Daily Itinerary (subject to change):

**Day 1: Depart USA**
We depart from the U.S. on our overnight transatlantic flight to Reykjavik. Meal and snacks are served on board.

**Day 2: Arrive Reykjavík**
Upon arrival in Reykjavík, we meet our World Cultural Tours Professional Tour Manager and board our private motor coach. Reykjavík, the capital of Iceland, sits on a peninsula surrounded by mountains and the Atlantic Ocean. Being so far north, one would expect the area to be continually cold, but underground thermal springs affect both the temperatures and the foliage of the island, providing both a temperate climate and a vibrant green appearance. We depart the airport for the opportunity to grab breakfast on our own in a village nearby. As we reach the city center, we enjoy a guided orientation walking tour, beginning at the Harpa and continuing through the old town center to see the Parliament, the Cathedral, the harbor, the Pearl, the National Museum, and Hofdi House, where the summit of 1986 took place. We continue to our hotel for check-in and have our Welcome Dinner together this evening.

(D) Hotel Hilton Nordica or similar

**Day 3: Reykjavík - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík**
This afternoon, we travel along the coastline with its breathtaking views of the sea waves and through a deserted community that once was a flourishing center for the region. Upon our arrival to the Reykjanes peninsula, we enjoy a dip in the famous Blue Lagoon, a unique wonder of nature with pleasantly warm, mineral rich water in the middle of a black lava field. As we return to Reykjavik, we enjoy a Viking feast at a local restaurant accompanied by folk music.

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**Day 4: Reykjavík - Optional Cave Exploration**
This morning we enjoy free time and independent exploration. We have the option to explore caves, tunnels, lava rivers, and stalactites frozen in black basalt and mixed with colorful oxides. Our local guide helps us to discover the marvels of this extensive cave system. Dinner is on our own this evening.

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**Day 5: Reykjavik/Cooking Class- Optional Horseback Riding**
We have free time this morning to explore Reykjavik on our own. Those interested may enjoy an optional guided tour by horseback through the lava fields around Mt. Helgafell or Lake Hvaleyrarvatn. The Bláfjöll mountains tower above the horizon and riders of all experience levels can participate in this tour. Later this afternoon, we participate in a hands-on cooking experience at Salt Eldhus, using local ingredients and learning from skilled Scandinavian chefs. We have dinner on our own this evening.

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8-Day Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare
- Including air taxes up to $350
- Six (6) Nights Accommodation
- Luxury Motor Coach Throughout
- Professional Tour Manager
- Full Breakfast Daily
- Three (3) Dinners
  - Welcome Dinner
  - One (1) Additional Dinner
  - Farewell Dinner
- Sightseeing per Itinerary
- Cooking Demonstration
- Gratuities

$4,599 P/P Dbl. Occ.

(Plus Fuel Surcharges/Air Taxes Exceeding $350, Pending Air Confirmation)
Day 6: Reykjavík - Geysir - Gullfoss - Selfoss

Following breakfast this morning, we tour the Golden Circle. Our stops today include a visit to Þingvellir National Park. This UNESCO World Heritage site is where the world's oldest parliament met for centuries on the shores of Iceland's largest lake. We continue to Laugarvatn Fontana, where we experience a geothermal bakery and dig up bread that has been cooked underground. We continue through farmland areas to the geothermal fields of Geysir, with bubbling mud pools and the highspouting Strokkur hot spring. Next, we visit the dramatic two tiered Gullfoss waterfall, a spectacular sight in winter when frozen mid-cascade before ending with a visit to the Fríoheimar Cultivation Farm for an interesting introduction on cultivation in combination with greenhouses and geothermal energy. We arrive at our hotel in Selfoss this evening for check in and dinner on our own. (B) Hotel Selfoss or similar

Day 7: Selfoss - South Shore Adventure - Selfoss

After breakfast, we spend the day exploring the South Shore and begin with spectacular views of Seljalandfoss Waterfall, where we can walk behind this magnificent wall of water. The exquisite scenery continues as we pass by Myrdalsjökull Glacier to Reynisfjara Beach. We take a walk on the black sands, admiring the extraordinary rock formations and thundering waves of the Atlantic Ocean. We stop at Skogafoss Waterfall with a visit to the towering strato-volcano Eyjafjallajökull, the Volcano visitor center in Thórvaldsheyr Farm gives us a chance to view both pictures and films about the 2010 eruption and its impact on the countryside, the country and the whole world. We have our Farewell Dinner together this evening for our final night in Iceland. (B, D) Hotel Selfoss or similar

Day 8: Selfoss - Depart Reykjavík - Arrive USA

We have our last breakfast this morning and check-out from our hotel. As we transfer to the airport we enjoy a visit to Strandarkirkja, a church popularly believed to have a special power to aid success or provide good luck. We continue along the coast to make our way towards the volcanic peninsula of Reykjanes, an area of great volcanic activity with several dormant volcanoes and many extensive lava fields. We continue onward to the fishing village of Grindavík with its bustling harbor area before arriving at Keflavík Airport for our return flight home. (B)