

Exploring Iceland

August 15-25, 2024

11 days for \$6,692 total price from Fort Myers

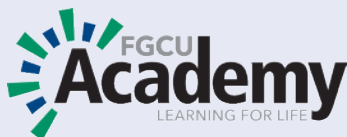
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An Exclusive Small Group Tour
for FGCU Academy



Dear Friends,

Travel with us on an exclusive 11-day small group journey to explore Iceland, a land of astonishing natural beauty, diverse landscapes, and a fascinating history.

Setting out from Reykjavik, see Hellisheidi Power Plant's geothermal exhibit. Traveling through "saga" country, visit the renowned Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls. Explore Lake Mývatn's wondrous environs and embark on a dramatic whale-watching cruise. In Vatnajökull National Park, another natural marvel, admire jaw-dropping Dettifoss, Iceland's "Niagara." Stop at stunning Godafoss, "waterfall of the gods." At a folk museum, encounter Iceland's past, then see famed Icelandic horses at a farm. Experience the Snaefellsnes Peninsula's stupendous scenery. Thingvellir National Park offers fascinating historical insights. Marvel at breathtaking Gullfoss waterfall and the famous Great Geysir. The Icelandic adventure ends with two nights in sophisticated Reykjavik and time for independent exploration. Spend more time discovering Iceland's colorful capital with a 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Book today!

Sincerely,

John Guerra
Director, FGCU Academy

FGCU RESERVATION FORM: EXPLORING ICELAND

To reserve your place on tour, **please call FGCU Academy at 239-434-4838, or e-mail jguerra@fgcu.edu.** Please have the information outlined below available to share with an FGCU Academy representative.

If you prefer, you may instead complete the Reservation Form below and submit it to FGCU Academy's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **FGCU Academy**
Attn: John Guerra
704 Goodlette-Frank Rd North
Suite 330
Naples, FL 34102

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request a Business Class upgrade ☐

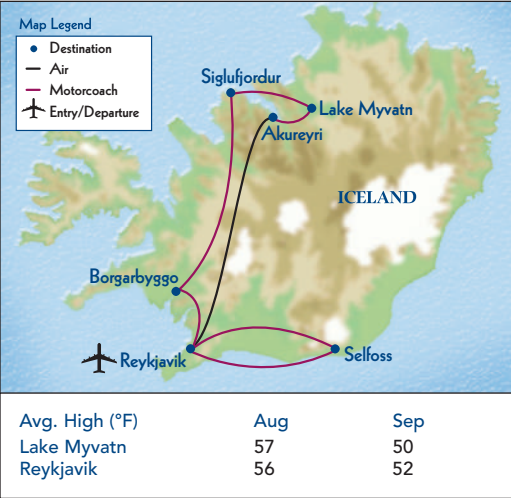
I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐

Post-Tour "Reykjavik – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up ☐

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It's a surprising, even astonishing land; one of massive glaciers and rumbling volcanoes, bubbling mud holes and powerful waterfalls; hugely abundant bird life and just 340,000 people; and where the sun never sets for six splendid weeks. It's also perfect for exploring in a small group, as we discover traveling the breadth of the country and getting an up-close view of this natural "wonderland."



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Reykjavik, Iceland

Day 2: Arrive Reykjavik/Selfoss Upon our early morning arrival in Iceland's capital, we meet our tour director, have breakfast at a local restaurant, then enjoy a scenic drive east. We stop to view the geothermal exhibit at the Hellisheidi Power Plant, Iceland's largest geothermal power plant, sitting on the slopes of Hengill volcano. Mid-afternoon, we reach pastoral Selfoss, and our hotel. Tonight: a briefing on the journey ahead followed by a welcome dinner. *B,D*

Day 3: Selfoss/Vik Our first stop today is at picturesque Seljalandsfoss, Iceland's most visited waterfall, followed by nearby Skogafoss, another popular waterfall, known for its rainbows on sunny days. We continue on to lovely Vik, Iceland's southernmost town, where we're free to explore and shop for items of locally produced wool. This afternoon, we walk along the black-sand beach at Reynisfjara, lined with columnar basalt-filled caves. En route to our hotel, we stop by the Solheimajokull "sliding" glacier. *B*

