Winter Adventures in Iceland

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TRIP DATES

2024 March 3-10, 2024

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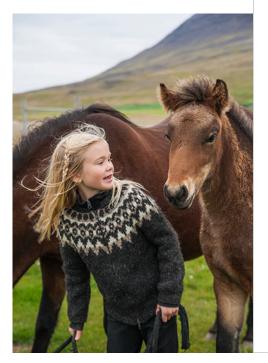
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Winter is a magical season in Iceland, with explorations in a snow-dusted landscape, and the chance to see the northern lights! Our winter adventure brims with outdoor escapades, and we've timed the journey to give us plenty of daylight hours to enjoy our activities. We'll snowshoe along lava fields with sweeping vistas across the coast, cross an icy glacier with crampons (no experience necessary), explore World Heritage-listed Thingvellir National Park, soak in thermal pools, walk down into a giant lava tube, and see some of Iceland's most legendary waterfalls, including Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss. As night falls, we search for the spectacular red, green, and violet arcs shimmering across the sky above us. We've selected hotels in the best spots for seeing the aurora!





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Itinerary

DAY 1

REYKJANES PENINSULA

From Reykjavík, we head out to the Blue Mountains, where we'll strap on snowshoes and set out across a lunar-like landscape. The lava fields here attract a lot of snow through the winter months, making it a great spot for snowshoeing. And no previous experience is necessary—snowshoeing is just like hiking! If the weather is clear, we'll have sweeping vistas toward Reykjavík to the north, along the south coast, and out to the Reykjanes Peninsula. Tonight, we gather for our Welcome Dinner and overnight at Hotel Rangá, set midway between Reykjavík and Vík. We'll find a warm welcome here and a restaurant that serves some of the freshest fish imaginable. The hot tubs have wonderful views out across the Icelandic landscape, and the staff is always on alert for the northern lights—we'll be sure to see them if they appear...LD Snowshoeing Details: approximately 3 hours

Driving Details: approximately 2.5 hours total

Land of Fire and Ice: Iceland boasts more than 20 active volcanoes that regularly erupt and add lava and ash to the landscape. So numerous are Iceland's hot springs that they provide the major source of geothermal heating energy for residents of Reykjavík. While fire is a main element in shaping Iceland, ice has played a major role as well. Scientists believe that Iceland was covered with a thick sheet of ice just 8,000 years ago. As the icecap melted, it carved dramatic steep-sided valleys, deep fjords, and glacial valleys flooded by the sea. Today only 10 percent of the country is covered by ice, concentrated in great glaciers including the country's largest, Vatnajökull.

DAY 2 SELJALANDSFOSS / EYJAFJALLAJÖKULL / SKÓGARFOSS / GLACIER WALK

One of the most dramatic waterfalls in Iceland is Seljalandsfoss, a majestic cascade that plunges nearly 200 feet over a rock amphitheater. A short drive brings us to Eyjafjallajökull volcano (or "E-15" as it is often called, for the 15 letters that come after E, which is challenging for outsiders to pronounce). Eyjafjallajökull made international headlines in 2010 when it erupted, causing meltwater floods, electrical storms, and sending so much volcanic ash high into the atmosphere that air travel to Europe was disrupted for weeks. We'll also visit the tiny village of Skógar and Skógarfoss, the magnificent waterfall flowing from Iceland's southernmost glacier, Mýrdalsjökull, and considered one of the most beautiful waterfalls in the country. Afterwards, we head to the Skogar Museum with its collection of 18,000 regional artifacts reflecting many periods of Icelandic architectural history. Our afternoon will see us donning crampons, ice axes, helmets, and climbing harnesses as we set out for a glacier walk on Sólheimajökull. No climbing experience is necessary—we'll just be roped up for safety as we hike out across the ice to look for crevasses, blue ice, and hidden streams of glacial melt. Overnight at Hotel Rangá...BLD Glacier Walking Details: approximately 3 hours



TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length: 8 days

Arrive: Reykjavík, Iceland
Depart: Reykjavík, Iceland
Lodging: 7 nights hotels
Meals: All meals included

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch,

D=Dinner)

Activity: Hiking / Trekking Trip Level: 1 2 (3) 4 5 6

Moderate to steep snowshoeing and hiking,

3-7 hours a day

HIGHLIGHTS

- Search for the elusive northern lights in Iceland's prime viewing locations
- Snowshoe and hike in Iceland's otherworldly landscapes—glaciers, waterfalls, volcanic craters, mosscovered peaks
- Explore the geological wonders of Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- · Savor fresh Icelandic cuisine

Itinerary (cont'd)

Driving Details: approximately 2 hours

Icelandic Place Names: Most Icelandic place names contain a reference to some natural feature of the landscape. Öraefi means upland; vík means small bay; mörk means woods; foss means waterfall; jökull means glacier; höfn means harbor; fell or fjell means mountain; tindur means summit; dalur means valley; vellir means plains. Words containing hver, laug, and reyk indicate the presence of hot springs.

