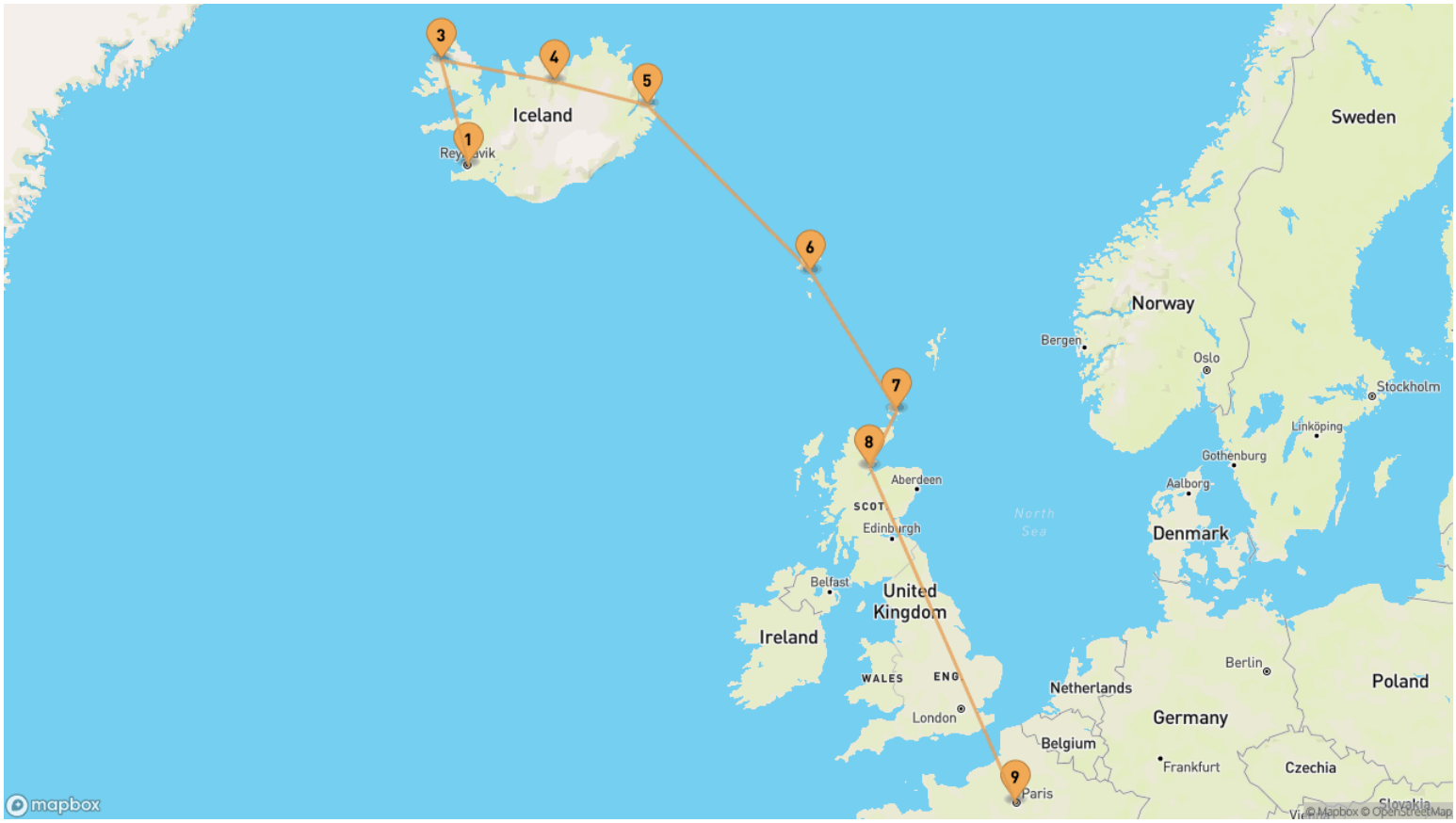


Fabulous Iceland and legendary Scotland cruise

- Regions / Countries: **Iceland** **Denmark** **UK** **France**
- Duration: **9 Days / 8 Nights**
- Tags: **Island, Village, Town, Secluded, City, Mainland port, Popular, Romantic, Nightlife**
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Day 1



Iceland / Reykjavik

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DAY 1: PARIS - REYKJAVIK (Iceland)

Departure from Paris on a special or regular flight to Reykjavik. Upon arrival in Reykjavik, transfer to the port, boarding and installation on board the World Explorer. Dinner on board.

