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Golden Circle Drive, Iceland

Day 1: FLY TO NORWAY

Depart the United States for an overnight flight to Europe and the charm of Norway & Iceland.

Included Meals: Light Dinner & Breakfast on Plane

Day 2: ARRIVE OSLO, NORWAY

Upon arrival in Oslo, we'll visit the Holmenkollen Ski Jump Museum, the oldest of its kind in the world, presenting over 4,000 years of skiing history and Norwegian polar exploration. The new modern Ski Jump is an Oslo landmark and the observation deck offers panoramic views of Oslo. Later we see the new Oslo Opera House, built to resemble a glacier. Its sloping carrara marble roof is a public pedestrian plaza, revealing different angles of the inner city and the picturesque Akerbrygge harbor. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure before a Welcome Dinner at the hotel this evening. Overnight in Oslo.

Included Meals: Welcome Dinner

Day 3: OSLO CITY TOUR

A Norwegian guide will escort us on a city tour of Oslo: At the Viking Ship Museum, an impressive collection of 1000-year-old ships and ornate sledges and carriages makes history come alive. In the near-by open-air Norsk Folkemuseum, 160 buildings from different regions in Norway provide a taste of the Norwegian way of life, past and present. The Gol Stave Church dating from 1200 is one of five medieval buildings at the museum. This afternoon we will see Munch's "Scream" and Norwegian landscape paintings at the Norwegian National Gallery. Stop in the impressive City Hall to view the murals in its grand Blue Hall, where the Nobel Peace Prizes are presented, then wander through Frogner Park to view Vigeland's huge col-

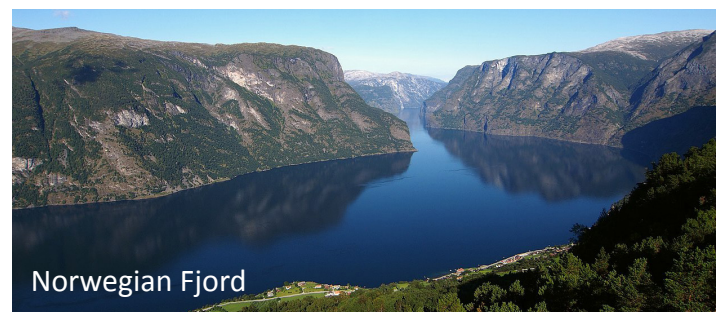
lection of sculptures portraying the human condition, inspired by Rodin and completed in 1949. Overnight in Oslo.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 4: NORWAY BY TRAIN

Starting from Oslo, you first set out on a westbound train journey through scenic mountain terrain on the Bergen Railway. Upon arrival in Myrdal, you disembark and change trains to the legendary Flåm Railway. The Flåm Railway offers spectacular panoramic views to some of the wildest and most magnificent nature in the Norwegian fjord landscape. Your journey continues from Flåm with a fjord cruise on the magnificent Aurlandsfjord and on the and dramatic and narrow Nærøyfjord. The Aurlandsfjord is a picturesque fjord that offers stunning views, while the Nærøyfjord is a dramatic fjord surrounded by high mountains. Nærøyfjorden is one of the narrowest fjords in Europe and included on UNESCO's World Heritage List. After your fjord cruise you arrive in the small village of Gudvangen, nestled in the innermost part of Nærøyfjorden. Overnight in Stalhaim.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Norwegian Fjord

Day 5: NORWAY FJORDS

Spend a full day free to enjoy the relaxing nature. There are plenty of activities to include such as kayaking, fjord safari's hiking etc. Overnight in Stalhaim.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6: BERGEN & SCENIC TRAINS

From here the journey continues with a coach trip through Nærøydalen, with its charming villages and scenic nature landscape. From May-September the bus travels down the steep hairpin bends of Stalheimskleiva. The coach will arrive in Voss, where you continue the tour by train on the Bergen Railway to Bergen. Perhaps cap the day by riding up the funicular to the top of 2,000-foot-tall "Mount" Fløyen for city and fjord views. Overnight in Bergen.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7: BERGEN

A UNESCO World Heritage city, ancient Bergen looms large in Viking sagas. Until the 14th century, it was the seat of the medieval kingdom of Norway. This history comes alive as we join our guide for a walk along the historic Bryggen wharf and visit the Hanseatic Museum, in an old merchant house.

