

# Iceland

## Scandinavian Knitting, Weaving & Textile Crafts

Celebrate the Summer Solstice

in the Land of Fjords, Vikings, Trolls & the Midnight Sun



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*In Icelandic folklore, Midsummer Night is one of four magical nights in Iceland. On this night, it is believed that cows can speak, seals will take on human form, and rolling around naked in the grass can cure humans of all ailments.*

Designed for all ability levels as well as non-knitters/weavers.

With options for riding on Icelandic Horses, fishing and walking.  
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**June 14 - 23, 2022**

**10 Days**

Featuring a 4 Day  
Knitting or Weaving Workshop

With an optional 3 Day extension  
to Iceland's Magnificent South Coast

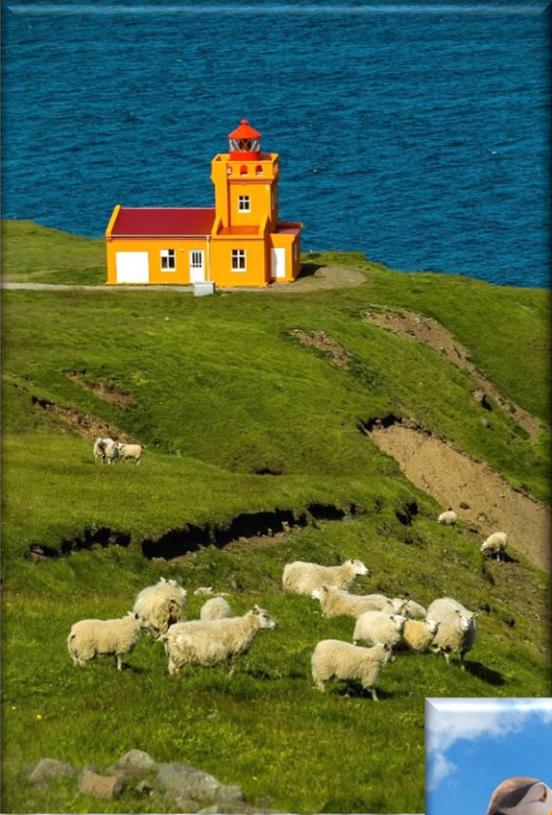
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“Uncommon textiles journeys that change lives”

# Welcome to Iceland...

One of the most dramatic natural landscapes on the planet



## Meet Our Icelandic Fiber Artist Mentors...

**Ragnheiður Jóhannsdóttir “Ragga”** is a knitting expert, designer, author and entrepreneur with over 40 years of experience. She is also skilled in herbal dyeing spinning yarn and basically everything that has to do with wool. Ragga specializes in how wool and its processing has evolved over the years and has focused on the history of Icelandic *lopapeysa* sweater design. What she enjoys most is to teach new skills and to show how you can use your knowledge for further development. She is very excited to share her knitting knowledge with you and loves to work with Icelandic wool. Ragga will introduce us to the Icelandic knitting techniques and traditions and there will be a choice of various items to knit: socks, gloves, hats, shawls or the traditional Icelandic “lopapeysa” sweater!



## Guðrún Bjarnadóttir

is a botanist, teacher and sperm analyst at the Icelandic Bull Centre. She teaches botany at the Agricultural University of Iceland at Hvanneyri. Guðrún spends most of her spare time collecting plants and dyeing wool, creating her own yarn from the Icelandic wool. Plants, knitting and Icelandic nature are her favorite things and she says she is very grateful to be able to combine this all in her work. In her home in Borgarfjörður, she has an open workshop where she shows traditional methods of dyeing yarn from Icelandic plants or lichens and many other things. We will have the opportunity to spend a morning with Guðrún participating in a workshop to learn about her process.

