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Land Rover Defender Experience



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Unleash Your Inner Adventurer

Iceland is rich with more cinematic landscapes and incredible experiences per square inch than anywhere. Game of Thrones doesn't even do it justice! Think waterfalls, glaciers, black sand beaches and lava fields covered with insanely green spongy moss. For every ice cave, there's a geothermal pool. The Northern Lights curtain the night sky. Unleash your inner adventurer on activities that range from tectonic snorkeling to horseback riding, spectacular coastal and countryside walks to off-the-beaten-track driving in iconic Defenders. And true to Classic Journeys style of travel, your guides are dyed-in-the-wool native Icelanders, descended from shark fishermen and 9th century Vikings! So, you get true connections to local culture...not to mention the expertise that assures you'll get away from the crowds to experience Iceland at its very best. On several days we offer you a choice of activities — think of it as “choose your adventure” — all at no extra cost. And at the end of every day in this amazing land, you'll nestle into some of the country's finest luxury hotels, and refuel with world-class Atlantic- and farm-to-table cuisine. If you love adventure travel, welcome to paradise!

DAY 1

REYKJAVIK / ÞINGVELLIR NATIONAL PARK

- Take your Land Rover on unpaved tracks to hike to - and behind - a waterfall
- Go tectonic snorkeling at Silfra...
- Or hike in Þingvellir National Park

Meet your expert native guides in Reykjavik and get accustomed to your vehicle for the week – a lineup of state of the art Land Rover Discoveries and modified Defenders. The Discoveries have all the equipment of a modern luxury SUV, including automatic transmissions. The modified Defenders are manual transmission and come complete with 38" tires, snorkel and lots of other cool stuff. Right after you meet in Reykjavik, your Iceland adventure gets off to a fantastic start, as a scenic drive provides the first opportunity to take the vehicles off the beaten track into Iceland's awesome landscape.

Later in the afternoon, choose your adventure – hiking boots or flippers. Either offers you an unforgettable way to experience Þingvellir National Park. If you choose flippers, get ready for a snorkeling experience like no other. Slip into an insulated wetsuit (also called a 'dry suit') and flippers, then slide into the waters between the Eurasian and American tectonic plates. In this calm ribbon of water, the glacial melt is so clear that you can see down 100 feet and you have the distinct sensation of floating in midair! You can count on us to provide all of the equipment you need, along with the guidance and help of experienced outfitters. You don't need to be an experienced diver or snorkeler to take the plunge. Awesome doesn't begin to describe it.

Choose boots and a technicolor hike is waiting for you. Join one of your guides in Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A deep tectonic rift valley bisects the park, which also contains the country's largest natural lake and lava trails covered in springy bright green moss. The vistas are vast, and as we walk the park's trails you are fully immersed in the tumbled wilderness that's so unique to Iceland. Hard to believe, but this region was also the site of the world's oldest parliament, founded by Vikings in the year 930.

At day's end, settle into your luxury manor house hotel on a farm that's been owned by the same family for seven generations.

OVERNIGHT: SKALAKOT
MEALS: D

DAY 2

SKÁLAKOT FARM

- Walk through sheep meadows to a waterfall
- Go for a horseback ride on the beach...
- Or take the Land Rovers to the coast to enjoy a walk to see Viking ruins

Our hosts Jóhanna and Mummi are proud of their family farm, and you'll see why this morning. We'll join them for a walk on some beautiful trails out to the sheep barn where you'll often find lambs. There's a waterfall nearby too. It's far off the beaten track, quiet but for the rush and roar of the waters.

It's another afternoon with a pair of terrific multisport activities and an opportunity to choose your adventure. One of the family's passions is the breeding of short, sturdy, shaggy Icelandic horses. So, you can saddle up for a ride that gives you a feel for how Icelanders have traveled their land for centuries. You'll actually wade across a lake, then ride on a beach with the North Atlantic on one side and a majestic mountain range on the other.

Prefer Land Rover horsepower and your own feet to horses' power? Hop in the Land Rover Discoveries and Defenders to drive to the nearby coast. There's also incredible coastal walking to be done as well. The trail starts at a cape and climbs the slopes of Horleifshofdi to the top of the headland. The views are remarkable of course, but you'll also have a chance to explore some spectacularly-sited Viking ruins.

Back at the hotel, you may want to hang out by the fireplace before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: SKALAKOT
MEALS: B, D

DAY 3

GLACIER HIKING

- Take the Land Rovers into a valley named after the Viking god of thunder
- Hike through scenic countryside
- Or -- Experience a glacier on an expertly guided walk on its tongue

Fuel up at breakfast this morning. You're off on a big, invigorating and utterly unforgettable day. Everyone who has owned a Land Rover or Defender has an adventure to share. Today you can create one of your own. Imagine this: a lineup of Land Rovers and Defenders waiting for you outside your farmhouse hotel so that you can choose your adventure today.

