



**Relaxed Pace – Fabulous Food – Natural Wonders – Multi-Cultural Historic Sites –
Turquoise Waters – Fully Guided Experience**

2026 SPLENDORS OF SICILY EXPLORATION
April 27 – May 6, 2026 10 Days/9 nights

Join me on my next amazing Essential Earth Explorations program — to **Sicily**, a part of Italy but oh so incredibly special and unique! My **Splendors of Sicily Exploration** is designed to embrace the phrase “La Dolce Vita” or The Good Life, where the pace of travel includes time to truly absorb this unique culture and its people. You’ll see the balance of activities with time to rest and take in the surroundings of three distinctly different areas of Sicily. You’ll see how many purposeful interactions we’re creating with local people so you can come to love the Sicilian people and learn from their stories and lifestyle.

All of my *Essential Earth Explorations* travel programs include a focus on a wellness lifestyle and Sicily is no exception. Our journey through Sicily features healthy, organic food; gentle hikes and strolling walks; time to relax and take in new experiences —whether that be poolside, on a deck with a book, receiving a massage at a hotel spa, or exploring the local scene.

As you’ll discover, Sicily offers its own distinct experiences with Italian flair and a rhythm of its own. On this sun-kissed land you’ll find some of the best Greek archaeological sites in the world, Roman catacombs and aqueducts, incredible Byzantine mosaics, and stunning Arab and Norman architecture. It is a true melting-pot of diverse cultures resulting from colonization by the Greeks, Romans, Normans, French, Spanish and others. Each new invading force left its own imprint on its towns and cities, countryside, language and cuisine.

If you’re seeking a deeply memorable travel experience, surrounded by a landscape filled with history, rocky cliffs, turquoise blue waters, and sunny skies, then take a look at a few

of the highlights of my **Splendors of Sicily Exploration** and join me for a truly special travel journey!

- Travel with our small group and Tour Manager to key areas that showcase the **Splendors of Sicily**
- Learn how Sicily's food and culture are connected during our private cooking class with a local, Sicilian woman from Palermo
- Discover the strategic role Sicily played throughout history as different cultures and ethnic groups arrived and shaped what we see today.
- Explore the olive groves and taste the unique flavor of Ragusa olive oil
- Visit an organic, family farm to sample and learn about the foods they grow
- Explore a gentle hiking trail leading to Mt Etna – the tallest active volcano in Europe
- Relax on a scenic coastal boat tour to Cefalu while learning about medieval history and the island's fishing heritage
- Experience farm-to-table dining as a way of life
- Tour historic Taormina and its spectacular Roman Greek Theater built in the 2nd Century
- Shop and sample foods from local markets and sidewalk cafes throughout our visit
- Unwind on afternoons designed for your leisure, to enjoy spa treatments or wander to explore more
- Sleep well in stunning, 4-star hotels perfectly situated to all our experiences
- Enjoy time with our fun traveling group, and on your own to explore

If you're ready and excited to discover a truly unique part of European culture next spring and live La Dolce Vita, click on the link below to learn more about the details of this fabulous travel program! There are a very limited number of spaces available to those who act quickly to reserve their spot. My **2026 Splendors of Sicily Exploration** is going to be a truly unique immersion into the people, food, history and culture of Sicily, along with the chance to experience it all at a relaxed pace. Join me!

Limited space for this truly unique Exploration and opportunity!



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***Meet Local Families – Organic Farm Experience – Taste and Help Create Food – Hike
Natural Wonders – Visit Historic Sites – Coastal Boat Tour – Relaxed Pace of Travel –
High-Quality Accommodations – Local Tour Manager Throughout***

Gastronomic Immersion



Nothing separates Sicily from other destinations more than its FOOD! Get ready to explore the flavorful, colorful, aromatic and incredible tastes that come from the local land and sea and are created with love and care. From open-air street markets and local cafes, to a cooking class led by a local woman, a farm tour from a proud family, a Sicilian olive oil tasting and so much more—get

ready to taste your way through Sicily and all of its cultural gastronomic influences.

