



A knitting trip to Iceland with Mary Penxa & Sawmill Creek Fiber Events 04th June to 12th June - 2026



Thursday 04th June: Depart US for Reykjavik - Iceland

Depart on your overnight flight to Reykjavik, Iceland. Be sure to have your up-to-date passport valid for 6 months beyond your date of travel and allow a minimum of **3-hours** for check-in for your International flight.

Friday 05th June: Selfoss (2 nights) - Guðrún Bjarnadóttir at Hespera Dye Studio - Þingborg Wool shop - Visit to the Secret Lagoon



After clearing customs and immigration your driver/guide Hildi will greet you and take you by private transfer to southern Iceland to the town of Selfoss on the banks of the of the Ölfusá river. Check into the South Coast hotel your home for the next 2 nights. Time to settle in and in the afternoon you will meet with [Guðrún Bjarnadóttir at Hespera Dye Studio](#) to hear all about her process of using natural plants to create beautiful yarn. Yarn will be on hand to purchase if you so choose. You will also stop at the

[Þingborg Wool Collective](#) where you will find the softest Icelandic wool you've ever felt from local sheep.

You will also visit the [Secret Lagoon in Fludir](#) Known locally as Gamla Laugin, it is the oldest swimming pool in Iceland.

Return back to the hotel with some time to explore the town of Selfoss before your welcome dinner at Tryggvaskáli. <https://tryggvaskali.com/> (Main Course - Dessert - Tea/Coffee) (D) **Hotel Selfoss, Eyravegur 2, 800 Selfoss**



Saturday 06th June: Helga Thoroddsen at her studio - Journey to Hárlaugstaðir to visit the Spinning Sisters - Uppspuni Mini Mill

Today after breakfast you will visit with [Helga Thoroddsen \(prjon.is\)](#), at her new studio for a hands-on experience and to learn about Lopapeysa - *(the traditional Icelandic yoke sweaters)* The experience with Icelandic Wool will include separating the wool, combing it, and spinning a small skein. It will be a 2 1/2 to 3 hour visit with a coffee break included.

After visiting with Helga you will have lunch in Hestheimar. Continue on to Hárlaugstaðir to visit with the [Spinning Sisters](#) This group of local farm women meet regularly to spin wool, work with sheepskin, and knit. They also have many lovely items for sale.

You will also enjoy a visit and tour [Uppspuni Mini Mill](#) and enjoy a visit to their lovely shop. All the yarn found at the mill is 100% Icelandic wool. The color of the sheep are natural and as a result there can be a slight difference between different lot numbers in the same color. The wool comes mainly from their own sheep and the result in great quality wool. Dinner at leisure this evening. **(B,L)**

Sunday 07th June: (2 nights) Drive the South Coast - Visit Seljalandsfoss Waterfall - Reynisfjara Black Beach - Vik for lunch and free time

Today after breakfast and check out of the hotel drive the south coast to visit [Seljalandsfoss Waterfall](#) an iconic waterfall which has a pathway that allows visitors to walk behind the cascading water. Continue to [Reynisfjara](#) with its famous black sand beach with its unique geology, dramatic landscapes, and black sand due to its volcanic origins. Stop for lunch in the town of [Vik](#) at your own expense and time to explore. Vik is located on the main Ring Road and while it only has a population of 300, it is the largest settlement for miles around. After time in Vik we will take a scenic drive with a short stop along the way and check in to the [Gerði Guesthouse](#) your home for the next 2 nights. We will stop for dinner in route or have a simple dinner upon

arrival at the Guesthouse **(B)** **Gerði Guesthouse - Breiðabólstað 2, Gerði - 781 Höfn, Iceland**

Monday 08th June: Glacier Lagoon with Boat Ride - Diamond Beach - Þórbergur Museum

Following breakfast at the Guesthouse we will visit [Glacier Lagoon](#) considered one of the greatest wonders of nature in Iceland. Huge blocks of ice constantly break off the glacier, [Breiðamerkurjökull](#), and large icebergs float on the lagoon. You will also enjoy a boat ride on the lagoon. You will also visit [Diamond Beach](#) for a once in a lifetime experience and considered one of the most beautiful beaches in the world and a perfect place to enjoy a leisurely walk. You can also keep an eye out for seals who make their home on Diamond beach.

Enjoy lunch in [Fjallsárlón](#) at your own expense and return to the Guesthouse to relax and knit. This evening you can choose to remain at the guesthouse for dinner or take a 6 minute walk to the [Þórbergur Museum](#) and enjoy dinner there. **Open 6:00PM - 9:00PM (B)**

Tuesday 09th June: Drive to Reykjavik (3 nights)- Hofskirkja - Skaftáreldahraun - Skógafoss

Today after breakfast and checking out of the hotel we will return to Reykjavik with stops along the way. Our first stop will be Hofskirkja to see [Hofskirkja Turf Church](#). There are only 6 turf churches remaining in Iceland and Hofskirkja is the last of the old churches to be built in this beautiful traditional turf style. You will also stop at [Skaftáreldahraun Lava Field](#) - A huge lava flow streamed from Lakagíggar in what became known as the "Skaftá Fires" and believed to be one of the greatest lava flows in a single eruption.

