

ICELAND—ISLAND OF FIRE & ICE

Greetings from your fellow Adventurers at WAI!

It's been a few years since we've visited the exotic island nation of Iceland and we're thrilled to be taking another group back next year. This remarkable little country is a favorite for hikers from all over the globe - discriminating travelers looking for undeveloped, untrammled, undiscovered delights our planet still has to offer. The Icelandic connection with 9th century Norwegian Viking settlers — iron-spirited men like the irascible Eric the Red — is evident at breathtaking Thingvellir National Park, meeting point of the first parliament which convened over 1000 years ago. Yet what sets Iceland apart is the indescribable beauty of its landscapes — unearthly volcano-sculpted panoramas punctuated by pristine fjords, dramatic rainbow-studded waterfalls, the largest icefields in Europe, and soft carpets of moss covering much of what remains.



Join us as we traverse the phenomenal landscapes of the Island of Fire & Ice in 2010!

How do I lock in my place on this Adventure?

If you are among the travelers who have submitted an Early Bird deposit, your spot on the list is secure until **August 20**. Travelers who have submitted Early Bird deposits will be accepted in the order in which they submitted their deposit. After **August 20** we will begin filling any open spots that have become available. A maximum of 30 travelers will be accepted on any one departure.

Cancellation policy:

Due to the changing contract policies of our vendors, we have adjusted our cancellation policy for 2010. Please see the General Tour Conditions sheet for more details.

How is airfare arranged?

The official start and finish point for this Adventure is the Keflavik International Airport outside Reykjavik, Iceland. We recommend that you contact the travel agent we work with to help book your flight arrangements, or you may go directly onto the Icelandair website to book the flight yourself. Icelandair is the only airline that serves Iceland without first flying to mainland Europe. More details about flight arrangements and travel agent contact information will be provided in the *Adventure Advice* flyer, enclosed with your first invoice after you register for the Adventure. **Please do not book your airfare prior to receiving the Adventure Advice flyer!**

Travel Insurance

Walking Adventures has negotiated with an insurance carrier to provide travel insurance in the form of a Preferred Benefits™ policy. We are pleased to make this package available and believe that it will provide travelers with an important element of security at a reasonable price. (See the enclosures for more detailed information.)

IMPORTANT: The insurance policy includes time-sensitive coverage provisions for pre-existing conditions, provided you purchase the insurance at the time you register for the trip, or within 14 days of your registration. **Should you choose to add the cost of your airline tickets to your insurance policy, contact our office after you purchase your airfare.**

Group Travel Credit

If you are part of a Group, remember that your full deposit of \$500 is still required to hold your spot on this Adventure. Your group leader is responsible to submit your name in writing to us before you make any deposits, qualifying you for the Group Travel Credit, but a full registration payment is needed to officially reserve your place.

What Happens Next?

Upon registering for this Adventure, you will receive a welcome letter, initial invoice, and *Adventure Advice* flyer with important information about steps to take in the months before your trip. ***Again, please do not buy your airline tickets until you receive the Adventure Advice flyer.*** The final payment for the program is due 90 days before departure, and you will receive a final billing about 2 weeks prior to that point, along with a factsheet of additional information about the Adventure to help you get prepared! Then, about 3 weeks before departure, you will receive a final packet with all the details of the program, including hotel names and contact information, a list of fellow travelers, and a more detailed daily schedule.

For now, we invite you to take some time and enjoy perusing the enclosed Adventure brochure. We look forward to sharing the wonders of Iceland with you in 2010!



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