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Circumnavigation of Iceland

June 25 – July 3, 2025



EXCLUSIVE GUEST SPEAKER
Felicity Aston MBE

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A World of Natural Wonder

Adventure awaits in this stunning Nordic wonderland where nature reigns supreme. With its mystical landscapes, a lively tourism scene and millions of curious little puffins, Iceland wows visitors at every turn. Each day of this seven-night cruise itinerary aboard the deluxe **World Traveller** reveals more of Iceland's natural phenomenon and myriad gems — from black beaches to cerulean icebergs and impressive waterfalls. Begin in cosmopolitan Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital and a vibrant example of Iceland's egalitarian society. Cruise to seldom-toured islands and coastal hamlets where the mythic lore and epic sagas of Iceland's national identity are passed down through generations. Glide into Siglufjörður, see the Arctic Circle on Grímsey Island, touch ice fragments calved from Breiðamerkurjökull glacier and stand in the mist of thundering Goðafoss waterfall. Uncover remarkable history on Heimaey Island, where houses hemmed by hardened lava flow from Eldfell volcano are clustered beneath towering cliffs populated by multitudes of birds. During your cruising adventure, keep watch for orcas, gregarious humpback whales, and playful harbor porpoises. This epic destination will tantalize all your senses!

Front cover: House on Ellidaey Island

Village of Seyðisfjörður



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Dear Duke Travelers:

Resting on the edge of the Arctic Circle, Iceland is a realm of astonishing beauty where nature reigns supreme. Come along on this memorable exploration through Iceland's vast wealth of magnificent scenery and fascinating cultural heritage.

Duke Travels is pleased to have engaged Gohagan & Co. to offer this journey. During this specially designed, seven-night circumnavigation of this Nordic island nation, experience close encounters with Iceland's primal landscapes and unique wildlife at the best time of year, when the midnight sun of the summer solstice melds into lingering twilight.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe World Traveller, an intimate luxury yacht able to glide into small ports inaccessible to larger vessels and to alter course as ethereal waterways, rugged fjords and magisterial glaciers unfold before you. From cosmopolitan Reykjavik to traditional villages and ancient landscapes, encounter endless splendors and connect with Iceland's history and Viking heritage. Plus, enjoy a special visit to see rare Arctic birdlife in the wildlife sanctuary of Vigur Island with **Guest Speaker Felicity Aston MBE**, who owns the island and lives there with her family.

As the Duke group grows in size, a Duke representative will be engaged to join you and add a uniquely Duke perspective to this educational journey. Enhance your Icelandic voyage with the Reykjavik and the Golden Circle Pre-Tour Extension. Call Duke Travels at **(919) 684-2988** to reserve, ask questions, or hold space while you decide.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Ray-Schroeder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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GUEST SPEAKER

Felicity Aston MBE

There is an anecdote on Felicity Aston MBE's website that talks about her first "expedition" at the age of 9, which involved "being bribed" up a modest peak in England by her parents. Aston, now one of the most accomplished polar explorers and climate scientists of modern times, says this childhood milestone changed her life. Today, she is both the only woman in the world to have skied across Antarctica alone and the first person in the world to have traversed the continent purely by muscle power, which gave her a place in the Guinness World Records. Her polar career began two decades ago when she traveled to Antarctica as a meteorologist with the British Antarctic Survey. By age 23, she was monitoring climate change at the Rothera Research Station on the Antarctic Peninsula. Her Kaspersky Lab Commonwealth Antarctic Expedition was the first to "Tweet to the Pole" and material from her Pole of Cold expedition has been developed into a traveling art exhibition. Aston has since written five books and produces articles for publications in the U.K. and abroad. She is also owner of Iceland's beautiful Vigur Island, where she lives with her family.



