

Reykjavik (Iceland)

ISREY-06 - Geothermal landscape and viking history

Duration : 4h00

Price: 70 €

From the pier, drive to the enchanting **Kleifarvatn Lake**, one of the deepest lakes in Iceland, where a brief stop will be made to take some pictures. Next you will drive on across the impressive volcanic plateau of **Reykjanes**.

Your tour continues to **Krysuvik**, a colourful hot-springs area, which contrasts sharply to the sand and the lava fields of the area. In Krysuvik we can really witness the powerful jets of steam escaping from deep below the earth's crust and multicoloured pools of boiling mud of the solfataras.

The landscape contrast continues as we ride down to the sea towards a green bay and then up towards the mountains through lava and lush green meadows. You will make a quick stop at the **bridge between continents**, where you will get the chance to cross from the Eurasian tectonic plate over to the North American tectonic plate.

Then you will be guided over the lava-covered Reykjanes peninsula to the outskirts of the little town Njardvik, where we find the newly built **Viking museum** in which stands "Icelander" (Islendingur), a fully seaworthy replica of an average-sized Viking vessel, this in those times would have carried a crew of 70. To commemorate the thousandth anniversary of this countrymen navigating to and discover-ing North America, the shipbuilder Gunnar Eggertsson travelled on the "Icelander" to America and back again in the year 2000.

Homeward bound you will go back to the port, through the Reykjanes lava fields, before arriving at the pier.

- For this moderate excursion, we recommend you wear comfortable shoes, a wind and waterproof jacket and take a warm pullover. Please be aware that the order of the visits may be reversed.