

Iceland Photography Tour: 18th June – 25th June 2018

Maximum Number: 5

Cost: £2400 Deposit: £400



Itinerary

Monday 18th June – First Day

Flights from U.K. (Iceland Air) arrive in the afternoon. We travel straight to Selfoss to check into our guesthouse. Evening photography is an option, or at least a recce.

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th

We devote two days to photographing at a secluded nature reserve, known for its breeding density of Red throated Divers. Other likely birds include Red necked Phalarope, Whooper Swan, Dunlin, Scaup. For variety we also have the option of shooting on the Reykjanes Peninsula – targeting Snipe, Whimbrel and ducks in coastal inlets.

Thursday 21st

We take the long drive to Jökulsárlón, on route visiting Dyrhólaey Cliffs to photograph the vibrant Puffin colony and soaring seabirds against the stunning coastal backdrop; there is also a good chance of Snow Bunting here.

Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd

Two whole days at Jökulsárlón capturing masses of breeding birds amidst the magnificent glacial lagoon. Working in this unique habitat allows for creative images in changing conditions. We capture Arctic Terns landing on sculpted glaciers and Barnacle Geese drifting past blue ice. Eiders are another colourful subject amidst this special landscape.

Sunday 24th

We take the long drive back to Keflavik. Along the way we'll take advantage of any opportunities including possible Slavonian Grebes and Divers in roadside pools, or Plovers and Black tailed Godwit on raised tussocks. There really are so many possibilities as we drive through varied habitat and witness awe-inspiring views. Landscape images are always a possibility.

Monday 25th June – Last Day

Our hotel is very close to the airport. Flights to the U.K. leave in the morning.

Equipment Required

Ideally a big lens of 500mm or 600mm and a shorter lens, e.g. 300mm for flight shots. Extenders may be of use. A tripod is required. Beanbags may be of use, but not essential (these can be packed empty then filled up in Iceland). Smaller lenses and filters are useful for wider shots and landscapes. A light bag hide and camouflage hood is worth packing but not essential.

Climate

The climate is usually very pleasant in June. Early morning can be chilly but generally it should not be too cold. However, Iceland's weather can quickly change; windproof jackets and some waterproofs are advised, as are good boots. Gaiters or wellies are advised for the location of the Divers.

Intensity

There is not a lot of walking involved – we will mostly be within a short distance of our vehicle.

Please note: we aim to shoot in the morning and late afternoon/evening; **the middle of the day will be kept free to rest** (unless we are travelling).

Bad Weather

In bad weather we will aim to continue photographing, seeking out sheltered areas. In extreme weather we will use the time to review our images. We may also visit any suitable waterfalls.

Accommodation

We use good quality rated guesthouses and hotels. **All accommodation is on a single basis with your own bedroom.** You may have to share a bathroom at times.

Food

Breakfast and evening meal is included. Breakfast is typically Icelandic featuring eggs, ham, cereals, jams, toast. Lunches are extra and will be taken in cafes and service stations depending on our plans. **Please note: we eat around photography to maximise our shooting time in best light.**



Transport

We will use a large vehicle, with room for everyone, luggage and camera gear. Myself and Shelley Knight share the driving.

What's Included in the Cost

All accommodation; all transport in Iceland; airport transfers; breakfast and evening meals.

Additional costs: external flight; lunches; food on the last day and alcoholic drinks. Plus any personal extras. Lunches can cost up to £10; coffee £2.30. Beer can be around £5 a pint (in Reykjavik).

Payment

A deposit can be paid via Paypal or Cheque. Please contact me to pay the **balance** either by **cheque** or **bank transfer**.

Insurance

You must have adequate travel insurance, as in the terms and conditions. Please also ensure your camera equipment is insured.

Exchange Rates (as of May 2017)

£1 GBP = 141 ISK

1 Euro = 118 ISK

\$1 USD = 110 ISK

Please Note: Whilst locations have been researched for specific photo opportunities, Paul Miguel cannot be held liable for lack of any species.

Further questions:

If you have any further questions on any aspect of the tour please don't hesitate to get in touch by email: paul@naturephotographycourses.co.uk or by phone 07759485791

Thank you for your interest in this Tour

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