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MAIN PROGRAM						
1	Wed, 25-Jul-18			<p>UNITED STATES/CANADA . Depart USA/Canada</p>		
2	Thu, 26-Jul-18	B/D		<p>REYKJAVIK, ICELAND . Arrive in Reykjavik / Keflavik (KEF) . Transfer to Reykjavik Hotel Borg 7:30 am . Breakfast at Reykjavik Hotel Borg 8:15 am . Lunch on own.</p> <p>Inc. . Reykjavik Tour 10:00 am 2:00 pm The tour starts with a drive through the City's main recreational and sports area of Laugardalur. We pass the Olympic sized, open-air swimming pool filled with geothermal water and open all year around. The pool is considered a prime example of the seemingly endless supply of naturally hot water to which Iceland has access. Drive to The Pearl, a vantage point built on the hot-water storage tanks in the outdoor area of Oskjuhlid. The building itself is very interesting from the architectural point of view with the dome of the Pearl consisting of reflecting glass panels on a hollow steel frame. At the Pearl guests will visit the observation deck for 360° views of the city. From The Pearl we head to the National Museum. This fantastic museum finally reopened its doors in September 2004 to a rapturous welcome from the Nation! The Museum is dedicated to communicating knowledge of Iceland's cultural heritage from the time of its pioneering settlement in 874 to the present day. From the National Museum the tour continues to the old part of Reykjavik towards the charming midtown with its colorful houses. The tour also includes a visit to the iconic Lutheran church Hallgrímskirkja (1945-86) . The organ with its 5,275 pipes was installed in 1992.</p> <p>. Embark on the Star Pride 1:00 pm . Ship departs Reykjavik 4:00 PM . Dinner on board</p>		
3	Fri, 27-Jul-18	B/L/R/D		<p>ÍSAFJÖRDUR . Breakfast on board . Ship arrives Vigur Island 8:00 am Inc . Vigur Island Walking Tour 8:30 am 11:30 am Transfer from ship to the settlement village by ship's tender. Vigur is a lovely island, 1.2 miles long and 0.5 miles wide, a green oasis in the blue waters of the fjord Isafjardardjup. The island is a nesting place for countless birds. It has been the home of the same family since 1884, and today 3 generations still live there under the same roof. They are farmers and live off the treasures of the island. On the island of Vigur, take a leisurely walk around the island and get a perfect opportunity to see an abundance of birds in their natural environment. Eiderducks nest here in great numbers. The farmer protects the nests and is rewarded with the down from the nests, but the ducks pluck their own chests for down, to shelter their eggs. You will also be seeing Puffins, Arctic Terns, Black Guillemots and various other birds in large numbers. Some relics of old farming methods are preserved on Vigur, including Iceland's only windmill, built in 1840 and used until 1917 for grinding imported wheat from Denmark. The windmill has been carefully preserved along with the 200-year-old 8-oar rowing boat, which is still in use to ferry sheep to the mainland. The houses also date back to the last century. Viktoria House was erected in Vigur in 1862, made of wood, which was pre-cut into shape in Norway. In 1993 the house was restored by the National Museum of Iceland. The second house was erected by a young priest in 1884, an ancestor of the family living in Vigur today. Prior to returning to the ship, the family will serve you coffee and cakes in the Viktoria House, where you will also get a chance to visit one of the smallest post offices in Europe, giving the opportunity to send home a postcard or two.</p> <p>. Ship departs Vigur 12:00 pm . Lunch on board</p>		

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				. Ship arrives Isafjordur	3:00 pm	
				This enchanting stopover is located on the Westfjords peninsula, on one of the Isafjarðardjúp inlets. Isafjörður, built at the foot of the high volcanic plateaux. Even in the town centre, nature is all-encompassing, because the streets are either overlooked by mountains or give onto the banks of the fjords. The historical district has picturesque houses of contrasting colours. The oldest date from the 17th century. See the astonishing Maritime museum, which focuses on the maritime history of the Ísafjörður.		
			Inc.	. Ísafjörður and Osvor Excursion	3:30 pm	6:30 pm
				Starting at Isafjordur harbor we drive through the center of Isafjordur and the first stop is made at the outdoor exhibit of Osvor just outside Bolungarvik. Osvor is an old fisherman's hut that was restored in 1988. Osvor is a perfect example of how life was for Icelandic fishermen until the beginning of the 20th century. From Osvor we drive to Bolungarvik for sightseeing in the village and visit the small church, where you'll enjoy a music program. From Bolungarvik we drive back to Isafjordur, on the way you will be able to see Buna River and a waterfall in Tunguskogur and sip fresh mountain water that flows down the stream clear and refreshing. We drive around the old streets of Isafjordur and end with a visit to the maritime and folk museum (Westfjord Heritage Museum). The museum is situated in one of the oldest houses in Isafjordur, beside it are 3 other houses, all from the same area, around 1780, and all well preserved.		