Relax Deeply



On this Exploration, I've made it a point to offer several days at a more leisurely pace. This gives each of us a chance to relax and absorb our experiences, and reflect on this grand destination. We're selected beautiful hotel properties with incredible locations and 4-star luxury that offer additional services to enhance relaxation such as swimming pools, gardens and spas where we can pre-reserve treatments

for self-care. Spring temperatures are perfect for exploring and sleeping peacefully, typically ranging from 55- 70°F.

Meet the Sicilians



Generations of families have called Sicily home. Our Exploration includes many days where we will interact with local people to learn about their culture, beliefs and way of life. This type of cultural exchange can't be manufactured, but rather flows as the opportunities present themselves to open up and create new friends and memories together.

See the Seashore



As an island country, the seacoast is never far away, nor the gentle breezes. The sounds of the open sea are so soothing to the soul. We've even scheduled time to relax and enjoy a comfortable boat to see the magnificent shoreline and take in a completely different perspective of Sicily's scenic coast.

Explore History's Impact



Sicily's history is a remarkable combination of resilience from conquering nations. Our travels will take us in to some of the most historic sites to further understand how each invading group impacted what we see today as Sicily and its people. There are many, many unique sites and our program will offer you insights on those that truly shaped this region of Italy.

Hike to a Volcano



Time to lace up the sneakers and get out to walk toward the massive Mount Etna – the largest active volcano in Europe! We'll follow a gentle trail climbing to 5,900 feet above sea level to gaze at this example of the earth's constantly changing surface and this historic mountain of lava and rock.

My 2026 Splendors of Sicily Exploration will be a travel journey like no other! Jim and I can't wait to share this extraordinary experience with those lucky travelers who say "yes" and register right away!

Cheers! Saluti!









2026 Splendors of Sicily Exploration

Daily Itinerary

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Are you ready to explore a world where time slows, senses sharpen, where “La Dolce Vita” is lived daily, and the local culture welcomes you not as a tourist—but as family? Join me on my **Splendors of Sicily Exploration** to experience the autonomous island off the Southern tip of Italy where ancient civilizations have been woven into a unique culture that features spirited traditions and soul-stirring beauty. In

Palermo, golden Byzantine mosaics shimmer under candlelight as the call of street vendors fills the air with a symphony of dialects and aromas. We’ll travel next to Ragusa which showcases the Sicilian countryside and tending the land creates bountiful nourishment on every level. In Taormina, cliffs cascade into sapphire waters where mythology still lingers in the sea breeze.

What makes **Sicily** truly unique is its people—resilient, warm, and deeply rooted in tradition. Life here is lived with intention and heart, from the morning espresso shared at the local bar to the spirited conversations echoing through narrow alleyways at dusk. Sicilian culture is a rich mosaic of rituals and relationships, where family remains the heartbeat of daily life and hospitality is an unspoken promise. Festivals spill into the streets with music, color, and devotion, blending sacred reverence with joyful celebration. Food is not just sustenance but storytelling, passed down through generations in recipes that

honor both the land and those who came before. In Sicily, culture isn't curated—it's lived, fiercely and authentically, in every gesture, gathering, and glance.

Join me to explore the authentic experiences and incredible beauty offered on my **2026 Splendors of Sicily Exploration** in a program I have planned for you with the help of my incredible travel partners at Learning Journeys!

DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1: Monday, April 27 – ARRIVE IN PALERMO, WELCOME DINNER

Arrival at Palermo Airport. Welcome to Sicily! Meet your driver on arrival at Palermo Airport where you'll enjoy a private transfer to your accommodation. Enjoy a special group **Welcome Dinner** with us this evening at your hotel or walking distance restaurant!

