

In Partnership with CIE Tours International 2021 Iceland "SHEEP-TO-SHAWL" TOUR ITINERARY

Itinerary is subject to change!

WED, SEPT 15 - UNITED STATES TO REYKJAVIK

Depart your hometown for the overnight flight to Iceland.

THURS, SEPT 16 - REYKJAVIK ARRIVAL

After landing at Reykjavik-Keflavik Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities before meeting our guide, who will welcome you to Iceland. Transfer to our hotel, check in and settle into your room. Enjoy some free time to check-out the city. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant. **Dinner & Overnight**, Klettur Hotel, **Reykjavik**

FRI, SEPT 17 – HIGHLIGHTS OF REYKJAVIK; HAND-KNITTING ASSOCIATION

Set off on a sightseeing tour around Reykjavik, which is a city full of life and culture. While on your tour, see the vibrant city centre, wonderful monuments and the popular waterfront area that offers amazing view of Mt. Esja. Next, you could visit the Perlan Observation Deck, which offers magnificent 360° views of Reykjavik. See mountain, glacier, and volcano vistas on the horizon. Then visit the Hand-Knitting Association of Iceland. Enjoy dinner and an evening on your own.

Overnight, Klettur Hotel, Reykjavik

SAT, SEPT 18 – GOLDEN CIRCLE; THINGBORG WOOL WORKSHOP

Today, enjoy the scenic <u>Golden Circle panoramic drive</u>, which in its entirety is over 190 miles long. Some popular stops include <u>Thingvellir National Park</u>, the geysers at <u>Haukadalur</u>, <u>Skalholt Cathedral</u> and <u>Gullfoss Waterfall</u>. Next, stop at <u>Thingborg Wool workshop</u>, which offers a great selection of woolen goods, made of a specially selected lamb wool in natural colors. Continue on to meet some locals who will give a short presentation on Iceland Wool. After your day of sightseeing, return to Reykjavik for a free evening.

Overnight, Klettur Hotel, Reykjavik

SUN, SEPT 19 – SOUTH SHORE; UPPSPUNI; ULLSELID

Embark on the South Shore Tour, which is perfect for nature lovers of all ages. Continue on to visit <u>Uppspuni</u> <u>Mini Mill</u>, the first and only mill in Iceland. The mill produces 100% Icelandic yarn. Next, motor a short distance to view the picturesque <u>Seljalandsfoss Waterfall</u> that has a pathway leading behind it, giving visitors a chance to view the falls from within. Drive to just outside of Vik and visit the <u>Reynisfjara Black Sand Beach</u> an area that J.R.R. Tolkien drew inspiration from when he was writing, *the Hobbit*. Our final stop of the day will be at <u>Ullselid</u> for a short presentation on spinning and thread making. Head back to Reykjavik in time for an independent dinner.

Overnight, Klettur Hotel, Reykjavik

MON, SEPT 20 – BJARTEYJARSANDUR FARM

Today, visit <u>Bjarteyjarsandur</u> farm to gain first-hand knowledge of Iceland farming methods and enjoy some traditional Icelandic refreshments. Then travel via <u>Borgarnes</u> en route to <u>Glanni Waterfall</u>. Stop for photos before visiting <u>Kidka Wool Factory</u>, which produces high-quality wool products that are fashionable and comfortable. After your visit, check into your Hvammstangi hotel for dinner and overnight stay. *Dinner & Overnight: Laugarbakki Hotel, Hvammstangi*

TUES, SEPT 21 - ICELANDIC TEXTILE CENTER

After breakfast, visit the <u>Icelandic Textile Center</u> and Museum, which includes exhibits on embroidery, traditional costumes, wool and work created by <u>Halldora Bjarnadottir</u>. Also, add a piece to the Tapestry Project and sign your name in the book so that people know that you took part in this triumph community endeavor. Next, set off on a panoramic tour of <u>Akureyri</u> to see <u>Saurbaejarkirkja</u> (turf house), the charming Catholic church and the Laxdal House, which is the oldest residence in all of the town. Check into our hotel and settle into your room before dinner with our group. *Dinner & Overnight:* Hotel Nordurland, *Akureyri*

WED, SEPT 22 – GULLFOSS WATERFALL

Today, we head to Lake Myvatn, which is known as birdwatcher's paradise. Gyrfalcons are often seen in the area. Continue on to visit Gullfoss Waterfall, one of the most popular tourist attractions in all of Iceland with two separate drops and the largest falls in all of Europe in terms of water volume. Your final visit of the day will be to Dettifoss Waterfall, which is known to be Europe's most powerful waterfall and located in Vatnajokull National Park. Return to Akureyri in time for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Dinner & Overnight: Hotel Nordurland, Akureyri

THURS, SEPT 23 – AKUREYRI TO REYKJAVIK

Leaving Akureyri, journey southwest via <u>Varmahlid</u> and <u>Borgarnes</u> before making your way to Reykjavik. Check into our hotel and settle into your room before spending the remainder of the day at leisure. *Overnight*, Klettur Hotel, *Reykjavik*

FRI, SEPT 24 – DYE WORKSHOP AT HESPA

Today we participate in a natural Icelandic plant dye class at Hespa. You will make 1 skein in class and learn about dye coloring and receive a small book with samples. Additionally, coffee and cake will be available to participants. You will have part of the day free to explore Reykjavik on your own. Perhaps you want to visit the National Museum of Iceland, the Volcano House, the Aurora Reykjavik Museum or the Grotta Lighthouse. Moreover, you could visit the Viking Maritime Museum, Reykjavik City Hall or even the Eimverk Distillery. Tonight, we enjoy our group farewell dinner together at the hotel.

Dinner & Overnight, Klettur Hotel, Reykjavik

SAT, SEPT 25 - RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Our tour has come to an end and it's time to head home to enjoy and share the good memories. We will have a group transfer to the Reykjavik airport for our flights back to the United States. Home Sweet Home!