APOGEE ADVENTURES 2024 Iceland Mountains & Coast Summarized Itinerary

Trip Begins: Reykjavík, Iceland (flights into Keflavík Airport) **Trip Ends:** Reykjavík, Iceland (flights out of Keflavík Airport)

Day 1: Our group will meet at Iceland's primary airport just outside the capital city, Reykjavik, before

transferring to our nearby campground along the coast. There, we'll shake off the jetlag, get to know each other, and make a tasty dinner before heading to bed early to rest up for our

adventure.

Days 2-4: We will transfer north on the morning of Day 2 to the fishing town of Grunðafjörður, home to

the iconic Mt. Kirkjufell. On Day 3, we'll trade in our boots for paddles as we head out to kayak the bay surrounding majestic Mt. Kirkjufell. On our last day in Grunðafjörður, we will explore the highlands from the trails around town and enjoy the many beautiful viewpoints overlooking

the rugged terrain of Western Iceland.

Days 5-7: On Day 5, we will transit to Vík, a small town on the island's south coast. Along the way, we will

stop to sightsee (and soak in!) the Reykjadalur Hot Springs Thermal River – a famous geothermal river accessible by a short hike. Once in Vík, we will explore the area's famous black sand beaches and hike up into the picturesque hills above town. On Day 6, we will meet up with our professional guides and explore the breathtaking ice caves beneath the area's glacier. Our guides will transport us across the beautifully barren highlands (which were the site of filming for the Star Wars movies!) to the glacier, where we'll don our crampons and helmets and begin

our trek through the cave, taking in the unique colors of the ice that surrounds us. Day 7 will be

dedicated to exploring the many trails around Vík, where we'll have a chance to take in the

awe-inspiring Reynisdrangar Sea Stacks from high above the waves below.

Days 8-9: On the morning of Day 8, we will transit east to Skaftafell, a region within the Vatnajökull

National Park. That afternoon, we'll hike out to the base of the Skaftafell Glacier as we get our legs primed for tomorrow's big hike. Day 9 is our "challenge day" hike where we will follow a

breathtaking trail up and over a peak deep into the heart of the National Park.

Days 10-12: We will wave goodbye to the Skaftafell Glacier on the morning of Day 10 and transit back to

Reykjavik – by way of the world famous Skogafoss waterfall. On our last full day together in Iceland, we we'll head into Reykjavik to explore the city before enjoying a celebratory dinner together – a great way to cap an amazing adventure. Finally, and reluctantly, we'll head back to

the airport on Day 12 to bid our new friends farewell.

Please note that all itineraries are subject to change.