## Ríta Freyja Bach

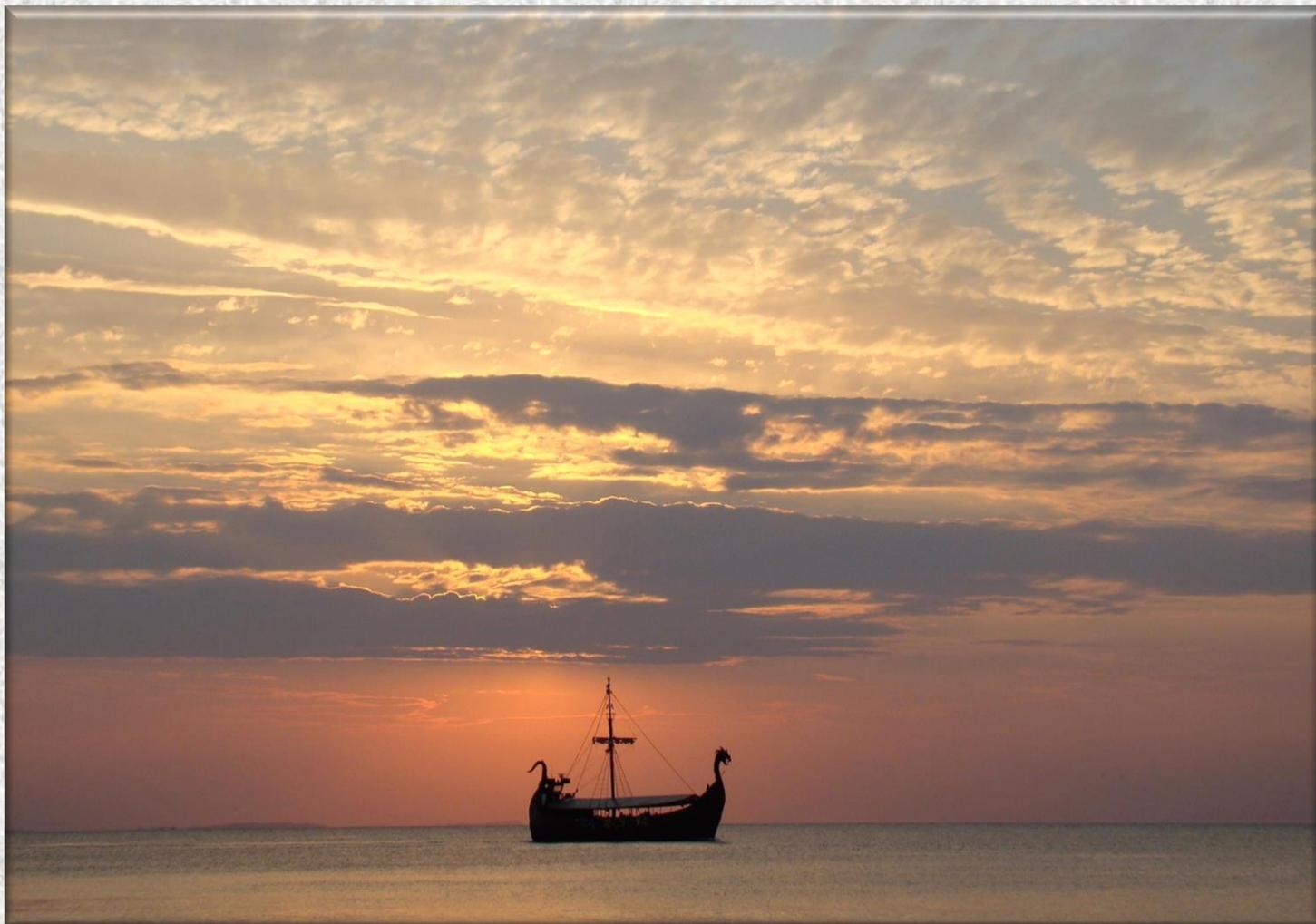
Ríta and Páll live in Grenigerði, a small organic farm 3 km outside of Borgarnes. In addition to selling plants, they also work with wool and the horns of animals like reindeers, sheep and goats. From the horns, they make all kinds of useful things, particularly jewelry. Their handcraft is for sale in Ullarselið at Hvanneyri ([www.ull.is](http://www.ull.is)) and some handcraft shops in Reykjavík. They also have a gallery at their farm. Ríta teaches students at the Agricultural University of Iceland to spin the wool and she has also taught many courses in wool craft elsewhere. We are lucky enough to visit their farm to learn more about Icelandic goat wool, see their beautiful art and taste some pancakes made from goat's milk. We also have the chance to learn the art of spinning with Ríta one day while at our hotel.



## Cari Sample Malver

is an award-winning weaver trained in the Rio Grande tradition of weaving unique to the Southwest of the US. This style of the art was brought to Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado by the Spanish settlers in the 16th century and is a result of the interweaving of the Spanish, Mexican native and local Indian pueblo weaving cultures. Cari is passionate about weaving and exposing others to the many forms of fiber art around the world. Cari founded Loom Dancer Odysseys and has been a specialty tour company owner since 1992. She weaves on a variety of different looms and in many countries. In addition to leading Loom Dancer's textile expeditions, she loves to teach weaving classes. When not exploring the world, Cari splits her time between Telluride, Colorado and Santa Fe, New Mexico where the natural landscapes and cultures are her muse.





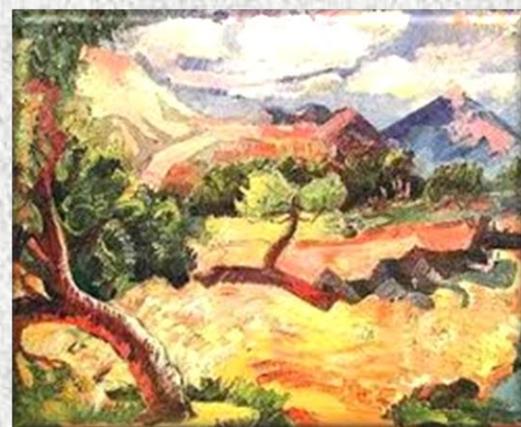
## Tuesday, June 14 Arrive Reykjavik

Today you fly to Reykjavik, Iceland from your home. We will be happy to offer suggestions for your air arrangements. Upon arrival, you will transfer on your own via taxi or shuttle from the airport to Reykjavik. Depending on your arrival time, the day is at your leisure to wander this interesting city. Shopping in Reykjavik is legendary and is a city filled with fashion, books, vintage stores, flea markets, boutiques, outlets, antique shops, gourmet food, Icelandic design, outdoor clothing, souvenir and gift shops. There are also a variety of interesting museums and an old harbour.



