ICELAND 2024: LAND OF FIRE AND ICE

SNÆFELLSNES | SOUTH COAST | GOLDEN CIRCLE

22-29 SEPTEMBER 2024

Join Gill Fry and Páll Jökull for a photography trip of a lifetime of spectacular Iceland.

Iceland is known as the **land of fire and ice** due to its large volcanic area fuelled by the Mid Atlantic Ridge and its many glaciers due to the proximity to the Arctic circle.

The area covered by Vatnajökull (Vatna Glacier), the country's largest, is equal to the combined total area covered by all the glaciers on the continent of Europe.

\$12,800* per person



Iceland is like nowhere else on earth.

- Huge waterfalls
- Stellar mountains
- Glaciers
- Ice on the black sand beach

A photographers delight!

Is Iceland on your bucket list? Don't dream it! Do it!





*Price excludes International and domestic flights, lunch and dinner (apart from dinner on the last night), alcohol, extra drinks, room service, laundry, gifts, souvenirs or any extras purchased. Travel insurance is a compulsory condition of booking. Camera or other optional insurances are not included. Camera equipment not supplied.

View the complete list of inclusions and exclusions at: gillfryphotography.com.au/iceland











Join us on an 8-day expedition through the stunning landscapes of Iceland, where each day is a harmonious blend of serenity, captivation, and grandeur.

YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDES

Join Gill Fry and Páll Jökull for a photography trip of a lifetime of spectacular Iceland.



Gill Fry

Gill is an internationally recognised, award winning photographer based in Australia.

Gill offers national tours in Australia and international tours to Lofoten, Norway, and now Iceland.

"I love taking people on these awesome adventures, which are so much fun. It is great to help photographers nail the shot as well as taking them to an amazing place to help tick it off their bucket list"



Páll Jökull

Páll Jökull is a talented landscape photographer and photo guide with a passion for capturing the beauty of Iceland and other destinations.

He has been conducting Iceland photography tours since 2013 and has a high knowledge of photography, photogenic places and the history of Iceland.

Skilled in drone operation, he can help you capture the beauty from above.

Páll is easy going and friendly. Páll has recently published a photo book, **A portrait of Iceland**, with a collection of vertical shots of Iceland and has also set up several exhibitions with his photos in the last ten years.







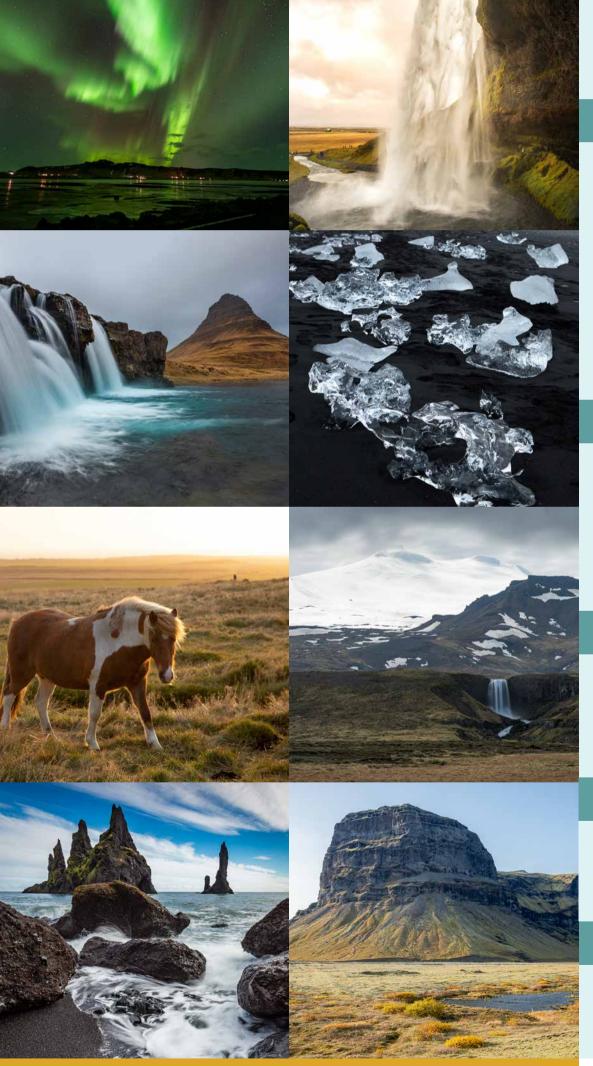




WHAT YOU WILL PHOTOGRAPH

Below is a guide of the places we will see.