Your first option is to follow one of the guides as you wind your way to Thorsmork, a wide valley named after Thor, the Viking God of Thunder. You drive into this beautiful valley, surrounded on three sides by steep mountains, crossing raging rivers and gentle streams, passing caves and giant boulders before stopping at the remains of a glacial lagoon at glacier of Gigjokull. Nearby is Solheimajokull Glacier, where a walk on cinematic trails leads you to the terminal face of the glacier.

Prefer to actually hike, explore and picnic on the glacier itself? You got it! Choose this option and you'll drive the Defenders and Land Rovers past Thorsmork directly to Solheimajokull Glacier. The water in Iceland's glaciers froze hundreds of thousands of years ago. Think about that when you touch your first glacier today, and touch it you will when you buckle on crampons and grab an ice axe for a guided glacier walk. Your expert ice guides know all about the history and what's happening as the ice melts at an accelerating pace. This is a very educational experience, but most of all, it's extremely fun. Your guides know everything about the glacier. With them, you have chances to explore the caves and crevices carved into the ancient aquamarine ice. (Of course, we'll provide all of the top-notch equipment you need at no extra cost.)

Later, regardless of which of the two options you choose, you'll hop back in the Land Rovers and Defenders for an afternoon drive through spectacular coastal and mountain

scenery. Your destination: an iconic modern Iceland hotel located – where else? – between two glaciers!

OVERNIGHT: GLACIER LAGOON
MEALS: B, L

DAY 4

DIAMOND BEACH / GLACIAL LAGOON

- Learn how the Land Rovers and Defenders handle the black volcanic sand
- Enter a glacial ice cave or view icebergs from a Zodiac

This morning we're off for one of two adventures, depending on the weather. We may take the vehicles to Vatnajökull Glacier for an incredible experience: ice caving. You'll drive the Land Rovers and Defenders to the "snout" of the glacier, gear up, and enter to explore one of the large caves that form at the base. If it's warmer, you'll board a Zodiac to get more up-close and personal with the bergs. With their shallow drafts, the boats can venture close to the floating sculptures and you can even get up to the face of the glacier to learn how the icebergs are calved.

By now, you'll be well accustomed to the peculiar fact that many of Iceland's beaches are inky black sand, the product of volcanic basalt crushed to fine sand over the millennia. How will the Land Rovers and Defenders handle the black volcanic sand? Our experience says pretty well! After lunch, caravan to Diamond Beach for a walk along Glacier Lagoon, punctuated occasionally by small marooned icebergs. The ones on the beach look like diamonds. And the icebergs floating just offshore are blue, not white! Melting and wind erosion carve them into fantastical shapes.

Be sure this evening to give yourself a final chance to soak in the deep quiet and showy skies of Iceland before you enjoy a dinner of award-winning Atlantic and farm-to-table cuisine.

OVERNIGHT: GLACIER LAGOON
MEALS: B, D

DAY 5

BLUE LAGOON

- Get Instagram-worthy photos of the Land Rovers with incredible basalt columns shooting up from the ocean
- Ease into a steamy soak at the Blue Lagoon...
- Or follow a lava trail to the top of a volcano

All week, you've seen and heard what a big part that mythology and legend play in Iceland culture. There's no

better example than the Reynisdrangar, three sharp black pillars that burst from the waves offshore. Legend has it that they're really three trolls who stayed out too late and got turned to stone by the morning sun. It's one of those places where the geology is at least as interesting as the mythology. A coastal walk puts you in a perfect position to enjoy the anecdotes from your guide and the Instagram-worthy photos of the Land Rovers and Defenders with the incredible black basalt columns shooting up from the ocean in the background.

As you return to Reykjavik this afternoon, you have one final opportunity to put your own spin on the trip by choosing your own adventure. Whatever you chose, you'll experience the geothermal power of Iceland up close.

If you choose soak, you'll end an immersive Icelandic week in the famed Blue Lagoon, a steaming lake filled with almost 2.5 million gallons of neon blue geothermal water. Like the Icelanders who love to relax here, you'll go in for a soak in water that fills the air with swirling clouds of steam. There's a spa. (You can get a massage floating in the water.) Most of the lagoon is no more than three feet deep, so you can move around at will. And the people watching is fantastic.

If you choose flow, hike with your guide up the tongue of a magnificent lava flow to the top of a volcano. Arriving at the summit, you'll not only see into the crater, you'll see more than 20 other volcanos in the landscape around you!

At day's end, you'll bid farewell to your trusty Land Rovers. Energized, full of experiences and stories, you'll celebrate a final night with your guide and fellow explorers over dinner at one of Reykjavik's award-winning Atlantic- and farm-to-table restaurants.