Our four-star accommodation for the next two nights is Hotel Holt, a boutique hotel filled with art from old Icelandic masters, history and culture. Set on a quiet residential street surrounded by quaint 19th-century timber and corrugated iron clad houses, the hotel houses the largest privately owned art collection in Iceland. The art features numerous works by several of Iceland's most beloved late 19th century and early 20th century artists; more than 500 of which are

scattered throughout the hotel. We'll gather at our charming hotel this evening for a welcome drink and orientation. For those that would like to, we can dine together tonight at a local restaurant (cost not included). Overnight at Hotel Holt in Reykjavik. (No meals included)



"Húsafell, Mt. Strútur, West Iceland" ~ 1945 Painting by Asgrimur Jonsson



## Wednesday, June 15      Enjoy a Free Day in Reykjavik ~ An Evening Private Visit Handknitting Association of Iceland

Today you have the entire day to explore the fascinating seaside city of Reykjavik, known as the “Smallest Big City in the World.” While it may be surrounded by extraordinary nature, it is a vibrant city full of urban life. You might want to explore the interesting museums such as The National Museum of Iceland where you can learn about the first settlers of Reykjavik. You can also stroll alongside the Old Harbor. Reykjavik is home to many marvelous sculptures. For an iconic experience, walk along the waterfront to the Sólfar (The Sun Voyager). This steel sculpture --- of a Viking ship. Here you can enjoy unparalleled views of Mount Esja (pictured below) .

Another amazing site is Hallgrímur’s Church (Hallgrímskirkja), one of Iceland’s most photographic site. If shopping is your passion, you can meander along Laugavegur, an open-air shopping street filled with boutiques and restaurants. The options are literally almost endless.



In the early evening, we have a special treat in store. We’ll gather to have a private

“after hours” visit to the Handknitters Association of Iceland. Knitting in Iceland is iconic. For many centuries, Icelandic

people have depended on their sheep to provide the marvelous wool for their warm garments; a necessity for the long and cold winters. Historically, many women have also used their craft to supplement their family’s income. In 1977, several Icelandic women joined forces to establish an organization that could better market their work. Thus, the Handknitting Association was founded. Their next step was to open a store to sell their woolen goods. Today, the Handknitting Association is well known for its quality and offers one of the widest selection of traditional hand knitted Icelandic sweaters in Iceland. It is also considered to be one of the main sources of Icelandic wool, patterns and supplies in Reykjavik. Ragga will join us here and we’ll linger here immersing ourselves in the woolly magic and you can purchase materials for your knitting project. Dinner is on your own tonight so that you can choose one of Reykjavik’s many wonderful restaurants and sample traditional Icelandic cuisine. Overnight at Hotel Holt. (B)



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## Thursday, June 16 To the Icelandic Countryside with Ragga Natural Dyeing ~ a Wool Centre ~ a UNESCO World Heritage Site



In the morning, we set off for our adventure deeper into Western Iceland often referred to Sagaland for its rich Viking history. We travel by private van to our boutique accommodations at Hotel Glymur. En route we visit botanist and dyer Guðrún Bjarnadóttir at her shop Hespuhúsið (see her bio on Page 3). We learn about the coloring of yarn with dye made of Icelandic plants and lichens during a workshop that takes the whole morning.

Next we visit Uppspuni, a family-run mini-mill where high quality yarns are produced from their own sheep. It is the very first mini-mill in Iceland. The yarn is spun from 100% Icelandic local fiber in the natural colors of their sheep and each carries the name from legendary Icelandic Folk Tales. For example, *Hulduband* (the

hidden woman yarn), *Dvergaband* (the dwarf yarn), *Dís* (the fairy) and *Tröllaband* (Trollband). In their words, "The elves and the hidden people in Iceland are said to live in rocks and mountains. We feel their spirit linger in the strings of the yarn, since the sheep that provide the wool are kept in the magnificent mountains that circle our horizon, for nearly 3 months before shearing."

We carry on to Friðheimar with their amazing greenhouses. Here we will enjoy a unique lunch among the tomato plants and a horse show. Friðheimar is very much a family affair, run by Knútur Rafn Ármann and his wife Helena Hermundardóttir. He is an agronomist from Hólar University College in north Iceland, while she is a horticulturalist from Reykir Horticultural College.

