Iceland Photo Adventure

June 1-12, 2027

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Capture the spectacular sights of Iceland beneath the Midnight Sun on this 10-day summer photography workshop. This is the perfect choice for those keen to discover the country's magnificent landscapes and features while developing your skills as a photographer and dramatically adding to your portfolio.

Few corners of Iceland will be left unexplored and uncaptured during this awe-inspiring adventure. You will visit the iconic sites of the South Coast, the Eastfjords and the North, including Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, Lake Mývatn, and the far-flung Highlands. You will also be taken to secretive corners of Iceland few know about, to take your pictures far from the crowds.

This tour is conducted by CPA, professional photo guides, who will not only ensure your comfort and enjoyment on the trip but will work tirelessly to help you make the most out of every image. All of your transfers and accommodation will be sorted prior to your arrival, allowing you to relax and focus entirely on your pictures.

Do not let yourself miss out on this photo workshop in Iceland's summer, where your opportunities for incredible compositions will be endless beneath the Midnight Sun. Whether you are an amateur, aspiring or professional photographer, this tour will provide you with nothing but rewards.

Proposed Itinerary
May 31 – Depart USA
June 12 – Depart for USA

Day 1 Tuesday, June 1 **Reykjavik**

Your first day will be relaxed to help ease you from your journey and prepare you for your travels ahead. Arrive at Keflavík International Airport where you will take an airport transfer to your hotel in the capital of Reykjavík. Once there, you can unwind until the evening (or else check out the culture of the city), before meeting your group and guides for a delicious meal. Over dinner, you will get to know each other, as learn more about the itinerary of the photo workshop.

Day 2 **South Coast Waterfalls**

Depart Reykjavík for Iceland's South Coast, a stretch of land rich in natural beauty and iconic sights. Capture two beautiful waterfalls, Seljalandsfoss, a narrow cascade that tumbles from a height of over 60-metres. Walk behind the falls for some breathtaking perspectives. Its neighbour, Skógafoss, it falls from the same height as Seljalandsfoss and is much wider, measuring up to 20-metres across after heavy rainfall. If the sun is shining, it is common to see many rainbows arching from the clouds of thick spray. Thereafter, you will head to the black sand beach of Reynisfjara. Particularly of note are the Reynisdrangar sea-stacks, which rise tall from the surface of the sea. You will also have an opportunity to photograph Vík, a beautiful, quiet village surrounded by nature, including seemingly endless stretches of purple lupine fields.

- Seljalandsfoss - First stop of the day
- Skogafoss - Big waterfall I heard referred to as the "barcode" waterfall
- Kvernufoss - Waterfall with walk and view from behind the falls.
- Seljalandsfoss Again for sunset

Day 3 Vatnajökull National Park

Today, you will head to two of the most spectacular sites in all of Iceland, within the Vatnajökull National Park: the Skaftafell Nature Reserve and Jökulsárón glacier lagoon. Many of the landscapes and features that make Iceland internationally famous as a natural haven can be found within its borders. Glacier tongues, lagoons, waterfalls, forests, rivers, volcanoes and lava landscapes will all present themselves to you, one subject after another. Continue onto Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon to photograph the massive icebergs that fill the great lake. The opportunities to capture great images here are endless. You will also head to the Diamond Beach, a stretch of black-sand coastline adjacent to Jökulsárlón where the bergs wash ashore after finally reaching the ocean. The contrasts between the blue ice, white surf, dark sands and vivid summer sky will make for some excellent additions to your portfolio. You will retire to your accommodation in the surrounding area.

- Reynisfara Black Sand Beach/Halsanefshellir Cave - Beach with basalt column cave
- Fjaðrárgljúfur Viewpoint/ Mögáfoss - Canyon
- Svinafellsjonull Glacier Pond - First glacier with pond
- Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon

Day 4 Vatnajökull National Park

Day four will be your final day in Iceland's south-east, and you will use it to return to any sites your group wants to photograph better. No doubt this will still include Jökulsárlón and the Diamond Beach, as the opportunities here are so numerous and unique. Your photo guides, however, will also use today to take you to lesser-known spots only they and very few others know about. These will largely be in Vatnajökull National Park and tailored to allow you capture unbelievable panoramas of South Iceland and of the largest glacier in all of Europe.

