**ICELAND**

Natural History of Iceland  
MAR 436/436L (4 Credits)  
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**Sample Itinerary**

**DAY 1 | Fly to Reykjavík, Iceland**  
Fly from Boston to Reykjavík.

**DAY 2 | Explore Reykjavík**  
Tour of the city to include the iconic Harpa performance center, Laugavegur shopping district, Hallgrimskirkja 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 Thingvellier 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 then return to Reykjavik for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 4 | Volcanoes and lava fields**  
Breakfast, drive south of Reykjavik to the Reykjanes Peninsula to hike in the most recent lava fields from ongoing volcanic eruptions in Iceland. Depending on volcanic activity, visit either the Reykjanesfelskvangur nature preserve or Mount Keilir. Return to Reykjavik for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 5 | Drive north to Akureyri**  
Breakfast, then drive to Akureyri. Along the way, 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. You will explore Godafoss waterfall, Dimmuborgir lava fields, and Karfla volcano (which erupted just 20 years ago). Also, in Namafjall you will see a spectacular volcanic landscape with hot springs, boiling mud pools, and fumaroles. Return to Akureyri for dinner and overnight.

**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, 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 Nylibær turf house. Lunch and tour an aquaculture facility, drive to Saudarkroður 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.