Day 2



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DAY 2: REYKJAVIK

Reykjavik, or "the bay of smoke", was named in 874 by the first Scandinavian settler, Ingolfur Arnarson, at the sight of the vapors coming from the hot springs. The capital of Iceland is home to nearly 70% of the island's population. It is the northernmost capital in the world. The city, despite late development in the 19th century, does not have old buildings but beautiful colorful houses where the charm works right away. A city on a human scale, it is a pleasure to stroll through its streets. From there, you can reach the Golden Circle which includes three exceptional natural sites: the Gullfoss Falls, the thermal area of Geysir and Thingvellir, the Parliament Valley. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursions

THE GOLDEN CIRCLE (day with lunch)
On the way to Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Thingvellir is surrounded by mountains encircling a vast lava plain with wild vegetation. The Icelanders consider it a sacred place. Then, discovery of the Gullfoss Falls, also called "Golden Falls", among the most beautiful in Europe. This double waterfall often surrounded by a rainbow plunges into a chasm some 32 m below. Continuation of the excursion to the Great Geysir which gave its name to all the geysers in the world. Although it hardly raises its mountain of water any more, the site is grandiose by all the other volcanic phenomena to observe: solfataras, fumaroles, bubbling mud springs and geysers gushing in profusion.
Day with lunch - Price per person (from): €185

HISTORICAL REYKJAVIK
Short panoramic tour and discovery of the Arbaer open-air museum. This place brings together about twenty buildings, most of which were moved from the center of Reykjavik in order to preserve the architectural and historical heritage of the city. Continue to the Perlan Dome which has a magnificent view of the city before visiting the national museum. It traces the history and customs of Iceland from the Viking colonies to the present day. Finally, pass through the old town and the church of Hallgrimskirkja.
Half day - Price per person (from): €130

SWIMMING IN THE BLUE LAGOON OR THE SKY LAGOON
A true tradition in Iceland, bathing in hot springs is rooted in the local culture. The geothermal baths of the Sky Lagoon and the famous Blue Lagoon are renowned for their therapeutic benefits and offer a unique and relaxing environment.
Availability and price: contact us.

VOLCANISM SEEN FROM THE SKY
Fly over the region by helicopter and discover the volcanic landscapes from the sky.
Flight duration: approximately 40 to 60 min.
Availability and price: contact us.

Day 3



Iceland / Isafjordur

Island, Village

DAY 3: ISAFJORDUR

You are at the geographical edge of Europe, in the wildest fjord region of Iceland. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursions

PANORAMAS OF THE WEST AND THE DYNJANDI WATERFALL
Nestled in one of the most beautiful fjords in the northwest of Iceland, the Arnarfjordur, and 100 m high, the remarkable Dynjandi waterfall is one of the many jewels of this region. Majestic in its height, but also in its width, this set of stepped falls spreads out like a graceful bridal veil. The journey to the site will give you a good overview of this region sculpted by glaciers in the oldest part of Iceland: mountain ridges, breathtaking views, deep fjords where farms and villages huddle together on a narrow strip of land.
Half day - Price per person (from): €155

ISAFJORDUR AND THE PICTURESQUE VILLAGES
Departure through the magnificent steep valleys of the Westfjords to discover the life of the inhabitants. Passage through the village of Bolungarvík and its small church, at the foot of a 600 m mountain. Discovery of the small open-air museum of Osvor, a reconstructed fishermen's hut. Return to Isafjordur via the Tungudalur valley and visit the maritime museum. Tasting of schnapps and fermented shark.
Half day - Price per person (from): €145

Day 4



Iceland / AKUREYRI

Island, Town

DAY 4: AKUREYRI

Akureyri is located in the north of Iceland, on the west coast of the Eyjafjordur fjord. The city is surrounded by snow-capped mountains almost all year round. It is crossed by the Glera River which, when flowing into the sea, forms the Oddeyri sandbank. This area of the fjord is known for its calm winds and its natural harbor. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursions

JEWELS OF THE NORTH
Discovery of a region with extraordinary landscapes where most volcanic phenomena are represented. Visit the site of Namaskard, with its mud pots, solfataras and fumaroles with the smell of sulfur. Then, road to Dimmuborgir for a walk within the strange lava formations of this unusual labyrinth. Continue to the crater lake of Myvatn, one of the most fascinating places in Iceland. After lunch, discovery of Godafoss, "the waterfall of the Gods".
Day with lunch - Price per person (from): €175