- Vestrahorn

Day 5 Vestrahorn Mountain & Eastfjords

We will leave the south-east of Iceland, and head North. This journey will take you through the little-travelled, breathtaking Eastfjords, where you will stop for many photo opportunities to capture its beautiful seascapes, its peaceful villages, and its abundant wildlife. Seabirds, seals and even reindeer can all be found in this region. Early in your journey, you'll visit the mighty peaks of Mount Vestrahorn as you make your way to the east. Jagged, barren and grey, it is one of the few gabbro mountains in Iceland and stands out dramatically because of it. It can be pictured against the surrounding black sands, over dunes, or with epic seascapes, We will visit the Stokksnes Peninsula, finding the perfect spot to capture it from. Thereafter, you will head into the magical Eastfjords, where you will have some time to explore the splendid coastlines, black beaches and stunning mountains before retiring for the night.

- Vestrahorn Again
- Eystrahorn

Day 6 Eastfjords

journey will take you further into the little-travelled, breathtaking Eastfjords, where you will stop for many photo opportunities to capture its beautiful seascapes, its peaceful villages, and its abundant wildlife. The drive's the surrounding scenery will be ever-changing and impressive, and your destination, Lake Mývatn, is well worth the hours on the road. The Mývatn region has a wealth of incredible sites for you to photograph beneath the Midnight Sun; there are geothermal areas, geological wonders, volcanoes and beautiful stretches of water, to name a few, but worry not that you won't be able to get through them all this evening; you will have all day here tomorrow as well.

- Mjóifjörður - Scenic Fjord Overlook
- Klifbrekkufossar
- Borgarfjordur Eystri - Puffin Colony
- Djupivogur - Lookout with memorial

Day 7 Mývatn Region

Explore all the wonders that the Mývatn region has to offer. The lake itself is both serene and unusual; basalt pillars rise tall from its waters, making for some unique landscape photographs. Wildlife photographers will also find themselves catered for, as dozens of bird species frequent the lake in summer. Pseudo-craters and lava fields dot the landscape, as do impressive structures of lava, none greater than those at the Dimmuborgir fortress. Not far from the lake, you will find the steaming geothermal areas of the Námaskarð Pass. There are also many incredible waterfalls in the surrounding area, such as the historic Goðafoss and the tumultuous Dettifoss.

- Hverir - Geothermal Area
- Skutusstaoahreppur - Volcanic Crater
- Hafragilsfoss - Second Canyon
- Dettifoss

Day 8 Mývatn Region

Your photo guides will also use this day to take you to some lesser-known locations in the region, as you capture the beauty of Mývatn beneath the Midnight Sun. This is also a great place to practice aerial photography, so if you have a drone, be sure to bring it along to capture extraordinary craters from above!

- Godafoss
- Hrafnabjargafoss - Waterfall down the road from Aldeyjarfoss
- Aldeyjarfoss - Waterfall with steep hike and basalt amphitheater formation
- Godafoss Again

Day 9 Mývatn Region

This will be your final full day of shooting on this Midnight Sun photography workshop in Iceland. You will leave Mývatn after an early shoot and slowly make your way back to your hotel Reykjavík, no doubt exhausted but invigorated by the events of the last week. Although the drive will take approximately six hours, there will be many stops along the way to stretch your legs and to capture the surrounding scenery.

- Akureyi Overlook

Day 10 Reykjavik

Sadly, this will be your final day in Iceland. Reykjavík has a fascinating culture, so you will find many last subjects. When it is time, you will take an airport transfer back to the airport, and depart home or onto your next destination, having had a once in the lifetime experience touring and capturing Iceland beneath the Midnight Sun.

- Reykjavik

Lodging:

Day 1 + 10 Fosshotel Reykjavik

From this convenient location in the heart of Reykjavík, you can easily explore the capital magnificent architecture, captivating history, tasty food scene and rich culture. Fosshotel Reykjavík is the ideal starting point for experiencing the best of everything the city has to offer.

Day 2 Kria Hotel Vik

Hotel Kría is a modern hotel built in 2018. We are located just beside road No. 1, also known as the Ring Road, in the village Vik, South Iceland. Our strategic location is the perfect base for discovering the natural treasures of the breathtaking south coast. Seljalandsfoss - First stop of the day. Skogafoss - Big waterfall I heard referred to as the "barcode" waterfall. Kvernufoss - Waterfall with walk and view from behind the falls. Seljalandsfoss again for sunset,

Day 3 – 5 Hali Country Hotel

Hali Country Hotel is located on the farm Hali in the South East of Iceland. We offer comfortable and cozy accommodation.

Day 6 Framtio Hotel Eastfjords

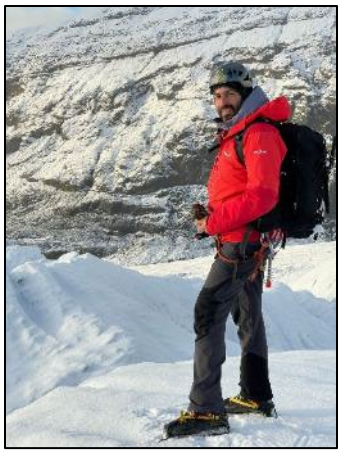
With its new wing of guest rooms and panoramic sea and mountain views, Hotel Framtid in Djupavogir offers a comfortable stay in beautiful natural surroundings.