Our next stop is Þingvellir National Park, the only UNESCO World Heritage Site on the Icelandic mainland. The park is famous for the Alþing (Althing), the site of Iceland's parliament from the 10th to 18th centuries. On the site are the Þingvellir Church and the ruins of old stone shelters. The park sits in a rift valley caused by the separation of 2 tectonic plates, with rocky cliffs and fissures like the huge Almannagjá fault.





**This is our hotel for four nights!! What an idyllic setting!**

We carry on to our accommodations for the next four nights at Hotel Glymur where we enjoy a welcome dinner. Uniquely situated high on a mountainside, Hotel Glymur is considered one of Iceland's finest country hotels and overlooks the scenic *Hvalfjorfur*, the Whales Fjord. At the end of this fjord is Glymur, one of the highest waterfalls in Europe. Hotel Glymur has a beautiful restaurant and twenty-two well-appointed and comfortable rooms with fantastic views. Mountainside hot tubs, with geothermal heated water, are located just outside the hotel where one soak and take in the breathtaking panoramic view. The whole hotel is one big gallery. The owners have collected objects from all over the world, both new and old. There are over 100 photographs and paintings that adorn the walls of the hotel. We'll enjoy dinner as a group tonight in the hotel dining room overlooking the gorgeous fjord. Overnight at Hotel Glymur. (B,L,D)



**These are the views from our hotel and hot tub!**

Bottom right photo ©<https://www.discover-the-world.com/accommodation/hotel-glymur/>

©Top Photo Ben Husmann

Friday, June 17

Knitting or Weaving Workshop ~

Your Choice  
and Spinning with Rita

With the spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and beautiful Hvalfjörður fjord, today we have a whole day of Icelandic knitting with Ragga or weaving with Cari (your choice) and relaxing at our exquisite hotel. Rita from the farm



Grenigerði, will be with us today for a spinning workshop, for those who are interested. In the afternoon we can continue working on our knitting or weaving projects. Dinner is on your own tonight. Overnight at Hotel Glymur. (B,L)

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**Saturday, June 18**

## **Knitting or Weaving & Goats, Caves, and Waterfalls**

Following breakfast, we will carry on with our knitting or weaving projects. After lunch at the hotel (cost not included), with our projects in tow, we'll head out to visit Háafell Goatfarm and its Icelandic Goat Centre. The Icelandic goat is an endangered species and the Icelandic Goat Centre at Háafell is working towards protecting and maintaining the goat stock in Iceland. The playful goats are very friendly and love to snuggle. Other animals on the farm are horses, sheep, and Icelandic chickens.



Next, we visit Ullarselið Wool Centre which is a workshop and store to shop their yarn which is 100% Icelandic wool that comes mostly from their own sheep. All the yarn is all the colors that can be found in their Icelandic herd. Here we find a treasure trove of quality handicrafts made from Icelandic wool and other Icelandic raw materials. Unique offerings include sweaters made from hand-spun ribbons, fleece garments, feather products, horsehair and horn jewelry, felted hats, slippers and mittens.

Iceland is known for its numerous and magnificent waterfalls. This afternoon, we have the chance to visit Hraunfossar Lava waterfalls which is a real treasure. The falls are a collection of creeks and cascades that stream out of the lava. One of the things that makes these falls so spectacular is the changing color of the water. It can range from a mystical turquoise of glacial waters to a milky white river. The falls are extraordinarily beautiful and a truly rare natural phenomena. Dinner is on your own tonight. Overnight at Hotel Glymur. (B)