OVERNIGHT: REYKJAVIK
MEALS: B, D

DAY 6

REYKJAVIK

- Explore Iceland's capital at your leisure
- Extend your stay or make sure way home

You've had a full week of adventure. So, it's your choice to sleep in this morning, explore Iceland's capital at your leisure, enjoy some shopping or make your way on your own schedule to Reykjavik airport for flights home.

MEALS: B



Tour Hotels



Skalakot Manor Hotel

With gables that echo the nearby mountains, this family-owned manor hotel is a cozy and luxurious retreat. Rooms are decorated in true Icelandic style. The exceptional restaurant features local specialties from Arctic char to homemade bread.

OVERNIGHT: HVOLSVÖLLUR | NIGHTS: 2



Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon

Remote beauty and contemporary comfort are what this hotel is all about. Situated between two massive glaciers, the property's rooms have big windows that keep you close to the stark beauty. The fine dining restaurant reflects the modern aesthetic.

OVERNIGHT: ÖRÆFI | NIGHTS: 2



Alda Hotel

Situated right on Laugavegur, the city's main shopping street, this cool hotel is in the heart of the action. Rooms are decorated in clean Scandinavian style. There's a fitness center, views of mountains and sea, and even a chocolate shop.

OVERNIGHT: REYKJAVIK | NIGHTS: 1

Tour Dates & Prices

Tour Dates	Price per Person	Price per Person
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
October 25-30, 2020	\$7,498	\$8,493
April 11-16, 2021	\$7,498	\$8,493

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Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH: 6 Days, 5 Nights

START: 9:00 AM Lobby of Alda Hotel, Reykjavik, Iceland

END: 9:00 AM Lobby of Alda Hotel, Reykjavik, Iceland Guests depart from hotel at their leisure.

TERRAIN: Easy to moderate on good trails and coastal paths

What's Included

- Memorable accommodations for 5 nights
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip in a self-driven Land Rover Defender; 2-guests per Defender
- Want a Land Rover Defender to yourself? You can for a supplement of \$1,700 per Defender for the week

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At the end of the day, we fundamentally believe that every guest on every departure of every trip should have a trip of a lifetime. We're fortunate to play the role of well-connected friend, linking our guests with amazing guides, artisans, winemakers, hoteliers, restaurateurs, naturalists, and too many others to list here.

That's what motivates me and our team — in our La Jolla HQ and around the world — every day. Join Us!

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You can expect the highest standards:



Luxurious Lodgings:

Ours include coveted properties that appear in "World's Best" and "Gold List" rankings.



Included Activities:

You'll never be surprised with add-on fees on your activities that include snorkeling to cooking lessons.



Local Guides:

Your guides are locals who are always at your side like well-connected friends.



Small Group Travel:

With an average of just 10-12 guests, it's a small footprint that guarantees you access that's off-limits to larger groups.



Amazing Cuisine:

From Michelin-starred restaurants to lunch in a farmhouse kitchen, you'll have a seat for the region's signature dishes.



Unmatched Value:

"Excellent value" and "unbeatable access" are two of the reasons that Travel + Leisure has consistently voted us a World's Best Tour Operator.

You'll enjoy these handcrafted travel experiences in Iceland...

- Choosing your own adventure from amazing (and included) options each day
- Exploring a glacial ice cave or viewing icebergs from a Zodiac
- Riding the famed Icelandic horses or walking along a black sand beach
- Walking - and picnicking - on a glacier
- Snorkeling in glacial water, and soaking in the famed thermal baths at Blue Lagoon

"Atli was a great guide. He shared so many stories about Iceland (personal and historical) that I really felt like I understand the Icelandic culture."

—Lori Singer., Chestnut Hill, MA

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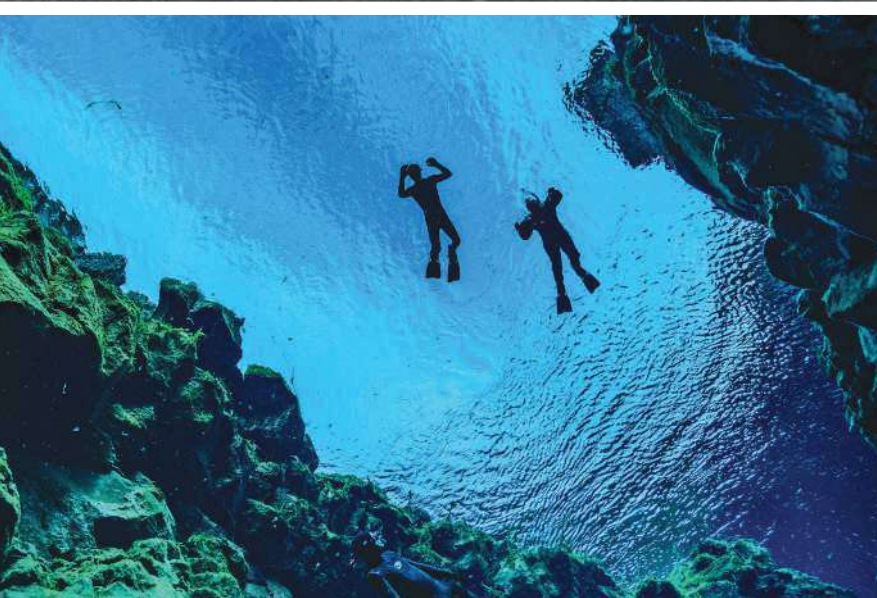
IN ICELAND, A YEAR-ROUND MULTISPORT TRIP IS
AN ADRENALINE HIGH FROM BEGINNING TO END.