The itinerary could be modified to get the most out of the places and weather conditions.



Aurora Borealis

Aurora Borealis (depending on cloud and aurora conditions). The aurora can never be guaranteed but if the night is clear, we will be chasing!!!

Snæfellsnes Peninsula

First we head to Snæfellsnes Peninsula; including Hraunfossar waterfall, Húsafell, Kirkjufell mountain, Svöðufoss waterfall and other locations on the north side of the peninsula.

On the southern side is Búðir (Black) church, Arnarstapi village, Lóndrangar stacks and Djúpalónssandur. We will of course visit the famous Kirkjufell mountain and Kirkjufellsfoss waterfall.

Iceland South Coast

Then we head to the south coast of Iceland to visit the waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss, Kvernufoss.

On the coast we also go to Dyrhólaey lighthouse and the black sand beach at Reynisfjara.

Fire & Ice

Iceland is known as the land of fire and ice. So we have to visit the Katla Ice Cave, Jökulsárlón diamond beach. Jökulsárlón and Fjallsárlón glacier lagoon and other glaciers in the area.

Vestrahorn

We also visit Vestrahorn, a photographers dream location where you will definitely need a wide angle lens.

Golden Circle

Finally we visit the Golden circle, Gullfoss waterfall, Geysir geothermal, Brúarfoss waterfall and Thingvellir national park.











Join us on this symphony of sights, where every click of your shutter adds a note to the Icelandic melody.

DAILY ITINERARY

This meticulously crafted itinerary promises not only an immersive experience into the heart of Iceland's diverse landscapes but also ample opportunities for photography enthusiasts to capture the awe-inspiring beauty that defines each location.



Snæfellsnes Serenity 22 September 2024

Embark on your photographic odyssey with a morning pick-up at your Reykjavik hotel. As we traverse towards Snæfellsnes, prepare to be enchanted by the ethereal beauty of Hraunfossar waterfall, Húsafell, Kirkjufell mountain, and other hidden gems on the north side of the peninsula. The night finds us nestled in the warm embrace of Langaholt guesthouse, promising a cozy haven after a day of exploration.

Captivating Snæfellsnes 23 September 2024

Awaken to the allure of the sunrise at Búðir church, setting the stage for a day of exploration in Arnarstapi village, Lóndrangar stacks, Djúpalónssandur, Svöðufoss waterfall, and the iconic Kirkjufell mountain.

Return to Langaholt for a restful night, as your senses revel in the captivating beauty of Snæfellsnes.

Southbound Splendors 24 September 2024

Greet the day with sunrise and breakfast, then bid farewell to Snæfellsnes as we journey southward to Vík.

Immerse yourself in the splendors of Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss, Kvernufoss, and Dyrhólaey, culminating in a two-night stay at the picturesque Katla Hotel in Vík.



Glacial Grandeur 26 September 2024

After breakfast, journey to Jökulsárlón diamond beach, where glaciers dance with the waves. Explore Jökulsárlón and Fjallsárlón glacier lagoon, and revel in the grandeur of nearby glaciers.

The day concludes with a sunset spectacle at Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, a symphony of colors reflected on the icy canvas.



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Peaks and Reflections 27 September 2024

As the sun graces Jökulsárlón with its first light, capture the magic of sunrise. After breakfast, venture towards Vestrahorn and Stokksnes for an awe-inspiring encounter with peaks and reflections.

Return to Jökulsárlón for a breathtaking sunset, a perfect encore to a day filled with photographic marvels.



