Euromeet 2018 in Reykjavík

Why Iceland? What can I expect?

If you choose Iceland as the location of the 2018 VT-Euromeet you will firstly meet us J

We, Regina and Jon, are willing and able to be your hosts for the 2018 Euromeet!!

Then you are voting for nature, as that is what you will get! A lot of different natural phenomena that you cannot see in any one place in Europe - and a little bit of our Viking heritage. Iceland is the place of ice and fire, glaciers and volcanoes and if you are lucky we could have a volcano erupt just for you, but most likely you will only enjoy looking at the extinct ones.

Excursions

We are planning on offering you two day-trips.

First a tour called the **Golden circle**. It is a must see of all the highlights of Southern Iceland. It starts on the place where the Vikings had their parliament, Pingvellir, where the border of the continents/the tectonic plates can be seen above ground.

Then you will visit some hot springs where you will see Strokkur sprouting and Geysir the one and only, from which all geysirs got their name. Next we will visit the Golden waterfall and finally a volcanic crater. We recommend that you read Nanna's article **Iceland's Golden Circle** | **Ultimate Guide and Top 9 detours** <u>https://guidetoiceland.is/best-oficeland/top-9-detours-on-the-golden-circle</u> to see why we want to offer this day-trip.

The second day-trip will be some of the following: Visiting the beautiful waterfalls of the south with a stop at one of Iceland's most dangerous beaches, where you will see puffins and extraordinary basalt columns. Going into a lava cave.

Swimming in the Blue Lagoon or whale watching, just to name a few options. There are plenty of interesting locations to visit and sights to see. (To be decided later). Here are some links, so you will get a better idea of what we are talking about:

https://guidetoiceland.is/connect-with-locals/regina/thebeautiful-waterfalls-of-south-iceland?a=135 https://guidetoiceland.is/connect-with-locals/regina/extremelydangerous-waves-by-reynisfjara-and-kirkjufjara-in-southiceland?a=135 http://www.bluelagoon.com/blue_lagoon_spa/prices_and

http://www.bluelagoon.com/blue-lagoon-spa/prices-andpackages/experience-packages/ https://guidetoiceland.is/book-holiday-trips/whale-watching-1?a=135

Third will probably be the optional walking tour of Reykjavík with the guidance of your lovely hosts, where we see the most interesting sights of Reykjavík hidden to most tourists.

In the meantime have a look at the Reykjavík guide to get better acquainted with Reykjavík -

https://guidetoiceland.is/reykjavik-guide?a=135

Dinners

As we like to eat good food here in Iceland (the other kind isn't very nice) we only choose good restaurants. There are three dinners, one at the hotel we will recommend to you as a hub for our VT-meet, second at the Viking Village and the last one somewhere down-town (to be decided later). Have a look at Regína's article on the Viking Village – this is where we take all our foreign guests and often have dinner there ourselves <u>https://guidetoiceland.is/connect-withlocals/regina/the-viking-village?a=135</u>

Prices

Iceland is for most of you travellers an expensive country, we are not going to hide that fact. Just take it into consideration and budget for it. We are an exciting destination and you will probably only come here once so use the opportunity, enjoy the visit and get the most out of it!! You might be surprized of how cheaply you got through it. We have our own currency ISK the Icelandic krona and the exchange rate of 1.5.2018 will decide how much things cost rather than any price we give you today, but just to give you an idea a hamburger costs 1.190 ISK (about 11 EUR on today's exchange rate). Alcohol is expensive but there is a tax-free shop at the airport as you enter the country.

And here is a list of accommodation in Iceland: <u>http://www.hotel.is/</u> which ranges from luxurious hotel to hostels <u>http://www.hostel.is/</u>.

How to get here?

Fly!! There are no other reasonable options J There are two Icelandic airlines, <u>Icelandair</u> and <u>WOW-air</u> and a lot of other airlines which fly to Iceland. The Icelandic airlines offer those who are "flying through" going America-Europe (or vice versa) up to 5-days stay in Iceland without extra cost to the flight, so if you are planning to travel to America you can continue your journey after the Euromeet.

Pre/post meets

We think you should extend your stay to be able to do more on your own, some of the exiting things you could do are: swimming in the Blue Lagoon (if we don't go there as a group). Visiting the glacier lagoon. Diving in Silfra. Go into the Volcano. On Guide to Iceland you will find almost all the tours available in Iceland so look it up to get some ideas of what there is to see and do here and how much it costs <u>https://guidetoiceland.is/book-trips-holiday?a=135</u>. Or just look up some interesting stuff Regína has written about in her blogs for <u>Guide to Iceland</u>.

We had a lovely time in Kempten, hope to meet you all again in Iceland 2018 Regína and Jón