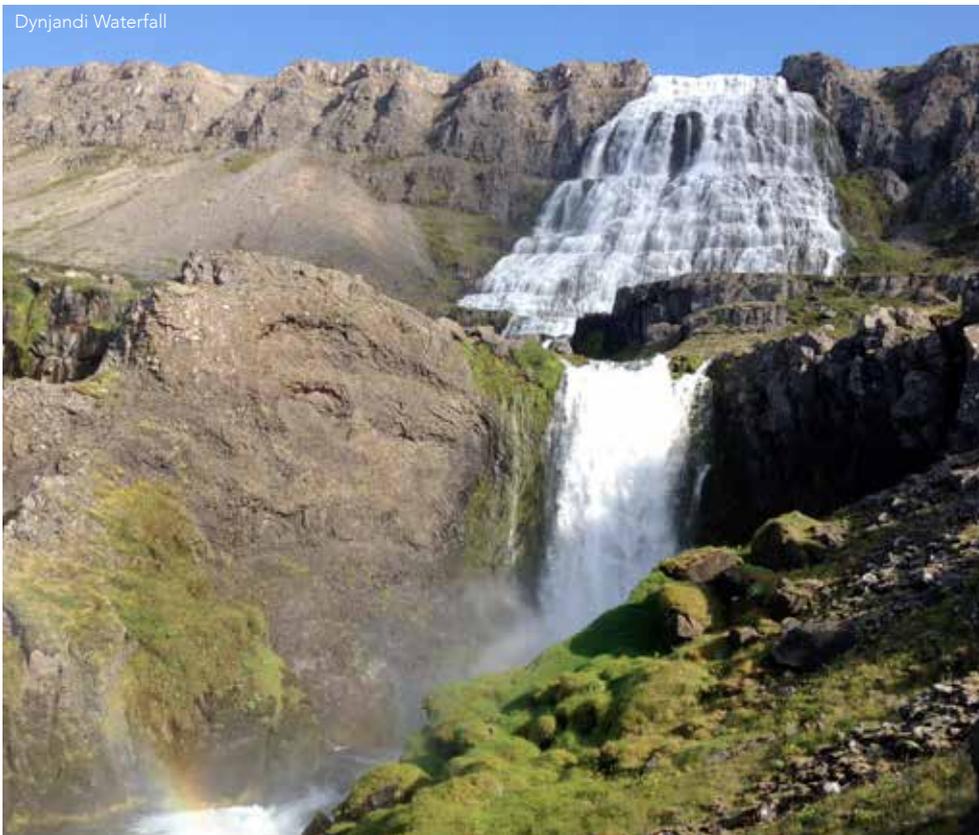


UNDER THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

A tour of Iceland in search of the Northern
Lights & whales including a three night
cruise aboard the **Ocean Diamond**
22nd to 28th September 2019

SPECIAL
OFFER - SAVE
£300
PER PERSON

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Dynjandi Waterfall



Husavik



Snaefellsjökull Volcano

Iceland is a truly exceptional country and with majestic waterfalls, volcanoes, thermal pools, hot springs and geological formations, nature here reigns supreme. Due to its location on the edge of the Arctic Circle, Iceland is also well placed to view another of Mother Nature's amazing phenomena, the Aurora Borealis, a magnificent display of the Northern Lights forming spectacular arcs of colour in the sky. Witnessing the phenomena is of course dependent on weather conditions and cannot be guaranteed but having timed our visit for after the equinox when the nights are fully dark should increase our chances of seeing the auroras. In addition to our three nights spent in hotels, we have the added advantage of spending three nights at sea when we can retreat from any light pollution to enhance the odds even further.

Whilst we hope to view the Northern Lights during our six night visit to Iceland, there is much else included in our new tour to occupy us and by combining three nights of overland touring with a three night cruise, we will be able to discover both the interior and coastline. We will explore Reykjavik, experience Lake Myvatn's volcanic craters, ash cones, lava fields and boiling mud pools and spend time in Husavik, the whale capital of Iceland where during a local boat trip we have excellent chances of viewing some of the many species of whale in the region. After embarking the Ocean Diamond which we have chartered for three nights, we travel to the Westfjords, the least visited, wonderfully wild and relatively inaccessible region of Iceland before sailing around the west coast to access the ruggedly beautiful Snaefellsnes Peninsula.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Reykjavik, Iceland. Fly by scheduled flight and on arrival transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is free to explore independently.