Diamond Beach Magic 28 September 2024

Experience the enchantment of Diamond beach in the morning light, capturing the magic before breakfast. Bid farewell to Jökulsárlón as we journey back towards Hella, exploring Svínafellsjökull glacier and other captivating locations along the way.

A night of relaxation awaits at Stracta Hotel in Hella.

Ice Cave Adventure 25 September 2024



Witness the mesmerizing sunrise at Reynisfjara's black sand beach, and embark on an adventure to the ice caves.

As the day unfolds, savor the warmth of sunset at Dyrhólaey lighthouse, a poetic ode to the beauty of Iceland.



Golden Circle Finale • 29 September 2024

Conclude your Icelandic symphony with a final crescendo in the Golden Circle. Explore the roaring Gullfoss waterfall, the geothermal wonders of Geysir, the hidden beauty of Brúarfoss waterfall, and the historic Thingvellir National Park.

The tour concludes in Reykjavík, a fitting finale to an extraordinary photographic journey.





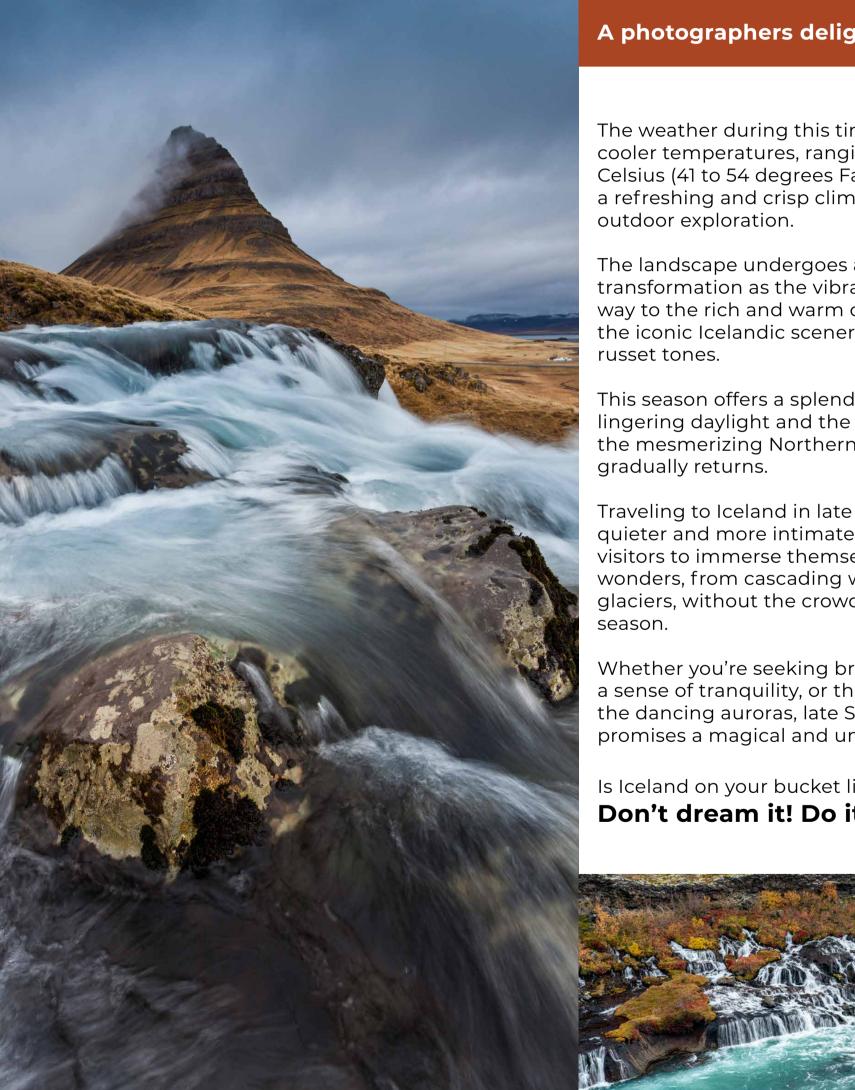






WHY SEPTEMBER

In late September, Iceland experiences the onset of autumn, presenting a unique and enchanting atmosphere for travelers.



