

TRAVEL TO
ICELAND

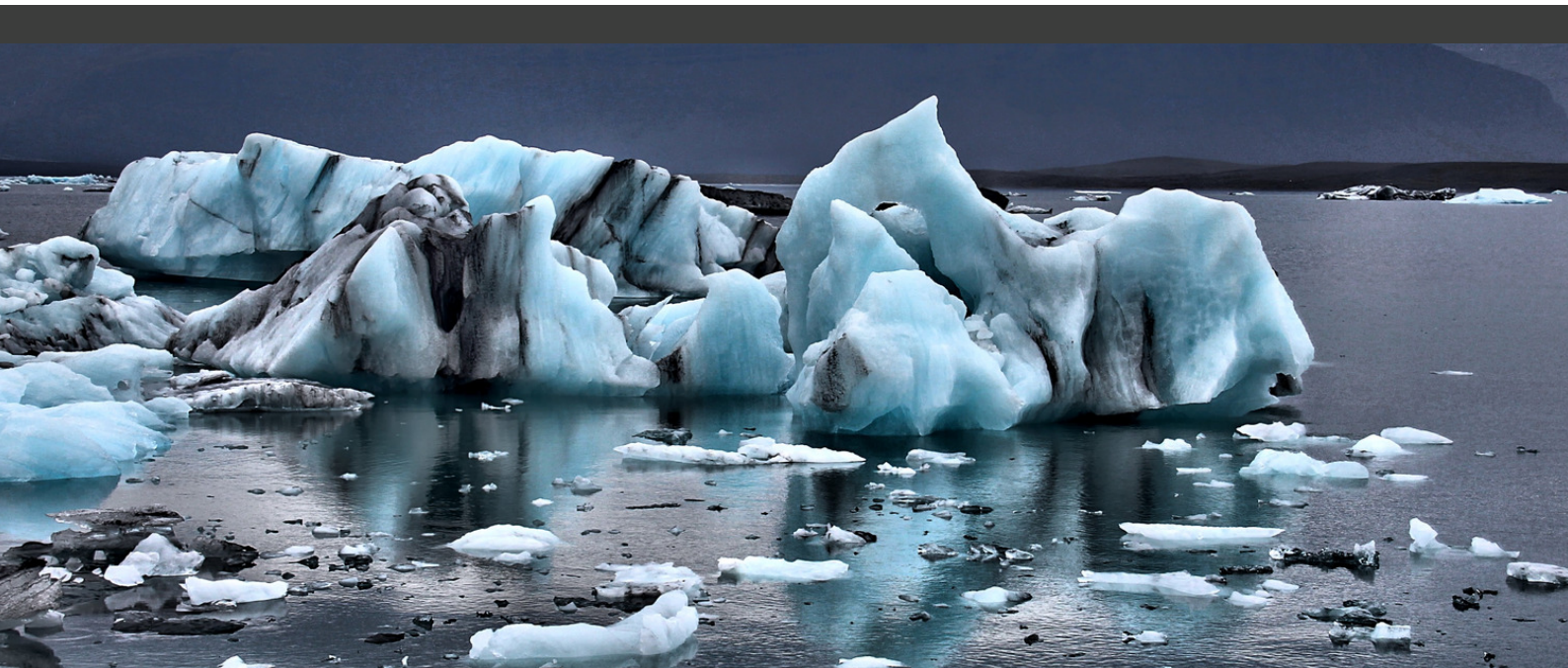




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Student Immersion

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GENERAL TRIP INFO



Group: Florida Tech

Group Coordinator: Cat Nanney/Krishna Patel

BTM Trip Coordinator: Cody Bliss

Participants: 15

Trip Length: 5 nights/6 days (+1 travel day)

Trip Dates: May 10-16, 2020

Cost: *Price breakdown below*





ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Day 1: Fly to Keflavik International Airport, Explore the capital of Reykjavik. Group dinner and orientation.

Day 2: Travel to south Iceland. Hike to hidden waterfalls, black sand beaches and soak in natural hot springs.

Day 3: Trek through Iceland's largest national park through fields of glaciers and waterfalls. Search for the Northern Lights.

Day 4: Embark on glacier hikes to remote ice caves with a local alpinist.

Day 5: Travel back towards Reykjavik. Stop at local geysers and hot springs.

Day 6: Depart for home.

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DAY 1: WELCOME TO ICELAND

Hallo friends! The fresh Icelandic air will greet you as you exit the airport and meet your personal Beyond the Map trip directors. Today we will visit the Icelandic history and Viking museum, stretch our legs on a hike through moss-covered lava fields and visit a geothermal swimming pool to mingle with locals. There will be free time to become oriented with the city before our first group dinner. Finish the evening with an entertaining ice-breaker game and an orientation to the adventures ahead!

DAY 2: WATERFALL WONDERLAND

Today we turn our bearings and head into south Iceland where we will be greeted by cascading waterfalls and black sand beaches. Our first stop will take us behind a towering waterfall and on a hike to another that requires an off-the-beaten stroll through a lush green valley. To fully understand the connection between the land and the sea, trek to the top of the falls where you can witness the fresh glacier water colliding with the mighty Northern Atlantic Ocean. By this point you will surely be ready to warm up a bit! We grab our packed lunches and towels and hike to a remote natural hot spring tucked between two mountains. We finish the evening with a traditional Icelandic dinner in the colorful town of Vik while watching the sunset over a black sand beach.



GLACIER TREK & ICE CAVES

DAY 3: NATIONAL PARK EXPLORATION

We hit the road today heading further east and one step closer into the rugged landscapes of Iceland. As we venture further away from Reykjavik you can almost imagine the early Viking settlers that first discovered this country. Take to foot today as we trek through the country's largest national park that includes Vatnajokull glacier. We will be hiking for most of the day as we skirt the glacier and discover unexpected Viking settlements and traditional turf-roofed farms. After the sun sets, we will head out for a night hike in search of the spectacular Aurora Borealis!

