

ICELAND

NATURAL HISTORY OF ICELAND

MAR 436/436L (4 Credits)

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Tentative Travel Dates: May 17-29 (+/- 1 day) | Estimated Travel Fee: \$3,900

DAY 1 | Depart the U.S. for Iceland

Fly from Boston to Reykjavík.

DAY 2 | Explore Reykjavík

Tour of the city to include the iconic Harpa performance center, Laugavegur shopping district, Hallgrímskirkja church, and Perlan hot water reservoir with views of the city. Lunch and dinner.

DAY 3 | The Golden Circle

Breakfast, then drive The Golden Circle route with stops at Thingvellir Nat'l Park, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Althing (the historic national parliament of Iceland), Geyser hot spring, Kerid Crater and lake, and waterfalls. Lunch on the road and return to Reykjavik for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 | Volcanoes & Lava Fields

Breakfast. Drive south of Reykjavík to the Reykjanes Peninsula to hike in the most recent lava fields from volcanic eruptions in Iceland. Depending on volcanic activity, visit either the Reykjanesfólkvangur preserve or Mount Keilir. Return to Reykjavík for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 | Drive to Akureyri

Breakfast, then drive north to Akureyri. Explore waterfalls, craters, and the most powerful hot water spring in Europe. Experience a tour of the ice caves of Langjökull, the second largest glacier in Iceland. Dinner and overnight in Akureyri.

DAY 6 | Myvatn

Breakfast and drive to the Lake Myvatn region. Explore Godafoss waterfall, Dimmuborgir lava fields, and Karfla volcano. In Namafjall, see a spectacular volcanic landscape with hot springs, boiling mud pools, and fumaroles. Return to Akureyri for dinner and overnight.

Sample Itinerary

DAY 7 | Whale Watch & Snorkeling

Breakfast. Board boat for whale watching and snorkeling. Return to Akureyri for dinner and overnight.

DAY 8 | Diamond Circle

Breakfast and Diamond Circle tour with puffin cliffs, large waterfalls, and Asbyrgi National Park. Return to Akureyri for dinner and overnight.

DAY 9 | Snorkeling in Nesgja & Litlaá

Breakfast. Drive north to Husavik, snorkel between the European and the American tectonic plate, and see hydrothermal springs under water. Return to Akureyri for dinner and overnight.

DAY 10 | Hólar

Breakfast, then explore culture and history in Hólar, including the Episcopal See of Northern Iceland, Hólar Cathedral, and the Nyibaer turf house. Lunch and tour of aquaculture facility. Drive to Saudarkrofur marine lab, explore an intertidal region, and return to Akureyri for dinner and overnight.

DAY 11 | University of Akureyri, Fisheries

Breakfast. University of Akureyri tour, fisheries visit, lunch, and return to Akureyri for dinner and overnight.

DAY 12 | Return to Reykjavík

Breakfast, pack, drive back to Reykjavík, lunch, visit Viking museum, dinner, and overnight.

DAY 13 | Fly Back to the U.S.

Return flight to Boston.

**Please note that itinerary is subject to change.

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