



4-DAY ICELAND FINAL ITINERARY
Full board / Linen & towels provided / Guide on days 1-3

<p>Day 1 Thursday 6 April 2017</p>	<p><i>Please note that your itinerary may be subject to change according to weather conditions and other time constraints.</i></p> <p>Please take time to check and read through your itinerary carefully</p>
	<p>Group making own arrangements for transportation to and from the UK airport.</p>
<p>Flight Information</p>	<p>09:30 Check in at London Gatwick Airport, South Terminal 12:00 Depart on WOW Air flight WW811 14:10 Arrive Keflavik International</p> <p><u>Wow Air</u></p> <p>Please ensure your group checks in a minimum of two and a half hours before departure. Please note: seat numbers will be allocated at check-in. Snacks and drinks are not provided but are available to purchase on board.</p> <p>IMPORTANT UPDATE WOW Air operates a cashless on board service. Snacks and drinks are not provided but are available to purchase on the flight and can only be paid for by debit or credit cards that allow offline transactions. Prepaid credit cards and cards requiring instant authorization are not accepted. All prices will be displayed and charged in USD (approximate prices will be shown in Euros as well).</p> <p>We suggest that if you and your group require anything extra to eat or drink you should allow time to purchase these in the airport before boarding your flight.</p> <p>https://wowair.us/customer-service/faq/board/what-do-you-have-sale-board/</p>
<p>Transfer</p>	<p>After clearing customs and immigration, please proceed to the exit of the terminal building where your guide (who will be holding up a sign with your group name) will be waiting for you.</p> <p>GJ Coach department, office hours Mo – Fr 8.30 – 16.30</p> <p>Tel: +354-511-1515. Outside of office hours, emergencies only: +354 895 2007</p>

<p>Day 1 continued</p> <p>Reykjanes Peninsula</p>	<p>Gunnhver & Reykjanes Geothermal Power Station Take a walk amongst mud pools and steam vents and view the vigorously bubbling Gunnhver, Iceland's largest mud pool with a diameter of 20m. These form where steam generated from a geothermal reservoir emanates and condenses, mixing with surface water. Accompanying gases such as carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulphide make the water acidic, which causes alteration of the lava to clay. Nearby, see the Reykjanes geothermal power plant (exterior viewing only) and observe how the ocean shapes Iceland's coastal landscapes.</p> <p>Reykjanesviti & Valahnukur Reykjanesviti is Iceland's oldest lighthouse, built in 1878. It measures 31 metres (102ft) in height whilst its focal plane measures 73 metres above sea level. Nearby is Mt. Valahnúkur, composed of tuff layers, pillow lava and breccia. The mountain was formed in a single eruption and shows evidence of the different phases of the eruption. Below is a magical stretch of coastline where you can clamber up grassy banks and peer over the indented cliff sides at crashing waves. From the coast you can see the striking, near-cylindrical island Eldey, a bird preserve 15km (9½ miles) offshore, which is part of the same volcanic rift line that formed Valahnúkur.</p> <p>Bridge between Continents Drive past lava fields and crater rows to the Bridge between Continents, spanning a fissure acknowledged to be the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, which runs through Iceland. Crossing this symbolic bridge, witness the effects of continental drift.</p>
<p>Accommodation</p> <p>1930 Supper</p>	<p><u>Keflavik B&B, Valhallarbraut 761 - 235 Reykjanesbær</u> Tel: +354 426 5000</p> <p>At hotel</p>
<p>Evening</p>	<p>Own arrangements</p>

Day 2 Friday 7 April 2017	
Breakfast	To be taken from 07:00 (collect or prepare packed lunch) then depart at 08:00.
0930 Hellisheiði Geothermal Power Station	<p>An excellent interactive presentation, followed by a guided viewing of the turbines.</p> <p>The world's sixth largest geothermal power plant is sited in a high temperature geothermal area just east of the capital. Drawing on steam and hot water reserves, the plant's 30 boreholes power six high-pressure 45MW turbines and one 33MW low-pressure turbine to produce 303MW of electricity and 400MW of thermal energy.</p> <p>Tel: (+354) 591-2880</p>
1030 Earthquake simulator Hveragerdi	<p>Visit the small shopping mall to view a fissure next to the Tourist Office and experience the earthquake simulator (pay locally approx. ISK300 (£1.50 - £2.00) per person.</p> <p>Tel +354 4834601</p>
Eyjafjallajökull flood plain	Drive past the area affected by a jokulhlaup (glacier burst) from the 2010 Eyjafjallajökull volcanic eruption, where you'll note the aftermath of a glacial flood which washed down the valley damaging farmland, roads and bridges.
Seljalandsfoss	This waterfall's plume spills 60m over a former sea cliff, now sited far inland due to isostatic rebound. In the summer months it is possible to walk behind the waterfall. W.C.
Skógafoss	Another of Iceland's most impressive waterfalls – with a wide, thundering curtain of water 60m high. See farms evacuated during the Eyjafjallajökull eruption, as they were cloaked with ash from the volcano. W.C.
1400 Glacier Walk	<p>This very popular trip takes you on an exploration of the frozen glacier tongue of Solheimajokull. A wonderland of ice sculptures and deep crevasses await your discovery. The experienced glacier guide will teach you how to use basic ice equipment, crampons and ice axes.</p> <p>Sturdy comfortable walking boots are required and they should be firm at the front to ensure the crampons fit securely.</p> <p>Please make sure you have energy bars or chocolate and a drink with you.</p> <p>You will have approximately 1-1.5 hours on the ice, depending on the group size and ability.</p> <p>Operated by Asgard – Beyond Tel. +354 779 6000 or +354 867-5456</p> <p>*Please note, depending on the route used it can now take approximately 20-30 minutes to walk to the glacier. No W.C.</p> <p>Arcanum Glacier Café - They serve soup and bread, hot drinks and cakes. Tel: 354-487 1500. Ask your guide to call ahead to check availability. Please note that this is not a toilet stop only. Seating up to 50.</p>