DAY 3 GULLFOSS / GEYSIR / GREENHOUSE LUNCH / THINGVELLIR NATIONAL PARK

We head out early in the morning to visit Gullfoss, the massive waterfall that thunders through a deep canyon carved by the Hvítá River. In the Haukadalur Valley, a geothermal region that contains more than 50 hot springs, we'll find the famed Great Geysir, which gave us the word "geyser" for all such phenomena. For lunch, we'll stop at a truly Icelandic spot, the Fridheimer Greenhouse. Run by an enterprising local family (they also raise and train Icelandic horses), the greenhouses are heated with geothermal power, and tomatoes are grown year-round. It is a sight that must be seen to be believed, though, as the tomato vines grow vertically up to 30 feet, and the workers harvest and prune from high ladders that are rolled across the rows. Our café tables are set right in the greenhouse, and yes, tomato soup is on the menu, along with hearty local bread.

A scenic one-hour drive brings us to Thingvellir National Park, a World Heritage Site and home of the world's oldest parliament, the Althing. First held in 930 AD, the Althing was the nation's meeting place until 1798, and the land is held in permanent protection as the heritage of the Icelandic people. Our hike will evoke the extraordinary history of the clans of the early Viking Settlement who camped here in centuries past as they traded goods, settled disputes, and created the legal system for their new land. Our hotel tonight is in Húsafell, one of the best places in the country to see the northern lights. The hotel is delightfully welcoming, with superb food and hot pools right out the back door. Overnight at Hotel Húsafell...BLD

Hiking Details: approximately 3 hours Driving Details: approximately 3 hours



HALLMUNDARHRAUN LAVA FIELD / EXPLORE VIDGELMIR LAVA TUBE

We'll strap on our snowshoes to hike on Mt. Strútur, rising more than 3,000 feet above sea level in the rugged highlands near Mýrdalsjökull glacier. On a clear day, the views from the mountains are spectacular. A short drive brings us across the river to Hallmundarhraun lava field and down to the stunning Vidgelmir lava tube. Vidgelmir is Iceland's largest lava tube, stretching almost 1.5 miles long and filled with fascinating formations including beautiful stalagmites and stalactites. Overnight at Hotel Húsafell ...BLD





Snowshoeing Details: approximately 4 hours Driving Details: 40 minutes

DAY 5 HRAUNFOSSAR / DEILDARTUNGUHVER / KRAUMA / SNÆFELLSNES

We begin the day by visiting Hraunfossar, a small but beautiful waterfall next to Barnafoss rapids, with its history in folklore. Later we make our way to Krauma for a soak in its geothermal pools. The mineral-rich waters come from Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring. After a relaxing afternoon, we head for the town Borgarnes then out to Snæfellsnes



Peninsula. Snæfellsnes means "Snow Mount" and is a stunning realm of golden beaches, wild trails, remote caves and lava fields, and end-of-the-road villages including Stykkishólmur. Dinner and overnight at our hotel on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula...BLD

Driving Details: 2 hours

DAY 6

SNÆFELLSNES / DJÚPALÓNSSANDUR BEACH

In his novel Journey to the Center of the Earth, Jules Verne described Snaefellsjokull Volcano (4,745') as the entrance to a fantastical subterranean world. With this famous volcano on the horizon, we hike through the lava on old fishermen's trails in Snæfellsnes. The coastline has very impressive coves and inlets brimming with a vast array of seabirds that nest in the cliffs.

The trail brings us along the peninsula as it passes through different places where the fishermen used to row. We visit Djúpalónssandur (or Black Lava Pearl Beach), with its bizarre lava formations and four famous "lifting" stones. During the era of fishing stations, fishermen competed to lift the stones and test their strength (the test results: 339 lbs. = fully strong; 220 lbs. = half strong; 120 lbs. = weakling; 50 lbs. = bungler!). Walking down to Dritvík, a vital fishing port from the 15th century to mid-20th century, we'll see the ruins of stone huts once used by the fishermen and women. This landing spot was among the largest settlements in the area, which up to 600 seasonal workers living in simple dwellings made from the lava rock, some of which you can still see today. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight...BLD Hiking Details: approximately 4 hours