Overnight in Palermo at Hotel Plaza Opera **** or similar. (D)

DAY 2: Tuesday, April 28 – PALERMO STREET FOOD EXPERIENCE & COOKING CLASS

After breakfast, meet our Guide for an enjoyable, four-hour walking tour of Palermo for our private **Street Food Walking Tour**. Palermo is a fascinating cosmopolitan city, where a mosaic of cultures are seen in its residents. The people live harmoniously with one another, making the town a mystical and exotic area to explore. Sample the best of Sicilian street food and the fascinating culinary world of Sicily's capital. Visit the famous and bustling "Vucciria" or "Mercato di Capo" outdoor markets, tasting five different Sicilian treats along the way — including 'panelle' (chickpea fritters) and 'arancine' (deep-fried rice balls). Get in line at neighborhood bakeries, cafes and street food stalls to try a variety of famous Sicilian street snacks as you collect stamps in your foodie passport!

At the end of our Tour, enjoy some **free time to explore Palermo** on your own meeting the local people and their traditions or go back to your hotel to refresh and relax.

Later this afternoon, be ready to use your hands during a special, 3-hour culinary cultural immersion where you'll experience a fusion of flavors, traditions and shared stories! Enjoy this **cooking class with a local Sicilian woman**. In Sicily, particularly in Palermo, there is one singular regional cuisine of four cardinal staples: pasta, olive oil, vegetables and oily fish varieties. Experience the essence of Sicily through these typical recipes, crafted with love. To elevate your journey, a thoughtfully curated selection of wines and drinks will be provided, enhancing the flavors and adding to the warmth of the occasion. Our program will conclude with dinner we've helped craft, after the hands-on cooking class.

Overnight in Palermo at Hotel Plaza Opera **** or similar. (B, Street Food samples, D)

DAY 3: Wednesday, April 29 – CEFALU BOAT TOUR & MEET ISLAND LOCALS

This morning after breakfast, get ready for a wonderful day on the water as we drive about 90 minutes to Cefalù. **Cefalù is a breathtaking coastal town** that captures the soul of Sicily with a balance of medieval charm, natural beauty, and local warmth. Nestled between the Tyrrhenian Sea and the towering Rocca di Cefalù, the town offers more than postcard-perfect views; it offers a deep sense of place. Life moves at a graceful pace here, shaped by the rhythms of the sea and the traditions of its close-knit community. Fishermen still mend their nets by hand, while families gather in the piazza each evening to share stories, gelato, and laughter. What makes Cefalù truly special is how it invites visitors to not just see Sicily—but to feel it, live it, and carry a piece of it home in memory and spirit.

Arrive at the pier and enjoy a 3- hour **boat tour of the Cefalù coastline** on a comfortable and spacious boat. We can enjoy stops along the way to swim and admire the seabed. Enjoy a beautiful day at sea with an appetizer of savory snacks accompanied by Prosecco and soft drinks. You can relax in the shade or sunny parts of the boat, and stretch out on the sunbathing cushions along the entire length of the boat on both sides.

After the boat tour, enjoy some free time to have lunch and **meet with locals** to learn about their traditions and Sicilian Island life. Following this relaxing experience, we'll head back to the hotel in Palermo to enjoy the rest of your day and evening at leisure.

Overnight in Palermo at Hotel Plaza Opera **** or similar. (B, Light snack aboard boat).

DAY 4: Thursday, April 30 – PALERMO TO RAGUSA COUNTRYSIDE & OLIVE OIL TASTING

This morning after breakfast we depart for the countryside, and on to Ragusa. As we travel across Sicily, the landscape begins to open into a quiet patchwork of sun-bleached stone walls, olive groves, and rolling fields scented with wild herbs. Tucked among the hills, our countryside destination lingers ahead, where time seems to slow down with the breeze. We'll arrive at the **Olive Oil Gardens** where we'll learn about the process to create the Sicilian Virgin Olive Oil, a product of the highest quality and an expression of local culture. Here we'll get an opportunity to taste their fine Sicilian oils before we head to our hotel for an afternoon to relax and explore. Tonight, we'll meet for a lovely group dinner at our hotel to enjoy the local cuisine of Ragusa.