Seafaring Bergen has given the world two cultural icons -- playwright Henrik Ibsen and composer Edvard Grieg. Late morning, drive to Troidhaugen, the home of Edvard Grieg and his wife. This typical 19th century residence with a panoramic tower and large veranda overlooks Nordas Lake. Visit the house where Greig spent his last 22 years, the museum, the graveyard, and the hut where he composed music. After time for a light lunch (on own) at the Troidhaugen Café, enjoy a concert of Grieg's music in a special concert hall. Tour ends at the hotel and the remaining of the day is at leisure to explore the old city. Stroll through the narrow alleyways and overhanging galleries of a bygone era, from the lively Fish Market to the Bergenhus Fortress, with cafés and boutiques selling traditional and unique crafts. Perhaps climb Rosenkrantz Tower for a panorama of Bergen's seaport. Overnight in Bergen.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8: ICELAND & BLUE LAGOON

Today it is time to say farewell to Norway and catch a flight to Reykjavik, Iceland. Upon arrival we will visit the famous Blue Lagoon. The Blue Lagoon is one of Iceland's most popular attractions, a natural geothermal pool in the middle of a large and dramatic lava field and an oasis that owes its existence to a nearby geothermal power plant, looming large over the aqua tinted waters. We stop for 1 ½ hour for a refreshing bathe or a swim in the inviting, rejuvenating and pleasantly warm mineral-rich water (100-110°F), reputed for its healing properties. Continue to your hotel in Reykjavik for check-in. Overnight Reykjavik.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 9: REYKJAVIK & GOLDEN CIRCLE

Today you will have a highlight of Icelandic nature experiencing the "Golden Circle." This route takes in three of the most



visited attractions in Iceland: Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss (Golden Waterfall) and the world-famous Geysir. We'll drive towards Haukadalur, a geothermally active valley where the hot spring Geysir is located - watch it burst up in the air every 5-10 minutes. We also visit one of Iceland's most renowned waterfalls, Gullfoss, created where the Hvita river plunges into 105 feet deep crevice. On our way to Thingvellir National Park, we'll make a short stop by Laugarvatn Geothermal Bakery. Guests can experience the geothermal bakery first hand and have a demonstration of how rye bread can be baked in the boiling grounds at Laugarvatn. Over a scenic route we reach Thingvellir National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site. We stroll around the country's most sacred site, home of the oldest existing parliament in the world, the Althingi, and major events in our history. Thingvellir is a place of fascinating natural beauty, one of the most geologically spectacular, set on a vast plain flanked by large fissures, right on Iceland's largest lake, Thingvallavatn. The Great Atlantic rift is clearly visible; a rift that is slowly pulling Iceland apart along tectonic plates and you can literally walk between the American and Eurasian continental plates. Overnight Reykjavik.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 10: SNAEFELLSNES

The Snæfellsnes peninsula northwest of Reykjavik is like a miniature of the whole country of Iceland. There are white and black beaches, bird cliffs, spectacular mountains and volcanic craters, incredibly rich trout lakes and salmon rivers lush valleys, unique harbours in charming fishing villages and a world renowned glacier. You'll look at stunning rock formations and teeming bird life at the lovely communities of Arnarstapi and Hellnar, and stop at the gorgeous beach Djúpálónssandur, with its otherworldly views and rich history. The serene and majestic Snæfellsjökull glacier, considered one of the seven great energy centers of the earth, stands 1,446 m high and provided the setting for Jules Verne's famous Journey to the Center of the Earth. Return to Reykjavik.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Day 11: REYKJAVIK LEISURE TIME & FLIGHT HOME

Enjoy a leisure morning in Reykjavik before leaving in early afternoon for the airport and your flight home.

Included Meals: Breakfast



JIM & SANDY GILBERT

Jim Gilbert's Nature Notes are heard on WCCO Radio at 7:15 a.m. Sundays. His observations have been part of the Minnesota Weatherguide Environment Calendars since 1977, and he is the author of five books on nature in Minnesota. He served the Hopkins Public Schools as a science teacher and naturalist for 30 years, and recently retired from teaching in the Environmental Studies Program at Gustavus Adolphus College. Jim and Sandy have three grown sons and are grandparents. Sandy is a former public school music teacher, and for 12 years was the manager of their family business - Jim Gilbert's Wild Bird Store. Together they have hosted more than 20 ecotours to such places as Costa Rica, Peru, the Galapagos Islands, and Kenya. Jim and Sandy have traveled with Defined Destinations to Italy, Eastern Europe Austria and Germany. Join them on a trip to Norway and Iceland!

Tour Price

DOUBLE ROOM:

(based on 2 people sharing a room)

\$5999.00 PER PERSON

Includes airfare & taxes out of MSP airport (other airports may be available)

SINGLE ROOM:

Add **\$900** to double rate
Includes airfare out of MSP

LAND ONLY PRICE:

\$5099.00 PER PERSON

(does not include airfare).