<p>Day 2 continued</p> <p>Dyrhólaey</p>	<p>The name means 'door hill island' – with its 120m high natural rock arch this prominent headland is likely to have been formed in a submarine eruption similar to that of Surtsey Island in 1963. On a clear day, enjoy spectacular views of the volcano Eyjafjallajökull and icecap Mýrdalsjökull.</p>
<p>Important note for visits to beaches</p>	<p>Please ensure you keep well away from the sea. The local recommendation is at least 20 metres, but we suggest you err on the side of caution. Even when the sea appears to be calm, freak waves can occur with very little warning and potentially fatal consequences.</p>
<p>Reynishverfi</p>	<p>Walk along the black volcanic beach to see magnificent basalt cliffs and caves. Take photos standing and sitting on the basalt columns!</p> <p>Black Beach café (call 659-7141 to check if open) and toilets.</p>
<p>Accommodation</p> <p>Supper</p>	<p>Hotel Dyrhólaey, Brekkur, Mýrdalur, Tel: +354 487 1333</p> <p>At hotel - your guide should call the hotel 2-3 hours before arrival to confirm the time for supper.</p> <p>Please check with reception whether your group will be making up their own packed lunches or having them prepared by the hotel in the morning.</p>
<p>Evening</p>	<p>Own arrangements</p>

Day 3 Saturday 8 April 2017	
Breakfast	To be taken from 07:30 (collect or prepare packed lunch) then depart at 08:30.
0900 Eyjafjallajökull Visitor Centre at Thorvaldseyri	Gain insight into the impacts of the 2010 Eyjafjallajökull eruption on the local community. The centre features breathtaking images of the eruption and an interesting documentary film about how the family at Thorvaldseyri farm coped during and after the event. Tel: +354 487 5757 (Please ask your guide to call in advance to confirm the time)
1100 Secret Lagoon Remember your swimming costume and towel.	The “Secret Lagoon” natural hot springs and bathing pool are located in the small village of Flúðir on the Golden Circle route. With the steam rising into the air, the place has a magical feeling. The water stays at 38-40 Celsius all year round and is perfect for bathing. In the area, you’ll find several other geothermal springs, and a modest geyser, which erupts every 5 minutes, showing off for the guests relaxing in the lagoon! *Please note this is a natural pool and there are some large boulders under the water surface. Please advise your group not to climb on or try to jump off them as they can be slippery. Tip: You may find it useful to have half your group viewing the outside area first whilst the other half change to ease congestion in the changing facilities. Tel : +354 861 0237
Gullfoss	These double falls drop around 33m then plunge into a mile-long gorge – one of Iceland’s most photographed waterfalls. Café, souvenir shop and toilets can be found here.
Geysir	Visit the site of Geysir, a spouting hot spring that gave its name to all the world’s geysers. Although it doesn’t often spout nowadays, its neighbour ‘Strokkur’ erupts every 10-15 minutes reaching a height of around 30m. One of the trio of natural wonders on the Golden Circle route. Café, souvenir shop and toilets are available.
Pingvellir (Thingvellir)	This National Park is where Iceland’s parliament was established in 930AD. The site straddles the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, its rift valley forming where the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates pull apart at an average of 3cm a year. From the Hakið Visitor Centre enjoy an overview of the site and its geology. Then, walk among the rifts and see ropy pahoehoe lava from a shield volcano eruption, as you learn of the events that shaped Iceland’s early history. As you gaze into the water-filled fissure Peningagjá, note how clear the water is, having been filtered through lava before it enters the lake. Facilities include Visitor Centre and toilets - payable.
Accommodation	Hotel Cabin, Borgartún 32, Reykjavík Tel: + 354 511 6030
1930 Supper	<u>The Hamburger Factory, Katrínartúni 2, 105 Reykjavík Tel: +354 5757575</u> Menu choices to be made upon arrival. Group making their own way to / from restaurant. Please allow 10 mins walk. <u>After supper, group making their own way to Reykjavik Escape. Please allow 10 mins walk.</u>
2100 Reykjavik Escape Please arrive at 2045	Borgartún 6, 101 Reykjavík + 354 546 0100 Test your group’s logical thinking with this exciting new escape room activity, right in central Reykjavik. Groups of up to seven will be locked in one of the centre’s seven brilliantly designed rooms filled with riddles, puzzles and mysteries. Working together, the aim is to solve the room and escape in only 60 minutes! Duration: approximately 1 ½ – 2 hours (including briefing and debriefing)