Overnight in Ragusa at Hotel Relais Chiaramonte**** or similar. (B, Olive Oil tasting, D)

DAY 5: Friday, May 1 – RAGUSA COUNTRYSIDE & LOCAL, ORGANIC FARM EXPERIENCE

This morning after breakfast we'll drive to a **local, organic farm**. Get ready for an incredible, multisensory experience within this farm, which over the years has become a primary source and reference point for chefs, gourmets, and lovers of good food

throughout Italy, thanks to its 150 species of aromatic and medicinal plants that are grown and distributed.

Our tour will wind through dozens of aromas, ornamental plants, and medicinal herbs chosen for their uniqueness: pineapple sage, stevia, lemon thyme, orange-scented geranium, and bergamot mint are just a few of the varieties that can be explored, smelled, touched, and, in some cases, tasted, revealing surprisingly new and unexpected flavors. We'll finish the experience with a stop in their Kitchen-Garden where the multisensory experience will feature a Country Aperitif hand-crafted with products from this farm and land. Truly savor this experience under their beautiful outdoor pergola for a taste of total relaxation!

At the end of our farm experience, we'll head back to our beautiful accommodation for an afternoon on your own under the Ragusan sun to **find rest, rhythm, and a deeper connection to the land**. Tonight we'll enjoy another delicious dinner served at our hotel.

Overnight in Ragusa at Hotel Relais Chiaramonte**** or similar. (B, Farm sampling experience, D)

DAY 6: Saturday, May 2 – RAGUSA TO TAORMINA, SIRACUSA

Today after breakfast, we'll check out and depart for Taormina. Our first stop is the **historic city of Siracusa** for a "Live Like a Local" private tour experience, seeing the culture through the eyes of a native – which should be fascinating!

Then it's on to the island of **Ortigia, the small baroque historic heart of the city**, surrounded by turquoise waters. Walk the elegant Via del Crociferi or Benedettini enclave to sample treats at the market stalls and bakeries and get tips on the best places to eat in town.

After our tour and exploration of Siracusa, we will drive on to Taormina In the afternoon, and arrive at our accommodation to check in, **relax and enjoy the rest of our day at leisure**. Here is a perfect place to enjoy a pre-scheduled massage, some pool time, or the chance to take in the scenery. This evening is on your own to find a dinner location to your liking.

Overnight in Taormina at Excelsior Palace **** or similar. (B)

DAY 7: Sunday, May 3 – TAORMINA EXPERIENCE

Meet a local tour guide after breakfast and begin our **2-hour walking tour of historic Taormina**, the location of the incredible Roman Greek Theater where you will view remains of this ancient Greco-Roman theater now used for entertainment events. Wait until you

see the surrounding view of Mount Etna as it rises above all else in the area! We'll continue our tour with an exhilarating walk down the Corso Umberto with rows of shops, cafes & boutiques, and flower-draped balconies. Our guide will share the stories hidden in ancient arches and Baroque façades as you explore charming piazzas and quiet side streets. While we are there, make sure you enjoy one of Sicily's greatest inventions – the Cannoli!

This **afternoon is all yours** for exploring, leisure activities and pre-scheduled spa treatments.

Overnight in Taormina at Excelsior Palace **** or similar. (B)

DAY 8: Monday, May 4 – MOUNT ETNA, ALCANTARA GRAND EXPERIENCE

Today after breakfast, we'll set out on a **full day of adventure!** Today's 8-hour experience starts with a gentle hike to an altitude of 5,900 feet above sea level, toward **Mount Etna and the Alcantara Gorges**, one of the most stunning landscapes in all of Sicily. We'll be guided through the woods and craters of Mount Etna and the Alcantara Gorges to explore some of the volcano's most scenic hiking trails. Our trail totaling approximately 2.5 miles today, will follow a gentle walking path toward ancient eruptions and lava flows, including a stop to explore a volcanic cave.

We'll take a lunch break before continuing our guided tour through the canyon of the **Alcantara River**, where we can relax, take a swim, and enjoy the breathtaking scenery of the Alcantara Gorges. We will return to our hotel about 4:30pm for a late afternoon and evening at your leisure to relax and enjoy a meal if you choose.

