

REYKJAVIK, ICELAND



LATEST PORT UPDATES

Join **Tecla** in Reykjavik by heading to the yacht harbour in front of the opera house where you will find your ship. When Tecla arrives back into Reykjavik, she is more likely to be in the Old Harbour. Both are next to each other and within walking distance, you can get a bus or taxi right to the boat.

Joining location for **Blue Clipper** is likely to be similar to the map below.

Any changes will be communicated to you before your voyage start date. Make sure you make a note of the ship's number found in your confirmation email in case of any problems on the day.



HOW TO GET HERE

The City of Reykjavik

The World's northernmost capital is a bright, colourful city, with the flat topped and often snowy mountain of Esja and sea as an attractive backdrop. The legendary nightlife and hustle and bustle of Reykjavik contrasts strongly with the rest of Iceland. International flights into Iceland land at the beautifully designed Keflavik Airport with a regular 40 minute shuttle bus to hotel doors in downtown Reykjavik. Within walking distance of the city centre is the domestic airport which serves flights to Greenland or Husavik in the remote NE corner of Iceland.

This is the most sparsely populated country in Europe with only 318, 000 people on the whole island, leaving it with some of the greatest wilderness areas in Europe.

AIR & TRANSFERS

Transfer from Keflavik airport to Reykjavik City Centre

Iceland's **Keflavik** Airport is the country's main hub for air travel, situated just 31 miles outside the country's capital. Built by the USA in 1943, the airport has grown into a major international destination, with a trendy modern terminal. Keflavik was voted favourite European Airport in 2010. It is bright, sunny with tasteful shops and healthy food outletsand loads of Viking wisdom on the walls.

Getting from the airport into **Reykjavik** is easy; Buy a ticket for the transfer coach from the ticket machine or kiosk in the airport (near exit). A new fast freeway, opened in 2008, means that it takes less time than ever to get right into the heart of the capital (about 40 minutes).

RAIL & TRANSFERS

The Icelanders take flights like we take trains and for the distances involved, they are similar to UK train fares. Flying and driving are the main ways of getting around in Iceland.

Land of Ice & Fire

Iceland is a small but fiery island where myth and magic meets modern life in spectacular style. Only fully independent from Denmark since 1944, the proud republic has a strong national identity which is reflected in its rich and poetic history.

Regular volcanic eruptions have hewn dramatic landscapes across Iceland's islands, and the natural scenery is unparalleled around the world. This forbidding and mostly barren land was first settled by the hardy Norse and their legacy is intertwined with nearly all Icelandic life.

Although the coastal edges of Iceland have been claimed for towns and villages, the centre remains uninhabitable, and its spectacular alien vistas remain a strong draw for artists and tourists alike. The influence of the island's underlying molten magma is never far from sight, with hot springs, geysers and boiling mud pools all to be explored. The volcanic heat is directly contrasted by Iceland's snowy climate, though northerly temperatures are tempered by warm air from the Atlantic's Gulf Stream, meaning that it is never uncomfortably cold.

PLACES TO STAY, THINGS TO DO, TRAVEL COMPANIONS

Classic Sailing invites to a private facebook group where you can connect with other sailors who have booked with us. If you want to find a travel companion or share ideas on accommodation options before your trip, then posting a request on this is this is a safer option than our public facebook page. (due to data protection laws we cannot pass on contact details for other sailors on your trip directly)

YOUR TRAVEL RESPONSIBILITIES

PASSPORTS AND VISAS***

*** "Classic Sailing cannot cover every possible visa scenario as customers may have dual nationality, or be working or living in a country different from their passport nationality.

To avoid any last-minute stress, we advise you to contact the local embassies of the countries you will be visiting in your country to find out which travel documents you need. Please start early, obtaining a visa can take some time. It is your responsibility to have the right travel documents for all countries you visit during your stay on board.

If you plan to travel onto other destinations please check you have a right to stay in the country too as you may be classed as arriving in a country as 'yacht sailors in transit' and not have same rights as a tourist.

Even if you don't need a visa, please check your passport expiry date is sufficient for country entry requirements."***

TRAVEL, HEALTH, VACCINATIONS AND SAFETY

Security for tourists in certain countries, regions or cities can change rapidly. Please check with your own Government Foreign Office for their latest advice for travellers.

UK travellers check under specific destination at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

Likewise we suggest you check if there are any recommended or required vaccinations well before departure as some take more than one jab. For UK travellers check out 'Fit for Travel' <http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations>

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is compulsory that you have travel insurance to sail on any of our voyages, but you do not have to buy the insurance from us. If you purchase your own please make sure it covers sailing as an activity, and racing if you are racing crew. Most our voyages sail further than 3 miles from the shore so check that you will be covered sailing outside territorial waters.

Classic Sailing recommend Topsail Insurance <http://www.classic-sailing.co.uk/travel-insurance> They have policies designed for sailing crew on yachts or tall ships, whether you want an annual policy or a single trip. These are suitable for UK based sailors but the page also has links to alternative companies and recommended insurance companies for non UK citizens.

RESERVE YOUR PLACE FOR 7 DAYS WITHOUT FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

As long as the voyage is not about to start, Classic Sailing can reserve your place for 7 days without payment or financial commitment, whilst you talk to your boss, find a home to look after your dog, or check flight prices.

All Classic Sailing need from you is a completed booking form to start the process: We check availability, approve your booking form, and provisionally reserve a berth. Your place is confirmed and booking terms apply, only when you have paid the deposit. We strongly recommend you do not purchase flights or travel tickets until your voyage is fully confirmed.