

## **ARS MUSICA**

### **Reykjavik – May 2020 - Overview**

#### **27.05. (Wed): Arrival**

Transfer from Keflavik Airport to Reykjavik

Overnight in Hotel Reykjavik Centrum / or Hotel 1919 (5 nights)

19:00 Dinner (included)

#### **28.05. (Thu): Daytour Golden Circle**

09:00 Departure from hotel

12:00 Lunch en route (not included)

18:00 Dinner (included)

20:00 Piano Recital; organised by The R.W. Society in Iceland

#### **29.05. (Fri): City Sightseeing / Symposium / Die Walküre**

09:00 Departure from hotel to City Sightseeing / Symposium organised by  
The R.W. Society in Iceland

09:00 – 11:30 Lectures (German)

12:30 – 15:00 Lectures (English)

18:30 Semi-staged „Die Walküre“ in Harpa Concert Hall

Dinner on your own (not included)

#### **30.05. (Sat): Daytour Borgarfjörður**

09:00 Departure from hotel

12:00 Lunch en route (not included)

14:30 Recital in Reykholt Church; organised by The R.W. Society in Iceland in  
cooperation with Reykjavik Culture Travel

Dinner on your own (not included)

#### **31.05. (Sun): Daytour South Coast**

08:30 Departure from hotel

12:00 Lunch en route (not included)

19:00 Dinner (included)

#### **01.06. (Mon): Departure**

Transfer to Keflavik Airport

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### 27.05. (Wed): Arrival

Arrival in Keflavik. Pick-up by local guide and transfer to hotel in Reykjavik.

Dinner in a restaurant.

### 28.05. (Thu): Daytour Golden Circle

This day introduces us to some of the best-known natural attractions in Iceland. First we drive to Thingvellir National Park which has a special place in the hearts of Icelanders since many historically important events have taken place there. At Thingvellir the Icelandic parliament Alþingi was founded in 930. Geologically it is a unique place on earth where you can clearly see the effects of the tectonic plate movements in the landscape. We continue to the geothermal area around the hot springs of Geysir and Strokkur, and further on to the majestic waterfall Gullfoss. From there we travel through fertile agricultural areas back to Reykjavik.



Dinner in a restaurant.

After dinner we attend a **Piano Recital**: Wagner-Beethoven; organised by the R.W. Society in Iceland.

### 29.05. (Fri): City Sightseeing / Symposium / Die Walküre

We start the day with a **City Sightseeing** tour that will take us to the most famous attractions of Reykjavik, like Perlan building, Hallgrímskirkja church, Town Hall, the Parliament and the old Harbour



Afterwards we attend a **Symposium** organised by the R.W. Society in Iceland, where scholars reflect on "The Nordic sources and their impact on Wagner".

Rest of the day for leisure.

**18:30: „Die Walküre“**; semi-staged performance in Harpa Concert Hall.

Dinner on your own.



### **30.05. (Sat): Daytour Borgarfjörður**

We leave Reykjavik following the road along the scenic landscape of the Hvalfjörður fjord and reach the Borgarfjörður area, which is known as the "Home of the Sagas". We stop at the biggest hot spring in Iceland Deildartunguhver and visit the beautiful Hraunfossar waterfalls, where the water tumbles out from beneath a lava field into a passing river.



Finally we reach Reykholt, the former home of the medieval writer Snorri Sturluson. Here we enjoy a **recital with singers** in the modern church, connected to the Snorri Center. Drive back to Reykjavik.



*Dinner on your own.*

### **31.05. (Sun): Daytour South Coast**

Today we head towards Iceland's South Region. Close to the famous Eyjafjallajökull we learn about geology and volcanism in the multimedia exhibition of the Volcano Center. Seljalandsfoss, a small but very picturesque waterfall, is special not only for its beauty but also because it is actually possible to walk behind it. Skogar village is the next place of interest. There we will have a look at the Skogafoss waterfall, one of the highest in Iceland and visit the Skogar Folk Museum, which gives an excellent insight into Iceland's history. Before heading back we take a refreshing walk on the Reynisfjara beach, a magnificent black sand beach with basalt columns of all sizes and shapes. Return to Reykjavik.



*Farewell dinner in a restaurant.*

### **01.06. (Mon): Departure**

Transfer from the hotel to Keflavik Airport for departure.