Overnight in Taormina at Excelsior Palace **** or similar. (B)

DAY 9: Tuesday, May 5 – DAY AT LEISURE & FAREWELL DINNER

Nothing says "La Dolce Vita" than a **day without a schedule** to wrap up our Splendors of Sicily Exploration. By now you'll likely have picked up the local vibe and will be ready to spend the day as you choose. Wander in to Taormina to explore its easy elegance as you slow down and savor every moment. Or perhaps you're ready to open a good book and find a quiet spot to read and take in the sites.

Tonight we will gather as a group to enjoy our **Farewell Sicilian Dinner** at local restaurant. Say "Alla Salute" one last time as we lift a glass of local wine or soda to toast a delightful visit together!

Overnight in Taormina at Excelsior Palace **** or similar. (B, D)

DAY 10: Wednesday, May 6 – DEPARTURE DAY

At the scheduled time after breakfast, we will check out of our hotel and take our transfer to Catania Airport for our flight back home. (B)

We hope you have enjoyed an incredible visit exploring the Splendors of Sicily with us.

ARRIVEDERCI ITALIA!



Program Pricing*

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Double Occupancy: \$6,290. Per Person

Single Occupancy: \$7,885. Per Person

A **\$1,000. per person, non-refundable deposit** is required at the time of booking to reserve your place in this incredible, small-group travel program.

Final non-refundable balance is due 120 days prior to departure, on or before December 27, 2025

**All prices are net, payable in US Dollars*

*NOTE: The Splendors of Sicily Exploration includes arrival at **Palermo Airport (PMO)** and concludes for departures from **Catania–Fontanarossa Airport (CTA)**. Both airports are served from other major cities in Italy such as Rome for connections to and from the USA.*

PRE or POST-EXPLORATION HOTEL ROOMS – We are happy to make arrangements for hotel accommodation before or after the Exploration. Please reach out to Marty Harger for details.

Program Price Includes:

- Arrival meet & greet by English-speaking Learning Journeys representative at airport
- Private transfer to your hotel in Palermo from the Airport on arrival.
- Single group transfer to Catania Airport on departure.
- Private English-speaking Tour Guides for the group
- Ground Transportation as outlined in modern deluxe vehicles
- 3 nights at Hotel Plaza Opera (or similar) 4-star hotel in Palermo. This hotel features a spa area where appointments during leisure time may be scheduled in advance.
- 2 nights at Hotel Relais Chiaramonte (or similar) 4-star hotel in Ragusa features a beautiful location in the countryside to relax and enjoy nature, including an outdoor pool.
- 4 nights at Excelsior Palace (or similar) 4-star hotel in Taormina is a centrally-located hotel featuring a park and outdoor pool, along with indoor wellness area for treatments that can be pre-scheduled.
- 9 Breakfasts, 2 light lunches, 5 Dinners
- 4-hour Palermo Street Food Walking Tour
- 3-hour Cooking Class with a Local, Sicilian Woman
- 3-hour Cefalu Coastline Boat Tour
- Olive Oil Garden Tour and Tasting
- Organic Farm Tour and Tasting
- “Live Like a Local” Experience in Siracusa
- 2-hour Walking Tour of Taormina
- Admission to Roman Greek Theater
- 8-hour Mt Etna and Alcantara Gorges Hike and Tour Day
- Porterage for 1 bag per person at hotels only
- All currently applicable VAT, accommodation taxes, city taxes, tolls, parking fees, fuel costs and service tax

- Please note: Some visits or activities may be altered due to unforeseen circumstances.