THE HAMLET OF LAUFAS AND THE BOTANICAL GARDEN
On the road along the Eyjafjordur and the wild landscapes of northern Iceland to reach the Godafoss waterfalls. Continue with a visit to the old Laufas farm, which has become a museum. This hamlet of traditional houses with turf roofs and its church bear witness to the agricultural life of the time. Return to Akureyri and after a short panoramic tour, visit the botanical garden which is home to many endemic species.
Half day - Price per person (from): €110

WHALE WATCHING
After a short walk, board a local boat for a navigation of about 3 hours in the superb fjord of Eyjafjordur surrounded by imposing snow-capped mountains. Renowned for its abundant marine fauna, the possibility of observing different species of cetaceans is important here: humpback whale, blue whale, fin whale...
Half day - Price per person (from): €110

Day 5



Iceland / Seydisfjordur

Island, Village

DAY 5: SEYDISFJORDUR

Located on the east coast of Iceland, Seydisfjordur is an authentic little village of about 750 inhabitants and is also an ideal starting point for nature hikes. Nestled at the bottom of a magnificent fjord and surrounded by mountains falling into the sea, it was founded by Norwegian fishermen in the mid-19th century and prospered thanks to the exploitation of herring. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursions

WONDERS OF THE EAST
Departure by the only road connecting Seydisfjordur to the rest of the country towards the impressive Fjardarheidi mountain pass and stop at a viewpoint. After passing the mystical Lagarfljot lake, visit the Snaefellsstofa information center dedicated to Vatnajökull National Park which interactively addresses the fauna and flora of the region and discovery of Skriduklaustur, an old farm and historical site in the valley. Continue to Valthjofsstadur and pass through the magnificent Hallormsstadarskogur forest, one of the most important in Iceland. On the way back, stop in the small town of Egilsstadir and discover objects made by local artists.
Half day - Price per person (from): €165

SKALANES NATURE RESERVE
Skalanes is a private reserve designed as a place of research on the environment and cultural history of the country. On the road, visit the archaeological site of Thorarinsstadir where a stave church and a cemetery were excavated. On arrival, walk of about 1 hour in the nature reserve whose cliffs over 600 meters high welcome during the nesting period thousands of seabirds, such as eiders or arctic terns. Reindeer, seals, and more rarely whales offshore can sometimes be observed. Small snack and return to Seydisfjordur.
Half day - Limited places - Price per person (from): €155

HIKING IN THE VESTDALUR VALLEY
The Vestdalur Valley is a protected nature reserve with remarkable flora. Hike of about 2 hours through the enchanting landscapes of the east between green hills, mountains, and multiple waterfalls. It is sometimes possible to see Icelandic sheep or horses grazing in the surrounding pastures. During the walk, discovery of the old whaling station of Vestdalseyri, one of the most important cooperatives in the country today abandoned.
Limited places - Price per person (from): €110

Day 6



Denmark / Torshavn

DAY 6: TORSHAVN - FAROE ISLANDS (Faroe)

Halfway between Scotland and Iceland, this archipelago is made up of 18 small, green main islands, separated by narrow channels and exfjords. Only one of them is inhabited: Torshavn. The Faroese capital has retained its village feel with its authentic, multi-coloured cottages and roofs sometimes covered in mossy grass. Tinganes, the historic district, is home to the very first European parliament, which was established over a millennium ago under the leadership of the Vikings. Free time or take part in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursions

SASKUN AND KOLLAFJORDUR
Departure for Kollafjordur and visit a traditional Faroese church with a grass-covered roof. Discovery of the splendid landscapes along the road towards the village of Saksun, one of the most typical villages of the archipelago and located in a sublime bay. The old farm of Duvugardar has been converted into a museum and allows you to imagine the rural life of the time. On the way back, stop at a viewpoint over the capital of Torshavn.
Half day - Price per person (from): €85

SPLENDORS OF THE FAROE ISLANDS
Departure towards the north, passing through beautiful small villages and the old whaling station of Vid Air. Along the way, you can see "The Giant and the Witch", two isolated rocky peaks in the sea that, according to legend, were once living characters. Discovery of Slættaratindur, the highest mountain in the Faroe Islands with an altitude of 882 meters. Stop at Gjogv, a pretty village located in the northeast of the island of Eysturoy. In Faroese, gjogv means ravine. Its name comes from the 188 meter long gorge that connects the town to the ocean. Return by small mountain roads with magnificent panoramas.
Half day - Price per person (from): €75

