



VARIETY CRUISES



# THE ICELANDIC SAGA 2018

ABOARD THE 24-CABIN M/S *PANORAMA*

June to September 2018 | 8-day cruises

From Reykjavik to Akureyri, Iceland or reverse

Two cruise voyages in the Land of Ice & Fire, unraveling the wonders of the coasts of Iceland.



## THE PANORAMA MOTOR SAILER

**The M/S PANORAMA** is a 54 meter elegant motor sailer accommodating just 49 passengers in 24 outside cabins.

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

Length: 54 m

Launched: 1993 | Last Renovated: 2014

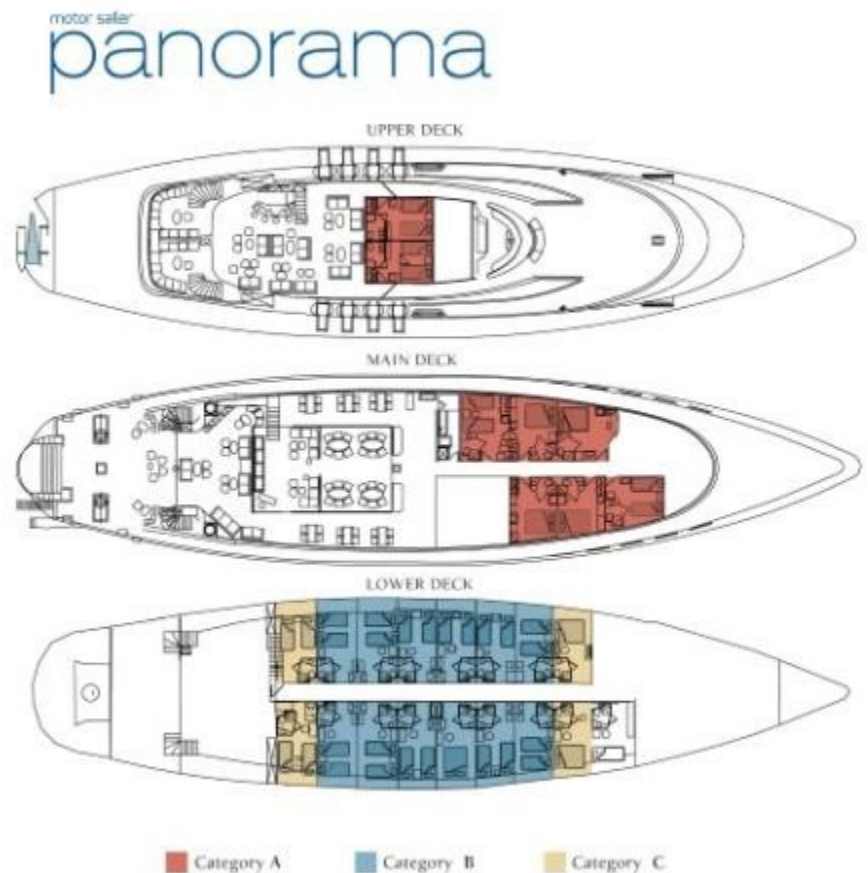
Cabins: 24

Capacity: 49 passengers

Crew: 16-18

**The M/S PANORAMA** is a 54 meter/24 cabin elegant motor sailer that was launched in 1993 and was renovated in 2001, 2008 and 2014. This state of the art sail cruiser has performed several Atlantic Ocean crossings, has sailed from the Seychelles to Monte Carlo and from the Black Sea to Cuba and offers the highest standard of accommodation, comfort and safety. The vessel complies with the most stringent SOLAS safety regulations.

Service on board is provided by your Captain, the Cruise Coordinator and your experienced Marine and Hotel crew members. Service will be attentive or unobtrusive according to your preference and priority is always given to the safety and comfort of passengers. Organized excursions are available for most ports of call and can be pre-booked or reserved 24 hours in advance.





## THE MOTOR SAILER PANORAMA

### CABIN SPECIFICATIONS:

The PANORAMA's 24 cabins are located on 3 decks and are finished with wooden furniture and light fabrics. Cabins on the Upper and Main decks are equipped with windows while cabins on the lower deck have portholes. The fully equipped bathrooms are finished with marble or corian materials. All cabins are air-conditioned and fitted with flat-screen TV, telephone (for internal use), hairdryers, mini-fridge, central music, public address system and safe boxes.