				This tour gives a good view of the West fjords. It emphasizes on the human side of the struggle to survive in times gone by, the beautiful but sometimes harsh landscape of the West fjords and the life of the inhabitants in recent times.		
				. Captain's Welcome Reception		
				. Dinner on board		
				. Ship departs Ísafjörður	7:30 pm	
4	Sat, 28-Jul-18	B/L/D		SIGLUFJÖRDUR / GRIMSEY		
				. Breakfast on board		
				. Ship arrives Siglufjörður	8:00 am	
			Inc.	. Siglufjörður Excursion	8:30 am	11:30 am
				Welcome to Iceland's northernmost town, Siglufjörður, the historic gold-rush-like atmosphere of the bustling herring town. Visit the award-winning Herring Era Museum , recreating the herring fishing boom between 1903- 1968) with a fun and energetic performance of the herring salting show. You step back in time as herring girls salt and pack herring into barrels under the watchful eye of the manager. Get caught up in the lively accordion music and ring dancing before sampling traditional rye bread, local herring and Icelandic schnapps! Guests will hear a short introduction to the history of the herring fishing industry and be invited to explore the museum's three buildings.		
				. Ship departs Siglufjörður	12:00 pm	
				Lunch on board while cruising the Eyjafjordur and past Hrisey Island		
				. Possible Introductory Lecture on Grimsey by Halla (local expert)	1:00 pm	2:00 pm
				. Ship arrives Grimsey	4:00 pm	
			Inc.	. Grimsey Island Arctic Circle Exploration (no guided tour, at guests leisure)	4:30 pm	
				Just off the north coast of Iceland is the island of Grimsey – Iceland's northernmost inhabited island. Covering an area of only 2.0sq. mile, the island is small enough to easily be explored on foot. This remote and beautiful island with its local church built from driftwood, is steeped in folklore and legend. The island's sheer cliffs are home to huge colonies of sea birds and in summer, the intrepid islanders will abseil down the cliff faces to collect the eggs that are considered a local delicacy. The present settlement is located on the southern and western parts of Grimsey - most of it around the little harbour which has been much improved during the last few years thanks to the transportation of large rocks from the mainland. In 1793 the island was almost abandoned when a disease killed all but 6 of the male population.		
				The remaining 6 went on a mission to the mainland in order to fetch "back-up". However, on the return journey the boat was lost at sea and all were drowned leaving the clergyman as the only male on the island.		
				Enjoy stunning view over the Arctic Circle during a short walk, embracing the highlights of this fascinating community.		
				. Possible Association Cocktail Receptions		
				. Dinner on board		
				. Ship departs Grimsey	10:00 pm	
5	Sun, 29-Jul-18	B/L/D		HÚSAVÍK		
				. Ship arrives Húsavík	6:00 am	
				. Breakfast on board		

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			Inc.	<p>. Lake Myvatn and Godafoss Excursion</p> <p>Depart Húsavík and head towards the gurgling purple and yellow sulphur cauldrons at the high temperature thermal field of Namaskard, which are so hot that they actually boil. After exploring the geothermal field we continue to Dimmuborgir lava labyrinth, a paradise of towering lava castles, natural arches and countless unexplored grottos. Driving along the shores of Lake Myvatn our next stop is by the unique craters at Skutustadir. Our last stop is by Godafoss falls - one of the most spectacular waterfalls in Iceland; the water of the river Skjalfandaflljot falls from a height of 12 m over a width of 30 m. In 1000 A.D., at the meeting of the Althing, the Icelanders voted to adopt Christianity. The wooden idols of the Norse mythology were thrown into the falls in a symbolic gesture that swept away the old religion. Thus the Godafoss literally means the "Waterfall of the Gods". A refreshment stop will be made during this excursion.</p> <p>. Ship departs Húsavík</p> <p>. Late lunch on board . Possible association lectures onboard . Afternoon at sea . Dinner on board</p>	8:00 am	1:30 pm
					2:00 pm	
6	Mon, 30-Jul-18	B/L/D		SEYDISFJORDUR		
				. Breakfast on board		
				. Ship arrives Seydisfjordur	6:00 am	
