

# PHOTOGRAPHY IN ICELAND WITH

## MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER JOHN CHUMACK

Travel with elite, professional specialist photographer John Chumack. Learn from the Master. Benefit from his vast experience – 10 successful Northern Lights tours to Alaska. Iceland is a photographer's dream – its spectacular nature unique!

- Icelandic Nature – Waterfalls – Hot Springs – Volcanos – Glaciers
- Icelandic Horses – Puffins – Whales
- The Westman Islands
- The City of Reykjavik
- Gourmet Meals throughout

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THE ICELANDIC HORSES ARE EVER SO POPULAR AND AN EXCELLENT PHOTOGRAPHIC SUBJECT

## TRAVEL TO ICELAND WITH MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER JOHN CHUMACK

Join us on a photography tour to Iceland for the many spectacular natural phenomena in this beautiful country. The tour is under leadership of world renowned astro-photographer John Chumack and expert tour manager Jan Mayer. John has led many such tours before – to Alaska, where photo enthusiasts have learned from “the master” – in the field and at workshops. A tour to Iceland is the natural next step in this quest for excellence.

Iceland is known as one of the best places in the world to see and photograph natural phenomena, such as the many majestic waterfalls, bubbling hot springs, towering volcanos and cliffs teeming with birdlife. Each year thousands travel to this popular destination to experience the northern lights (our November tour). They also meet up with the popular Icelandic Horses and experience an exciting Whale Watching excursion. A dip in the famous Blue Lagoon is included on every tour. A visit in the lively and modern capital Reykjavik is particularly popular.

This tour spends 4 days in the Westman Islands, a little-known cluster of islands south of Iceland, the perfect place for spectacular photography – awesome cliffs, volcanos, lava fields as well as spectacular birdlife. You will feel at home at Hotel Vestmannaeyjar and come to agree that the food in these islands is nothing short of excellent.

It is a tour full of adventure and the unexpected; the ideal journey for those wishing to get away from pest and politics, to a place where you breath fresh air, where the meal is a catch from the very same day and where life is simple and uncomplicated as it has been for generations.







John Chumack

Excellence in

Photography

Your Mentor

**John Chumack** was mesmerized by the stars from childhood on. He built his own telescopes and was soon recognized for his quality level photography of galactic images. His work was sought by high level magazines such as National Geographic and Time. John's work for NASA, exposure on TV programs, in countless science books and magazines, as well as his participation in fine art shows around the country has brought him fame and recognition. John has 10 successful tours to Alaska under his belt, teaching photography of the Northern Lights.

There will be 12 fortunate students, who will have John Chumack as their mentor during this tour to Iceland. In the peaceful and quiet Westman Islands, in green and fertile Southern Iceland and, finally, in colorful and lively Reykjavik, John Chumack will be in his element – to make sure that you will capture it all, - the best pictures of your life.



HEYMAEY  
THE MAIN  
ISLAND IN  
THE  
WESTMAN  
ISLANDS



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a tour with John Chumack



Your Tour Manager  
Jan Mayer  
Excellence in  
Tour Management

Jan Mayer is a certified tour director from the International Tour Management Institute and is comfortable leading tours to any corner of planet earth.

He has taken groups to such sundry places as Costa Rica, Panama, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Mainland Mexico and Baja California, France and Yellowstone Park, New England, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. among many other areas on the globe.

Jan loves the outdoors and activities such as camping, hiking and canoeing. Ecology and Conservation are his favorite subject matters.




Iceland's spectacular nature is of strong interest to Jan. You can be sure he will handle your group professionally – and with a good measure of enthusiasm and passion as is characteristic of his tours.

AWESOME SELJALANDSFOSS >







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TOUR PROGRAM	NOTES & PICS
<p>August 07 (Sat.) <b>Travel to Iceland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tour members travel to one of U.S. and Canada ICELANDAIR gateways to Iceland and check in for their flight.</li> <li>➤ Late afternoon/evening departure for Iceland. All flights are non-stop.</li> <li>➤ You will be flying by a Boeing 757-200 aircraft</li> <li>➤ Flying time from the US to Iceland is between 6 and 7 hours depending on your dep airport.</li> <li>➤ It is an overnight flight. You will arrive in Iceland early the following morning.</li> </ul>	 <p>ICELANDAIR BOEING 757-200</p>
<p>August 08 (Sun.) <b>Arrival day in Iceland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tour members arrive at Keflavík Airport in the early morning on several flights.</li> <li>➤ The group is met and assembled on arrival by local tour guide “<b>Birgir Blöndal.</b>”</li> <li>➤ Your tour coach is ready at the curb outside the terminal with driver “<b>Bjöss</b>” in charge.</li> <li>➤ Breakfast at <b>Viking World Museum</b>; the 1<sup>st</sup> chance to get acquainted and meet tour leaders John Chumack, Jan Mayer and Birgir</li> <li>➤ Proceed to nearby famous <b>Blue Lagoon</b> for a 2-hour relaxing visit. Lunch break.</li> <li>➤ Drive east through southern Iceland to <b>Landeyjahöfn</b>. Board ferry <b>Herjólfur</b> for the 30-minute crossing to the <b>Westman Islands</b>.</li> <li>➤ <b>Check in at 3-star Hótel Vestmannaeyjar</b>, the best hotel in town – for a 3-night stay.</li> <li>➤ Meet &amp; Mix in the lounge. John Chumack lays out the plans for the days to come.</li> <li>➤ “Welcome to Iceland” dinner at <b>Einsi Kaldi</b>.</li> </ul>	<p>B-D</p>  <p>BLUE LAGOON</p>  <p>HERJÓLFUR</p>