DAY 4: EXPEDITION GLACIER

Get ready to embark on a journey of a lifetime as we join our partners on a hike to a portion of Iceland that is generally reserved for the locals! After donning crampons, an ice axe and a helmet, we will set out for a hike on a remote section of the glacier that can only be accessed on foot. After a full afternoon of awe-inspiring scenery, we will rope up and take a leap of faith over a 120 foot ice wall and into a hidden, frozen world. The adventurous will have the chance to scale this wall using ice climbing techniques. Be transported to another planet as you venture inside caves for a mind-bending experience of colors and light. After a full day, we will feast on a traditional Icelandic meal at our hotel.



HIDDEN LANDSCAPES

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DAY 5: THE STREETS OF REYKJAVIK

This morning we make our way back towards Reykjavik. Watch as the rugged landscapes fade into the distance as we enter Europe's northernmost capital. Spend the afternoon meandering the cobblestone streets of this eclectic city. Browse the shops for last minute souvenirs, visit a local museum or simply people watch while sitting in one of the many trendy coffee shops in town. Tonight we have our final group dinner and reflect on the days gone by.

DAY 6: THE END OF THE JOURNEY

Unfortunately all good things must come to an end...or do they! Even though we'll be heading home today, the experiences we had and friendships we developed, will stay with us long after we're home. Depending on departure times, some groups will choose a side excursion to the famous Blue Lagoon on the way to the airport.



TERMS & CONDITIONS



Price Includes

All expenses outlined in itinerary, including:

- Pre-Trip Research & Logistics
- Pre-Trip Meetings & Planning Sessions
- Accommodations (double occupancy)
- Round Trip Airfare (from MCO to KEF)
- Private In-Country Transportation
- Activity & Entrance Fees, Permits and Associated Tips
- All Meals, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinners
- Personal BTM Trip Director (CPR/Lifeguard/First Aid certified)
- BTM Icelandic Guides
- Personalized Trip Webpage
- Student Travel Insurance
- Witnessing the Northern Lights!

Price Does Not Include

- Expenses of personal nature both prior to departure as well as during the trip including additional snacks, alcohol and souvenirs.
- Items on packing list

Participant Abilities

Fitness level: moderate. Travelers will be required to walk moderate distances on several occasions over uneven terrain. Traveler should be in good health and have a good sense of adventure! Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

PAYMENT DETAILS



Trip Cost:

\$2450 per person

Optional Services:

\$50 LiveLifeBeyond At-Risk Youth Scholarship

\$25 Carbon Offset

Deposits:

\$500 deposit per person is due to reserve dates.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions approved in the contract.

Authorized Trip Coordinator:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Beyond the Map Trip Representative:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Details & Policies

Cancellations:

The trip coordinator agrees to notify Beyond The Map (BTM) with written notice of cancellation **60** days prior to the trip date. Cancellations less than 60 days prior to the trip date will be charged the remaining balance of the trip. Any deposits paid prior to the cancellation are non-refundable.

Refunds:

The trip coordinator agrees to notify BTM with written notice of any change in the final numbers **60** days prior to the trip date. Refunds are based on the final balance due, excluding deposit(s). No refunds will be issued for participant absences if notification is received after the date listed above. The group will be responsible for paying the estimated minimum balance based on the contracted minimum as stated in the contract. Therefore, no refunds will be issued if final numbers fall below the contracted minimum. An adjusted invoice will be provided to account for additional participants above the contracted minimum.

Deposits

Initial deposit is based on the contracted minimum and is required to secure trip dates. **All deposits are non-refundable.** A custom payment schedule will be determined by BTM and the group leader and listed in the contract. If deposit is not received by the due date noted in the contract , the trip dates will be released and the contract will be voided.

Weather & Uncontrollable Events:

Many of our trips run regardless of the weather conditions; however, in the event of an extreme weather event or safety concern BTM will determine if the trip cannot proceed. If this were to occur, the trip would be rescheduled and no refunds will be issued.

Release Forms & Other Documents:

In many instances, release forms and other documents are required prior to the trip. BTM will be sure to provide ample time for delivery and return of these documents to each traveler. In the event that a traveler does not return the documents in the allotted amount of time, there is a chance that he/she may be denied access to an activity or experience.

Details & Policies

Dietary Restrictions:

Various BTM trips require prior meal planning for the group. BTM will be sure to provide ample time to request special dietary needs or restrictions prior to the trip. In the event that the traveler has failed to respond in the allotted amount of time, there is a chance that he/she will not have the appropriate rations during the trip and will be responsible for supplying their own if need be.

Accommodations:

Most BTM trips require prior planning to determine room configurations. BTM will be sure to provide ample time to request special room configurations prior to the trip. In the event that the traveler(s) have failed to respond in the allotted amount of time, there is a chance that he/she will not be given the appropriate room configurations requested and will be responsible for any changes that may be necessary.

Cut-Off Date:

The minimum number of participants must be reached by the date in the contract. If the school has not reached the contracted minimum number of participants by the cut-off date, BTM will release the respective trip date(s).

Roster:

Must be received **30** days prior to the trip. If the trip has exceeded the contracted minimum, an updated invoice will be provided.

Contracted Minimum and Maximum Participants:

The price is based on a minimum and maximum number of participants. The minimum number of participants must be reached by the contracted cut-off date in order for the trip to occur. The final cost of the trip is subject to change if it falls below the contracted minimum or above the maximum number of participants.

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