Based on 2 people sharing a room

DEPOSIT:

A \$300 deposit per person is required at booking - it is fully refundable until June 1, 2018

After June 1, 2018 deposit is nonrefundable

**Final Payment:
June 1, 2018**

14 INCLUDED MEALS: All breakfasts and 5 dinners are included in the tour price

UNIQUE ITINERARY: This trip is unique as we feature the capital cities of Norway & Iceland as well as iconic locations in each country

LOCAL GUIDE: To add additional insight and detail to your tour - we feature local guides in each country

INCLUDED GRATUITIES: Hotel, restaurant staff, city guides and luggage handling gratuities are included in the tour price

TRAIN & CRUISE EXPERIENCES: We have included scenic train routes in Norway including the Flam and Bergen Railways. We have also included a scenic cruise on Aurlandsfjord

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS:

- Oslo, Bergen & Reykjavik City Tours
- Holmenkollen Ski Jump Museum, Oslo
- Viking Ship Museum, Oslo
- Norwegian National Gallery (Scream Painting)
- Oslo City Hall
- Bergen Railway train experience from Oslo
- Legendary Flam Railway train experience
- Aurlandsfjord cruise
- Leisure time to experience Norway's Fjords
- Hanseatic Museum, Bergen
- Troidhaugen - home of Edvard Grieg
- Flight from Bergen to Reykjavik, Iceland
- Blue Lagoon Pool Experience
- Golden Circle Tour - Iceland
- Gullfoss Waterfall
- Thingvellir National Park
- Snaefellsnes Peninsula Tour
- Snaefellsjokull Glacier

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By submitting this form online and checking the AGREE button, I acknowledge and accept the terms and conditions listed below for myself and traveling party.

- The information provided on this form is true and correct and agree that neither myself, anyone in my traveling party, or any of my family will hold Defined Destinations LLC, and/or Iceland Airlines, and/or any other vendors, employees, subsidiaries, or any other persons responsible for any loss due to misinformation provided.
- A \$300 per person deposit is due at time of booking. If the tour is cancelled due to lack of participation, as stated above, full deposit will be refunded to the original form of payment. (Deposits are non-refundable if you cancel after June 1, 2018).
- Packages are nonrefundable after the final payment date.
- Travel insurance is recommended and offered by Defined Destinations LLC and my acceptance/declination is stated on the form. Travel insurance is optional and is an additional cost. Plans and rates may vary for each person.
- A valid passport good for travel a minimum of 6-months after last date of travel is required for all US citizens and each passenger is responsible to have proper documents. Failure to have proper documents could result in denied boarding and/or entry to another country and no refunds will be made. Please see <http://www.travel.state.gov> for more information
- All travelers are US citizens carrying valid US Passports. I (we) understand that if we are not a US citizen carrying a valid US Passport then it is our sole responsibility to obtain proper travel documentation for travel and Defined Destinations, LLC, United & Delta Airlines, Icelandair, and/or any other vendors, employees, subsidiaries, or any other persons shall not be held responsible for failure to secure proper travel documents and no refunds will be given.
- Space on the packages is limited and confirmed on a first-come/first-serve basis.
- Once deposit is paid, name changes are not allowed and bookings/monies cannot be “transferred” to another person. If the name given is incorrect there will be a name change fee mandated by the airlines. This fee will be responsible by the traveler.

•If Land Only is purchased transfers to/from the airports are not included. The only exception is if the traveler buying land only is on the same flights as the group or if you purchase your own air and can be at the airport at the same time as the group, you may travel with the group at the 1 scheduled arrival and 1 scheduled departure time. If not, you will need to purchase your own transfers at an additional cost. Do not purchase your own airfare until the tour has been confirmed at final payment.

•The package, including airfare, is a special packaged-price and any other discounts will not apply, including but not limited to MERSC, Senior Discounts, AARP, AAA, Online coupons, etc.

•Prices are based on a group minimum for each tour. If the group does not receive the minimum number of participants before June 1, tours will be cancelled and all monies paid to Defined Destinations will be refunded.

•Final payment is non-refundable and due in full by June 1, 2018. By accepting the terms in this contract you authorize Defined Destinations to run Final Payment on June 1, 2018. If you would like to change the form of payment for final payment is your responsibility to provide new information to Defined Destinations prior to June 1, 2018. Failure to provide Defined Destinations with final payment, including declined credit cards, will result in forfeit of deposit and loss of space on the group.

•Packages are subject to change without notice, including but not limited to hotel, transfers, pre-booked tours, and amenity changes.

•If airfare is purchased as part of the package the flights are with one of our airline partners: Flight times are subject to change without notice Flights can have changed connections without notice This is a group block of space in the Main Cabin (coach class seats) and seats cannot be upgraded. If you choose to upgrade to business class you will be charged the ‘land only” price and then the going rate for business class seats. This is a group block of seats on the airline and although every request for an aisle/window etc. seat will be taken into consideration no seat assignment is guaranteed. Airlines allows each passenger 1 free checked bag under 50 pounds, 1 free carry-on item, and one free personal item. There are additional charges for additional and oversized bags. The selected airline will offer additional details.