DAY 7 ELDBORG CRATER / REYKJAVÍK

This morning's drive brings us to Snorrastadir, a local farm, for a hike near birch forest to the perfectly shaped Eldborg Crater. Eldborg, which means



Itinerary (cont'd)

"fortress of fire," was formed in an eruption some 5,000-8,000 years ago. From Eldborg, we head for the town Borgarnes and visit the Settlement Exhibition where we will also have lunch. After lunch we head for Reykjavík with some time to explore the city before dinner. Our overnight is at the creatively designed Berjaya Reykjavík Marina Hotel...BLD

Hiking Details: approximately 2 hours Driving Details: approximately 2 hours

DAY 8 REYKJAVÍK / DEPART

After breakfast, we'll pack up, then later soak in the wonderfully warm waters of the Sky Lagoon. This geothermal lagoon recently opened in 2021 and overlooks the Atlantic Ocean from its infinity-edge pool—the ideal place for relaxing pre-travel. From here, we'll head to Keflavík, the international airport, for homeward-bound flights, or continue on to Europe...BL



Trip Cost, Payment & Insurance

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through Spring 2024

\$7195 (8-12 members) \$7795 (4-7 members)

Single supplement: \$870

2025 Trip Costs: Please call for details

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations in comfortable lodges and a hotel
- All meals included as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Land and boat transportation, group departure airport transfer, and baggage handling as noted

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International or domestic airfare, transfers for independent arrival or departure, any meals not specified after each itinerary day, airport departure taxes, optional tipping or gratuities to leaders or staff, additional hotel nights that may be necessitated by airline schedule changes or other factors, expenses such as medical immunizations (if any), travel insurance, or passports and visas, and other expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: \$600 90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No charge! 61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost 46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost 45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details: www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance

Arrival & Departure

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents (passport, visas, etc.) required for your trip. Please feel free to call if you would like this information before making your air arrangements.

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Reykjavík, Iceland

Suggested Airport: Keflavík International Airport (KEF) **Suggested Date & Time:** Anytime prior to Day 1

Meeting Place: On the morning of Day 1, your Trip Leader will pick you up at any hotel within the Reykjavík city center and transfer you to the Icelandair Marina in time for the 9:00 am meeting time. Please let us know which hotel you will be staying in the night before the trip begins.

Upon arrival in Reykjavík, you can transfer quite easily to all city center hotels on Reykjavík Excursion's FlyBus, which meets all arriving flights outside of the terminal. Tickets can be purchased either at the FlyBus booth in the arrivals hall with a credit card or online (www.flybus.is). The Flybus will drop passengers directly to the major hotels in Reykjavík. The transfer takes about 45 minutes. The FlyBus can also provide a departure transfer to the airport from these same hotels. Although taxis are available outside of the terminal, they are much more expensive than taking the FlyBus.

DEPARTURE

Reykjavík, Iceland

Suggested Airport: Keflavík International Airport (KEF) Suggested Date & Time: Day 8, anytime after 4:30 pm

A group airport transfer wil be provided to Keflavík International Airport in the afternoon of Day 8.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Iceland.

There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found at www.exitotravel.com. Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least three months after your date of return to the US.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once your tickets have been purchased, please send us a copy of your airline schedule so that we can send it on to the local guide (make sure to include your Trip Name and Trip Dates on it). It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS

You may wish to spend extra nights in Reykjavík before or after the trip. We are happy to book these nights for you (an "on your own" expense), but hotels often offer special rates available on their website that may be lower than our contract rates. You will often find the lowest room rate by booking your reservation directly through the hotel.

Trip Leaders

Wilderness Travel Trip Leaders have a passion and a joy for creating an unforgettable journey. We are extremely proud of them and the incredible travel experiences they make possible. For more information about our Trip Leaders, including client comments about them and which specific trips they will be leading, please visit our webpage and click on "Trip Leaders": www.wildernesstravel.com/trip/iceland-winter-northern-lights-glaciers-tour/



KRISTJÁN BJÖRN

As a nature enthusiast, visual artist, and experienced guide with a love for Iceland's extreme landscapes, Kristján Björn has led countless excursions in his home country, including many photography tours. Originally from Kirkjubæjarklaustur in the south of Iceland, though currently living in Reykjavík, he holds a degree in arts from the Icelandic College of Art and Crafts and another degree from the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna. When not leading trips, you can often find Kristján seeking out new adventures for art inspiration.



OSKAR GUDJONSSON

Oskar Gudjonsson was born and raised in Reykjavík and at age 12 moved with his family to a small fishing village in the Icelandic countryside. His love of outdoor adventure led him to pursue a degree in Outdoor Education at Australia's La Trobe University. He is on the board of a volunteer rescue organization in Reykjavík, teaches and guides groups in sea kayaking, trekking, and skiing, and also enjoys sailing.



