Day 1:  Thursday, October 18 – Santa Cruz – San Francisco Airport - Reykjavik
We leave from the Museum of Art and History in Santa Cruz this morning at 10:30am and travel via our chartered motor coach to the San Francisco Airport where we will board our non-stop flight on Icelandair to Reykjavik.

Day 2:  Friday, October 19 – Arrive Reykjavik
We arrive in Reykjavik, Iceland at 6:40am. After clearing passport control and customs, our tour guide will meet us and we will begin our journey with a guided sightseeing tour. We will explore Reykjavik’s top attractions, enjoying views from the platforms at Perlan, which is built on the city’s hot water tanks. We’ll see Reykjavik’s seafront to the old Hófdi house where the all-important summit between former U.S. President Ronald Reagan and former U.S.S.R. Secretary General Mikhail Gorbachev took place in 1986. We’ll then continue on to visit Hallgrímskirkja church whose design was inspired by basalt lava columns, a common volcanic rock formation in Icelandic nature. Last but not least we will explore the old town center with the Icelandic parliament Althingi and the town hall. After our tour is complete, we will check into our hotel for two nights.

This evening we join the Northern Lights Boat Tour. Hunting the northern lights from the ground is an amazing experience, but to sail out from the coast and see the auroras dancing above the city lights is a remarkable sight – and a totally different experience. We will sail out far enough so the city lights will not affect the chances of seeing the northern lights, but we will always have the city as the background view.

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Day 3:  Saturday, October 20 – Journey into the Glacier  B, L
Today’s adventure starts with a drive through historical Borgarfjörour to the edge of Langjökull Glacier. Along the way we will have a quick view of the Hraunfossar Waterfalls, created by ancient lava flows. Nearby is the beautiful blue Barnafoss (the Children’s Falls). We’ll also get a glimpse of Deildartunguhver, Europe’s most powerful hot spring. We’ll see more of these sites later in the tour. When we reach Langjökull Glacier, we board an 8-wheel glacier truck that will take us on an adventurous journey to the entrance of the ice cave. During the excursion within the glacier itself, we will see colors of blue you never knew existed and learn how glaciers are formed and how they hide the secrets of history.

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Day 4:  Sunday, October 21 – Reykjavik – Gullfoss Waterfall, Geysir and the South Coast  B, D
We head out of the city and drive to Gullfoss Waterfall and Geysir hot spring, highlights of Iceland’s famed “Golden Circle.” We continue on, stopping at Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss Waterfalls and Eyjafjallajökull and the surrounding area, site of the infamous volcanic eruption in 2010.

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Day 5: Monday, October 22 – Skaftafell – Jokulsarlon – Vik
We’ll visit the majestic Skaftafell area which is located between two glaciers and offers many hiking possibilities. We continue to the shimmering icebergs of Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon before returning to the charming village of Vik in the afternoon.
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Day 6: Tuesday, October 23 – Thingvellir – Borgarfjordur
Today we drive to the UNESCO-listed Thingvellir National Park site of the ancient Icelandic parliament and a jewel of nature. The park itself is situated in the stunning volcanic landscape of mountains and lava flows on the edge of Iceland’s largest lake. We then continue to Borgarfjordur fjord and visit the historic site of Reykholt, the remarkably beautiful Hraunfoss and Barnafoss Waterfalls and Deildartunguhver, the most power waterfall in Europe.
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Day 7: Wednesday, October 24 – Snaefellsnes Peninsula
We explore the countless natural wonders of the Snaefellsnes Peninsula which also happens to be a national park. With mountains to one side and the sea to the other, we visit the wind-tangled Arnarstapi sea cliffs and the rocky beach of Djupalonssandur before driving along the north coast through bustling fishing villages.
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Day 8: Thursday, October 25 – Reykjanes Peninsula – Blue Lagoon – Reykjavik
We’ll drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula and visit the moonlike lava fields around Lake Kleifarvatn. Then we continue on to Krysuvik geothermal area with bubbling mud pools. We visit Grindavik fishing village, famous for its heritage of producing saltfish (bacalao). Saltfish is undeniably responsible for the prosperity of the Icelandic nation, particularly during the late 19th and early 20th century when the industry was at its peak. Next we’re on to the famous Blue Lagoon where we can relax with a refreshing dip in the pleasantly warm geothermal waters, rich in silica and minerals that are great for the skin. Included is entrance, silica mud mask, use of a towel and 1st drink of your choice.
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Day 9: Friday, October 26 – Depart Reykjavik
Alas, our journey comes to an end. We will have the morning on our own in Reykjavik and then transfer to the airport where we will board our non-stop Icelandair flight to San Francisco.
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Transfers between Santa Cruz and the airport (at scheduled times) and to all listed lodging and attractions, airfare to and from listed destinations, listed lodging, designated meals and listed attractions including guide services are included. Other expenditures are the responsibility of the traveler. Hotels are subject to change, but will be equivalent to those mentioned in the itinerary.

Important Reservation Information
Travel Protection Plan
Although our quotation does not include the cost of a Travel Protection Plan, we strongly recommend clients purchase this protection. If passengers would like to purchase the Travel Insured Protection Plan, there will be an additional cost of $319.00 per person payable with the deposit. If you are traveling as a single, the cost will be $388.00.

Passports and Visas
It is the responsibility of each tour participant to obtain a valid passport. Your passport must be valid for six months after your date of arrival into Iceland. If you are holding a passport issued by a country other than the United States, it is your responsibility to check with the consulate of Iceland for entry requirements. No visa is required for United States citizens.

Payment Schedule
At the time of booking a $500.00 non-refundable deposit plus the Travel Protection Plan (if selected) is required for each participant. The final payment is due by August 09, 2018.

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