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<p>August 09 (Mon.) <b>In the Westman Islands</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Morning excursion of <b>Heimaey</b>, the main Island, with local tour guide <b>Eypör Björgvinsson</b>. Visit <b>Eldfell</b>, the volcano that caused the destruction of much of the town in 1973. Heimaey had to be evacuated and about 400 houses were buried in lava and ash. The island has been called “The Pompeii of the North” ever since.</li> <li>➤ Visit <b>Eldheimar</b>, the spectacular Volcano Museum. The displays are centered on an excavated home which was buried by ash during the eruption. The audio guides are excellent and provide you with a true sense of the dramatic history of Heimaey.</li> <li>➤ Tour the world’s only <b>Beluga Whale &amp; Puffin Sanctuary</b>. Enjoy a boat excursion across <b>Klettsvík Bay</b> and meet Beluga Whales “Little White” and “Little Grey.”</li> <li>➤ Dinner at “<b>Gott</b>” Restaurant. Enjoy the best of Icelandic lamb, - a delicacy.</li> <li>➤ 1st day of photography with John Chumack.</li> <li>➤ Days are long this time of the year in Iceland – Sunrise at 05:00 and Sunset at 10:03.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>HEIMAÆY – POPULATION CA. 4500</b></p>  <p><b>LITTLE WHITE &amp; LITTLE GREY</b></p>







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<p>August 10 (Tue.) <b>On Heimaey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Full day of photography.</li> <li>➤ Drive to <b>Lyngfell Horse Farm</b> to photograph and pet the Icelandic horses. You can also take a short ride, if you like. The <b>Icelandic Horses</b> are loved and admired by all visitors to Iceland. The Icelandic breed is one of the purest in the world. It is known for its amazing strength, sure-footedness and stamina. It was first brought to Iceland by the Vikings who settled the country in the years 874-930.</li> <li>➤ Your tour vehicle will be at the ready at all times to head for the best vantage points on the island, such as Elephant Rock.</li> <li>➤ Dinner at <b>Einsi Kaldi</b>. You are in for a special treat, - the best of <b>Westman Island Cuisine</b>.</li> </ul> <p>Iceland offers an abundance of fresh sea-food and the Westman Islands are known for its selection of excellent restaurants, which is amazing, considering its small (4500) population. You're sure to enjoy some of the best fish and lobster dishes of your life.</p> <p>Einsi Kaldi, owner and master chef of the restaurant will prepare a feast that you may find somewhat unusual, fascinating, but indeed, - delicious.</p> <p>The Westman Islands is the best kept secret in Iceland, a real gem for tourists and photographers alike. Towering cliffs, spectacular volcanos and crashing ocean waves are all part and parcel of nature on the islands, - within easy reach.</p> <p>You'll appreciate staying 3 nights in the same place, avoiding packing and unpacking daily. The hotel is excellent, the meals superb and Heimaey will keep you busy beyond imagination.</p>	<p><b>PHOTOGRAPHY – SUBJECT THE ICELANDIC HORSE</b></p>  <p><b>PHOTOGRAPHY - SUBJECT ELEFANT ROCK</b></p>  <p><b>HEIMAey TOWN WITH VOLCANO ELDFELL IN BACKGROUND</b></p> 	



