

ICELAND

FOR BUCKEYE FAMILIES

BE PART OF THE TRADITION



AUGUST 3 - U.S. DEPARTURE DATE | AUGUST 4 - LAND TOUR START DATE

AUGUST 8, 2021 - RETURN HOME

BASE LAND PACKAGE FROM: \$ 1,875



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

START YOUR FAMILY ADVENTURE.

Dear Alumni and Friends!

Look forward to August, 2021 and take your family on a Buckeye Adventure to the land of fire and ice!

We welcome multi-generational Buckeye families with children 5 years and older to experience the wonder that is Iceland. Leave the planning to us and our partners at AESU and know that your lodging, many of your meals, excursions and transportation are taken care of you so can enjoy all that Iceland has to offer with your family by your side..

Experience the warmth and comfort of the Blue Lagoon, marvel at the majesty of the waterfalls, touch rocks just formed from Volcanic births, and use your free time to sit back and take in Reykjavik or even go on a whale watching adventure. From black beaches to white sheep and everything in between Iceland is waiting for you.

If you have questions about this tour please contact Laura DeRose at 800-852-TOUR/614-292-2372 x 2 or derose.25@osu.edu.

All the best,



Debbie Vargo
Director of Alumni Tours
The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc.



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TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend travel insurance. You will receive insurance information directly from Ohio State. For more information visit <http://my.travelinsure.com/ohiostate/>

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6 DAYS



PLACES VISITED:

Reykjavik, Iceland

ABOUT THE TRIP:

Get to know Iceland's most famous natural treasures. Experience black beaches, glacier views, stunning coastlines, magnificent bird cliffs, delightful towns, incredible waterfalls, erupting geysers, tectonic plates and take a plunge into the healing mineral waters of the Blue Lagoon.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome dinner & orientation * Blue Lagoon geothermal spa * Full day 'Golden Circle Tour' including Gullfoss waterfall * Strokkur Geysir * Pingvellir National Park, UNESCO World Heritage Site * Dividing fault line between two of the earth's tectonic plates * Full day 'South Shore Excursion' including Eyjafjallajökull and Hekla volcanoes, Seljalandsfoss Waterfall and the black sand beach of Reynisfjara, Skógafoss Waterfall * South shore lunch * Reykjavik town exploration * Sun Voyager sculpture * Icelandic Parliament House * Farewell fish & chips dinner
...and much more!

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

The 6-day land package includes:
4 nights at centrally located superior tourist class hotel, rooms with private bath/shower * All ground transportation by private motor coach, as per itinerary * Airport transfers with purchased AESU group airfare * 4 continental breakfasts * 2 dinners: Welcome dinner and orientation with private tour director and farewell fish & chips dinner * 2 lunches: Geysir café lunch and Icelandic lunch at the south shore * Admission to the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa * (includes towel, mineral facial mask, one beverage) * Reykjavik town exploration, guided by a local expert * Full-day Golden Circle Tour * Visit an Icelandic wool mill * Full-day South Shore Excursion

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DAY 1 - FLIGHT TO ICELAND

Embark on your overnight journey to Reykjavik, Iceland's capital city.

Meals: In-flight

DAY 2 - REYKJAVIK

Your expedition in the 'Land of the Midnight Sun' starts with a visit to the Blue Lagoon. Find ultimate relaxation in the healing mineral waters, surrounded by lava fields and snow-capped mountains in this geothermal spa located just outside of Reykjavik. The facilities include modern changing rooms and showers, an indoor geothermal pool, a winter garden and a restaurant. Continue to Reykjavik and take a guided walking tour of this northernmost capital in the world. Your tour includes the old town center, the Parliament, Cathedral and much more. Afterwards check into your hotel. This evening, join your tour director, host and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner of Icelandic specialties.

Inclusions: Transfer from airport to hotel via Blue Lagoon, land-only participants contact tour operator for transfer options (airport departure time to Blue Lagoon will be advised with final documents), 1 bottle of water per person, Admission to the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa including a towel, mineral facial mask and one beverage, Walking tour of Reykjavik city, guided by a local expert, see the Sun Voyager sculpture by Jón Gunnar Árnason and the Alþingi - the Icelandic Parliament House, Welcome orientation and dinner of Icelandic specialties

Meals: In-flight, Dinner

Day 3 - REYKJAVIK - 'Golden Circle' Tour

The 'Golden Circle' tour is probably Iceland's most popular day tour as it includes three of the best known attractions. The golden waterfall Gullfoss, is one of the most impressive waterfalls in Europe with thousands of tons of icy water thundering majestically into a deep canyon. The Geyser area has numerous hot springs and geysers, including the world known Strokkur. Pingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World heritage site, is where the world's oldest democratic parliament was founded in 930. A beautiful canyon running through the park is the dividing fault line between two of the earth's tectonic plates. Our excursion includes a visit to one of Iceland's wool mills. Icelandic wool has a history that dates back to the earliest settlers who came to the island from Norway as early as the 9th century AD. The wool of Icelandic sheep is unique in that it contains two different types of hair that serve as a natural barrier from wet and cold weather. We return to Reykjavik for an evening at your leisure.

