



Seydisfjordur (Iceland)

SYF-02 - Scenic East

Duration : 5h00

Price: 150 €

Upon leaving Seyðisfjörður, head over the impressive mountain-pass of Fjarðarheiði to Egilsstaðir, a town of about 2,000 inhabitants and the commercial centre of East Iceland. From Egilsstaðir, continue along Iceland's third largest lake, "Lagarfljót". The lake's bed lies 100 m below sea level, having been formed by glaciers over thousands of years. The lake is famous for the mythical monster that is said to reside far below.

Your journey continues along the lakeside to Snæfellsstofa, the visitor centre of the east side of **Vatnajökull National Park**. The visitor centre offers an interactive way to explore the region's nature.

From there, drive to **Skriðuklaustur**, an unusual building of basalt blocks with white cement; it is the former home of one of Iceland's greatest writers, Gunnar Gunnarsson. Today this building acts as a residence for artists and writers, both Icelandic and foreign.

Your journey continues to Hallormsstaður, one of the county's most successful government forestry stations set in the beautiful Hallormsstaðarskógur forest. There, over forty species of trees from various parts of the world grow. We'll stop in Hallormsstaðarskógur for a short walk.

Continue to **Valbjófsstaður**, a 13th century church estate and manor farm in Fljótisdalur. The church was consecrated in 1966 and contains many valuable items, among them an exquisite chalice and paten.

Next, reboard your coach for the return drive to your ship. A comfort stop will be made in Egilstaðir.

- Please note the order of the visits may be reversed. This tour is conducted in English only.