			Inc.	<p>. Seydisfjordur Excursion</p> <p>In Seydisfjordur, you will start by heading to the church where a professional actress will greet the group in a traditional Icelandic dress and tells the history of the church, next, the music program starts where they start with some old Icelandic songs. Before each song they will explain what each song is about, all from sad songs to fun songs about love. Then, the groups walks over to the Technical museum, where there they will serve drinks, reindeer canape and live music. At the museum, the staff there will walk around and educate guests about the museum. Staff from the hotel will walk around the room, refill drinks and food and chat with guests.</p> <p>. Lunch on board . Afternoon at leisure onboard or in Seydisfjordur</p> <p>. Ship departs Seydisfjordur</p> <p>. Afternoon at leisure cruising . Dinner on board</p>	8:30 am	1:30 pm
					1:30 pm	
					8:00 pm	
7	Tue, 31-Jul-18	B/L/D		DJÚPIVOGUR		
				. Breakfast on board		
				. Ship arrives Djúpivogur	6:00 am	
				Djúpivogur situated on the east coast dates back to the 16th century when German merchants first came to trade and settled. History also tells that pirates from north Africa landed in Djúpivogur in 1627, raided the settlements and took off with slaves. Today Djúpivogur is a small settlement with a charming harbor.		
			Inc.	<p>. Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon Excursion</p> <p>Begin a full day excursion with a coastal drive. Numerous mountains, fjords and beaches. Álfafjörður (Swan-fjord) is very pretty, especially when flocks of swans gather there. Possibly spot reindeer as the East part of Iceland is where reindeer roam wild in the nature. The town of Höfn (Harbor) is a small fishing town - but the largest in the area with stunning mountain views. Then continue to Jökulsárlón a large glacial lagoon, where large blocks of ice break from the glacier and float around in this lagoon until they make their way out to sea. The coastline is dotted with big chunks of ice, and sometimes you see seals playing in the water. On clear days, see Europe's largest glacier Vatnajökull. Enjoy magnificent landscapes and get an opportunity to touch the ice, which has broken off Breidamerkurjökull, one of Vatnajökull's many glacier outlets. In order to get closer to the floating icebergs we take a boat trip with specially designed boats - a truly unforgettable experience! Jökulsárlón has been the setting for a number of films, including <i>Beowulf and Grendel</i>, <i>Tomb Raider</i>, <i>Batman Begins</i>, <i>Die Another Day</i>, <i>A View to a Kill</i>.</p> <p>. Ship departs Djúpivogur</p> <p>. Dinner on board</p>	7:00 am	5:00 pm
					5:30 pm	
8	Wed, 01-Aug-18	B/L/R/D		VESTMANNAEYJAR (HEIMAEY ISLAND)		
				. Breakfast on board		
				. Possible association lecture	9:00 am	10:00 am
				. Ship arrives Heimaey Island	12:00 pm	
				. Lunch on board		
			Inc.	. Heimaey Island Tour	12:30 pm	4:30 pm

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				<p>The Westman Islands are situated just off the south coast of Iceland. The main island, Heimaey, has a population of about 4,000. No port in Iceland registers bigger catches than this one and the island is simply buzzing with life. The islanders have made their living from the sea from the days of the first settlers.</p> <p>We leave the perfectly formed natural harbor area with its tall cliffs tenanted by multitudes of puffin, fulmar and guillemot. Both the birds & their eggs are extremely important factors in this community's prosperity. We make our first stop at "Sprangan", a cliff where young islanders are taught the local sport of rope swinging. The sport has evolved from the islanders' age old tradition of egg-collecting & to this day local men hop expertly from ledge to ledge collecting eggs attached to a lifeline held by an anchor man at the top of the cliff. On we go to the Herjólfssdalur valley, where ruins of old farmhouses dating back to the year 650 AD are pointed out. The tour continues along the western part of the island, providing us with an opportunity to view the outer islands. The youngest of the group, "Surtsey", having been born in the volcanic eruption of 1963. Our next stop is "Stórhöfði" with its magnificent views over the island and majestic glaciers of mainland Iceland.