Any time your traveling companions have Vikings and shark fishermen in their bloodlines, you know that interesting things are going to happen. We just returned from scouting a new Iceland Multisport trip with our friends Atli and Kommi, the local guides who win raves on our Family and Culture + Walking Trips. As one guest put it: "I want to be with them when the Zombie Apocalypse happens."

Kommi and Atli show you the sights like nobody else. But these two Icelanders are doers, not just observers. With them in the lead, you'll get full immersion into Iceland instead of just driving the Golden Circle the way so many tourists do.

Imagine yourself in the most remote setting from "Game of Thrones" or your favorite "Star Wars" planet. That starts to come close to Iceland. Volcanoes and glaciers have done crazy things. Wavy plains of cooled lava flows wear spongy carpets of electric green moss. Geysers shoot up and waterfalls arc down off cliffs. Those glaciers shed bergs like some cosmic ice dispenser. As for the Northern Lights, "wow" isn't adequate. But just WOW.







If you crave a vacation with a variety of activities and experiences, Iceland is nirvana. Whenever Kommi or Atli would say, "Today, you can do this thing or that thing," we'd say, "Why not both?" And so it will be when you join us on this Multisport adventure. Many times, you're able to create your own adventure by choosing which activities appeal most to you.

For example, one day they ask "flippers or boots?" If you reply "flippers", you find yourself stepping into insulated wet suits to go "tectonic snorkeling." At just one spot, a gap between two tectonic plates contains a skinny lake of crystal glacial water. In water that's as clear as glass, you feel like you're floating in thin air. If you want to skip the flippers and keep your hiking boots, you can join one of the guys for an awesome walk in Þingvellir National Park. The UNESCO World Heritage Site is bisected by a tectonic valley and is cinematic beyond belief. Untamed as it is, it was also the place where local Viking chieftains started meeting in the year 930 to form the world's oldest parliament.

The lion's share of another day is spent on top of a glacier, starting with a hike to the glacier's terminal face. Specialized guides join up with crampons, ice axes and other gear, and then you make your way to the top and across the ice field. You see impressive crevasses and even tuck into the coolest picnic ever. The next day, at the "snout" of another glacier, you climb into Zodiacs and chug in close to where icebergs are calved. This is also the place where you can explore ice caves carved by glacial melt.

You can choose to ride shaggy, short-legged Icelandic horses on a black sand beach or walk along coastal footpaths to a nesting colony of Atlantic Puffins. You'll walk to a waterfall to explore it from behind. (It's nobody but you, looking out at Iceland through a roaring curtain of water.) And one of our favorite hotels is a manor house on a family farm where trails lead you through sheep meadows to Viking ruins. At the end of another day, the geothermal Blue Lagoon is the perfect spot for a long steamy float.

There are other places where you can see fjords and walk on glaciers and visit sheep farms and clamber over frozen lava and eat sensational farm-to-table meals. But nowhere else can you do it all in such a compact geographic area and have so much fun. Your trusty research team did ... and you will too!

IS ICELAND FOR YOU?

WHEN ARE DEPARTURES?

Year-round, so you can go any time and in any season.

DO YOU SEE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS?

Scientifically, the Aurora Borealis happens year-round. You're likeliest to witness it from September to April when the night sky is darker, but we've seen them on tour in August!

HOW ARE THE HOTELS?

Luxurious and stylish! One is a family-owned manor hotel on a sheep farm. The other is a contemporary gem situated between two glaciers.

DO YOU NEED A LOT OF EQUIPMENT?

We provide all of the important stuff for your activities — from snorkeling gear to crampons to Land Rovers!

DO YOU EAT ICELANDIC COD THE WHOLE TIME?

Seafood of all kinds is amazing, but this is an all-round foodie destination with super inventive and flat-out delicious farm-to-table cuisine beyond anything you can imagine.



YES



NO