A photographers delight!

The weather during this time is characterized by cooler temperatures, ranging from 5 to 12 degrees Celsius (41 to 54 degrees Fahrenheit), providing a refreshing and crisp climate that is perfect for

The landscape undergoes a captivating transformation as the vibrant hues of summer give way to the rich and warm colors of fall, painting the iconic Icelandic scenery with golden and

This season offers a splendid balance between lingering daylight and the possibility of witnessing the mesmerizing Northern Lights as darkness

Traveling to Iceland in late September provides a quieter and more intimate experience, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the natural wonders, from cascading waterfalls to dramatic glaciers, without the crowds typical of peak tourist

Whether you're seeking breathtaking landscapes, a sense of tranquility, or the chance to witness the dancing auroras, late September in Iceland promises a magical and unforgettable journey.

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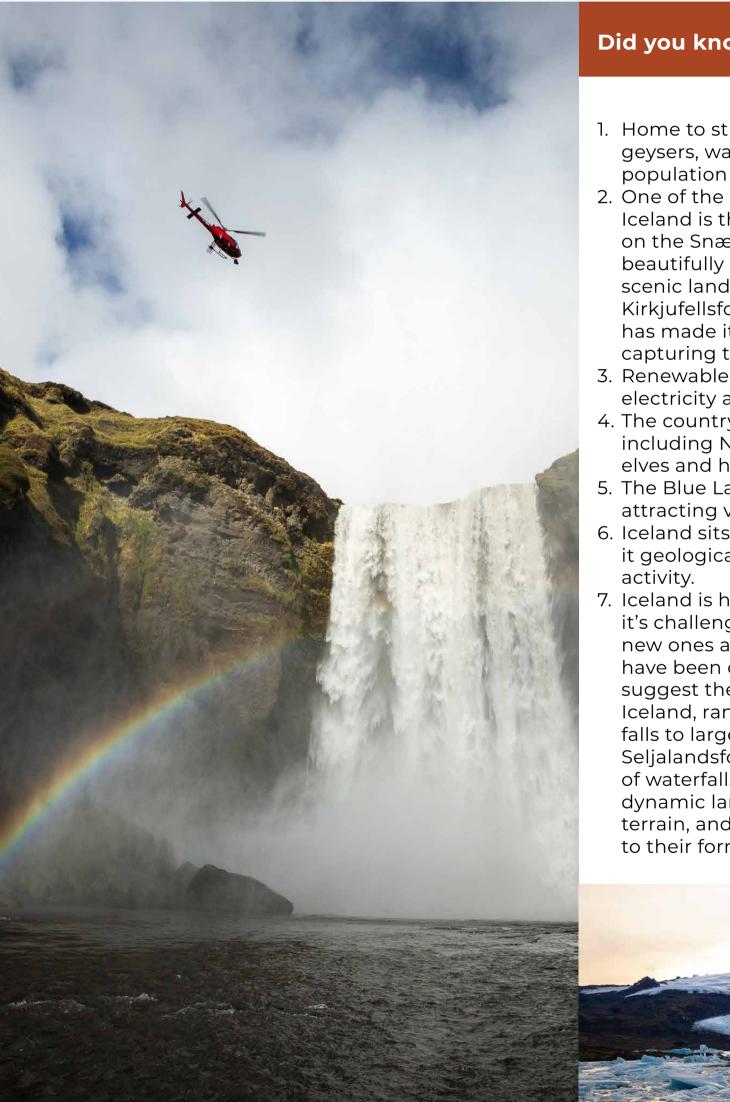






ICELAND FACTS

Iceland is a Nordic island nation in the North Atlantic. Reykjavik, its capital, is the northernmost capital of a sovereign state in the world.



Did you know?