Day 7-9 Fosshotel Myvatn

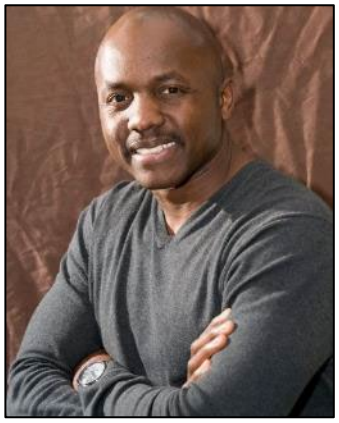
Fosshótel Mývatn is located next to Lake Mývatn, 4.2 mi to the Mývatn Nature Baths.

Your Adventure Team:

Mark Comon
Mark is the founder of Creative Photo Academy. He has lead Photo Adventures around the globe with CPA students. Comon has inspired hundreds of photographers to produce award-winning photographs. His artistic photography style and encouraging teaching style always builds an Adventure that is fun, memorable and produces the pictures your desire.



Vincenzo Mazza, is an Italian born award-winning Icelandic photographer. Leading tours for Iceland Photo Tours he is the ideal guide for our adventure. "I was 17 when I took my first pictures with a friend's SLR. For many years I had to combine my passion for photography and nature with my former job as a computer graphics designer.Now, being a full-time landscape photographer and outdoor and glacier guide in Iceland, I have found a balance between my passions and my ambitions: I can dedicate myself to my photography and I have time to share my passion during photographic tours and workshops with others."



Maurice Oketch
Maurice is the founder of Simba Marara Expedition. Maurice and Mark have partnered nearly 20 years building unforgettable photo experiences. He will help with all the logistics of our Adventure and support you and us at every step of the way. No, he is not traveling with us, but will provide state-side backup at every step of the way.

PRICING:

- $7,995 per person double occupancy
- $1,499 single supplement
- $ 3,000 non-refundable deposit to book
- **Travel Insurance Recommended**
- **Medical Repatriation Insurance Recommended**

RESERVATION and PAYMENT

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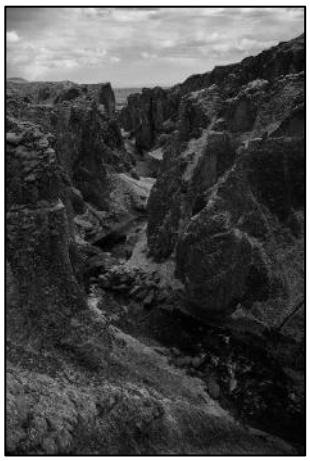

Included:

- Professional Photo Guide Vincenzo Mazza
- Transportation in a comfortable vehicle
- Accommodation in hotels and guesthouses (rooms with private bathrooms/wifi)
- All breakfasts in hotels
- Group dinner on Day 1 and Day 10
- All fees for parking lots and national parks
- A complimentary spot for you
- 11-day tour, including arrival and departure
- 10 nights of accommodation

Not Included:

- Lunches and dinners (except the two specified above)
- Airport transfers
- Airfare

Recommended Flights:

Delta #914 Jun 1 LAX-MSP	1:35pm-7:14pm
Delta #260 Jun 1 MSP-KEF	8:40pm – 7:40am
Delta #261 Jun 12 KEF-MSP	9:30am-11:02am
Delta #2974 Jun 12 MSP-LAX	1:00pm-3:02pm

WEATHER & CONDITIONS:

Sunrise: 3am
Sunset: 12am

Hi Temp: 60F
Low Temp: 30's F

Always a chance of rain.

GENERAL NOTES:

- While every effort will be made to maintain the rates, there is little we can do in the event of a change in Government taxes or levies.
- A SM Expedition representative will be assigned to manage the entire program.
- SM Expedition reserves the right to change the program and schedule according to prevailing weather conditions.
- This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseeable changes in fuel and other levies.
- Suggested accommodation may be changed to similar depending on availability at the time of booking.

WHY SM EXPEDITION

- We are registered as a Seller of Travel with California Seller of Travel Program (Registration # 2149140-40)
- Travel Consumer Restitution Fund participant
- IATA/IATAN Accredited Travel Agent (#05-554835)
- Peace of mind. We are U.S registered company based in Los Angeles.
- We are available to assist and make your travel comfortable and hassle free.