### LIFE ON BOARD

During the day, life on board centers around the Lounge and Dining Room at the Main Deck as well as the Upper deck indoor and outdoor bar area and the sun deck. In the evening you can relax in one of the ship's lounges, and enjoy a drink while listening to piano music. The swimming platform on PANORAMA's stern enables you to swim when weather and anchorage conditions permit. The Captain will drop anchor at secluded bays and beautiful uninhabited islands where guests enjoy swimming, snorkeling.



### MAIN DECK DINING ROOM

The classy dining room is surrounded by large windows providing beautiful views of the ports of call. The spacious dining room seats all passengers in a single, unassigned seating and food is served at the table or displayed on the state of the art hot & cold buffet which also includes a "a la minute cooking" section.



### MAIN DECK & UPPER DECK LOUNGE AREAS

The interior lounges have relaxing couches and comfortable lounge chairs where you can have a drink and gaze out of the large windows into the breathtaking sceneries you are cruising to, read a book, watch television on the satellite TV or one of our documentaries on the next place you are visiting. Also located on the Upper Deck, the outdoor area provides beautiful views of the ports of call visited.

### SUN DECK

The vessel features a Sun Deck with a sitting area to relax and enjoy unobstructed views and with ample Sun loungers' space to bask under the sun, read a good book or just gaze at the scenery.



## THE ICELANDIC SAGA WEST & NORTH 2018

### 7-NIGHTS/8-DAYS · FROM REYKJAVIK TO AKUREYRI, ICELAND OR REVERSE

<b>DAY 1- SATURDAY</b>	<b>REYKJAVIK</b> ☺ <i>, ICELAND</i>	Embarkation at 3-4 pm. Overnight in port.
<b>DAY 2 – SUNDAY</b>	<b>REYKJAVIK,</b> ☺ <i>ICELAND</i>	All day optional excursion in Reykjavik city before leaving to enjoy a panoramic tour to the volcanic Reykjanes Peninsula. Vikingaheimar, and the geothermal fields of Krysuvik. Overnight in port.
<b>DAY 3 – MONDAY</b>	<b>REYKJAVIK, - AKRANES,</b> <i>ICELAND</i>	Morning sailing and arrival in Akranes for our <u>optional full day excursion</u> to Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful thermal spring, to the Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls area. We will stop in Reykholt which was at one time one of the intellectual centers of the island and had for many years one of the most important schools of the country. Here lived and died in the middle ages one of the most important persons in Icelandic history: Snorri Sturluson, a famous poet and politician whose records of the old Norse language and mythology of medieval Iceland are invaluable to modern scholars. Remains of his farm and a bathroom with hot pot and a tunnel between the bath and the house can still be visited. In the afternoon we rejoin the ship and sail to the west fjords. Overnight at sea
<b>DAY 4 – TUESDAY</b>	<b>BILDUDALUR – ISAFJORDUR</b> ☺ <i>ICELAND</i>	We sail past the latrabag cliffs which rise 450 m over the sea and reach Bildudalur. Our <u>afternoon optional excursion</u> will take us to the dynjandi waterfall and we will walk around Bildudalur and visit the sea monsters museum. In the afternoon, we cruise around the Westfjords to Isafjordur. Evening arrival in Isafjorfur. Overnight in port
<b>DAY 5 - WEDNES DAY</b>	<b>ISAFJORDUR,</b> <i>ICELAND</i>	Isafjordur is a large fishing port in Westfjords. Our <u>afternoon optional excursion</u> will take us to Bolungravik and then to Osvor town where we will visit a restored fisherman's hut. Back in town we will visit the maritime museum and walk around the town known for its rich cultural heritage and merchant's homes dating from the 18th century. In the afternoon we sail to Siglufjordur. Overnight at sea
<b>DAY 6 – THURSD AY</b>	<b>SIGLUFJORDU R- HUSAVIK</b> ☺, <i>ICELAND</i>	This morning we reach Siglufjordur, Iceland's northernmost city, very close to the arctic circle and possibly the most picturesque port of Iceland. Once known as the capital of herring fishing. The <u>optional walking tour</u> through the city will take you to the port, the herring museum, the folk music center housed in Madame house, the oldest house in the city. After lunch we leave for nearby Husavik port. Late in the afternoon we sail in the Skjafandi Bay and reach Husavik, Europe's capital of whale watching. We will have time to stroll around this charming fishing village and visit the wooden church, the best preserved church in Iceland. Overnight in port.
<b>DAY 7 – FRIDAY</b>	<b>HUSAVIK – AKUREYRI</b> ☺, <i>ICELAND</i>	This morning our <u>full day optional excursion</u> will take you from Husavik to Akureyri (where you will meet the Callisto in the evening). You will visit the lake Myvatn, namarksard and dimmuborgir, all fine examples of the volcanic world with lava fields, boiling and steaming mud pools, steam vents and craters. After lunch we continue on the ring road to reach Godafoss waterfall - the falls of the gods - and will hear about the kristni saga, recounting the arrival of Christianity and the end of paganism. We rejoin the Callisto in Akureyri the capital of northern Iceland and we will spend some time walking around this colorful city visiting in particular the art alley. Overnight in port.
<b>DAY 8 – SATURDAY</b>	<b>AKUREYRI,</b> <i>ICELAND-</i>	Disembarkation 6 am-10 am.