THE CLIFFS OF VESTMANNA
Transfer to the village of Vestmanna from Torshavn. Embark on a mini-cruise (approximately 2 hours) to discover the magnificent cliffs and their numerous caves, the natural habitat of thousands of seabirds. The captain will try to find the best route to get as close as possible to the steep cliffs and approach different cavities (depending on weather conditions). Return by coach from Vestmanna via the mountain roads and their exceptional panoramas.
Half day - Limited places - Price per person (from): €140

Day 7



UK / Kirkwall

DAY 7: KIRKWALL - ORKNEY ISLANDS (United Kingdom)

A legendary archipelago in the north of Scotland, the Orkneys surprise and seduce with their landscapes of tormented rocks facing the ocean, their thousand-year-old archaeological heritage and their ornithological wealth. A wildlife paradise, set off to discover breathtaking panoramas and historical wonders. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursions

THE NEOLITHIC HEART OF THE ORKNEYS
Depart by coach through the beautiful landscapes of farmland and rolling moorland. Pass the site of the Standing Stones of Stenness and discover the Ring of Brodgar, a group of megaliths dating from the Bronze Age. Then visit Skara Brae, a Neolithic village dating from the Stone Age, whose perfectly preserved remains under sand dunes were revealed by a storm 5,000 years later, in 1850. All three sites are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Continue to the historic manor of Skaill House, built by a bishop in 1620. Return to Kirkwall via Scapa Flow Bay, the former naval base where the German fleet scuttled itself on June 21, 1919.
Half day - Price per person (from): €85

DISCOVERY OF THE NORTH OF THE ISLAND
Leaving Kirkwall, we set off along Scapa Flow Bay and pass the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Standing Stones of Stenness. A short stop to sample some delicious local pastries, then drive to Brough of Birsay to admire the spectacular Marwick Head cliffs, a natural haven for birds. On the way back, visit the Ring of Brodgar, an archaeological site consisting of a group of Bronze Age megaliths.
Half day - Limited places - Price per person (from): €80

Day 8

UK / Invergordon

Island, Secluded, Village

DAY 8: INVERGORDON

Situated on the Cromarty Firth, Invergordon is undoubtedly evocative of Scottish myths and folklore. Located in the Highlands, the town is close to the famous Loch Ness. This is also the region where the great whisky distilleries are concentrated. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Optional excursions

CAWDOR CASTLE AND CULLODEN SITE
Departure along the Cromarty Firth with its magnificent panorama, before entering the Scottish countryside to reach the site of the Battle of Culloden. Discovery of the battlefield and its museum which offers an interactive exhibition. This site is the witness of the last attempt of the Highlanders to seize the throne of Scotland from the English. After lunch, visit Cawdor Castle and its magnificent gardens, source of inspiration for Shakespeare's famous Macbeth. This splendid medieval residence has belonged to the Cawdor family for more than 600 years and has retained its old-world charm.
Day with lunch - Price per person (from): €165

LOCH NESS & URQUHART CASTLE MINI CRUISE
Departure by coach to the Highlands, one of the last wild lands in Europe! Arrival at the ruins of Urquhart Castle, a splendid 13th century site located on a rocky promontory along the banks of Loch Ness. Then, embark on a mini-cruise on this legendary lake to the Caledonian Canal and Dochgarroch Lock. Return to Invergordon via Inverness.
Half day - Price per person (from): €115

DUNROBIN AND DORNOCH CASTLE
On the way to Dunrobin through the typical landscapes of Scotland. At the end of a long tree-lined road, appears the impressive Renaissance castle of Dunrobin which houses 189 rooms richly decorated with paintings, tapestries and art objects. This magnificent building, ancestral seat of the Dukes of Sutherland, has a splendid terrace overlooking the sea and French gardens. On the way back, pass through Dornoch, a charming 12th century town with an imposing medieval cathedral.
Half day - Price per person (from): €80

Day 9



France / Paris

City, Mainland port, Popular, Romantic, Nightlife

DAY 9: EDINBURGH - PARIS

Breakfast on board. Disembarkation and transfer to the airport. Flight to Paris by special or regular flight.


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