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Exploring Iceland

October 6-16, 2026

11 days from \$6,992 total price from Boston, New York
(\$6,495 air & land inclusive plus \$497 airline taxes and fees)



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Dear Duke Travelers,

Experience an exclusive 11-day small group journey to explore Iceland, a land of astonishing natural beauty, diverse landscapes, and a fascinating history. Duke Travels is pleased to have engaged Odysseys Unlimited to operate this tour. As the Duke group grows in size, a Duke representative will be engaged to join you and share a uniquely Duke perspective to your educational journey.

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 exclusive departure is limited to just 24 guests. To request space or express your interest, please call (919) 684-2988 or visit www.duke-travels.com and complete the **Trip Interest Form** on the trip’s webpage under “Request Your Spot Today.”

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder ’83
Senior Director, Duke Travels
Duke Alumni Engagement and Development

DUKE TRAVELS RESERVATION FORM: EXPLORING ICELAND

To reserve your place on the tour or to ask questions, please email duketravels@duke.edu or call **Duke Travels at (919) 684-2988**. You may also visit www.duke-travels.com and, on the specific trip page, complete the **Trip Interest Form** under the section “Request Your Spot Today.”

Whether you contact Duke Travels by phone, email, or by submitting the Trip Interest Form, all requests are time-and date-stamped and responded to in the order received. When Duke Travels has received your request (by phone, email, or online) and you are ready to book, your information will be shared with **Odysseys Unlimited**. A Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to review the tour details and provide a secure link for entering your credit card information. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit has been paid and processed. Payment may be made by **American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA**. Final payment is due **95 days prior to departure**.

For air travel or trip-specific information only, please contact **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. at (888) 370-6765**.

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

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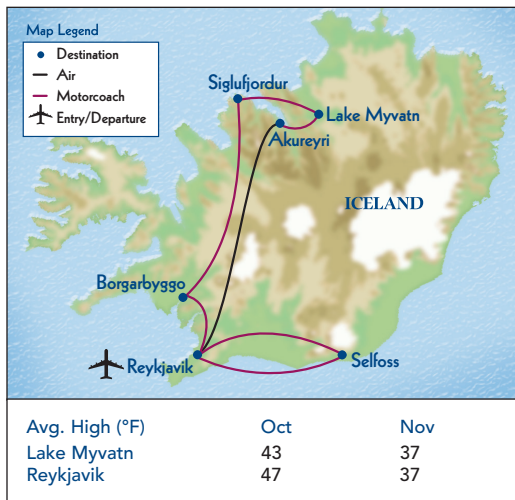
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It's a surprising, even astonishing land; one of massive glaciers and rumbling volcanoes, bubbling mud holes and powerful waterfalls; hugely abundant bird life and just 340,000 people; and where the sun never sets for six splendid weeks. It's also 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 Today's highlights include the interactive Lava Center; Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most visited waterfalls; and nearby Skogafoss, a 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 national nature reserve that ranks among the most beautiful sights in a country overflowing with natural beauty. 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, where we venture out to sea on a whale watching cruise. After our cruise, we enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, then travel back towards our hotel for an afternoon filled with more scenic vistas. We visit Vatnajokull National Park, yet another of Iceland's natural wonders and stop at incredible Asbyrgi, a huge canyon enveloped by towering walls; in the middle of the partially wooded canyon sits a hoof-shaped rock called "The Island." Next, we visit Hljodaklettur, where we explore the

Physical Activity Level

3 **Moderate**

Walk 2-4 miles per day, often on uneven natural terrain with loose rocks; multiple days spent outside in natural settings

Your Tour at a Glance

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	Siglufjordur	Hotel Siglo	First Class
7-8	Borgarbyggo	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.



We spend days exploring Iceland's quiet landscapes.