**Sunday, June 19**

**Knitting or Weaving, Trolls, Felting & Geothermal Baths**



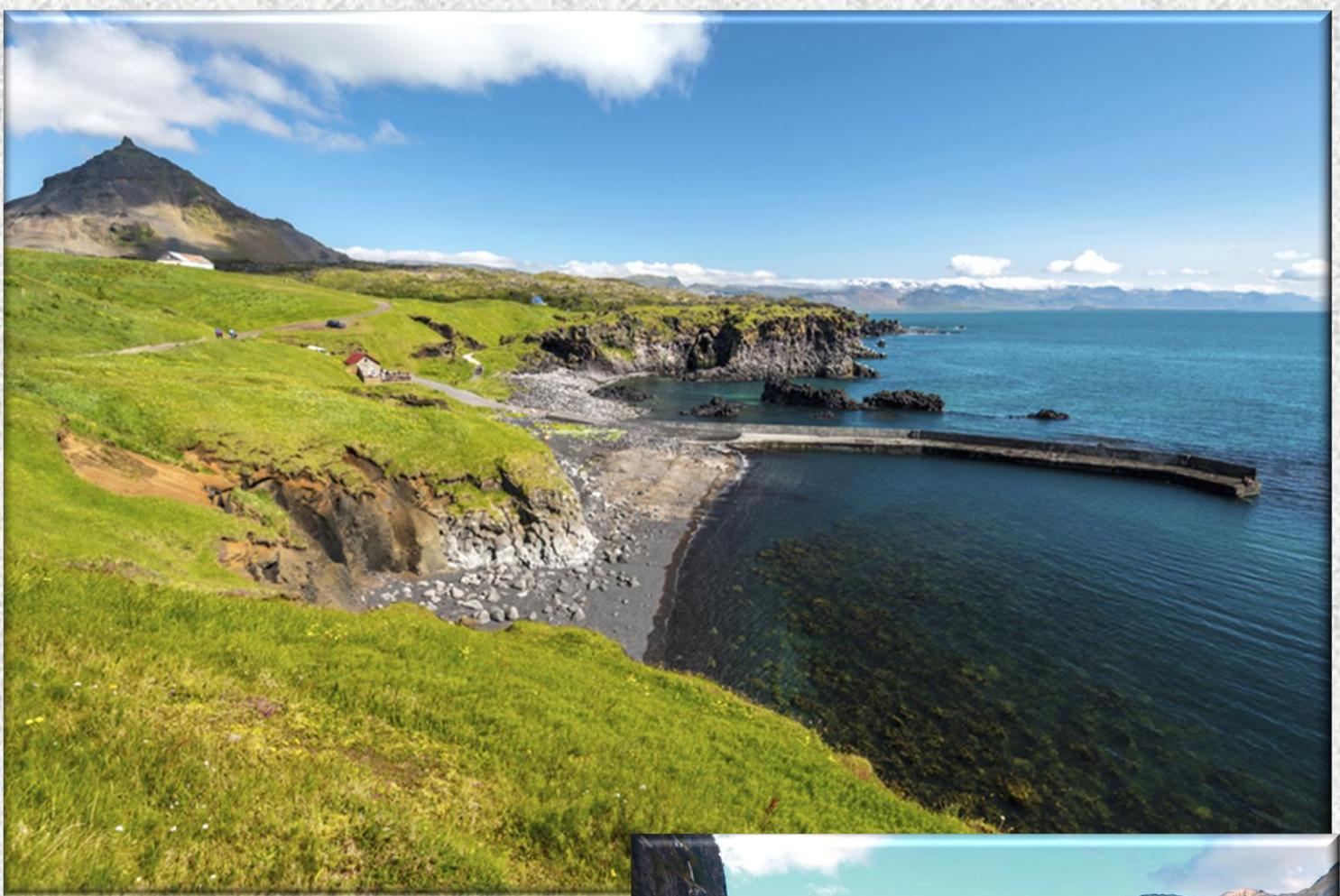
Again, we enjoy a morning of knitting or weaving and lunch (not included) at the hotel. The afternoon has several treats in store. You might be aware that Iceland is known for its geothermal wonders. It would be a crime not to experience this wondrous treat. Krauma, whose waters come from Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring, makes for a lovely afternoon respite. We can enjoy five warm relaxing natural geothermal baths, one cold tub, two saunas and a relaxation room with a fireplace and soothing music. So bring your bathing suit!

Do you believe in trolls? Icelandic trolls are a big part of Scandinavian mythology. Many people in Iceland believe in elves and trolls. Well, you just might become a believer after our visit to a unique site in Iceland. Fossatun, The Troll Garden, is the brainchild of author Steinar Berg who is the author of a series of popular story books about trolls. Here there are marked paths that are highlighted by stories of the trolls in the area.

Inspired by our time with the trolls, when we return to Hotel Glymur, we will enjoy a felting workshop with Ragga making our own Icelandic trolls. What fun! We will enjoy dinner as a group tonight. Overnight at Hotel Glymr. (B,D)

## **Monday, June 20 To Snæfellsnes Peninsula Sagas, Vikings and Glaciers**

Today we travel to the Snæfellsnes peninsula, which is like a miniature version of Iceland and considered one of the country's best escapes. En route, we can enjoy a visit to Borg á Mýrum, a farm and church estate just west of the town of Borgarnes. The estate is especially rich in settlement history and is home to a famous church built in the 1800s, as well as a monument of Egill Skallagrímsson of Egils Saga. The recorded history dates back to the Age of Settlement. Skallagrímur Kveldúlfsson was one of the country's very first settlers, and as he arrived, he claimed this area as his land.



His son, the famous Viking-age warrior and poet Egill Skallagrímsson, was born there and called the farmstead his home, as did his many descendants after him. The life and times of the Viking were recorded some 300 years after his demise in the epic of Egils Saga.

Next, it's a visit to Eiríksstaðir where we can sit by the fire and listen to tales of the Vikings in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. The expansion of the Vikings made its way westward from Iceland first to Greenland and later to the shores of North America. Dressed in typical Viking Age clothing



and gear, our guides at Eiríksstaðir will teach us about the Viking Age and its craftsmanship, clothing and architecture.

