

Brillantmont's Icelandic Adventure 2016

Day 1 Geneva to Reykjavik

On our arrival we took our private transfer through the volcanic landscapes of the Reykjanes peninsula towards the capital of Reykjavik. Our first stop was for a rejuvenating soak at the Blue Lagoon natural spa and the night was spent in the exciting capital of Reykjavik.



Day 2 Reykjavik & Gullfoss & Geysirs

We started our first full day in Iceland with a city tour led by our Icelandic guide which included a visit to the Old Harbour & the Hallgrimskirkja Church. After enjoying this wonderful city we went to the spectacular World Heritage Site of Pingvellir NP, where the Mid Atlantic Ocean Ridge surfaces, creating a dramatic landscape of fissures and lava fields.

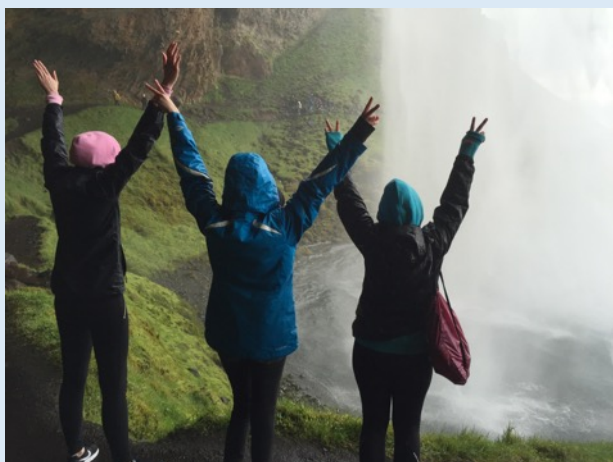
In the picture to the right the boys are standing between the North American and Eurasian plate.



Afterwards, we carried on through the farmlands to visit the incredible Gullfoss waterfall, cascading into the Hvítá canyon in 2 steps, and considered by many to be Iceland's most beautiful waterfall. A short drive away was the renowned Geysir geothermal area where the 'mother of all geysers' is situated – The Great Geysir, along with many different hot springs. Here the magnificent Strokkur spouts every 10 minutes.



Our last stop of the day was at Seljalandsfoss, where we were able to walk all the way behind this beautiful waterfall.



Finally, after such a full day, we retired to our accommodation for the night, a beautiful farm house situated below the Eyjafjallajökull volcano and glacier.



Day 3 Heimaey -Volcano

On Day 3 we set out to explore the impact that the volcanic landscape has on local life and we took the local ferry to Heimaey. This is the biggest island of the Vestmannaeyjar islands and here in January 1973, an eruption broke out that lasted half a year. We climbed up onto the Eldfell volcano to experience up close the crater resulting from the eruption that was so big it added land to the island as well as covering many houses.

Before
our
climb...



The
view
from
the
top....



Day 4 Glacier Walk & The Beach

Our final full day was jam packed! After breakfast we travelled to the Sólheimajökull glacier where we put on our crampons and hiked up the glacier.



Afterwards we drove east to the black sands of the coast and the caves at the Reynisdrangar beach. To the right is a picture of the group on the beautiful basalt columns at the beach.



After our trip to the beach we were supposed to go whale watching but unfortunately it was cancelled due to poor weather. Instead we spent a lovely evening souvenir shopping in Reykjavik.