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7-NIGHTS/8-DAYS · **FROM AKUREYRI TO REYKJAVIK, ICELAND**

<b>DAY 1- SATURDAY</b>	<b>AKUREYRI</b> Ⓜ , ICELAND	EMBARKATION 3-4 PM - Overnight in port and time for an optional late afternoon walking excursion in Akureyri.
<b>DAY 2 – SUNDAY</b>	<b>AKUREYRI- HUSAVIK</b> Ⓜ , ICELAND	This morning our <u>full day optional excursion</u> will take you from Akureyri to Husavik (where you will meet the Callisto in the evening). You will meet the Callisto in the evening). We take the Ring Road to reach Godafoss Waterfall - the Falls of the Gods - and will hear about the Kristni Saga, recounting the arrival of Christianity and the end of Paganism. After lunch we visit Lake Myvatn, Namarksard and Dimmuborgir, all fine examples of the volcanic world with lava fields, boiling and steaming mud pools, steam vents and craters. We rejoin the Callisto in Husavik and will spend some time walking around this colorful port. Overnight in port
<b>DAY 3 – MONDAY</b>	<b>HUSAVIK - SIGLUFJORDUR,</b> ICELAND	Morning sailing through the Skjafandi Bay to Siglufjordur. As always our Captain will inform you of whales' sightings. Midday arrival in Siglufjordur, Iceland's northernmost city, very close to the Arctic Circle and possibly the most picturesque port of Iceland. Once known as the capital of Herring fishing. The <u>optional walking tour</u> through the city will take you to the port, the Herring Museum, the Folk Music center housed in Madame House, the oldest house in the city. In the afternoon, we sail for Isafjordur- Overnight at sea
<b>DAY 4 – TUESDAY</b>	<b>ISAFJORDUR</b> ICELAND	Morning arrival at Isafjordur is a large fishing port in Westfjords. <u>Our morning optional excursion</u> will take us to Bolungravik and then Osvor town where we will visit a restored fisherman's hut. Back in town we will visit the Maritime Museum and walk around the town known for its rich cultural heritage and merchant's homes dating from the 18th century. Overnight at Isafjordur, Iceland.
<b>DAY 5 - WEDNESD AY</b>	<b>ISAFJORDUR - BILDUDALUR,</b> ICELAND	<u>Morning optional excursion</u> from Isafjordur to Bildudalur. The Callisto sails -without passengers who are joining the excursion - to Bildudalur. On the optional excursion, we will stop by the Dynjandi Waterfalls before reaching Bildudalur and visiting the town and the Sea Monsters Museum (We rejoin the Callisto in port). We sail South after lunch and will cruise around the Westford coast line and sail past the Latrabag cliffs which rise 450 m over the sea .Overnight at sea.
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<b>DAY 7 – FRIDAY</b>	<b>REYKJAVIK</b> Ⓜ , ICELAND	Morning sailing and arrival in Reykjavik. All day optional excursion in Reykjavik city before leaving to enjoy a panoramic tour to the volcanic Reykjanes Peninsula. Vikingaheimar, and the geothermal fields of Krysuvik. Overnight in port.
<b>DAY 8 – SATURDAY</b>	<b>REYKJAVIK,</b> ICELAND	Disembarkation 6 am -10 am at Reykjavik Iceland.