Continue on to [Skógafoss](#) which is one of the biggest waterfalls in Iceland, with a drop of some 60 meters and a width of 25 meters. You can walk right up to it but be prepared to get drenched. Later arrival to Reykjavik and check into the [Hotel Von](#). Dinner at your own expense this evening in Reykjavik. **(B)**

Sunna Guesthouse Þórsgata 26, Reykjavik, Capital Region 101

Wednesday 10th June: Free Day in Reykjavik

A full day to explore and do whatever takes your fancy in Reykjavik. Relax at the hotel, stroll the streets, visit the National Museum or find a cozy café to have lunch and knit. At the top of Skólavörðustígur you will find the famous church of Hallgrímskirkja where you can ascend the elevator for wonderful views. You can also visit the Handknitting Association of Iceland shop, where you can find Icelandic yarn and handknit garments. Stop off at one of the grocery stores where they actually sell yarn! Lunch and dinner on your own today. **(B)**



Thursday 11th June: Reykjavik - Visit local yarn shops - Helene Magnusson at her studio - Farewell dinner

Reykjavik has a number of yarn shops for us to visit this morning. First we will stop at the [Icewear Yarn Shop](#) where you can browse the Icelandic wool sweaters, blankets, and yarn. Then on to [Maro](#) a yarn store that offers high-quality yarn and accessories selected with care and affection. Maro strives to offer unique products and provides personal service and advice.

Finally you will visit with [Helene Magnusson](#) at her studio to chat. Yarn and books will be available for purchase if you so choose. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant to reminisce about your trip **(B,D)**

Friday 12th June: Departure day - Reykjavik to USA

For those knitters traveling today, transfers will be provided by Hildi to Keflavik airport. Please allow a minimum of **2.5 hours** for check-in for your International flight. **(B)**

This itinerary is subject to change.

Key: B = breakfast; **L** = lunch; **D** = dinner



COST: \$4,450 per person (based on sharing a room)

Single Supplement \$1082 (Singles are limited)

Plus airfare: (Keflavik airport roundtrip) Approximately
\$800 - \$1000

Hotel Links:

2 Nights - Hotel Selfoss: info@hotelselfoss.is

2 Nights - Gerði Guesthouse: www.gerdi.is

3 Nights - Hotel Von: www.hotelvon.is



Tour Includes:

- * Accommodation for 7 nights/9 days
- * Breakfast each morning
- * Welcome & Farewell dinner
- * Transportation with a professional driver/guide Hildi from **June 05 to 12 - 8 days**
- * Visit to Istex will be included and day will be advised
- * Gratuity for Hildi for your days in Iceland
- * Private airport transfers on **June 05th & June 12th** to and from Keflavik International airport
- * Please note on the 12th June only one transfer will be offered to Keflavik International airport
- * for departure

Visits to: Guðrún Bjarnadóttir at Hespera Dye Studio - Hands-on Experience with Helga Thoroddsen to learn about Lopapeysa - Pingborg Wool Collective - Uppspuni Mini Mill - Istex - Visit with the Spinning Sisters - Secret Lagoon - Seljalandsfoss Waterfall - Reynisfjara with its famous black sand beach - Town of Vik - Glacier Lagoon with boat ride - Fjallsárlón - Hofskirkja Turf Church - Skaftáreldahraun Lava Field - Skógafoss Waterfall

Yarn Shops:

- ◆ **Icewear Iceland** (www.icewear.is)
- ◆ **Istex** (www.istex.is) - **Day of visit to be advised at a later date.**
- ◆ **Maro** (www.maro.is)
- ◆ **Helene Magnusson** (www.icelandicknitter.com)

Dinners:

- ◆ **Selfoss: Tryggvaskáli** on the 05th June
- ◆ **Reykjavik: Rok** on the 11th June

Not Included:

- * International Airfare
- * Items of a personal nature (Laundry, telephone, drinks, meals not specified)
- * Yarn purchases and mailing expenses
- * Gratuity at the hotels
- * Meals not mentioned in the itinerary





Hildigunnur Hauksdottir (Hildi) - Driver & Guide extraordinaire, will be escorting you throughout Iceland. Her philosophy “Connecting you to people and places in Iceland to reveal the true soul of the places you visit” Hildi, is an expert at finding unique experiences to include in the itinerary as you journey throughout Iceland. You will return home with a much greater knowledge of the land of fire and ice.



Hotel Selfoss

The hotel Selfoss is located in the heart of Selfoss on the banks of the Ölfusá River, with a stunning view of the mountain, Ingólfssjall. The central location is perfect for exploring the vibrant town.



Gerði Guesthouse & Farm

Gerði Guesthouse & Farm is located on the doorstep of Vatnajökull Glacier Park in southeast Iceland and is located ten minutes from Jökulsárlon Glacier Lagoon and Diamond Beach. It provides a perfect base for glacier exploration, ice cave adventures, and boat rides on Glacier Lagoon.

Björn Þorbergsson and Þórey Bjarnadóttir, your hosts will welcome you to their beautiful home that is steeped in local history. On the farm you will find 500 sheep and 25 beautiful Icelandic horses. If you are lucky you might also see the Northern Lights.



Hotel Von

Located in the vibrant street of Laugavegur main street, Hotel Von is a boutique hotel with 52 rooms amidst a nostalgic yet modern city center.

Located right in the heart of Reykjavik with the city's most shops and restaurants close by.