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TOUR PROGRAM	NOTES & PICS <b>B-L-D</b>
<p>August 11 (Wed.) <b>Off – to the mainland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Leave Westman Islands by the morning ferry.</li> <li>➤ Visit two of Iceland's most beautiful waterfalls; <b>Skógafoss</b> and <b>Seljalandsfoss</b>.</li> <li>➤ Proceed to the wilds of Iceland in <b>Þórsmörk</b>, a valley hidden between three glaciers – an adventure expedition.</li> <li>➤ Buffet lunch at Básar in the middle of Þórsmörk.</li> <li>➤ Check in at cozy <b>Hótel Lækur</b> for a 2-night stay.</li> <li>➤ Dinner at Hótel Lækur; another meal to remember.</li> </ul>  <p><b>HOTEL LÆKUR WITH VOLCANO HEKLA IN BACKGROUND</b></p>	<p><b>PHOTOGRAPHY - SUBJECT ICELANDIC WATERFALLS</b></p>  <p><b>SELJALANDSFOSS</b></p> <p>Þórsmörk is a nature reserve named after Þór (Thor) the Viking God of Thunder. You reach this spectacular area by crossing lava fields and un-bridged glacial rivers, an exhilarating but safe experience.</p> <p>(picture below)</p>





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<p>August 12 (Thu.) <b>Famous Gullfoss &amp; Geysir</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Depart on an excursion to include some of the major natural attractions in Iceland.</li> <li>➤ Drive north to <b>Gullfoss</b>, the majestic waterfall that spans the Hvítá River and sprays mist on those who come near to marvel at its beauty.</li> <li>➤ A short drive to the west takes us to the <b>Geysir</b> geothermal area, where a number of boiling, bubbling and spouting hot springs are seen in an eerie moonlike landscape. Visit <b>Geysir</b>, which all geysers are named after. Though it rarely erupts, nearby <b>Strokkur</b> keeps the show alive, erupting every 4-8 minutes.</li> <li>➤ Drive on to <b>Friðheimar Farm</b>, an amazing greenhouse &amp; horse-breeding complex. Gain an insight to the uses of geothermal heating in Iceland. Savor a unique food experience, - tomato soup and fresh baked bread, with tomatoes growing all around you.</li> </ul> <p>After lunch, enjoy a <b>horse show</b> that provides an under- standing of the remarkable Icelandic horse breed. The display is followed by a "Meeting with the Horses" in their stables.</p> <li>➤ Return to Hótel Lækur for another scrumptious dinner. You might also like to enjoy the hot pot.</li>	 <p><b>GULLFOSS</b></p> 	



Young Icelandic  
Viking and his  
buddy





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<p>August 13 (Fri.) <b>Off to Reykjavík</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Drive to Reykjavík, the colorful and lively capital of Iceland (56 miles).</li> <li>➤ Enjoy a 2-hour City Tour of Reykjavík with a local tour guide. First visit <b>Hallgrímskirkja</b>, the tallest and largest church in Iceland and a prominent landmark. The church is of distinctive Icelandic design, dedicated to the most revered, sacred poet of Iceland, Hallgrímur Pétursson.</li> </ul> <p>A statue of <b>Leif (Leifur) Eriksson</b> is aligned directly in front of the church. It was a gift from the U.S. to commemorate the 1000th anniversary of the foundation of the Icelandic parliament., a tacit acknowledgement that Leif beat Christopher Columbus to North America by almost 500 years</p> <p>You will enjoy the view of the city from the top of the water tanks that feed the city with hot water. Drive by the University of Iceland, the Parliament, National Theater and <b>Harpa</b>, the new Concert Hall. Drive through residential areas and the harbor where older buildings have been retrofitted as boutiques and restaurants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Check in at <b>Hótel Plaza</b>, located on Íngólfstorg, the main square in the heart of the “old city,” with restaurants, shopping and nightlife on your doorstep.</li> <li>➤ “Farewell to Iceland” dinner is served at <b>Geysir Bistro</b> located just around the corner from your hotel.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>HALLGRÍMSKIRKJA &amp; LEIFUR EIR'IKSSON</b></p>  <p><b>HÓTEL PLAZA</b></p>	


**“HARPA”**
**CONCERT HALL**
**ICELAND'S CENTER OF  
CULTURE AND MUSIC**



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<p>August 14 (Sat.) <b>In Reykjavík</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Free day in Reykjavík.</li> <li>➤ Lunch and dinner on your own,</li> <li>➤ Suggested optional features:</li> </ul> <p><u>Morning:</u> Visit the Whale Museum followed by a 5-hour <b>Whale Watching</b> Excursion. Cruise Faxaflói Bay on a comfortable boat. The most common species in the winter is the White-Beaked Dolphin, the Harbor Porpoise as well as Minke and Humpback Whale. The winter cruises also offer opportunities to see many seabirds that call Iceland home, such as guillemots, gannets, cormorants &amp; eider ducks. \$140</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> Visit one of the downtown hot dog stands for <i>eina með öllu</i> (one with everything). You will be right back for more. The Icelandic <b>hot dogs</b> are delicious; contain a secret mix of pork, beef and lamb.</p> <p><u>Afternoon:</u> A 3-hour excursion to <b>Pingvellir</b>, the national shrine of Iceland, - the site of the ancient Icelandic Parliament, and a meeting point of the continental plates, a geological phenomenon. Þingvellir is a designated UNESCO Heritage Site. \$75</p> <p><u>Evening:</u> Enjoy a musical performance at <b>Harpa</b>, the new and magnificent culture center. Program information will be available in the summer of 2020.</p>	 <p><b>POPULAR WHALE WATCHING</b></p>  <p><b>ÖXARÁRFOSS AT ÞINGVELLIR</b></p>	