Land of Fire and Ice



Lava formations at Dimmuborgir

A land of unparalleled geological riches, Iceland is home to 4,500 square miles of glaciers, 30 active volcanic systems, 800 hot springs and more than 10,000 waterfalls. Born of the monumental forces unleashed during the movement of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates and carved out by formidable glaciers and incredible waterfalls, the land is a combination of intense natural energy and veritable calm. The topography of Iceland continues to evolve, yet many of its landscapes remain nearly unchanged since the first Viking settlers laid eyes on them more than 1,100 years ago. During your cruise you will see volcanic craters and fissures, watch as bubbling hot springs erupt steam into the air against a backdrop of Mars-like terrain, encounter pristine waterfalls and black lava deserts, and witness the stoic majesty of mountains capped with snow and volcanoes slumbering beneath sheets of ice. Along the coast, Iceland's characteristic fjords chronicle the powerful path of the glaciers. Enjoy these natural wonders, in constant flux as glaciers calve and shift and new mountains emerge from volcanic lava flow. A startlingly beautiful portrait of Earth's history and progress, Iceland is a primordial landscape hewn by the forces of fire and ice.



Jökulsárlón

INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).



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2025 | 9-DAY/8-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City

Day 1 | June 25

Depart home city for an overnight flight to Iceland.

Reykjavik, Iceland/ Embark World Traveller

Day 2 | June 26

Arrive in Reykjavik, Iceland's vibrant Nordic capital. Following lunch on your own, join your group for a panoramic tour of Laugardalur Park, home to colorful botanical gardens, recreational facilities and Iceland's only zoo.

Continue to the National Museum, where more than 2,000 artifacts provide a window to Iceland's rich history, culture and heritage. Step into the impressive Hallgrímskirkja Church and visit the Perlan to take in panoramic city views. Cap off your tour in Reykjavik's old town center before embarking the deluxe **World Traveller**. (B,D)

Vigur Island/Ísafjörður/ Bolungarvík

Day 3 | June 27

Uncover fascinating Icelandic heritage on Vigur Island, a private wildlife sanctuary owned by Guest Speaker Felicity Aston MBE and her husband Gísli. Embrace the opportunity to get close to arctic terns, eider ducks, puffins and black guillemots. See Iceland's only windmill and a vintage working boat used for ferrying goods and sheep. Relax over coffee and traditional cake with the Aston family and mail a postcard from Europe's smallest post office.

Return to the ship for a cruise to Ísafjörður; then set off to explore the astonishing Westfjords. Witness Ósvör, a replica of a 19th-century fishing station. From there, drive to Tungudalur Valley, home to a spectacular waterfall. On your drive back to Ísafjörður, savor views of the colorful architecture

and 18th-century, timber-framed houses. This evening, attend the Captain's Welcome Reception. (B,L,R,D)

Siglufjörður/ Grimsey Island/ Arctic Circle

Day 4 | June 28

Welcome to Siglufjörður, one of Iceland's most dramatically sited towns. Visit the award-winning Herring Era Museum, Iceland's largest maritime museum. This museum recreates the history of fish salting and oil processing during the early 20th century and offers visitors insight into the lives of fishermen who lived and work there during that time.

Return to the ship for lunch and cruise to Grimsey Island, which straddles the top of the world at 66 degrees north. Enjoy a view of the Arctic Circle during a short walk. (B,L,D)



Puffins on Heimaey Island



Húsavík

Day 5 | June 29

Explore northern Iceland's extraordinary natural landscapes, driving to Goðafoss, or the "Waterfall of the Gods," to marvel at its scenic wonder. The tour continues to the pseudocraters at Skútustaðir, formed when hot lava flowed across the wetlands more than 2,000 years ago. From there you will walk among the surreal "dark castle" lava formations of Dimmuborgir and then drive along the shores of Lake Mývatn to Námaskarð — a geothermal wonder with hot springs, fumaroles and boiling mud pools. (B,L,D)

Seyðisfjörður

Day 6 | June 30

Visit the picturesque Blue Church on the 11-mile-long fjords of Seyðisfjörður and enjoy a specially arranged cultural and musical performance. You

will also have time at leisure to explore the town or hike the waterfall. (B,L,D)