** Package price does not include: International airfare to and from Sicily airports (arrival in Palermo and departure from Catania); the highly recommended Trip Cancellation and Medical Emergency Evacuation Insurance; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service, spa treatments; any meals or beverages not mentioned in program description or inclusions; telephone or fax calls, camera/video fee at any attractions or museums; any medical expense; tipping for guides, drivers, porters/bellmen, housekeeping, wait staff on independent meals and restroom attendants; and any services including guides, admissions, meals and drinks not mentioned in the inclusions.*

Important Notes Before You Register for This Exploration: Traveling on this **2026 Splendors of Sicily Exploration** is a unique and captivating experience that will require travelers to walk unaided and with ease at distances of two to three miles or more, move unassisted through uneven surfaces, to move quickly through crowds, climb and descend steps, transport their own luggage on occasion, and get in and out of vehicles that may require a sizeable step up. Medical cannabis and some other prescriptive medications may be illegal in Italy and possession may result in your arrest/jail. Please contact Marty Harger before registering to confidentially discuss any and all prescriptive medications you take, to insure they are allowed in these countries. As a reminder, all travelers on the Splendors of Sicily Exploration must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of departure.

2026 Splendors of Sicily Exploration will travel if a minimum of ten (10) persons have paid deposit before August 15, 2025. Less than ten will require rescheduling the group for a future date with the option for a full refund of your deposit or transferring it to the future scheduled date. In the event of rescheduling, make sure your international airline reservations can be refunded or transferred to other uses.

Our itinerary will cover so many wonderful experiences – please read the daily activities fully to insure you understand the rhythm and pace of this program before you commit. It will be a remarkable experience!

Is Your Passport Ready for Travel? Travelers leaving the USA for Italy must have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months AFTER they return to the USA, and must have at minimum 6 empty pages for stamping. Passport acquisition and renewals have taken excessive lengths of time to process in recent years. Please visit the US State Department website for the latest turn-around times and options for processing well in advance of our departure date. Also, feel free to contact Marty Harger for suggested alternatives if needed.

As of July 2025, US Passport holders do not need a tourist visa to enter or exit Italy if staying for less than 90 days. This may change and you will be notified if that is the case.

Travel Protection Plan: Travel protection is highly recommended by purchasing Trip Cancellation/Interruption and Medical Evacuation insurance for this Exploration. Learning Journeys can recommend options for Travel Protection plans which are suitable for your experience, or see Marty Harger for suggestions.

Travel arrangements and payment for the 2026 Splendors of Sicily Exploration are made through my partners at *Learning Journeys*.



LIMITED SPACE IN THIS EXCLUSIVE, SMALL GROUP

Questions? Call Marty today at 801-712-5406

Please read the Terms & Conditions below in detail *BEFORE YOU CONTACT MARTY TO REGISTER & PAY YOUR INITIAL DEPOSIT TO LEARNING JOURNEYS*

NOTE: Once Learning Journeys receives your deposit, you will be emailed a registration link, invoice, and information about Trip Cancellation, Interruption and Medical Evacuation Insurance they offer along with other helpful information.



Terms & Conditions

TERMS & CONDITIONS THIS AGREEMENT sets forth the terms under which we, Learning Journeys agrees to provide you with the services and accommodation for your custom/or package tour.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT. A \$1,000 per person non-refundable deposit is due at the time of booking. The land balance and any optional travel offerings selected are due 120 days before departure (December 27, 2025) and are non-refundable. For bookings made within 120 days of departure, payment must be wired to Learning Journeys bank account or credit cards must be used for full payment.

FINAL DOCUMENTS REVIEW. While Learning Journeys takes the utmost care in making sure the information on your itinerary and travel vouchers (collectively, “Final Documents”) is complete and accurate, it is your responsibility to carefully read and review the final documents upon receipt. Failure to contact us in time to allow for the correction and re-sending of the final documents could result in the loss or cancellation of your reservation, tickets or services listed on the documents for which Learning Journeys will not be responsible. In such a case, no refunds will be possible. Documents will not be issued unless full payment has been received. Your final travel documents will be emailed to you 14 days prior to departure.

UNUSED TOUR ELEMENTS. No refund will be given for any unused tour features, whether because of customer’s choice, operational reasons, because of bad weather or any other reason.

ERRORS. In case of printing, typographical error, computer error, verbal or human billing error, we reserve the right to invoice or re-invoice participants with corrected billing.

BAGGAGE. Each traveler is limited to one large suitcase (maximum 50 lbs.) and one small carry on due to limited baggage area on buses. For some airlines and taxi/coach transfers, extra luggage may be subject to an extra charge due on the spot.