Inclusions: Breakfast, Full-day Golden Circle tour, guided by a local expert, 1 bottle of water per person, see Gullfoss Waterfall, Strokkur Geyser, Pingvellir National Park, UNESCO World Heritage Site, dividing fault line between two of the earth's tectonic plates, visit to an Icelandic wool mill, Icelandic meat soup and bread lunch

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



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Day 4 - REYKJAVIK - South Shore Excursion

Today's excursion takes us through the fertile farming lands and villages of south Iceland, rich in Viking history and heritage, with views of the infamous Eyjafjallajökull and Hekla volcanoes. Take a walk behind the splendid wall of water of Seljalandsfoss Waterfall, go for a leisurely stroll along the black sand beach of Reynisfjara with its famous basalt columns and caverns, and see the Reynisdrangar cliffs; basalt rock stacks that rise from the sea. Icelandic legends say they are naughty trolls turned into rock by the rising sun. We end this great sightseeing tour with a stop at the Skógafoss Waterfall. Walk up to the thundering waterfall for a bird's eye view of the tumbling water and rainbows. The evening is free for you to make dinner plans with fellow travelers.

Inclusions: Breakfast, Full-day South Shore Excursion, guided by a local expert, 1 bottle of water per person, see Eyjafjallajökull and Hekla volcanoes, Seljalandsfoss Waterfall, black sand beach of Reynisfjara, Skógafoss Waterfall, Icelandic lunch at the south shore
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Day 5 - REYKJAVIK

Enjoy a free day in Reykjavik with time for shopping and exploring on your own. Consider a walk to the harbor and opt to sign up for a whale watching cruise. At our farewell dinner tonight, enjoy traditional fish & chips and share your impressions of this fascinating Iceland Expedition.

Inclusions: Breakfast, Farewell fish & chips dinner
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 6 - TRAVEL HOME

Your land tour ends with breakfast this morning. Board your flight home with delightful memories and thoughts of your next adventure.

Inclusions: Breakfast, Transfer from hotel to airport included with purchased AESU group airfare
Meals: Breakfast, In-flight



Your trip includes the services of a private tour director for the duration of the land tour. All service charges and local taxes are included. Thank your tour director with a gratuity at the end of the tour (suggested amount \$5 per day.) He or she will do their very best to make this trip the most memorable and best time of your life.

PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTELS

Our hotels are superior tourist-class or better, with private bathrooms. They are centrally located or have easy access to public transportation. Many have great extra amenities such as pools, gyms and roof-top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If traveling solo and not wanting to pay the single supplement, AESU will attempt to arrange a share with a same-gender traveler. If a share cannot be arranged a single supplement of \$795 will apply.



ACTIVITY LEVEL 2: MODERATE

Standing and walking for moderate periods of time during country-side excursions or city tours. Walking typically on flat to moderate terrain; stairways, sometimes without handrails; elevators sometimes available. Appropriate for travelers in good health with overall good mobility, and who are comfortable participating in at least three hours of activity per day.

Please Note: Travel to and from the tour is not factored into our activity level ratings. You should take into account your stamina when traveling long distances and/or with multiple flight changes. Also, you must be able to handle your luggage independently throughout the itinerary.

TOUR DIRECTORS

We are very proud of our tour directors. They are young professionals; multi-lingual and carefully selected graduates from major European universities. They are eager to show the world through the eyes of an adventurer. Our tour directors know this is a trip of a lifetime and will share their knowledge as well as interesting little-known facts.

Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel.



“ THE TOUR DIRECTOR WAS FABULOUS. LOVED ALL OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. ENJOYED ICELAND. WONDERFUL TRIP. VERY EDUCATIONAL. ”

- past traveler

BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

EXCLUSIONS: These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own.); airport and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver (suggested \$4-5 per day for tour director, \$2-3 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received by AESU in writing. All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$300 per person cancellation fee. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. In addition to \$300, cancellation between 60-31 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 35% of tour cost; between 30-16 days 50%. Cancellation within 15 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip.

AIRFARES are highly restrictive, NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-ENDORSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Once reservation is booked and paid for AESU reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare portion is non-refundable. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes are also subject to penalties. Medical health and accident insurance is compulsory. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO CANCELLATION POLICIES LISTED ABOVE DEPENDING ON TRIP DESTINATION.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE: All participants using AESU flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. Land-Only participants (providing own flight overseas) do NOT receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 3:00 p.m. on program start date. FLIGHT DELAYS - ALL AIRPORTS: In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.) AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Check your airline's website for any additional luggage restrictions. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract.

RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of AESU as a tour operator, their agents, and any sponsoring association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, epidemic health risk, any force majeure event, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/ herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond AESU's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. Trip cancellation insurance should be purchased by the individual traveler in the event cancellation of the tour is compelled by circumstances beyond our control. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of participants, the Operator's liability shall be limited to a refund of land payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. If the change or cancellation is due to force majeure or other similar events beyond Operator's control, a refund of land payments received from applicants will be made less reasonable expenses incurred by Operator in respect to applicant's land booking. Baggage and personal injury are at owner's risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. AESU reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/ or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at www.aesu.com.

FREEDOM TO CHANGE YOUR MIND

AESU is providing new, more flexible booking policies in order for you to plan your future travel with complete peace of mind for new 2021 bookings. If your plans change for any reason, no problem. As long as you cancel at least 60 days before your trip departs, we won't charge you anything to change it to another AESU trip. You can apply the full amount of your paid land tour costs to another AESU tour, to be used by 12/31/22. (Please note: these policies are subject to change at any time. Vouchers not redeemable as cash. Airfare penalties are separate and governed by the policies of the individual airlines.) AESU will provide you with a status update for your tour no later than 75 days prior to departure. If at that time, we determine that government regulations or CDC recommendations would prohibit us from safely operating the tour, we will provide you with a full refund of the land cost, less minimal fees for administrative costs including credit card processing, if applicable. In the event that a change in circumstances within 75 days of departure forces us to cancel your trip, we will provide you with a travel voucher for 100% of the land cost that you paid, as per industry standard, which can be used on any future AESU program. Alternatively, you can apply for a cash refund, which will be provided less reasonable expenses incurred by AESU with respect to your booking. Airline penalties are governed by the policies of the individual airlines and you would be responsible for any penalties incurred with respect to the airline ticket. Please note: These policies are subject to change at any time. Travel vouchers cannot be redeemed for cash and have to be used by 12/31/2022. TRAVEL INSURANCE is compulsory for all AESU trips in the event of tour cancellation for any reason. web: <https://www.aesu.com/covid-19/>

RESERVATION FORM
Iceland for Buckeye Families
August 3 - 8, 2021

Mail, email or fax to: The Ohio State University Alumni Association
Longaberger Alumni House * 2200 Olentangy River Road * Columbus, Ohio 43210-1035
fax: 614-292-2091
Contact: **Laura DeRose** at 800-852-TOUR / 614-292-2372 ext. 2 or derose.25@osu.edu
web site: aesu.com/osu-iceland

Please make ___ reservations for the person(s) shown below
Maximum of three guests per room. Triple occupancy rooms will include 1 double or 2 twin beds with a roll-away.

(1) Name as it appears on passport:

Title First Name Full Middle Name Last Name Preferred Name on Name Badge

Gender: male female Date of birth: _____

Citizenship: _____ Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____
(If passport information is not available at time of booking, please submit information before tour departure.)

(2) Name as it appears on passport:

Title First Name Full Middle Name Last Name Preferred Name on Name Badge

Gender: male female Date of birth: _____

Citizenship: _____ Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____
(If passport information is not available at time of booking, please submit information before tour departure.)

(3) Name as it appears on passport:

Title First Name Full Middle Name Last Name Preferred Name on Name Badge

Gender: male female Date of birth: _____

Citizenship: _____ Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____
(If passport information is not available at time of booking, please submit information before tour departure.)

Mailing address: (WHERE ALL INVOICES AND FINAL DOCUMENTS ARE SENT)

Street: _____ ZIP code: _____ City: _____ State: _____

e-mail: _____ e-mail: _____

Cell phone () _____ Day-time phone () _____

Emergency contact/Name: _____ Phone () _____

Land Arrangements (cost per person):

I want to book # _____ land package(s) for **\$1,875** per **adult in a shared room**

I want to book # _____ land package(s) for **\$1,750** per **child** in a shared room (up to 2 children in a shared room/max. 3 guests per room)

I will room with: _____

I prefer my own room as a **solo traveler** and will pay the single supplement of **\$795**

Air Arrangements:

Please contact me with flight information from: _____

I will arrange my own flights and transfers.

Charge my deposit of _____ (\$500 per person) to Mastercard VISA American Express

Card #: _____ Exp. date: _____ Account name: _____

Cardholder address: _____

Cardholder signature: _____

Payment of deposit indicates that I have read and agree to all terms and conditions.

Signature: X _____

Full trip cost to be paid in full May 7, 2021. Reservations received after this date are subject to availability and must be accompanied by payment in full plus a late booking fee of \$100 per person. All prices reflect a cash discount. Payment of balance with credit card will result in a 4% processing fee.