*Itineraries can be changed at the discretion of Variety Cruises and of the Vessel's Captain in case of adverse weather conditions - winds of 6/7 beaufort or more depending on the vessel- on port authorities not allowing a vessel to leave port or in case of other extraordinary conditions. Such itinerary changes do not entitle automatically passengers to any refunds but Variety Cruises guarantees that passengers are disembarked at the advertised port of disembarkation on time for their flights.*

## ICELANDIC SAGA CRUISES 2018 – on M/S PANORAMA

<b>Saturdays FROM REYKJAVIK TO AKUREYRI</b>	9 June 2018 4, 18 August 2018 1 September 2018
<b>Saturdays FROM AKUREYRI TO REYKJAVIK</b>	16, 30 June 2018 14, 28 July 2018 11, 25 August 2018 8 September 2018
<b>CABIN CATEGORIES – M/S PANORAMA</b>	<b>Gross Euro Sterling per person in DBL/TWIN</b>
<b>Cat C</b> Lower Deck, Double or Twin bedded cabins	<b>£2091</b>
<b>Cat B</b> Lower Deck, Twin or Double bedded cabins	<b>£2409</b>
<b>Cat A</b> Main or Upper Deck, Double or Twin bedded cabins	<b>£2864</b>
<b>Single Supplement</b>	50% in Cat C and Cat B cabins 75% in Cat A cabins
<b>3rd Person discount in Cat B</b>	30%
<b>Children 7-10 years old discount in triple cabin w/2 adults in Cat B</b>	50%
<b>Children 10-16 years old discount in triple cabin w/2 adults in Cat B</b>	35%
<b>Port Charges</b>	<b>£250</b>

### **A/ Cruise fares are per person and week and include**

- Accommodation in double or twin cabins with private SH/WC & air conditioning.
- Full-board: Buffet breakfast and two meals daily, including a Welcome Cocktail, a local Theme Evening, fun BBQ (weather permitting) and Captain's Dinner.
- Regular (filter) coffee, tea and drinking water free all day.
- Use of fishing and snorkelling equipment (subject to availability).
- English-Speaking Cruise Escort.

### **Not included:**

- Beverages (except those mentioned above).
- Shore excursions on the islands or other land arrangements.
- Crew tips.
- Passenger personal expenses
- Wi-Fi (available at charge)

## **B/ Conditions and restrictions**

### **PROOFREADING**

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### **PAYMENT**

25% deposit is required 7 days from confirmation.

75% Balance of payment no less than 60 days prior to day of embarkation.

### **CANCELLATIONS**

Up to 120 days from embarkation € 100—cancellation fees

119 to 90 days from embarkation 15% of the cruise fare

89 to 60 days from embarkation 25% of the cruise fare

59 to 30 days from embarkation 50% of the cruise fare

29 to 00 days from embarkation 100% of the cruise fare

Cancellations must be confirmed by **VARIETY CRUISES** in writing in all cases.

### **AMENDMENTS**

There may be a charge for amendments of cruise date or decreasing pax number received less than 60 days prior to sailing. Amendments must be confirmed by **VARIETY CRUISES** in writing.

### **NOT INCLUDED IN CRUISE FARE**

Such personal expenses as drinks (other than included in the rate), laundry, spa-where applicable-, boutique items and gratuities, (gratuities are optional but as a rule, satisfied clients are expected to give to the captain, at the end of the cruise, approximately Euro 10.00-12.00 p/p p/day for distribution among all crew members) medical expenses, port taxes, shore excursions (shore excursions are proposed and arranged on board by the tour leaders), use of the on board Wi-Fi (available at a charge), expenditures incurred ashore, and anything not mentioned in cruise program.

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