Day 2 Reykjavik & West Iceland. After breakfast in the hotel we will take a city tour of Reykjavik seeing the Hallgrímskirkja church, Harpa Concert Hall, the Solfar sculpture and the historic Hofdi House where the summit between



Reagan and Gorbachev was held in 1986. Leaving the city we will visit Thingvellir National Park, the ancient site of the world's first parliament and will enjoy lunch in



Lake Myvatn



a local restaurant before admiring the beautiful Hraunfossar waterfalls and Deildartunguhver, the most powerful hot spring in the world. We will continue to our hotel for an overnight stay in West Iceland and will meet for dinner this evening. Hopefully we may have our first view of the Northern Lights this evening.

Day 3 Lake Myvatn & Husavik.

After breakfast in the hotel we will drive to the imposing Godafoss, known as the “waterfall of the Gods” before continuing to Lake Myvatn-Krafla area, a fine example of the volcanic world with lava fields, boiling and steaming mud pools and steam vents of sulphur and craters. The area illustrates the sheer magnitude of Iceland’s forces at work. The lake itself, with beautiful natural rock formations and hot springs, is also a unique ecosystem. See the peculiar lava formations at Dimmuborgir and the craters at Skutustadir before driving to Dettifoss, Europe’s most powerful waterfall. Continue to our hotel in Husavik for dinner and an overnight stay.

Day 4 Husavik. Husavik is often referred to as the whale capital of Iceland. Using local RIB boats we will explore the bays looking for one of the 15 species of whales that can be found here as well as dolphins. Returning to Husavik we will enjoy lunch and an opportunity to explore the

pretty town at leisure, perhaps spend time at the excellent whale museum, the exploration museum and the quaint local church. In the late afternoon we will embark the Ocean Diamond and sail tonight. Sailing off the coast of Iceland, away from light pollution, we hope to improve our chances of seeing the Northern Lights.

Day 5 Isafjordur.

Awake this morning in the idyllic town of Isafjordur, the capital of the Westfjords region. This secluded peninsula is connected to the rest of Iceland by only a narrow strip of land and even by Icelandic standards can be described as unusually isolated. The landscape is characterised by mesas and dramatic fjords that cut deep into the landscape. Today a scenic drive will take us to the small village of Thingeyri with only 260 residents. This is one of the oldest settlements in the Westfjords and the location of the area’s first trading post. We return to the Ocean Diamond via the thunderous Dynjandi, the highest waterfall in the Westfjords. Be on deck tonight when, if weather permits, we hope for further Northern Light viewings.

Day 6 Stykkisholmur. Arrive this morning at Stykkisholmur located in Breidafjordur Bay and surrounded by an archipelago of islands. The town is famed for its beautiful and well preserved old houses and is also the gateway to

the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, known as “Iceland in miniature” since this region contains nearly all different kind of Icelandic scenery and is dominated by the Snæfellsjokull volcano. This is regarded as one of the symbols of Iceland and known as the setting for Jules Verne’s “Journey to the Centre of the Earth”. Today we will drive through the lava landscape to the glacier visiting pretty fishing ports and

beaches along the way as well as the Londrangar Rock pinnacles and Bjarnhofn shark museum. Return to the ship this evening and spend a final evening at sea as we sail to Reykjavik

Day 7 Reykjavik to London.

Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for the scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy (triple occupancy for category H)

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Cat	Cabin Description	Deck	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
H	Triple Cabin	Lower	£3095	£2795
G	Twin Cabin with restricted Views	Upper	£3195	£2895
F	Twin Cabin with restricted views	Captains	£3295	£2995
E	Twin Cabin with portholes	Lower	£3395	£3095
D	Twin Cabin with window	Main	£3495	£3195
C	Twin cabin with window	Upper /Captains	£3595	£3295
B	Suite with two windows	Main	£3895	£3595
A	Balcony Suite	Observation	£4295	£3995
F	For sole use	Captains	£3995	£3695
E	For sole use	Lower	£4095	£3795

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Three nights hotel accommodation as described with breakfast • Lunch & dinner on days 2 & 3 • Three nights accommodation aboard the Ocean Diamond on a full board basis • Wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner on board • Shore excursions • Expedition Team & Tour Managers • Gratuities • Transfers • Lunch on day 4 • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, dinner on day 1.