We eventually arrive at our accommodations at Hotel Budir one of the most beautiful countryside hotels in Iceland. Siting in a lava field on the westernmost tip of the peninsula, this idyllic oasis boasts arguably one of the most romantic restaurants in Iceland. Here we enjoy an impressive view of the breathtaking Snæfellsjökull glacier and the Budir-estuary which meanders into the vast Faxafloi-Bay where a number of seals reside. Hótel Búðir's restaurant has been referred to as "The Mecca of Icelandic cooking," due to its unique and delightful cuisine. The restaurant's

menu is seasonal and takes advantage of fresh local produce like seafood and fish from neighboring villages such as Stykkisholmur, Olafsvik and Borgarnes. We can picnic  
Dinner is on your own at the hotel\*. Overnight at Hót

\*No group dinners are planned here because if we were to include a group dinner, the hotel requires we all order the same thing which is not an option with dietary restriction



**Tuesday, June 21**

## **Celebrate the Summer Solstice Exploring Snæfellsnes peninsula**

Today we celebrate the longest day of the year with a full day to explore the stunning landscape that has captured the imagination of people all over the world. Beginning with Jules Verne's famous science fiction novel "Journey to the Center of the Earth" to recently when Ben Stiller brought the fishing village Stykkishólmur onto the big screen in "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," Snæfellsnes is a feast for the senses. Furthermore, it is believed that Snæfellsjökull is one of seven main energy centers of the earth. Here you find dramatic sea cliffs, black and light sand beaches, craters, crooked lava flows, lush fjords, fishing villages, geothermal areas, mineral springs and rich birdlife. We will spend the day meandering around the peninsula, hugging the coastline and visiting the charming seaside hamlets, each offering a distinctive taste of Iceland. We'll stop at Djúpalónssandur, an arched-shaped bay of dark cliffs and black sand. There are four ancient lifting stones found here. They were used to test the strength of fisherman in days gone by.

Arnarstapi with its extraordinary columns of basalt is a place of rare beauty. Here we can stroll around its natural harbor and observe the many birds squawking around us. Hellnar is an ancient fishing village, a cluster of old houses and buildings. Driving around the tip of the Snæfellsnes peninsula we pass the fishing villages Hellissandur, Rif, and Olafsvik.

In Hellissandur lies a replica of a turf fisherman's hut outside, while the indoor exhibition focuses on the history of the fishing industry in the region. We might even fit in a yarn store. Continuing along the northern coastline with amazing views over the Fjord with its numerous islands.

From Stykkisholmur with its bright colored buildings from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to Grundarfjordur set on a dramatic bay surrounded by high peaks, we are immersed in the magic of quintessential Iceland. We drive to Bjarnarhöfn, located in the amazing so-called berserk lava fields and visit the local shark "farmer" and his museum on shark fishing. The daring might want to try the traditional Icelandic snack, cured Greenland shark. This evening we will have a very special private celebration of the Summer Solstice in the land of the Midnight Sun! Overnight at Hótel Búðir. (B)





## Wednesday, June 22

## Return to Reykjavik via Borgarnes

Today we return to Reykjavik and Hotel Holt with interesting stops along the way including waterfalls, seals and basalt cliffs. We also stop in Borgarnes to visit the Settlement Centre, a folk museum offering a deep background into Iceland's history and flora and fauna giving our visit to Iceland strong context. Here we learn what it was like for the first settlers of Iceland to set out across the wilds of the North Atlantic to their new home. Iceland's most famous Viking and first poet, Egill Skallagrimsson, is highlighted. We'll arrive in Reykjavik in the last afternoon offering the opportunity for last minute sightseeing or shopping. We can gather for a farewell dinner for those that would like to (not included). Overnight at Hotel Holt. (B)



Sadly, all good things must come to an end (or not if you are continuing on the South Coast extension). This morning you transfer on your own via taxi or shuttle for the airport for your flights home. (B)

## Or Onward to Iceland's South Coast...

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## Thursday, June 23 Flights Home

or

## Begin South Coast Extension

### Just Some of the Many Highlights

- Gullfoss, the Golden Waterfall
- Unique black beach Reynisfjara near Vik
- Stunning glaciers, rugged lava fields and mysterious volcanoes and geysers
- Geysir geothermal area
- South Coast waterfalls: Seljalandsfoss & Skógafoss
- Geysir geothermal area
- Sail among the icebergs on Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon and walk on Diamond Beach, a black sand paradise



Won't you join us  
in this magical land?

## Land Costs Include:

- 9 Night's accommodations based on double occupancy\*. Single accommodations available at additional cost. \*Please note that hotel rooms and bathrooms in Iceland are often smaller than we are used to in the US and Canada.
- Private tours
- Various Workshops/Special Events including 4 Days of an exclusive knitting, weaving, spinning and dyeing workshops. Two skeins of wool, knitting needles and wool for felting trolls are included.
- Private van and local expert guide
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Private visits and demonstrations with talented knitters, weavers, spinners, jewelers and textile designers
- Entrance fees

## Land Costs Exclude:

- All air transportation
- Airport transfers
- Meals not designated on the itinerary
- Any activities such as golf, horseback riding, fishing and any others not specifically included in the itinerary are additional cost.
- Any item not specifically included in your program including all snacks, extra personal beverages & bottled water, alcoholic beverages, etc. other than during designated meals
- Excess baggage fees, laundry, phone calls, internet and any other items of a personal nature not specifically indicated
- Tips for your guide, drivers, hotel porters and other service staff
- Additional insurance of any kind. We HIGHLY recommend purchasing trip protection insurance!

