UC Retirees Travel presents ...

Enhanced! Untamed Iceland
Small Group Adventure
Iceland: Selfoss, Borgarnes, Akureyri, Reykjavik

13 days from $5795
Includes international airfare from San Francisco

12 days from $4895
Without international airfare
Single Supplement: FREE

Maximize Your Discoveries & Value

Optional extensions:
New! East Iceland’s Secluded Beauty: Waterfalls, Glaciers & Hot Springs
7 nights pre-trip from $3995
Travel from only $571 per night

Itinerary Summary

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DEPARTURE DATE: September 20, 2023

It’s Included

- Explore in a small group of 8–16 travelers (average group size of 13)
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements (please note due to government actions taxes may change)
- All land transportation and 1 internal flight
- Accommodations for 11 nights, plus 1 night in the U.S. on trips that return in September and October (does not apply to travelers whose final destination is New York or Boston)
- 25 meals—12 breakfasts, 7 lunches, and 6 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 25 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next adventure—an average of $353

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**Activity Level:** **1 2 3 4 5 MODERATELY EASY**

**Pacing:** 5 locations in 12 days with one 1-night stay

**Physical requirements:** Travel over bumpy, gravelly, and sometimes icy roads, and walk over rugged and slippery paths. Board a boat for whale-watching during which you may get wet.

**Flight Time:** Travel time will be 5-18 hours and will most likely have one connection

View all physical requirements at [www.oattravel.com/ice2023](http://www.oattravel.com/ice2023)

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**DAY 1 • Depart U.S.**

You’ll fly overnight from the U.S. to Reykjavik, Iceland.

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**DAY 2 • Arrive Reykjavik, Iceland • Overland to Selfoss**

Velkomin! Welcome to Iceland. You’ll arrive in the early morning hours. An O.A.T. representative will meet you at the airport and help you transfer to Selfoss. Enjoy a free day to settle in and meet your fellow travelers who took our Westman Islands: Volcanic Landscapes & Puffins or New! East Iceland’s Secluded Beauty: Waterfalls, Glaciers & Hot Springs pre-trip extensions. This evening we’ll gather for a Welcome Dinner at the hotel.

B,D—Hotel Selfoss or similar

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**DAY 3 • Explore South Iceland • Controversial Topic: Iceland’s disappearing glaciers and the effects of climate change • Super Truck tour • Seljalandsfoss Waterfall**

This morning, we’ll engage in a **Controversial Topic** with a Stefan Michel, a local mountaineer and climate change activist, on the detrimental effects of climate change on Iceland’s glaciers. As 10% of Iceland’s land mass is covered in glaciers, the continued warming of the planet threatens to radically alter this delicate environment—perhaps permanently. After lunch, we’ll travel to Vik Village where we’ll get a true taste of the rugged Icelandic landscape with a Super Jeep Tour, an off-road driving experience led by a local guide. Then, we’ll visit the iconic Seljalandfoss Waterfall, situated along Iceland’s Ring Road.

B,L—Hotel Selfoss or similar

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**DAY 4 • Explore the Golden Circle • Overland to Borgarnes**

Today, we’ll visit a local wool studio for an interactive session on wool-dying, spinning, and knitting. Then, we’ll discover more of Iceland’s marvels as we circumnavigate the Golden Circle, a ring of natural highlights: Gullfoss waterfall, Geysir hot spring area, and Thingvellir National Park. This afternoon, we’ll continue to Borgarnes, situated right outside the scenic Snaefellsnes Peninsula, our home for the next two nights.

B,D—BS9 Hotel or similar

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**DAY 5 • Discover Snaefellsnes Peninsula • Arnarstapi lava field • Conversation about the banking crisis of 2008 with local expert**

This morning, we’ll explore the Snaefellsnes Peninsula, the area that marks the entry point to Jules Verne’s *Journey to the Center of the Earth*. In the fishing village of Arnarstapi, we’ll hike along the rocky coastline followed by lunch in Samkomuhusid. We’ll later discover another side of Icelandic culture at Bjarnarhofn Shark Museum with an introduction to a regional delicacy, *hakarl*, made from shark meat. Then, we’ll meet with a local expert to discuss Iceland’s financial crisis from 2008 to 2011. During this turbulent period, the nation’s three major commercial banks collapsed, leaving a wake of economic depression and political turmoil.

B,L—BS9 Hotel or similar

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**DAY 6 • Burial Rites monument • A Day in the Life of an Icelandic horse farm**

After breakfast, we’ll depart Borgarnes to the Burial Rites monument to hear the haunting story of Agnes Magnusdottir, the alleged murderer of her lover Natan Ketilsson and the last person to be executed in Iceland during a double beheading in 1830. Then, we’ll travel to a family-run farm in Hofstadir (or a similar farm at another locale) for our **NEW A Day in the Life** overnight experience. During our stay, we’ll meet members of the owner’s family and learn about their small businesses, including a visit to the stables where we’ll meet Icelandic horses first brought to the country by Viking settlers.