Day 4: Selfoss/Reykjavik/Akureyri/Lake Myvatn We transfer to Reykjavik this morning for the one-hour flight to Akureyri, Iceland's "northern capital," where, upon arrival, we travel to beautiful Lake Myvatn. One of the world's natural wonders, Lake Myvatn and its environs of bubbling mud flats, lava fields, and lunar-like volcanic craters comprise a stunning national park. We stop to explore the bizarre lava formations at Dimmuborgir, and also see the region's unique "pseudo craters," the boiling mud pots at Namaskard, the explosion crater at Viti, and the flat volcano system at Krafla. *B,D*

Day 5: Lake Myvatn/Husavik/Vatnajokull National Park This morning we travel to Husavik, Iceland's picturesque fishing and whale-watching village. Upon arrival, we embark on a cruise to see these enormous creatures, including the humpback whale with its large flippers and distinctive dives. In addition to seeing Iceland's diverse whale population, we will observe birdlife and fantastic natural scenery here. This afternoon, we visit Vatnajokull National Park, yet another of Iceland's natural wonders. Here we see Asbyrgi, a huge canyon enveloped by towering

Small Group Tour Highlights

Accommodations in well-located, atmospheric small hotels

- Stunning, unique natural scenery • Hellisheidi geothermal power plant • Popular Skogafoss waterfall • Lake Myvatn's mud flats, lava fields, and volcanic craters
- Whale-watching cruise • Glacial River Canyon National Park • Dettifoss, Iceland's "Niagara" • Godafoss, "waterfall of the gods" • Visit to Icelandic Breed horse farm • Touring the beautiful Snaefellsnes Peninsula • Thingvellir National Park • European-accented Reykjavik

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Reykjavik		
2-3	Selfoss	Hotel Selfoss	First Class
4-5	Lake Myvatn	Fosshotel Myvatn	First Class
6	Siglufjörður	Hotel Siglo	First Class
7-8	Borgarbyggð	Hotel Husafell	First Class
9-10	Reykjavik	Hotel Reykjavik Centrum	First Class
11	Depart Reykjavik for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.



Iceland's landscape reveals an austere beauty.

walls; in the middle of the partially wooded canyon sits a hoof-shaped rock called “The Island.” Next, we visit Hljodaklettur Echo Cliffs, where we explore the labyrinth of “echoing rocks” created by the spiral basalt formations of the arches and canyons here. Our last stop: jaw-dropping Dettifoss, Europe’s most powerful waterfall and Iceland’s “Niagara.” *B,L,D*

Day 6: Lake Myvatn/Akureyri/Siglufjörður This morning, we stop at Godafoss, the “waterfall of the gods” named for the carvings of Norse gods discarded here when the country was declared Christian a thousand years ago. Mid-morning, we arrive in Akureyri, where we have free time to explore and for lunch on our own. We travel on to Siglufjörður, where we visit the unique Herring Era Museum then arrive at our hotel in time for dinner there tonight. *B,D*

Day 7: Siglufjörður/Borgarbyggö We travel towards the southwest corner of Iceland today, passing through more incredible natural scenery. En route, we visit Glaumbaer, featuring exhibits on rural Icelandic life from the 18th and 19th centuries, including authentic turf houses. Later we stop at a Gauksmyri farm to see the famed Icelandic horses first brought here by the Vikings in 800 CE – small, hardy, and with long manes. We also enjoy scenic views at Grabrokk Crater, and stop to view the thermal areas of Deildartunguhver and Hraunfossar Falls. *B,D*

Day 8: Borgarbyggö/Snaefellsnes Peninsula Today we encounter the stunning Snaefellsnes Peninsula. We begin with a walk along the shell sand beach at the abandoned fishing village of Budir, surrounded by a vast lava field. We also explore the caves and bizarre rock formations along the rugged shore at Arnarstapi, site of thousands of nesting cliff birds. After a lunch of a traditional fresh seafood

soup at a rustic oceanfront restaurant, we see the haunting remains of abandoned coastal farms at Djupalonssandur. *B,L,D*

Day 9: Borgarbyggö/Reykjavík En route to Reykjavík today, we visit Thingvellir National Park, known both for its historic import and as the place where the fissure between the geological plates of North America and Europe is most evident. It’s also a gem of nature, with canyons, caves, waterfalls, and ponds surrounded by snowcapped mountains. We learn about the historic parliament founded here in 930 CE, and walk along a gorge into the rift valley itself. Then we depart for famed Great Geysir and Gullfoss, Iceland’s immensely popular “golden” waterfall. We continue on to Reykjavík, arriving in time for dinner on our own in this stylish city. *B,L*

Post-Tour Extension

August 25-27, 2024

Reykjavík – On Your Own

3 days/2 nights for \$495 total price

Single Supplement: \$295

Make the most of the long days in Iceland's colorful capital, at your own pace.

Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Hotel Reykjavík Centrum (First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to Reykjavík airport



RATHER KEEP YOUR MIND FREE
AND YOUR PATH YOUR OWN”

– HALLDÓR LAXNESS

Day 10: Reykjavik This morning we embark on a tour of the Icelandic capital. Then the remainder of today is at leisure to explore and enjoy Reykjavik as we please; those who wish can join in an optional tour to the Blue Lagoon, a natural geothermal spa which offers a soothing bath in waters rich with silica, sulfur, and other minerals. Tonight, we celebrate our adventure over a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 11: Depart for U.S. Today we depart for the airport and our return flights to the U.S. *B*



Famed Icelandic horses

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; flight within itinerary
- 9 nights’ accommodations in First Class hotels
- 20 meals: 10 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



We visit popular Skogafoss on Day 3.

Tour Departs: August 15, 2024

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$6,292
Baltimore, Denver, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Seattle	\$6,592
Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Fort Myers, Miami, Orlando, Tampa	\$6,692
Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco	\$6,792
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,495

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$497, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,195. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip international flight per person, in addition to the costs above: \$1,795 from Boston, Newark, New York; \$2,395 from all other cities (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain in a natural environment. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this tour to the fullest.

For information and reservations, please contact John Guerra at FGCU Academy at (239)-434-4838 or e-mail jguerra@fgcu.edu

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odyssey's Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

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Medical Conditions: If you or a member of your party suffer from any physical challenge or medical condition, you must check with your doctor about the advisability of traveling abroad and make this known to us before you book. We will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but are not responsible for denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, and other independent suppliers. **Smoking:** Smoking is **NOT** permitted in the hotels, on motorcoaches, or on other modes of transport used by the group.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 25+ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Husafell

www.hotelhusafell.com

Surrounded by the wild beauty of the Icelandic countryside, the contemporary Hotel Husafell includes a restaurant and bar, two geothermal-heated outdoor pools (and two hot tubs), golf course, hiking trails, laundry service (for a fee), and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Each of the 48 guest rooms features paintings from world-renowned local artist Pall Gudmundsson, and includes private bath with hair dryer, tea- and coffee-making facilities, TV, and phone.

Hotel Reykjavik Centrum (also used for Optional Post-Tour Extension)

www.hotelcentrum.is

The Hotel Reykjavik Centrum comprises three renovated historic houses in Reykjavik's historic city center. Designed in early 20th-century Icelandic fashion, the 89-room hotel offers a restaurant, bar, and café; complimentary Wi-Fi internet access; and laundry and dry-cleaning services (for a fee). Guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, tea- and coffee-making facilities, ironing facilities, minibar, in-room safe, TV, and phone.

Hotel Seifoss

hotelseifoss.is/en

This bright, modern 139-room lodging is located on the banks of the Ölfusá River amidst the stunning natural beauty of South Iceland. The hotel offers a restaurant, bar and lounge with fireplace; spa with steam room, sauna, and thermal hot pool; laundry and dry-cleaning services (for a fee); and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access in public areas. Guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, mini-bar, in-room safe, TV, and phone.

Fosshotel Myvatn

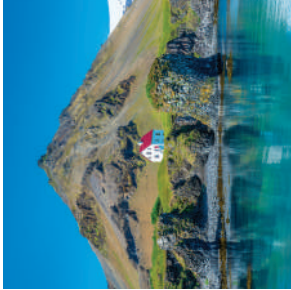
www.islandshotels.is

Recently opened in July 2017, the rural yet contemporary Fosshotel Myvatn features 92 rooms in a spectacular location north of Lake Myvatn. The hotel was designed by award-winning Nordic architects using sustainable and ecologically conscious materials, and blends into the surrounding countryside with its timber walls and grass-thatched roof. Amenities include a restaurant, bar with views of the lake, bicycles for rent, and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access throughout. Guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, radio, TV, and phone.

Siglo Hotel

www.siglohotel.is

Sitting on a promontory jutting out into the Siglo fjord, the Siglo Hotel enjoys wonderful views of the fjord, mountains, and peaceful small town of Siglufjörður. Amenities of the hotel include a restaurant and bar (along with another restaurant and café in adjacent buildings), cozy fireplace sitting room, outdoor hot tub overlooking the harbor, and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, in-room safe, TV, and phone.



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