



Hello, fellow travelers!

I'm excited to share my experience traveling to Iceland with Women of the Midwest last October.

At the beginning, my greatest hope was to see the Aurora Borealis - Northern Lights. For that, I was not disappointed.

What I didn't know was how much more I was going to see and experience – lava tunnels, being inside a glacier, incredibly beautiful waterfalls and scenery, geysers, walking along the Mid-Atlantic rift dividing Iceland into several places, an introduction to geothermal energy, and how the scientists have harnessed the energy in ways I could not have imagined – like baking bread in the hot sand.

We went to a tomato farm where they grow tomatoes year-round, thanks to geothermal heating. They make a great bloody Mary from their tomatoes, too.

Reykjavik is a beautiful city – a destination for more travelers than I imagined.

Ann Bruntz was a wonderful group hostess, and the trip was planned with expertise. Our lodging was wonderful, as was the food. Our guide was originally from Iceland and took us to many of her favorite places.

The trip was fairly fast-paced, and the walking in various places gave us a good workout.

The trip to the Blue Lagoon on our last day was a wonderful way to relax – a facial with silica, wine, and swimming in the thermal pool. In fact, I think having a spa treatment before every long airline flight is a must.

I'm a quilt artist, and this trip inspired a quilt that I am working on; stay tuned via Women of the Midwest's Facebook page; it will be posted once ready.

Truly it was a trip worth taking!

Sincerely,
Susan Hanson
(Iceland 2021 Traveler)