- 1. Home to stunning landscapes, including geysers, waterfalls, and glaciers, Iceland has a population of around 366,000 people.
- 2. One of the most photographed locations in Iceland is the iconic Kirkjufell mountain. Located on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Kirkjufell is a beautifully symmetrical peak surrounded by scenic landscapes, waterfalls, and the nearby Kirkjufellsfoss waterfall. Its striking appearance has made it a favorite among photographers capturing the beauty of Iceland.
- 3. Renewable energy powers nearly 100% of its electricity and heating.
- 4. The country has a rich cultural heritage, including Norse sagas. Icelanders believe in elves and hidden people, known as "Huldufólk."
- 5. The Blue Lagoon is a famous geothermal spa attracting visitors worldwide.
- 6. Iceland sits on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, making it geologically active with frequent volcanic
- 7. Iceland is home to numerous waterfalls, and it's challenging to provide an exact count as new ones are discovered, and some may not have been officially named. However, estimates suggest there are over 10,000 waterfalls in Iceland, ranging from small and unnamed falls to larger, well-known ones like Gullfoss, Seljalandsfoss, and Skogafoss. The abundance of waterfalls is a result of Iceland's diverse and dynamic landscape, with glacial rivers, volcanic terrain, and abundant precipitation contributing

to their formation.













BE PREPARED

Tour Inclusions	Excluded from the tour
 Photographic tuition with two experienced guides (suitable for any levels or ability – from phone camera to experienced) Spectacular ice cave tour Travel and transfers whilst on the tour only Accommodation with private bathrooms on single basis Daily breakfast and a farewell celebratory dinner Training notes (52 page digital booklet): a comprehensive guide to ext the best ext of formation of the sector of t	 International and domestic flights Lunch and dinner (apart from dinner the last night) Alcohol, extra drinks, room service, laundry etc Gifts, souvenirs and any extras purchased Travel insurance - a compulsory condition of booking Camera equipment Camera or other optional insurances are not included
get the best out of your camera regardless of where you are on your photography journey. Complete with tips on capturing different scenes, and post processing tips. A valuable resource for your photography journey.	

Optional Extras - Post tour

 Private Editing Sessions: one-on-one editing sessions with personalized guidance on post-processing techniques to optimize their captured images Gill: \$350 (2 hour online video call) Páll: Contact for further details

Tour Merchandise

• Merchandise will be available to purchase on Gill's website prior to the tour. Merchandise is still under development, but could include; caps, beanies, T-shirt, polo shirts and jumpers













IMPORTANT DETAILS

To get you started on your journey, please see below. Full details will provided upon booking.

What to bring	Travel Insurance
 Your phone and a DSLR Camera with lens/lenses Spare batteries and lots of memory cards. A sturdy tripod. Remote shutter release. Filters if you have them (Polarizer/Graduated/ Neutral Density). Good walking boots. Wet weather gear (rain will not hold us back). A sense of fun and adventure. 	Travel insurance is a compulsory part of booking our photography tours. Evidence of your travel insurance must be presented. Basically – if you don't have it, you cannot participate on the tour. Travel insurance must also cover you for COVID.
	Terms and Conditions
	Please read our <u>terms and conditions</u> for more information.
What to wear	How to secure your spot
 Expect four seasons in one day! The weather can change very quickly in Iceland. Showers one minute and sunshine the next. Layering your clothing is best! Comfortable warm and waterproof clothing. Good supportive walking boots. We will supply a suggested "What to bring" list. 	Your deposit of \$2000 AUD along with your registration form will secure your spot! Final payment is due 60 days before the start of the tour. Contact by emailing Gill to obtain your registration form: gill@gillfryphotography.com.au
Meals	Please note: your spot is not secured until we have received your filled out registration form
Breakfast will be provided each day and a celebratory dinner at the end of our tour.	PRICE: \$12,800 AUD per person per tour
Meeting location	
We will pick you up from your hotel/guesthouse in Reykjavik.	

Fitness level requirements

- A moderate level of fitness is required.
- All participants should be able to hike short distances to locations on uneven surface with their camera gear.
- Some areas have uneven ground, slopes, rocks and require extra due care and diligence.
- A lot of the places have reasonably easy access.
- Check with me before leaving and I can give you a better idea of any special fitness requirements you may need to complete the Tour.







