a.m.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of August 27, 2019 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 02, 2020. Deposits are refundable up until September 03, 2019.

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† Full credit is valid for travel within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months and the entire credit expires after 24 months.



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