<p>Day 4 Sunday 9 April 2017</p>	
<p>Breakfast</p>	<p>To be taken from 08:00 (collect packed lunch) then depart at 09:00.</p>
<p>Swimming</p>	<p>Geothermal swim at Laugardalslaug open air swimming pool, Sundlaugarvegur, 105 Reykjavik, Tel: +354 553 4039 Tel. +354 411 5100. Check the website for current opening times and prices.</p> <p>http://www.sundlaug.is/reykjavik-sundlaugar/14-laugardalslaug</p> <p>Please note: all swimmers are required to shower, without swimming costume, before entering the swimming pool. Please ensure all students are aware of this. This is for sanitation reasons and some pools will not always have individual shower cubicles. There are however 4 male and 4 female shower cubicles at the Laugardalslaug pool.</p> <p>Be careful! – The water is quite shallow at the bottom of the slide.</p>
<p>Perlan</p>	<p>A Reykjavik landmark – this futuristic building is composed of large circular tanks which hold the city's naturally heated water reserves. Climb the stairway to the glass dome and restaurant, situated atop the tanks. An outdoor viewing platform is a great spot for a view of the capital and its surrounds.</p>
<p>Transfer</p>	<p>Transfer to Keflavik Airport</p>
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Additional Information

1. A guide will accompany the group on all but the last day in Iceland. (A guide can be provided on the other day if required at extra cost)
2. Your breakfast and evening meal are provided every day.
3. Packed lunches are provided every day. Please remember to pick up all of the packed lunches including vegetarian options from your accommodation.
4. Dietary requirements, as listed on your confirmation, will be passed to our suppliers. However we do recommend that you check with the hotels or restaurants on arrival to make sure that appropriate arrangements have been made.
5. Any extras ordered at restaurants not on your agreed menu must be paid for locally. Please note that desserts are not included unless specified on the meal option form.
6. Please arrive for your meals by the times stated on the itinerary, as we cannot guarantee the booking if you are late.
7. Liaise with your driver and guide on a daily basis to arrange lunch stops
8. Swimming in Icelandic pools – Please note for reasons of hygiene, it is compulsory to shower, without a costume, before entering the swimming pool. Please remember to bring your own towels.
9. Once out of Reykjavik evening options are more limited. Some accommodation has DVD facilities; in general, after a long day out in fresh air, most groups are simply glad to relax or write up/prepare for the next day. Some groups compile quizzes as the days go by. Some bring their own DVDs or devise their own evening activities. Occasionally other groups may be staying at your accommodation, especially during school holidays.
10. WCs - Restaurants and service stations are still free. Some WCs in the countryside e.g. waterfalls have a donation box. Thingvellir currently charges 200 ISK and has a turnstile. Payment in coins or by credit/debit card.
11. **ICELANDIC BEACHES** - Please ensure you keep well away from the water's edge; the local recommendation is at least 20 meters, but we suggest you err on the side of caution. Freak waves can occur with very little warning and potentially fatal consequences.

Whilst in Iceland, should you request a visit to an additional site, which extends **your** journey, you must arrange to pay for this directly to the bus company **before leaving Iceland.** **We are unable to invoice you for this upon your return to the UK. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Discover the World contact number: +44 1737 218 800 (during office hours)

DISCOVER THE WORLD EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS FOR GROUP LEADERS ONLY:

In case of emergency, please call (+44) 7710 309791. A member of our team is on call 24-7. Please note that this number connects to a mobile telephone, therefore if you are unable to get through immediately, please leave a message with your details, and our duty manager will get back to you as a matter of urgency. Please note that this telephone number is for **group leaders only**; parents and guardians of students should call the school or college's designated coordinator telephone number. This allows us to keep Discover the World's emergency line open in case of an emergency. Many thanks for your cooperation.

LOCAL EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS: Police or Ambulance: 112

Transportation and guide services are provided by GJ Iceland: +354 895 2007

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