</p> <p>During spring and early summer, Stórhöfði is home to the largest puffin colony on Heimaey. Our drive back to the harbor takes us between two volcanoes, the 5,000 year old "Helgafell" (Holy Mountain) and the considerably younger Eldfell or Mt. Fire whose history is somewhat more recent.... At 2am on the night of January 23rd 1973, a massive eruption began in the eastern part of Heimaey. Almost all of the 5,000 inhabitants were safely evacuated to the mainland. Our next stop is the viewpoint located at the base of this volcano, around 10 min. walk from the bus. Our tour then continues over the new lava fields, then driving directly into town passing the ruins of a house buried in the lava, continuing through the main streets of town. Before heading back to the harbor we drive past "Skansinn" with the wooden church. The church was donated to the people of the Westman Islands by the state of Norway by way of commemorating the millennium of Christianity in Iceland. Next visit the new Eldheimar - 'Pompeii of the North' Museum where the history and aftermath of the 1973 eruption is explored. Also in the museum is a large exhibit on the creation of the island of Surtsey. After the visit to the museum, head to the notorious Eldfell volcano to continue with your study of the fateful events before returning to your ship.</p> <p>. Ship departs Heimaey Island 5:00 pm</p> <p>. Cruise past Surtsey Island 6:00 pm 8:00 pm</p> <p>🏠 UNESCO World Heritage Site - Surtsey</p> <p><i>Surtsey, a volcanic island approximately 32 km from the south coast of Iceland, is a new island formed by volcanic eruptions that took place from 1963 to 1967. It is all the more outstanding for having been protected since its birth, providing the world with a pristine natural laboratory. Free from human interference, Surtsey has been producing unique long-term information on the colonisation process of new land by plant and animal life. Also cruise past the rock islands of Geldungur and Sulnasker known for its tens of thousands of Northern Gannets that nest and breed on the rocks. Also be on the lookout for Orca Whales.</i></p> <p>. Captain's Farewell Reception</p> <p>. Dinner on board</p>		
9	Thu, 02-Aug-18	B		REYKJAVIK / DEPART TO U.S. / CANADA		
				. Ship arrives Reykjavik 6:00 am		
				. Breakfast on board		
				. Transfer from ship to KEF Airport		
				. Return flights from KEF to U.S.		
POST PROGRAM						
13	Thu, 02-Aug-18	B L D		REYKJAVIK / ILULISSAT GREENLAND		
				. Ship arrives Reykjavik 6:00 am		
				. Breakfast on board		
				. Transfer from ship to KEF Airport		
				. Depart Reykjavik Domestic (RKV) 10:15 am		
				. Arrive Ilulissat Greenland (JAV) 11:30 am		
				. Transfer to Hotel Arctic 12:30 pm		
				. Lunch at hotel		
				. Ilulissat Walking Tour 3:00 pm 7:00 pm		
				Ilulissat was founded in 1741 and it is today the third biggest town in Greenland with over 4,500 inhabitants. The guide will tell you about the history of the city, the Greenlandic culture and the modern life 300 km north of the Arctic Circle. We will visit the fishermen at the harbor and the hunters at their trading post "Brædtet". Visit the old town, the fishing harbour, the old church and the museum while leisurely walking among the locals.		
				. Return to hotel		
				. Welcome Dinner at Hotel		
13	Fri, 03-Aug-18	B D		ILULISSAT		

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				. Breakfast at hotel		
				Disko Bay Cruise Excursion	9:00 am	12:00 pm
				† UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE - ILULISSAT ICE FJORD		
				First, you will cruise along the coast to discover Ilulissat and its coloured houses, and then get to the open-sea so as to reach the Ice Fjord of Ilulissat, the Isfjord. The small boats will slide on the calm waters of the Disko Bay, by clearing its way between the small ice packs. Maybe, you'll be able to see the boats of some fishermen and seal hunters. Then, huge white masses with bluish glints and deep caverns will appear.... Icebergs!! The vision is imposing and gripping!! At the end of this navigation among the ices, you return to Ilulissat		
				. Lunch on own		
				. Afternoon at leisure.		
				. Dinner at local restaurant	7:00 pm	
13	Sat, 04-Aug-18	B		ILULISSAT / REYKAVIK		
				. Breakfast at hotel		
				. Transfer to airport		
				. Depart Ilulissat (JAV)	TBD	
				. Arrive Reykjavik (RKV)	TBD	
				. Transfer to Hotel Natura		
				. Afternoon at leisure		
13	Sun, 05-Aug-18	B		REYKAVIK / US		
				. Breakfast at hotel		
				. Transfer to airport		
				. Depart KEF to US/Canada		