Discovering STEM in Iceland

what’s included

Round-Trip Flights

Centrally Located Hotels

- Viking World
- Reykjanes Peninsula Tour with Guide
- Sólheimajökull Glacier Hike with Guide
- Interactive Lava Centre
- Friðheimar Tomato Greenhouse

Daily Breakfast and Dinner (unless otherwise noted)

- Geysir Geothermal Area
- Gullfoss Waterfall
- Pingvellir National Park
- Langjökull Glacier and Ice Cave Off-Road Vehicle Experience
- Hellisheiði Power Station
- Blue Lagoon Geothermal Spa

our promise

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from “good enough” to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens. Travel changes lives.

“Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive.”

Matthew L. Participant

Mar 28 - Apr 2, 2020

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234155

Depart From:
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trip itinerary - 6 days

Mar 28, 2020: Overnight Flight
Depart from the USA.

Mar 29, 2020: Hvolsvöllur
Velkomið to Iceland, the land of fire and ice! Upon arrival, meet your local guide and head to Viking World for breakfast and the chance to explore this five-exhibition museum that vividly brings to life the history of these fierce, sea-going marauders. Then set out on a guided sightseeing tour of Reykjanes Peninsula during which you’ll view the Reykjanes Power Plant, a technological wonder that uses “green” geothermal steam to power electricity-producing turbines; the Reykjanesviti lighthouse, Iceland’s oldest such beacon; and the beautifully eerie Gunnuhver mud pools, a highly active geothermal area filled with steam vents and boiling mud. Afterward it’s on to Hvolsvöllur, a charming small town nestled between mountains and the Atlantic Ocean. (B,D)

Mar 30, 2020: Hvolsvöllur
Your camera gets a workout this morning as you head for Iceland’s amazing southern shore, home to some of its most stunning natural geologic attractions. A sightseeing tour will include the spectacular Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls; the massive Dyrhólaey (“door hole”) stone arch, naturally carved from a magnificent promontory of volcanic rock; and Vik village, famous for its starkly beautiful black basalt-sand beach as well as the dramatic, sea-sculpted Reynisdrangar rock pillars nearby. Later take a guided hike on the Sólheimajökull glacier, exploring the crevasses, ridges and ice sculptures of this other-worldly terrain. After, visit the state-of-the-art Lava Centre. This interactive, high-tech educational exhibition depicting volcanic activity, earthquakes and the creation of Iceland over millions of years immerses you in an engaging overview of the activity and volcanic system in Iceland. (B,L,D)

Mar 31, 2020: Reykjavík
A full-day of guided sightseeing begins with a tour of the Golden Circle, which highlights more of the country’s unique geological and geothermal features. You’ll start with a visit to the Friðheimar tomato greenhouse, where you’ll taste fresh tomatoes grown year-round using advanced geothermal technologies, followed by the chance to pet the Icelandic horses in their stable as you learn about this unique equine breed. Further awe-inspiring experiences await you—the Geysir Geothermal Area, with numerous hot springs, fumeroles and geysers, including the 30 meter spouting world-known Strokkur; and Gullfoss (the Golden Waterfall) one of the most impressive waterfalls in Europe with thousands of tons of icy water thundering majestically into a deep canyon. Switch gears to a culinary state of mind as you travel to Laugarvatn to witness and taste something truly unique: bread made underground using geothermal heat. Finally, you’ll head to Þingvellir, the site of the world’s oldest democratic parliament, established in 930, and the dividing fault line between two of the earth’s tectonic plates. Arrive in Reykjavík this evening. (B,D)

Apr 1, 2020: Reykjavík
Even more natural wonders await this morning as you embark on a scenic drive to view the gorgeous Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls and the fascinating Deildartunguhvot hot spring, which produces 100-degree water that’s piped to local towns where residents use it to heat their homes. Later get set for adventure as you explore the Langjökull glacier via an 8-wheel glacier truck. The trek features a tour of a majestic, man-made ice cave, carved from breathtakingly blue ice in the heart of the glacier, and discussion on climate change, the information we can glean from different layers of ice and the engineering efforts required to make this glacier accessible. Return to Reykjavík for the evening. (B,L,D)

Apr 2, 2020: Departure
The day begins with a visit to the technologically advanced Hellisheiði Power Station, the world’s third-largest geothermal power plant. After that, your Iceland adventure ends in the most soothing way possible: A relaxing swim in the warm, mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa, whose striking blue waters (created by high levels of naturally occurring minerals) are sharply juxtaposed against the black lava fields that surround them. Then towel off and head for the airport, where you’ll bid Iceland a fond farewell.

Optional Extensions and Extra Nights:
Add three days of additional STEM activities in London to this itinerary! Contact your ACIS International Program Consultant to get started. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.
learning objectives

1. Students will explore Iceland’s unique geological features, from volcanoes to glaciers to tectonic plate activity, to discover their relationship to each other and their impact on the island.

2. Students will learn about alternative energy sources and Icelandic techniques for capturing geothermal steam for heat and power.

3. Students will discover what layers of glacial ice can tell us about changes in climate and the environment.

tour cost

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| Additional Fees (as applicable)                |        |
|                                              |        |
| Adult Surcharge                               | $100   |
| Single Room Supplement                        | $380   |
| Double Room Supplement                        | $200   |
| Ultimate Protection Plan                      | $180   |
| Comprehensive Protection Plan                 | $150   |

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• Adult travelers age 24 and older should add in the Adult Surcharge and Double or Single Room Supplement to calculate their Total Participant Fees.

• This educational travel program is not school or district sponsored unless expressly stated by the Group Leader.

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Can travel make a difference in students’ futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

**education**

- **81%** of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%.

- **37%** of travelers who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.

- **57%** of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

**language skills**

- **67%** of students continued to study foreign language in college.

- **73%** of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.

**personal development**

- **94%** felt more independent after their trip.

- **78%** saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

- **92%** noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.

- **65%** have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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