

Ken's Norway Cruise & Iceland Adventure

May 27th – June 9th 2021

This is the plan for our trip for next year. Offering you the Norway Cruise and then a stopover to visit the majestic island of Iceland. You don't have to do the Iceland part with us, but our family is hoping to make this a reality, and with everything that has happened this year, we don't see any reason to wait. As mentioned in my notes, I can and will customize anything you want to do. If you would join us and travel together with us, then we're going to see Iceland. We hope you will join us, and here is the itinerary, and initial information and details, on what to expect for this trip.

Itinerary: May 27th depart USA – June 9th return to USA

May 27th Today we will travel to Amsterdam. Our flights will be expected to depart mid-morning and arrive into Amsterdam on May 28th in the morning. The rest of today will consist of us transferring to our hotel for (1) night and some possible sightseeing.

May 28th Arrive Amsterdam in the morning. Afternoon/evening sightseeing available. I'll get more specific on hotel, and sightseeing options later.

May 29th Morning sightseeing available for those who wish to see more of Amsterdam. There won't be a lot of time to see things, but we will have the 28th afternoon/evening and 29th morning. Today around 1230pm, we will need to depart our hotel and proceed to the cruise ship for check-in. The ship is scheduled to depart at 4pm, so we need to leave the hotel no later than 1230p, but that will give us a small window to see a few things in Amsterdam. I will get more specific on this when we get closer to traveling.

Cruise Date	Port of Call	Arrival Time	Departure Time	Call
May 29 th	Amsterdam		400pm	Embarkation
May 30 th	Cruising Day			Cruising at Sea
May 31 st	Flam, Norway	930am	500pm	Docked
June 1 st	Alesund, Norway	700am	700pm	Docked
June 2 nd	Skjolden, Norway	1030am	600pm	Docked
June 3 rd	Olden, Norway	700am	700pm	Docked
June 4 th	Bergen, Norway	700am	800pm	Docked
June 5 th	Cruising Day			Cruising at Sea
June 6 th	Amsterdam	600am		Disembarkation

June 6th Today we will exit the ship, transfer to the airport and catch an afternoon flight in to Reykjavik, Iceland. After landing, we'll visit the famous Blue Lagoon and spend a little time there. Those who wish to swim in the waters can, or you can explore the area by foot. Afterwards we'll transfer into the city for our hotel check-in and stay. We will stay in Iceland for (3) nights. Hotel details to follow later.

June 7th Today will be available for our sightseeing excursions in Iceland. There are many famous volcanic features, waterfalls, and glaciers to see on this island. We won't have enough time to see them all, but today we will offer the excursions to see this amazing land. Details on the sightseeing choices and prices will come later.

June 8th Another day to join a sightseeing tour, or explore the city of Reykjavik. Details will come later on all of this.

June 9th Depart from Iceland and return home. Our morning flight will take most of the day to return home, so we'll get back late, but we will be home on June 9th. Flight schedules and details will come later.

Price projections and information on next page

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Air Schedules & Prices: We know the prices and schedules are going to be coming out soon, but it is with our full expectation that many flights we have had in the past will no longer be there because of the Covid19 situation and how it has impacted travel. While this creates a little more urgency to book early, I have a lot of instinct that we are ok to wait. The travel for Europe is going to be impacted, and it's going to be less than we have seen before. How the initial impact shakes down will certainly have an influence on prices, flights, and space. Waiting now will give us time to see how the initial bookings trickle down into airlines and their pricing for May. If I'm speculating correctly, I think we could see some lower prices offered to us this fall. Which plays in nicely to my reasons to wait before we jump on any of this. I do not have a crystal ball, but I feel confident we're not missing out on anything by waiting.

Amsterdam Flights with or without Iceland: In general terms the ticket for you to fly into Amsterdam round trip, will about the same cost as if you flew to Amsterdam, and then come back home from Iceland. The only extra air costs for Iceland will be the ticket we buy from Amsterdam to Iceland. As to those flights to Iceland – they aren't loaded yet either, but I would project those to cost about \$300. By adding Iceland your air budget increases by an extra \$300.

Amsterdam Flight Cost: Those seats in coach will probably run around \$1200-\$1400. If we were to put this flight into a package program with hotel, I think we could see the price be around \$1000-\$1200, which in turns help you save some money. While these costs are speculative right now – that's what I think we need to budget. If we buy it for less, even better.

Premium Economy / Delta Comfort / First Class seating: In a perfect world, we would purchase our flights and hotel together on a package with Delta. More than likely the bundled packages can help you save money. These upgraded seats are also always less on a package. For these premium seats – those would be more urgent to act upon, so if any of you are interested in any of these – please get with me soon so we can formulate the best strategy for you to move forward. I'm hoping for Delta, they will be the better fit for us with Iceland, and that's why I think a package with savings is the best plan. That will be my plan moving forward, and anyone looking to upgrade – call me soon to visit further on this.

Amsterdam & Reykjavik Hotels: It will be my expectation that by bundling our airfare with our hotel into a package that we save money. Delta Vacations offers these packages and flights, so that is our current direction to take with their program when we move forward. For the hotels, we need to budget between \$250-\$300 per night for our stays. Unfortunately, Amsterdam and Reykjavik hotels are not cheap, they could cost more, but I think we will have good options around this price level. We are arriving during what is considered the peak season, so we should be prepared, just in case. When the time comes to confirm something, we'll be ready to look at options, but I think this is the correct budget / approach to plan for this.

Ken's projected costs for this adventure:

Amsterdam/Iceland Airfare, plus All the hotels for our program May 29th – June 9th (this cost is per person based on sharing a room with two people per room) = \$1800-\$1900 per person (airfare and hotel costs)

Sightseeing for Amsterdam & Iceland - \$300 per person (suggested budget)

Transfers - \$150 per person (this would be for Amsterdam and Iceland – all transfers)

Flight Seat upgrades will be around \$400 more per person for Comfort Plus seating. First Class – is probably about \$3000 on top of all of this, could be more.

I wasn't thinking to fly in a premium seat on the 3-hour flight from Amsterdam to Iceland. They may have some upgrades, so we can discuss later.

All of this pricing is WITH Iceland included.

If you were only doing Amsterdam, then I'd figure \$1200-\$1300 for airfare (coach).

Amsterdam Hotel for 1 night & Transfer probably about \$200-\$250 per person.

Flight upgrades will cost about the same

These costs are on top of your cruise costs. There will also be some sightseeing costs for us to budget for during the cruise, but I'm going to wait to discuss those at another time. Just know you'll want to plan on those into your overall scheme of things.