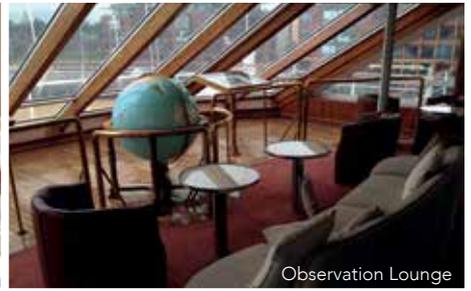
NB. Ports & itinerary are subject to change. The Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon so sightings cannot be guaranteed and sightings are weather dependent.



Ocean Diamond



Double cabin



Observation Lounge



Suite



Restaurant



Twin cabin

OCEAN DIAMOND

For our Iceland expedition we are working with our associates at Iceland Pro Cruises and the charming Ocean Diamond. The 224 passenger vessel was completely refurbished in Norway in 2012 and is perfect for our exploration being large enough to provide stability, speed, spacious cabins and ample public space, yet small enough to manoeuvre in remote areas. The vessel is outfitted with the most current navigational and communications technology as well as with retractable stabilisers for smooth sailing.

Your Cabin/Suite

With a maximum of 224 passengers, the Ocean Diamond offers cabins across its five decks. There are a range of cabins and suites available and all feature outside views (porthole, window or balcony), private en-suite bathrooms featuring bathtub or shower, a writing desk, individual temperature control, refrigerator, satellite phone access, hairdryer and flat-screen television and DVD player. Cabins range in size from 17 square metres to 30 square metres.

Your Space

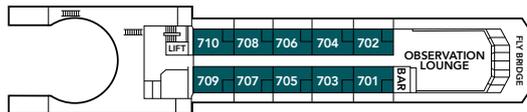
The Ocean Diamond features spacious public areas and ample deck space from where you can admire the beautiful passing landscapes. Public areas and facilities include an observation lounge with bar, a fitness centre, pool with bar, Sun Deck, lecture theatre with state of the art audio visual equipment, library and lounge. The restaurant serves all passengers in one, open seating and the cuisine is international. There is also a gift shop, clinic and a spa on board.

Your Dining

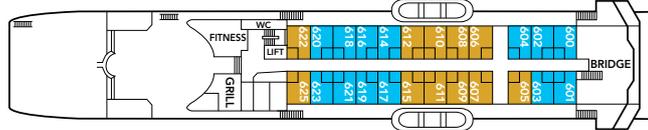
The single sitting restaurant is located on the Lower Deck and is both spacious and light. Breakfast and lunch are served buffet style and dinner is served to your table. Afternoon tea is served daily and there is also a 24 hour tea & coffee station. Weather permitting, there will be the opportunity to dine outside on occasion.

DECK PLAN

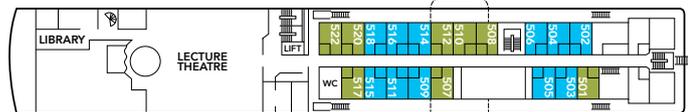
OBSERVATION DECK



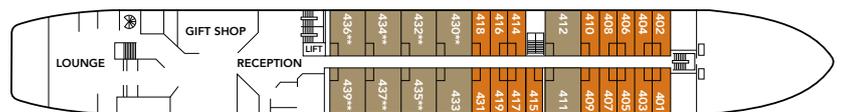
CAPTAIN'S DECK



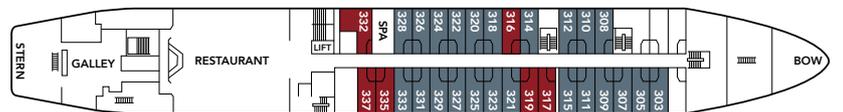
UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



LOWER DECK



* Please note, a few "window" cabins may have partially obstructed views eg. Portion of lifeboat on the deck fore/aft, or view is obstructed looking down.
** Cabins with two upper berths



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