**PINGVELLIR – UNIQUE AND STUNNINGLY BEAUTIFUL**




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August 15 (Sun.) <b>Departure for the United States</b> ➤ Last day in Iceland, - free without a program. ➤ Afternoon transfer to Keflavík Airport. ➤ Departure by ICELANDAIR for the US and Canada. ➤ Evening arrival in the United States.	<h1>End of Tour</h1>	

### • Participation

John Chumack is respected for his profound dedication to excellence. He will accept the absolute maximum of 12 students on this tour, so each student can look to a meaningful participation in his workshops. There will be as many as 25 persons on the tour; John Chumack, Jan Mayer, 12 students as well as spouses or persons who will not participate in the workshops.

### • Mother Nature

The main theme of this tour project is photography and Iceland's natural phenomena. The object is to learn photography of this phenomena from an expert photographer at a location that is recognized worldwide for that very purpose.

### • The Puffins

There will be plenty of amazing opportunities to meet the adorable puffin birds on your tour. Iceland is home to about 60% of the world's puffin population and Iceland's biggest puffin colony happens to be on the Westman Islands. The best time to see the puffins is during the summer months from late May to the middle of August.



PUFFIN "REAL ESTATE" ON  
HEIMAÆY -  
WESTMAN ISLANDS >

< PUFFINS CATCH DOZENS  
OF FISH IN ONE DIVE  
TO BRING BACK  
TO THEIR NEST





# **NATO LTD – ICELAND – it's NATURAL WONDERS - 21224**

## **TRAVEL WITH JOHN CHUMACK**

**PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR TO ICELAND // AUGUST 07. – 15, 2021**

### **PRICES & CONDITIONS**

**TOUR PRICE:** \$4,786.00 – based on shared double or twin-room occupancy.

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT:** \$585.00

#### **INCLUDED FEATURES:**

- **John Chumack – Photography Expert.**
- Jan Mayer – Tour Manager.
- Birgir Blöndal - Tour Guide.
- 7 nights hotel accommodations as listed or similar.
- 8 x breakfast, 2 lunches and 6 dinners incl. Welcome to Iceland and Farewell dinners.
- Transportation by specially equipped tour bus and by ferry.
- Museum admissions: Eldheimar Volcano Museum and Puffin & Whale Sanctuary.
- Blue Lagoon admission (Comfort level – incl. silica mud mask, towel and 1 drink).
- Horse Show and Photography at Lyngfell Farm and Friðheimar.
- Prayers for good weather throughout the tour.

#### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- Air fares.
- 5 lunches and 1 dinner – alcoholic beverages.

#### **PAYMENT:**

- Payment by check is preferred. Pay to: NATO LTD.
- Payment by credit card is via PayPal ([dkorat@aol.com](mailto:dkorat@aol.com) // Ingo Blondal).
- A \$500 deposit is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due by 06/07/21.

#### **CANCELLATIONS:**

- 60 days or more prior to departure: A cancellation fee of \$500.00 per person does apply.
- 30 to 59 days prior to departure: 50% of the tour price will be charged.
- 0 to 29 days or less prior to departure: 100% of the tour price will be charged. No refund.
- NATO LTD offers tour cancellation insurance through Allianz Insurance Co.

#### **TOUR DOCUMENTATION:**

Once final payment has been received, you will receive the latest version of the tour itinerary, name tags, newsletters and news briefs.





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# ICELAND - PHOTOGRAPHY

August 07. ~ 15, 2021

## RESERVATION APPLICATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

When you are ready to reserve your spot on the tour, fill in this form and mail it to NATO LTD or send in the information by e-mail.

NAME (1) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (CELL): \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH ISSUES: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ VEGETARIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS 8/14/21: 1. WHALE WATCHING: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. PINGVELLIR: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (2) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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TEL.(CELL): \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH ISSUES: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ VEGETARIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS 8/14/21: 1. WHALE WATCHING: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. PINGVELLIR: \_\_\_\_\_

- The airlines require names to be spelt exactly as they appear in your passport.
- A deposit of \$500 per person is required with the application for tour participation.
- Participants who wish to arrive in Reykjavik early or stay over after the tour should put in their requests well ahead of time.

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