ORRI SIGURJÓNSSON

Orri Sigurjónsson grew up in the small town of Hvanneyri in the western region of Iceland. He studied carpentry in college, but his true calling has always been the enchantments of Iceland's rugged landscapes, and he has been guiding in Iceland since 2010. "Traveling throughout the mountains is my passion," he says, "and being able to share that passion with other travelers and show them around my beautiful country is something I consider a privilege." When he's not leading trips, he enjoys mountaineering, skiing, ice climbing, skydiving, and playing music with his band, Vertigo.



SÖLVI ÞÓR JÓNASSON

Sölvi Pór Jónasson was raised deep in Iceland's Westfjords, "where the road ends" at a farm in the smallest and most isolated commune on the island. He is a true nature lover and spends most of his time in the wilderness of his home country. Sölvi holds a degree in tourism and has been working in the field since 2013. When he is not introducing travelers to the wonders of Iceland, he enjoys fly fishing, snowmobiling, soccer, and golf.



JÓN MARINÓ SÆVARSSON

Jón Marinó Sævarsson was born and raised in Akureyri, the "Capital of North Iceland." He has explored many parts of Iceland and loves sharing his culture with other travelers. When he is not guiding, he enjoys mountain biking, skiing, hiking, and fly fishing.

Accommodations



HOTEL RANGÁ

Hella, Iceland

Days 1 to 2 (2 nights)

Halfway between Reykjavík and Vík along the south coast, the Hotel Rangá has a wonderfully isolated setting. The Rangá offers spacious, well-appointed rooms, and a good restaurant that serves some of the freshest fish imaginable. The hot tubs have amazing views.



HOTEL HÚSAFELL Stórarjódur, Iceland

Days 3 to 4 (2 nights)

Hotel Húsafell is set

Hotel Húsafell is set on the grounds of a large former farm and surrounded by rolling hills. Guest rooms are large, well appointed, and comfortable, with floor to ceiling windows. The hot tub on the patio has amazing views overlooking the river, and it's a delight to soak in one of the geothermal pools. There is an excellent restaurant as well as a café.



HOTELS ON THE SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA

Snæfellsnes *Peninsula, Iceland*Days 5 to 6 (2 nights)

In the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, we stay at one of the following hotels:

FOSSHOTEL STYKKISHÓLMUR

Set in the lovely fishing village of Stykkishólmur (pop. 1,100!), this hotel offers simple but clean, modern guest rooms with the amenities you would expect in a large city hotel. The onsite restuarant has a good breakfast buffet, and the staff is friendly and courteous.



HOTEL BÚDIR

This beautiful and cozy country hotel is set in splendid isolation on the edge of an ancient lava field next to the sea on the western tip of the Snaefellsnes Peninsula. Guest rooms are clean, modern, and simply decorated, and the restaurant serves excellent Icelandic fare. After exploring the countryside, have a drink in the comfy bar or lounge area and admire the fantastic views of the sea and Snaefellsnes Glacier out of the big picture windows. A lonesome church sits on a nearby hill, adding to the unforgettable character of this remote location.



BERJAYA REYKJAVIK MARINA HOTEL

Reykjavík, Iceland Day 7 (1 night)

Set in Reykjavík's marina district, close to the shops and restaurants, the Berjaya Reykjavík Marina Hotel has guest rooms with colorful and "quirky" modern décor combined with maritime antiques. The common spaces that take up the entire ground floor include a restaurant and renowned cocktail bar, cafe, gym room, and cinema. The hotel is within walking distance to the Harpa concert hall.

These are our signature accommodations for this trip. Although it is highly unlikely, we may make substitutions when necessary. To see more photos and descriptions, please visit our *Winter Adventures in Iceland* webpage and click on "Accommodations."

Trip Details

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is Level 3+, Moderate to Strenuous. It features daily hiking and snowshoeing (3-7 hours a day) and hotel accommodations throughout.

Due to its location in the path of the North Atlantic Current, Iceland's winter weather is not as severe as the latitude might suggest, but is also wildly variable on a daily basis. As snow cover comes and goes throughout the winter months, we have designed the trip to include either hiking or snowshoeing depending on current conditions. Exact trail routes may vary whether hiking or showshoeing since the latter allows more off-trail freedom. While your Trip Leaders will make every effort to do all of the activities described in the itinerary, they have the group's safety as their highest priority and may alter the itinerary to make the best of weather conditions during your trip.