### Loom Dancer Odysseys

does not believe in large group, bargain or "ordinary" tours. Instead, we strive to immerse the creative and adventurous traveler into the wondrous world of global fiber arts with quality cultural encounters. Our typical group size is limited to 12-15 participants to allow for a more hands-on, intimate travel experience.

We invite you to join us.  
Be a creative traveler,  
not a tourist.

**Cost:** \$4,195 Per Person Based on Double Occupancy (based on a minimum of 8 participants)

For those wishing single accommodations, there is a \$900 Single Supplement (limited rooms available)

Activities such as golf, horseback riding, fishing and any other activity not included in the itinerary are at an additional cost.  
We will be happy to help with the arrangements.

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As with all true adventures, this itinerary is subject to change without notice based on a variety of factors. Although Loom Dancer Weaving Odysseys will do our best to adhere to the scheduled itinerary, we are all at the mercy of Mother Nature and varying weather conditions. This itinerary should be considered an approximation of activities only. The itinerary or accommodations may be changed subject to unexpected and worthwhile opportunities, weather, group desires, and circumstances beyond our control, etc. Loom Dancer Weaving Odysseys and its guides reserve the right to alter the itinerary without prior notice. Also please be aware that any voluntary changes on your part to your itinerary while in Iceland will be made at your own expense. There is no refund for any unused portion of the itinerary including hotels, activities, etc.

# Iceland's Magnificent South Coast Extension

June 23 - 25, 2022

You are already in Iceland, why not see as much as you can?



Most other tours are only day trips to the South Coast and beyond. What's the rush? That's certainly not for us! We'll immerse ourselves in the majesty and diversity of this dynamic landscape for several days. From black sand beaches to powerful geysers; spectacular waterfalls to frigid ice lagoons, we'll explore it all.



We be staying in the charming seafront village of Vik. It is Iceland's most southerly town situated along a rugged stretch of coastline and tucked between glacier topped mountains, rugged sea cliffs with black sand beaches. (Photo above



## June 23 To the Dramatic South Coast of Iceland

Following breakfast at Hotel Holt, we hop in our private van to meander out of Reykjavik to begin our South Coast adventure. Since this is our own custom journey and not a “canned” tour, we will remain flexible in our route to take advantage of all there is to see. One stop will be Geysir Hot Springs Area, a wonderful iconic stop on the Golden Circle. This phenomenon became active more than one thousand years ago with more than a dozen blow holes. Geysir is less active now, but it lent its name to geysers all over the globe. Strokkur is the most active of these hot springs and erupts every five to ten minutes. We’ll also visit Gullfoss, one of Iceland’s most beloved waterfalls. It is a magical and uplifting experience to stand at the falls and immerse oneself in its beauty.



Just before our destination for the evening is Dyrholaey Arch, a natural cliff arch. After a steep drive to the top of the cliffs, we are rewarded by amazing views of the arch and the surrounding area. If we are lucky, we might see puffins from here if they are in the area. (Please note that it may be closed if the puffins are nesting).

We finally reach our destination for the next two nights at Hotel Kria in Vik, a remote and picturesque village on the South Coast. Located just about halfway along the south coast, it is the southernmost town in Iceland and lies in the shadow of Mýrdalsjökull glacier. Hotel Kria is the newest hotel in Vik and is just about a

10-minute walk to the nearby black sand beaches. Decorated in chic, minimalist Scandinavian-style, each of our rooms has a stunning mountain view. Dinner is on your own tonight in the hotel dining room with its magnificent views. Overnight at Hotel Kria, (B).





## June 24 Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and Diamond Beach

Today we continue along the South Coast of Iceland to Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, one of the greatest wonders of nature in Iceland and not to be missed. It is simply too hard to put into words just how stunning this place is! Huge blocks of ice constantly break off the glacier, Breiðamerkurjökull, and large icebergs float on the lagoon. Here we board an amphibious boat and sail the still blue waters among the giant icebergs and get to taste the 1000-year-old ice. Seals also make this lagoon their home and if we are lucky, we might spot some. We'll also visit Diamond Beach where huge chunks of icebergs wash up on shore and glisten like diamonds on the black beach. On our return, we may visit Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon which is over 328 feet deep and is astonishingly beautiful. There are many walking paths here to take in the incredible views. The lush oasis of Skaftafell National Park will be another stop with its rugged landscape and interesting flora and fauna. Saturated with the incredible natural beauty we have witnessed today we'll meander our way back to Vik in the evening. Overnight at Hotel Kria. (B)





## June 25 **Geothermal Pools and Waterfalls on the Journey Along the South Coast to Reykjavik**

Today we sojourn from Vik back to Reykjavik west along the South Coast. There are many things to see today on our way. They say that Icelandic waters are beyond healing for the body and soul. While the Blue Lagoon is world famous (thus can be very crowded!), we may stop instead at Seljavallalaug hidden pool to soak our bodies in its warm geothermal waters. It is a real gem located in a secluded valley and surrounded by jaw-dropping mountains.

