

ICELAND

Natural History of Iceland

MAR 435 (4 Credits)

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Tentative Travel Dates: late May | Estimated Travel Fee \$2,900

DAY 1 | Fly to Reykjavik, Iceland

Fly overnight from Boston to Reykjavik, check into hostel, rest, lunch, explore city, dinner, overnight at hostel in Reykjavik

Day 2 | Explore Reykjavik

Breakfast, tour of city to include iconic performance center Harpa, shopping district Laugavegur, Hallgrimskirkja church, and the hot water reservoir Perlan with views of the city, lunch, dinner, overnight at hostel in Reykjavik

DAY 3 | The Golden Circle

Breakfast, drive The Golden Circle route with stops at Thingvellir Nat'l Park, UNESCO World Heritage Site of Althing the historic national parliament of Iceland, Geyser Hot Springs, waterfall, Kerid Crater with lake, lunch on the road, return to Reykjavik for dinner and overnight at hostel

DAY 4 | Drive north to Akureyri

Breakfast, drive to Akureyri, along the way explore waterfalls, craters, and the most powerful hot water spring in Europe, dinner, overnight at hostel in Akureyri

DAY 5 | Myvatn

Breakfast, drive to Lake Myvatn region and explore: Godafoss-a large, popular waterfall, pseudocraters, Dimmuborgir lava fields, Namafjall with spectacular volcanic landscape, hot springs, boiling mud pools and fumaroles, Krafla-a volcano that erupted just 20 years ago, return to Akureyri for dinner and overnight at hostel

DAY 6 | Whale watch and snorkeling

Breakfast, board boat for whale watching and snorkeling, return to Akureyri for dinner and overnight at hostel

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Sample Itinerary

DAY 7 | Diamond Circle

Breakfast, Diamond Circle tour with Puffin cliffs, large waterfalls, Asbyrgi National Park, return to Akureyri for dinner and overnight at hostel

DAY 8 | Snorkeling in Nesgja and Litla-A

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 at hostel

DAY 9 | Hólar

Breakfast, explore culture and history in Hólar including Espiscopal See of Northern Iceland, Hólar Cathedral and the Nyibaer turf house, lunch, tour aquaculture facility, drive to Saudarkrodur marine lab, explore intertidal region, return to Akureyri for dinner, overnight at hostel

DAY 10 | University of Akureyri, Fisheries

Breakfast, University of Akureyri tour, and fisheries day, lunch, return to Akureyri for dinner, overnight at hostel

DAY 11 | Return to Reykjavik

Breakfast, pack, drive back to Reykjavik, lunch, visit Viking museum, late afternoon flight to Boston