

# FWIO Travel

## Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice

Early registrations ensured that four FWIO Members, Christine Reaburn, Irene Robillard, Evelyn Peck and Glenna Smith and Glenna's husband Doug were able to join the Collette Tour to Iceland. Iceland is currently one of the popular tourist destinations, thus all excursions fill up quickly.

The scenery in Iceland is unique and astounding. Our group saw cascading waterfalls, rushing streams, lofty mountains, gushing geysers, extinct volcanic cones and vast expanses of desolate volcanic outflow interspersed with verdant farmlands. We walked through an historic rift valley, motored among giant icebergs in a glacial lagoon, held pieces of the remains of ancient glacial ice, walked on black sand beaches and sat on basalt columns to pose for pictures. Some even explored the depths of an ancient lava tube. We witnessed steam rising in geothermal areas and geysers spouting. We walked behind one waterfall and climbed steps beside another waterfall to achieve a panoramic view. In one town, we stood over the deep cracks created by an earthquake where the tectonic plates of North America and Europe meet. We hiked along the side of Europe's largest glacier. One morning was spent exploring the Folk Museum that displayed relics depicting life in earlier times. Throughout the island we marveled at the unique architecture of some of the buildings. Of course, we soaked in the warm mineral waters of the Blue Lagoon and, as expected, we had many opportunities to taste new foods.

While exploring the towns and city, we felt safe as unemployment is almost non-existent and the crime rate is very low. This trip to Iceland was a rare opportunity to experience another culture and see the unique landscapes!

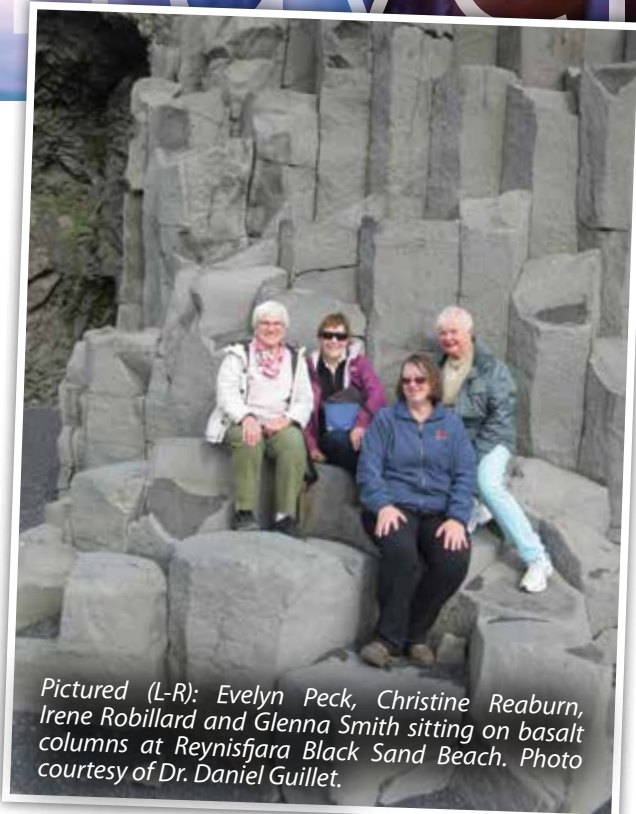
*By Evelyn Peck, FWIO Past President*

### Upcoming Trips in the Works

November 2018 – Spain & Portugal

April 2019 – Australia, to coincide with the ACWW Triennial World Conference

If interested, please contact the FWIO Provincial Office.



*Pictured (L-R): Evelyn Peck, Christine Reaburn, Irene Robillard and Glenna Smith sitting on basalt columns at Reynisfjara Black Sand Beach. Photo courtesy of Dr. Daniel Guillet.*

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**One grant of \$100 is available.**  
**Application form available at [www.fwio.on.ca](http://www.fwio.on.ca).**

**Deadline to apply:**  
**June 1, 2018**