We just can't get enough of Iceland's waterfalls. Skogafoss is one of its best and widest waterfalls and has been throwing millions of gallons of water over its precipice for thousands of years. It is hard not to be moved and humbled by this magnificent spectacle! If you are feeling adventurous, you can climb to the top of the waterfall for fantastic views.

There are many choices of stops along our way today and we shall remain flexible to take the best advantage of the South Coast Route. We'll arrive back in Reykjavik in the late afternoon to bring our tour of this remarkable part of Iceland to a close. We can drop those off at the airport that have flights home this evening or take folks back into the city. (No hotel is included for this night.)



### **\*IMPORTANT:**

**Please do not book your flight home before 6PM on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Icelandair has a flight that departs around 8PM for the US with connections. Better yet, you may wish to stay the night of June 25<sup>th</sup> either at an airport hotel or in Reykjavik and fly home on June 26 to make your departure less stressful (hotel cost on June 25 not included).**

## Extension Land Costs Include:

- 3 Days/2 Night's accommodations in Vik based on double occupancy.
- All visits/activities as described
- Three full days of touring in a private van and local expert guide
- Breakfast daily

## Extension Land Costs Exclude:

- Any air transportation or Airport transfers (except at the end of the tour if you have a late day flight)
- Meals not designated on the itinerary
- Any item not specifically included in your program including all snacks, extra personal beverages & bottled water, etc. other than during designated meals, alcoholic beverages including excess baggage fees, laundry, phone calls, internet and any other items of a personal nature not specifically indicated
- Tips for your guide, drivers, hotel porters and other service staff
- Additional insurance of any kind

**Extension Cost:** \$1,159 per person, double occupancy (minimum 8 participants).  
Single Supplement: \$350



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## About Other Activities in Iceland

All our trips are designed to offer something for everyone and Iceland is no exception. Our itinerary is created to accommodate a variety of interests for our fiber enthusiasts as well as their non-fiber traveling companions. **The knitting and weaving workshops included in the itinerary are suitable for any ability or level of interest.** Even if you are a non-knitter or weaver, or not necessarily a fiber fiend, there are a myriad of activities to enjoy while the textile lovers indulge their passion. For those not participating in the workshops, you can explore on your own or engage in any of the activities below that Iceland is so famous for.

### Horseback Riding

Being on horseback is the ideal way to experience the ancient nature of Iceland relatively untouched for 100, or even 1,000 years. Considered the world's purest breed, Icelandic Horses were brought by Viking ships to serve as the sole source of transportation over Iceland's rough terrain. Isolated by law, nature gifted these horses with no natural predators, but in turn challenged them with sparse forage and a harsh climate. This natural selection process produced the calm, sure-footed Icelandic horse and has made it an integral part of the country's culture. (Adapted from <http://www.icelandichorses.com/horses.php>.) Read more about the history of the Icelandic Horse at <http://www.icelandichorses.com/history.php>

These friendly, sure-footed horses have a unique and rhythmic gait known as the 4-beat tölt which is famous for an incredibly smooth and seemingly floating ride over Iceland's rugged landscape. There are many riding experiences available for all levels of ability. Choose from a couple of hours in the saddle to all day rides through the magnificent scenery of Iceland.

### Fishing

Fishing for salmon, lake and sea trout, and Arctic char under the midnight sun is an experience no angler will ever forget. Iceland, the land of fire and ice, is home to some of the best Atlantic salmon and game fishing in the world. With crystal-clear, well-managed rivers and breathtaking scenery, it is no surprise that for generations, anglers have come to (and subsequently fallen in love with) Iceland. Fishing for salmon, sea trout, trout and Arctic char under the midnight sun is an experience no angler will ever forget.

<http://www.fishpal.com/Norse/Iceland/index.asp?dom=Iceland>

### Hiking

Hiking and walking in Iceland is enormously popular with many short and easy hikes to full day adventures. In fact, it might even be considered a hiker's paradise with opportunities that are virtually endless. With its magnificent scenery, wild landscapes and well-designed trails, Iceland will not disappoint the walker. Early June marks the beginning of the hiking season.

### Photography

Iceland's remarkable natural beauty is an incredible muse for any photographer. Choose from a variety of photography workshops or venture out on your own for that once-in-a-lifetime shot.

### World Class Golf

"Playing golf in Iceland is an adventure you'll remember for a lifetime. Midnight golf is available in the summer due to Iceland's northerly location, and one-tenth of Iceland's surface is adorned with lava. Sweeping mountains and majestic ocean views characterize Icelandic golf courses, which follow the contours of the naturally dramatic landscape. Their design pays tribute to the first golf courses in Scotland - the home of golf." ~ according to Golficeland.org