Snowshoeing & Hiking

No previous experience is required for snowshoeing; it is just like hiking. Snowshoes will be provided, and they strap right onto your hiking boots. Our snowshoe-hikes can be strenuous as we will be traveling across snowfields with varying conditions, from soft powder to snow with a light crust of ice. If there is no snow, we will be hiking on varied terrain, from packed dirt to lava fields. There is no extreme elevation change in our daily outings, but we will be ascending up to ridges—and descending back down! The conditions will dictate our exact route each day, as we choose the best route for views and an experience of the Icelandic landscape.

Gear

Sturdy, warm, and well-broken-in hiking boots are essential, and they must be full hiking boots that support your ankles (no running shoes or below-ankle hiking shoes). Gaiters are great for protecting your pant legs from getting wet, and hiking poles are highly recommended. A Gore-Tex jacket (with a hood) and rain pants are essential, as well as fleece and Capilene layers to keep you warm. A full packing list will be sent with your sign-up packet.

Northern Lights

The aurora borealis appear intermittently in the night skies from October through March. Seeing the aurora is contingent on many factors including solar storms, Earth's shifting magnetic field, cloud cover, and precipitation. We have timed the trip carefully, and designed it to get you to the places in the country with the very best possibility of seeing the northern lights. Our final base at Hotel Húsafell, in particular, is considered one of the best spots in Iceland for watching the northern lights. It is important to remember that the northern lights are a natural phenomenon dependent on natural forces outside of our control and are not guaranteed. We are, however, pleased to say that the majority of our groups have managed to see the aurora in some form. Additionally, we have packed the trip with great winter activities—this trip is much more than a northern lights trip!

Getting in Shape

For your own enjoyment, we recommend you make a special effort to be in good physical condition. Daily brisk walking and/or regular hiking (or using a stair-climbing machine at your gym) are excellent preparatory exercises.

Life on the Trip

We drive to a starting point for our hiking and snowshoeing, and our vehicle picks us up at the end of the hike to drive us to our night's lodging. Some days combine sightseeing at waterfalls and cultural sites with hiking/snowshoeing. Our longest drive will be to Húsafell on Day 5 and back on Day 7, approximately 3 hours each way, but road conditions can change that timing. The weather has the final say in Iceland! On other days we have as little as 10 minutes to our trailhead, and even hike right out from our hotel on Day 4.

Accommodations and Meals

Our nights will be spent at comfortable hotels and inns. Please keep in mind that on this trip we are crossing rural Iceland. The rooms in our hotels and inns will not always conform to international hotel standards and sizes, and décor can be 'Scandinavian spare'. Please note that in Europe, the dinner hour is considerably later than what it is in the U.S. We do our best to secure early reservations for our groups, but most often the evening meal will be at 7:00 pm.

WEATHER

Iceland's weather is windy, wet, and changeable: it's said that you can encounter four seasons in a day here. The conditions will dictate our exact schedule each day, as we choose the best route for views and an experience of the Icelandic landscape—you should be prepared to be flexible, as weather has the final say in determining our

itinerary. Though it is located just below the Arctic Circle, Iceland is usually warmer than other places at this latitude due to the moderating influence of the Gulf Stream. These ocean currents interact with cold air from the north and often bring precipitation. Snow cover comes and goes throughout the winter months.

We have designed the trip to include either hiking or snowshoeing, depending on whether there is snow cover. Your Trip Leaders have the group's safety as their highest priority, and will alter the itinerary as needed depending on weather conditions. They will make every effort to do all of the activities described in the itinerary, however you may be on snowshoes or in hiking boots, and the order of the trip may be changed in order to make the best of the weather conditions.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the Europe Manager or email us at europe@wildernesstravel.com.

REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us on this or a similar trip.

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MEN'S T-SHIRT



WOMEN'S T-SHIRT



PATAGONIA SYNCHILLA FLEECE VEST PLUS INSULATED CAMELBAK WATER BOTTLE



PATAGONIA R1 PULLOVER

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As a first-time traveler, you receive a lightweight Wilderness Travel T-shirt and set of durable WT Luggage Tags. On subsequent trips, we're happy to send you a new WT T-shirt and set of Luggage Tags by request.

YOUR SECOND TRIP

A top quality Wilderness Travel insulated stainless steel water bottle by CamelBak and a cozy Wilderness Travel fleece vest by Patagonia (\$130 value).

YOUR THIRD TRIP

A versatile Wilderness Travel R-1 pullover by Patagonia (\$140 value).

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

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Best Adventure Travel Companies: National Geographic Adventure, 3-time winner

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