You are responsible for complying with the airline regulations concerning their baggage allowances and with the airline restrictions on the size, weight and contents of your check-in and carry-on bags. Check with the carrier for luggage guidelines. Learning Journeys is not

responsible for loss or damage of luggage or personal belongings. Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to cover loss or damage of your luggage.

AIRPORT: We recommend you arrive at the airport for your check-in at least 3 hours prior to your international flight departure time and 2 hours prior for your domestic flights.

PASSPORT, DRIVERS LICENSE and VISA. A Visa is not currently required to enter Italy.

For travel outside the United States U.S. citizens must have valid passports, with an expiration date of at least six months after the scheduled return date. If possible, you should renew your passport approximately 9 months before it expires. Travelers are responsible for ensuring that they have the proper travel documents and **MUST CHECK** with the respective consulate(s) or visa agency to determine whether any visas are required as rules can change on occasion. Each traveler is responsible for processing any required visas. Please ask the respective consulate for visa processing schedule to ensure you receive your documentation at least 7 days prior to departure. Any information provided pertains to US citizens only. Non-US citizens should check with the respective consulate of the country(s) to be visited for current entry requirements.

A valid Government-issued photo ID is required for all domestic flights within USA. It is suggested that you use a passport for domestic travel as well. Learning Journeys is not responsible for denial of boarding due to passenger negligence and cannot offer assistance on location or at the airport. If a passenger has not met the requirements as stated above and is denied boarding the cost of the tour is fully non-refundable.

NAMES MUST MATCH PASSPORT. The name given on your Learning Journeys booking must match the name on your passport, and in-turn, the name on your air ticket. Any variation between the spelling of your name on your air-ticket and passport will require re-ticketing, often at the cost of a completely new ticket. The airline will deny boarding if your airline ticket does not match your passport. Learning Journeys requires a copy of passengers' passport be forwarded no later than 120 days prior to departure. Passengers are responsible for providing accurate information including the exact name as listed on the passport, date of birth and passport number. If the information forwarded is incorrect, the passenger will be liable for any change fees which may occur.

FEES FOR CANCELED LAND SERVICES. If you cancel your complete land reservation, the cancellation charges listed will apply. Cancellation charges are based on the number of days from the time Learning Journeys is notified of your cancellation, to the start of the services provided – whether air and land or just land services. (Some charges may be avoided by your purchasing optional travel insurance explained below).

CANCELLATIONS & COMPLAINTS. We work around-the-clock to ensure your vacation goes smoothly and according to plan. But unexpected problems, often out of our control, can still arise. We urge you to work with us in correcting the problem on the spot instead of dealing with it after you return home. If your program has a tour manager, you are required to work with them to resolve pending issues.

If a cancellation or refund is warranted, it is under the express condition that you release Learning Journeys from all further liability and you thereby waive all additional rights and remedies under this contract or any applicable state, federal or foreign law.

GUESTS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other transportation vehicles, or other personal needs. Iceland is not an easy destination to navigate if one has compromised mobility. Travelers who need such assistance must be accompanied by a qualified companion. Please provide your Learning Journeys Program Manager about any specific dietary needs or any specific issues which may require attention during your program.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION. Deluxe motor coach transportation will be provided based on the number of participants in our party. Should the number of participants on any motor coach tour drop below estimated passengers, we reserve the right to operate the tour with a smaller vehicle. Please also note that smaller coaches may not have the same facilities as full-size coaches (no lavatories, TV, etc.). Baggage is limited to one carry on and one suitcase per person. If luggage guidelines are not followed, a second vehicle may be added to accommodate the excess baggage at the passenger's expense. There are strict laws concerning driver hours on touring coaches that must be always respected. A typical touring day can last 8 hours only. In addition, here are mandatory rest periods during the working day and weekly rest periods depending on the length of the tour.

DELAY CHARGES: If your flight delays cause additional charges for transportation/guides waiting times you will be responsible to pay extra charge on the spot directly to the vendor. If you purchased travel insurance, it may be covered under the policy. We recommend you check with your Travel insurance company on coverage for trip delay.

