



# **`MOTHER & DAUGHTER(S)'**

Specifically designed to celebrate the powerful bond of the mother/daughter relationship, this 10-day Escorted Journey by Air combines three destinations into one inspiring journey of adventure and relaxation.

Travelling by private chartered aircraft, the tour itinerary will include 2-3 nights in each destination: Scotland, Iceland and Greenland.

Bartelings has curated this journey to celebrate International Women's Day, highlighting the deep and wonderful relationship between mothers and daughters, enabling guests to immerse themselves in a cultural extravagance that combines food, nature and wellbeing.

Our privately chartered aircraft allows us the opportunity to seamlessly connect these distinctive destinations. Furthermore, the accompanying team will ensure guests don't have to worry about the detail and simply enjoy the journey. The tour team will look after all aspects of the journey, ensuring your clients have an incredible and memorable experience that will guarantee them coming back for more.



## Day 1-2 | Glasgow, Scotland

Upon arrival from scheduled flights (not included), guests are transferred to the Kilcamb Lodge Hotel which sits on the shores of the picturesque Loch Sunart. Check in and refresh before meeting fellow travellers for a welcome drink and dinner in the restaurant of this boutique hotel.

The Lodge is set amidst the breathtaking scenery of the Loch and mountains that flourish with wildlife. Guests may even be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of otters, deer, pine martens, golden eagles and red squirrels.



Whisky making in Scotland traces its history back to the 11<sup>th</sup> Century when winemaking methods spread from Monasteries in Europe to Scotland. Traditionally a male-dominated industry, we will visit the Nc'nean Distillery, established and developed by Annabel Thomas.

Annabel started Nc'nean with a mission to create a whisky that could exist in harmony with nature, creating a pioneering sustainable production. Annabel left her job in London to build the distillery from the ground up on the west coast of Scotland and has been distilling organic whisky since 2017. The inspiration for the distillery's name came from an ancient Gaelic goddess, Neachneohain, known as the Queen of Spirits and a fierce protector of nature.

Guests will learn first-hand about the way whisky is made, the sustainable production and the elements involved. Trying a 'wee dram' is of course essential to the experience!

Lunch will be enjoyed at the Whitehouse Restaurant at Lochaline. We return to the hotel and the remainder of the afternoon is free to explore the area – by boat, on foot or by cycle – or to simply relax and absorb the views. Dinner will be available at the hotel restaurant.



#### Day 3-6 | Reykjavik, Iceland

Our morning transfer to Glasgow Airport will find our privately chartered aircraft waiting to take us to Reykjavik in Iceland. Although all economy class, the aircraft offers ample space to relax and enjoy the onboard service whilst we travel north. Upon arrival in Iceland, we transfer to the Reykjavik Edition Hotel, set against scenic mountain views on the Old Harbour.



Iceland is a country of choice and opportunity and has fought hard to deliver gender equality, voting in the first female president in the world and in 2009, the first female Prime Minister of Iceland who was also the first openly gay Prime Minister in the world!

Guests will be taken on a gastronomic 'trawl' of Iceland's burgeoning food scene to try different local specialities under expert supervision.



The morning of **Day 4** guests will be collected from the Hotel for a unique experience as we travel to Thrihnukagigur Volcano. A drive and hike will lead us to the entrance of the dormant volcano where we will descend into the magma chamber. Following a full safety briefing, the cable lift takes us down 120 metres to observe the colourful lava rock walls. Iceland is of course known as a land of 'fire and ice' and the volcano is a unique way to gain a better understanding of the natural phenomena.

Returning to Reykjavik, with the hotel conveniently just steps from Laugavegur, the main shopping street in downtown Reykjavik, guests can explore the city at their own pace for the remainder of the day.



**Day 5** sees us leaving the city and heading to some of Iceland's most significant natural geological wonders.



The Golden Circle is one of Iceland's key trails and our tour here is where the mother/daughter shared experiences will be set in this powerful landscape. Combining a cross-section of Iceland's natural wonders and geological phenomena at Thingvellir National Park, a visit to Iceland's most famous waterfall, Gullmoss, and the incredible sight of a geyser in full eruption at Geysir Geothermal Park, will not fall short of creating incredible memories together.