Djúpivogur/Jökulsárlón

Day 7 | July 1

Depart on a scenic excursion along Iceland's eastern coast. During your drive, enjoy stunning mountain views and landscapes peppered with unique land formations and charming villages. Board a specially designed small boat for a private cruise amid the luminous icebergs of Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon in the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Vatnajökull National Park and touch the ice that has calved off the outlet tidewater glacier. (B,L,D)

Heimaey, Westman Islands/Cruise by Surtsey Island

Day 8 | July 2

Arrive at Heimaey Island, part of the Vestmannaeyjar

(Westman Islands) archipelago. Watch for the ruins of ancient Viking farmhouses dating from A.D. 650 in Herjólfsdalur Valley, observe Heimaey's largest puffin colony from the headland of Stórhöfði, and see a timbered stave church in scenic Skansinn. Behold the imposing Eldfell volcano and tour the Eldheimar Museum, which chronicles its fateful activity of 1973.

This evening, cruise along the coast of Surtsey Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the youngest and most fragile islands on Earth. Tonight, toast to your fellow travelers during the Captain's Farewell Reception. (B,L,R,D)

Reykjavík/Disembark Ship/Return to Home City

Day 9 | July 3

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)



Isafjörður, Iceland



Laugardalur Park, Reykjavík



World Traveller

This newly constructed small ship, an intimate yacht appointed in retro-chic elegance, is able to dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships. Each of the 95 suites and staterooms (up to 465 square feet) features a stunning ocean view, and most include a private balcony. All accommodations in your private haven at sea offer a queen-sized bed that can be separated into two twin beds, a private bathroom with spa shower and luxury hotel-style amenities — including bath products from L'Occitane. Complimentary alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages and Wi-Fi access are available throughout the cruise. All meals aboard ship are included, featuring culinary adventures that rival your discoveries ashore.



2025 DEPARTURE DATE

June 25 to July 3
(Embarkation: July 26)

Category-Description	Standard Rate	Early Booking Savings*
8 Stateroom with panoramic ocean view picture window. Deck 3	\$8,190	\$7,190
7 Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, forward.	\$9,290	\$8,290
6 Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship.	\$9,990	\$8,990
5 Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship.	\$10,390	\$9,390
4 Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, aft.	\$11,090	\$10,090
3 Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, aft.	\$11,490	\$10,490
2 Stateroom with balcony. Deck 6.	\$12,290	\$11,290
1 Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and interior sitting area. Deck 6.	\$13,190	\$12,190
Journey Suite 2 Suite with large private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5.	\$14,890	\$13,890
Journey Suite 1 Suite with large private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6.	\$16,390	\$15,390
Discovery Suite Suite with larger private balcony and separate living room with sofa. Deck 5.	\$16,690	\$15,690
Navigator Suite 2 Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, large private balcony , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 5.	\$18,290	\$17,290
Navigator Suite 1 Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, large private balcony , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 6.	\$18,990	\$17,990

***Early Booking Savings of \$1,000 are available when you book by 12/23/24 and pay in full at time of booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$500 per person.**

All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes. Single accommodations are available in categories 6, 7 & 8 at 160% of the standard rate, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Early Booking Savings still apply.

Port taxes in the amount of \$195 per person are included in the above prices. Deck plans available upon request.

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PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

Reykjavík and the Golden Circle

June 23 to 26, 2025 (Tour Begins: June 24)

The captivating city of Reykjavík and its surrounding natural wonders provide you with the perfect prelude to Iceland. Tour the imposing Hallgrímskirkja Church, take in panoramic views from the observation deck of the distinctive Perlan and tour the National Museum. Enjoy a full-day excursion of Iceland's crown jewel, the legendary Golden Circle. Visit the UNESCO-listed Þingvellir National Park, the meeting point of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. Encounter the geothermally active Geysir area, gaze at the Strokkur geyser and see the picture-perfect Gullfoss waterfall — an impressive 104-foot-high double waterfall that provides a spectacular setting like no other. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe **Parliament Hotel**.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,995

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,595

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



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Goðafoss waterfall