EXPERIENCES & TRANSFERS: Sightseeing and entrance fees have been included as specified in itinerary. All foreign airport transfers are also included in the land cost. Land arrangements will be provided as described; however, Learning Journeys reserves the right to substitute sightseeing features. Optional add ons and hotel reservations are non-refundable once reserved and paid.

TIPS AND SERVICE CHARGES: All taxes and service charges levied by the hotels or charged by various governments and municipalities are included. We have not included tips to the restaurants, chambermaids, drivers/guide or escort. Tips to servers, chambermaids and local guides should be left at the time of service. Tour Manager and driver tips should be given at the end of the tour. Suggest Tipping in USD will be provided in the months leading up to the Exploration.

SINGLE ROOMS. Be aware that single rooms are often smaller than double rooms. Ask about a “double room/single use” option at a cost above the normal single supplement.

CUSTOMIZED ITINERARY CHANGES. In rare cases scheduled tours may be cancelled. In such cases Learning Journeys reserves the right to change the scheduled tour itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice and/or to substitute airlines, hotels or features of a similar category for those listed in the confirmed itinerary. Learning Journeys shall not be held liable for any such changes.

CUSTOMIZED TOUR CANCELLATIONS BY LEARNING JOURNEYS. From time-to-time a tour departure may be cancelled for lack of participation or other operational reasons. In such a case, Learning Journeys sole responsibility is to provide a complete refund of monies received without any other liability whatsoever including any additional costs or fees related to cancellation of airline tickets or other travel reservations not made by Learning Journeys.

Learning Journeys is not responsible for necessary cancellations due acts of government; bites or attacks by animals, insects or pests; sickness; the lack of appropriate medical care; evacuation to same, if necessary; weather; strikes; acts of God; acts of terrorism or the threat thereof; events of force majeure; war; quarantine; epidemics/pandemic or the threat thereof; criminal activity or any other cause beyond the company’s control.

MISCELLANEOUS. Foreign air-conditioning systems in public places, hotels and motor coaches are not up to U.S. standards. If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs.

The right is reserved to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of these trips at any time. In any such event, Learning Journeys’ sole obligation is to refund for any unused accommodation or other trip features. Passenger certifies not to have any mental, physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other passengers.

RESPONSIBILITY. Learning Journeys Ltd. and their employees, shareholders, officers, and directors does not own or operate any entity which goods or services for your trip,

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Learning Journeys is not responsible for any loss, injury, death, or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule or failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart safely; overbooking or downgrading of accommodations; insolvency or default of any third party; acts of government; bites or attacks by animals, insects or pests; sickness; the lack of appropriate medical care; evacuation to same, if necessary; weather; strikes; acts of God; acts of terrorism or the threat thereof; events of force majeure; war; quarantine; epidemics/pandemic or the threat thereof; criminal activity or any other cause beyond its control and cancellation policies per the contract will apply.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE WARNINGS. In the case of a government issued warning, we will provide our utmost consideration to the severity of the warning and accomplish everything possible to safeguard the well-being of our passengers. We reserve the right to evaluate each booking on a case-by-case basis for potential refund/cancellation fees, re-scheduling of tours or itineraries and postponements.

BINDING ARBITRATION. I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to these Terms and Conditions, this release, the catalog, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association in New York. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive New York law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or part of this contract is void or voidable. Upon payment of a deposit, tour participant indicates acceptance of the above Terms and Conditions and of the Arbitration Agreement.

NOT INCLUDED: Passports, laundry, food and beverages not listed on the itinerary International Travel Tax and Portage at U.S. Airports, as well as all other items of a personal nature.

Contact Marty Harger directly for the REGISTRATION LINK that applies to your travel plans (traveling single or double occupancy), after reading the above the Terms & Conditions. Receipt of the \$1,000 per person, non-refundable deposit via the link provided by our deadline will secure your place in this small-group travel Exploration.

I hope you'll join me in 2026!

—Marty Harger

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