

Included in the rates:

- Airfare
- Bus transport according to the following program
- English speaking guide on tours 14.3., 16.03., and 21.03.
- 8 x nights in triple/multi-bedded rooms with shower/WC, incl. breakfast in Hotel Cabin and Guesthouse in Vestmannaeyjar
- Full-board (breakfast, light lunch or packed lunch, 1-2 course dinners), 9 lunches and 8 dinners
- Ferry to Vestmann Island, return
- ATV driving
- Bathing in the Blue Lagoon
- Entrance fee for Gjáin (Rift), Maritime museums in Reykjavik and Vestmanneyjar Islands and to Reykjavik energy museum

Not included in the rates:

- Drinks with meals
- Entrance fees other than mention above

Approximate price per student ~\$2700. Price will depend on actual number of participants.

PROGRAM

14.03. ARRIVAL- TRANSFER TO HTL AND REYKJAVIK CITY TOUR



Transfer from Keflavik airport to Reykjavik and straight to short city tour(2-3 hours). During this tour the city's main attractions are highlighted on foot and by bus. The main landmarks, such as The **Pearl** and **Hallgrímskirkja** church are visited with their great view. In this tour where Reykjavik's renowned charm and bustling life is brought to light. Including

a visit to the Maritime museum. Students free to explore Reykjavik in the evening.

Dinner and overnight in Hotel Cabin

15.03 REYKJAVIK – VESTMANN ISLAND

Transfer from your hotel in Reykjavik to Torlakshofn for the ferry to Vestmann Island. Visit The Maritime museum in the afternoon.

16.03 VESTMANNAEYJAR

Guided bus tour around Heimaey in Vestmann Island and lectures on the formation of volcanic islands.

17.03 VESTMANN ISLAND – ÞORLÁKSHÖFN – NESJAVELLIR - REYKJAVIK

Morning ferry from Vestmann Island to Þorlákshöfn harbour. Pick-up by bus that takes you to Nesjavellir power plant. After a visit there we head back to Reykjavik.

18.03 REYKJAVIK

Return transfer from hotel to Reykjavik University.

Lectures on

- district heating
 - mineral deposits and low grade heat
 - management of ship energy (guest lecturer from Maroka Co.)
- Lunch with technical students and time for open student interaction.
Evening-unstructured free time.

Dinner and overnight in Hotel Cabin

19.03 REYKJAVIK

Engineering and geology students separate for the day.

Engineering students visit energy museum in Reykjavik, visit Hveragerdi power facility, and the geothermal center.

Geology students visit Dyrhólaey for the day and explore coastal processes, wave cut terraces, tides, waves.

Evening : geology and engineering students meet separately to discuss the site visits.

Dinner and overnight in Hotel Cabin

20.03 REYKJAVIK

Return transfer from hotel to the University of Iceland.

Lectures on

- Impact of climate change on glaciers
- Carbon sequestration and binding with basalt
- Hydropower from glacial rivers

Lunch with university students and time for open student interaction.

Evening discussion and dinner lecture.

Dinner and overnight in Hotel Cabin

21.03 REYKJAVIK – GOLDEN CIRCLE

The route takes us to **Thingvellir**, the great lava arena in a rift valley, where the Icelandic parliament met for centuries. In Thingvellir the world's oldest still-existing national parliament was founded by the Norse settlers in 930 AD. The "**Althing**" was held here for almost 9 centuries, until 1800. The lake, **Thingvallavatn**, is the largest natural lake in the country, surrounded by lava flows and lush vegetation. Deep fissures cut into the lands, which are sometimes filled with crystal clear water. This is where the North American and European plates meet, perhaps the best example of plate tectonics. An area of truly outstanding beauty, as well as historical and geological interesting.



Continue to the famous **Great Geysir** area. We arrive in Haukadalur where the group goes for ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle) ride. After the adventure ride then continue to Geysir area. That area is famous for its many hot springs, mud pools and geysers of which **Strokkur** is the world's most active. From there we drive to the waterfall **Gullfoss** ("the golden

waterfall”), which is often described as Iceland’s most beautiful waterfall. You can get that close to this powerful waterfall that you can feel the mist of the glacial water on your face. We head through the countryside to the explosion crater Kerið and stop at the greenhouse village Hveragerði before driving back to Reykjavík

Dinner and overnight in Hotel Cabin

22.03 REYKJAVIK – GJÁIN – THE BLUE LAGOON – DEPARTURE

From Reykjavik we drive to the Blue Lagoon area. First we visit the Rift (Gjáin), an exhibition of geology, geothermal heat, and conservation of energy located in Eldborg, near the Blue Lagoon. Then we go to the **Blue Lagoon** for a bath in the magic blue waters known for its healing and soothing properties. The Lagoon is a geothermal wonder of nature, with pleasantly warm mineral rich geothermal seawater in the middle of a lava field. The high natural levels of silica, minerals and algae give the Lagoon its rich blue color – hence the name Blue Lagoon. A visit to the Blue Lagoon is both invigorating and exciting whether you bathe there surrounded by snow in the middle of the winter, or in the long summer daylight.



From the lagoon we drive to Keflavik airport for departure flight.