B,L,D—Hofstadir Country Hotel or similar

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DAY 7 • Siglufjordur • Travel overland to Akureyri • Controversial Topic: The impact of wind farming on Iceland’s natural landscapes with Gudmundur Sigurðsson
After breakfast, we’ll visit Siglufjordur, a fishing village nestled in a narrow fjord along the coast of northern Iceland, where we’ll visit two local museums: the Herring Era Museum, the largest maritime museum in Iceland, and the Folk Music Centre. Then, we’ll travel to Akureyri, Iceland’s second largest urban area. After an orientation walk through the town that includes the Botanical Gardens—a peaceful garden showcasing local and international flora—we’ll visit offices of Vistorka, a company dedicated to bringing green energy solutions to Iceland. There, we’ll engage in a Controversial Topic as we learn about the contemporary problems surrounding wind farming from a local clean energy expert.
B,D—Icelandair Hotel Akureyri or similar

DAY 8 • Visit Godafoss Waterfall & Lake Myvatn • Home-Hosted Dinner
Today we’ll discover the Lake Myvatn area, the pseudo-crater field at Skutustadir, and the whimsical “black castle” lava formations of Dimmuborgir. Later, we stop at a viewpoint overlooking the Námafjall geothermal area and Godafoss (Icelandic for “waterfall of the gods”) before returning to Akureyri for a Home-Hosted Dinner.
B,L,D—Icelandair Hotel Akureyri or similar

DAY 9 • Dalvik • Whale-watching
After breakfast, we head for the picturesque fishing village of Dalvik, where we’ll set sail aboard a restored fishing vessel for a whale-watching excursion along with other locals. If we’re lucky, we’ll spot minke whales, white-beaked dolphins, harbor porpoises, and humpback whales. After lunch in Dalvik, we return to Akureyri for some free time.
Please note: Whale-watching is weather dependent and relies upon the cooperation of whale migratory patterns, which are difficult to accurately predict. If necessary, an alternate activity will be provided.
B,L—Icelandair Hotel Akureyri or similar

DAY 10 • Fly to Reykjavik • Controversial Topic: The impacts of fish farming • Visit Ocean Cluster House
Today we fly back to Reykjavik, where we’ll visit Ocean Cluster House to learn how local entrepreneurs are creating innovative seafood products in the face of overfishing. Then, at a local food hall, we’ll sit down with a local environmentalist to engage in a Controversial Topic about the effects of fish farming and the risk that it poses to Iceland’s pristine natural landscapes, as well as the survival of the wild North Atlantic Salmon population. This afternoon, get acquainted with the neighborhood around your hotel on an orientation walk with your Trip Experience Leader.
B,L—Hilton Nordica or similar

DAY 11 • Explore Reykjavik • Geothermal power plant visit • Greenhouse visit • Árbæjarafn open-air museum
After breakfast, we’ll visit the Hellisheiðarvirkjun Geothermal Power Plant, followed by a local greenhouse, where we’ll learn about green energy in Iceland and the issues surrounding the price of electricity for greenhouse farmers versus large corporations. We’ll continue to the Árbæjarafn open-air historical museum in Reykjavik to gain insight into the living and working conditions of Icelanders in the past. After lunch, the remainder of the day is yours to get acquainted with this northerly capital city.
B,L—Hilton Nordica or similar

DAY 12 • Visit Blue Lagoon • Grand Circle Foundation visit: Search & Rescue Center
Our day begins with a relaxing dip in the famed Blue Lagoon. Next, we’ll stop by the Search and Rescue Center—supported by Grand Circle Foundation—to meet the team of volunteers who perform search and rescue missions. This afternoon, we’ll return to Reykjavik and enjoy a Farewell Dinner at our hotel.
B,D—Hilton Nordica or similar

DAY 13 • Return to U.S.
After breakfast, you’ll transfer to the airport to board your flight home. Travelers taking our Greenland’s Natural Splendor & Inuit Culture post-trip extension will fly to Greenland this morning, and those taking our New! The Faroe Islands Archipelago & Copenhagen extension will fly to the Faroes.
Please note: Due to Icelandair flight schedules, some trips may include an extra night in the U.S. upon arrival. Please ask your Adventure Specialist for details.
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Experience
the stunning beauty of Iceland...

Golden Circle
Discover a ring of natural highlights as we traverse the Golden Circle: the Gullfoss waterfall, which plunges into a hundred-foot-deep crevice; geysers that erupt in massive columns of water and steam; and Thingvellir National Park, the location of a major rift between two tectonic plates—the Eurasian and the North American—which creates a dramatic (and growing) fissure in the land. We’ll get a unique perspective on this area’s natural beauty when we go off-roading on the black-sand beaches.

Reykjavik
The world’s most northerly capital is home to 170,000 people, close to one-third of the country’s population. Its aptly chosen name means “Smoky Bay,” and it is the site where Iceland’s first settler, Ingolfur Arnorson, built a farm late in the ninth century AD. Highlights of the city include the National Museum, the ancient Saga manuscripts at the Culture House, the soaring, modern Hallgrimskirkja Church, and the harbor, where black and red whaling vessels float side-by-side with whale-watching ships.

Snaefellsnes Peninsula
Discover the area that marks the entry point to Jules Verne’s Journey to the Center of the Earth along the scenic Snaefellsnes Peninsula. The peninsula boasts a famous glacier-peaked volcano, black-sand beaches and rock formations, making it an ideal jumping-off point for many of Iceland’s highlights, including the Snaefellsjokull Glacier and Snaefellsnes National Park.

2023 Departure Date & Prices
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**Deposit:** $350 per person.

**Single Supplement:** FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

**GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FEES** The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. Government and other authority taxes and fees: September 11th Security Fee of up to $2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—$5.00 USD one-way, $10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one takeoff and one landing. Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) of up to $18 per passenger. Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee of up to $3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing). U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges of up to $200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or international departure and arrival charges of up to $300 USD may apply. Call for details. Standard Terms & Conditions can be found on the web at www.gct.com/tc.

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