Following an invigorating tour, we make our way to The Retreat at the world-famous Blue Lagoon. Staying at The Retreat for two nights will allow guests time to enjoy the healing and energising properties of the Blue Lagoon's geothermal waters as well as the range of massages. Guests are welcomed with a 'ritual' to prepare them for two nights of pampering and relaxation in bare foot chic.



Guests have a full day to immerse themselves in the ultimate 'Mother & Daughter(s)' experience as they share the Icelandic secret of wellbeing. From swimming in the warm, geothermal blue waters of the lagoon, to enjoying a hot stone sauna or a water massage, guests are surrounded by a volcanic earth spa. A light lunch is served, and afternoon tea is available to complement a journey of relaxation and indulgence.



#### Day 7-9 | Ilulissat, Greenland

One of the last great wildernesses of our World, Greenland isn't easy to reach. However, our privately chartered aircraft will fly us directly to Ilulissat where we are met by Tupernas Davidsen, our host for the next 3 nights.

Our hosts call Greenland their home and will make sure guests are treated to a wonderful experience, learn about what life is like in Greenland and its cultural



associations. Following an orientation walk of Ilulissat, we check in to Hotel Ilulissat in the heart of the town. The remainder of the afternoon is free for guests to explore or relax in the Hotel and soak up the rooftop views of Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dinner will be at Hotel Hvide Falk, the restaurant of which combines fresh Greenlandic ingredients with trends from Asian cuisine.



**Day 8** will see guests putting on their walking shoes as we set out to hike to Sermermiut with our guide, who will adjust the pace of the hike and the number of rests to suit the group. Most of the trail follows the shore of the ice fjord, located in the UNESCO World Heritage Site seen from the Hotel rooftop. Taking in the incredible views of the impressive icebergs, we will pass historical Sermermiut, where Inuits have lived for more than 4,000 years. During the



tour, our experienced guide will explain how the ice impacts the area, Sermermiut, and the history and culture of this incredible place.

A visit to the Ice Fjord Centre in the afternoon will conclude this stunning tour. The shape of the Centre's building is inspired by the wingspan of the snowy owl when it is in flight through the landscape.

The day doesn't end here however. In the evening we join a private boat to explore the icebergs on the lookout for humpback whales. The humpback whale is usually seen in Disko Bay and is easily recognizable by its distinctive tail. To see these giants of the sea at close range is almost a spiritual experience that overwhelms many.



The morning of **Day 9** guests will be taken on an adventurous day trip to Oqaatsut where we combine sailing, kayaking, and hiking. Our tour starts with a boat trip among the icebergs along the coastline from Ilulissat to Oqaatsut. When we arrive in Oqaatsut guests will change into our top-quality Kokatat kayak suits before heading out into the water in kayaks.

We paddle our way through the bay of Oqaatsut and arrive at the shore where we will make a stop and take a small hike to one of the backcountry's lakes and waterfall. At this incredible viewpoint, we will enjoy some coffee before heading back out to sea in the kayaks. We will sail around the bay and end at Restaurant H8 Explore where lunch will be served.

Following lunch, guests will have free time to walk around and explore the settlement before the boat returns us to Ilulissat.

Our final dinner together to enjoy Greenlandic Cuisine at Brasserie Ulo, we will share food, memories and celebrate the precious time spent together.

#### Day 10 | Ilulissat to Reykjavik

As we journey back to Reykjavik on a morning flight aboard our private aircraft, guests will mingle with new friends, enjoy the on-board hospitality and dream of their next adventure.



Upon arrival in Iceland guests will connect with their scheduled flights (not included) for their home destination.

## **Information:**

- Aircraft type and size is dependent on group size.
- A Tour Manager can be secured to ensure a smooth and worry-free experience.
- All transfer, sightseeing visits to sites and experiences (as per itinerary) are included.
- Accommodation and meals included.
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