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/Siglufjordur 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 Siglufjordur, the northernmost town in mainland Iceland, where we visit the unique Herring Era Museum. The exhibits here detail the rise and fall of Iceland’s herring industry, which accounted for nearly half of the nation’s export income during parts of the last century. We arrive at our hotel in time for dinner there tonight. *B,D*

Day 7: Siglufjordur/Borgarbyggo We travel towards the southwest corner of Iceland today, passing across highlands, dales, and fjords, through the beautiful Norourardalur Valley, which features landscapes ranging from cattle farms to lava fields. We make several stops on the way to our hotel, including 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, a unique variety that has been bred only with other Icelandic horses since first brought here by the Vikings in 800 CE. We also enjoy scenic views at Grabrok Crater, where we take a short hike for scenic views of the three lava cones here, which look like scale-model volcanoes. Continuing on towards our hotel, we make two final stops. First we explore Deildartunguhver, site of the country’s largest thermal spring; then travel the short distance to Hraunfossar Falls, the beautiful and unusual cold

springs that well up through the lava landscape and cascade into the Hvítá River. *B,D*

Day 8: Borgarbyggo/Snaefellsnes Peninsula

Today we encounter the stunning Snaefellsnes Peninsula. We begin on the south shore 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 lunch at a rustic oceanfront restaurant, we continue our exploration of this scenic region. *B,L*

Day 9: Borgarbyggo/Reykjavik En route to Reykjavik today, we visit Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site lying in a sprawling rift valley. Revered for its historical importance –

Post-Tour Extension

October 16-18, 2026

**Reykjavik –
On Your Own**

3 days/2 nights for \$495 total price

Single Supplement: \$345

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

Your Tour Price Includes

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



THE STARS
ARE PUTTING ON
THEIR GLITTERING BELTS.”

– WALLACE STEVENS,
ON THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

this is where Iceland’s Althing, or national assembly, met in open-air sessions from 930 CE to 1798 – Thingvellir also sits on an active volcanic site at the spot where the fissure between the geological plates of North America and Europe is most evident in Iceland. 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. Following our visit here, we head to a local farm for lunch, then depart for famed Great Geysir and Gullfoss, Iceland’s immensely popular “golden” waterfall. We continue on to Reykjavik, home to more than half of the nation’s population and ranking as one of the world’s safest and cleanest cities. After checking in at our well-located hotel in the city center, we dine together at a local restaurant. *B,L,D*

Day 10: Reykjavik This morning we embark on a tour of the Icelandic capital. Sites include Hallgrímskirkja, the country’s largest church, with a sculpture garden and excellent views of the city; the National Museum, which celebrates Nordic culture and Iceland’s history; Parliament house; the town’s oldest street; and the harbor. Then the remainder of the day is at leisure. It’s a sophisticated European urban center, with museums and galleries; theater, symphony, and dance; boutiques and restaurants. Interesting sites include Old Town; the Arni Magnússon Institute, where Iceland’s historic sagas are kept; and Nordic House, designed by renowned architect Alvar Aalto. Those who wish can join in an optional tour to the Sky Lagoon. 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*

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
- \$100 frequent traveler credit towards your next Duke/Odysseys Unlimited tour (\$200 after 3 tours; \$300 after 10 tours)

Iceland’s Northern Lights



Although many factors, including local weather conditions, contribute to the chances of seeing this natural phenomenon, generally the best opportunities for witnessing the Northern Lights in Iceland occur between mid-September and mid-April. This tour offers a good combination of touring conditions (still warm enough for outdoor activities/excursions) and shorter day-light hours with darker nights (prime elements for the aurora borealis).

Tour Departs: October 6, 2026

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

Boston, New York	\$6,992
Chicago, Washington, DC	\$7,292
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Philadelphia	\$7,392
Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Raleigh-Durham, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa	\$7,492
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$6,295

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: \$1,895 from Boston, Newark, New York; \$2,495 from all other cities (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

For air questions, please call Odysseys Unlimited at (888) 370-6765 for information on the new Flexible Travel program, which allows you to arrive on tour up to three days before your tour begins and/or extend your stay after touring ends.

For reservations and information, please email duketravels@duke.edu or call (919) 684-2988 Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM–5:30 PM, EST

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The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve this tour. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on the secure on-line portal, My Odyssey.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations and inoculations; 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 Odysseys 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 airlines) 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.

Responsibility: The liability of Duke University (DUKE), as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. DUKE and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own as well as keep pace with the tour group. We regret that they cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of their tour itineraries, for reasons beyond their control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. Odysseys reserves the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in their opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, DUKE and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

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 2½ 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.**

Please Note: A minimum number of participants is needed to have a Duke University faculty or host accompany this trip. We make every effort to send a faculty lecturer on each departure, as our travelers tell us this greatly enhances their experience. However, due to faculty schedules, this may not always be possible; and due to group size, we may not qualify to send a host.

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