



ICELAND • JUNE 21–JULY 2, 2018

CONNECT-WITH-NATURE ADVENTURES

REGISTER BY MARCH 1

AROUND ICELAND: Volcanoes and Glaciers Under the Midnight Sun

Experiences

Starting and ending in the capital, Reykjavík, this customized 11-day Adventure around Iceland's Ring Road to explore coastal and inland scenery immerses you in one of the Earth's few places where crustal processes shaping ocean basins are visible above sea level.

Atop the Mid-Atlantic Ridge separating the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates, Iceland is a geologically young landscape of volcanoes, lava flows and hot springs, icecaps and glaciers, gorges and waterfalls, and storm-battered coasts. On the Summer Solstice (June 21), the sun sets on the island after midnight and rises three hours later.

Iceland's 340,000 inhabitants, descendants of Vikings, thrive in harmony with the forces of nature. Your experience will mesh the last thousand years of human history with the last ten million years of geological history.

Between destinations are questions and discussions about Earth history, the growing role of humanity as a change agent

in the natural world and this Museum's inspiration of conservation measures.

Hotels

Ranging from economy to upscale and featuring local cuisine, these are our planned accommodations with one or two nights at each one:

Reykjavík – Radisson Blu Saga Hotel
Reykjavík to Akureyri – Hotel Selfoss, Hotel Geirland, and Lake Hotel Egilsstaðir

Akureyri – Hotel Kea
Akureyri to Reykjavík – Hotel Húsafell
Reykjavík – Radisson Blu Saga Hotel

Weather and Clothing

Reykjavík has a humid subarctic climate with cool summers. Average daily highs/lows in June are 54°/45°F with extremes of 70°/32°F and a high probability of drizzle or rain. Dress in warm layers for daytimes, with a rain jacket and sturdy waterproof footwear, and casual for evenings.



GUIDES



Birgir Jónsson
Member of the Icelandic Professional Guide Society

Our expert guide in Iceland is Birgir

Jónsson, a member of the Icelandic Professional Guide Society, who has geology and geological engineering degrees from the UK. He is retired from the University of Iceland and the National Energy Authority of Iceland.



Emlyn Koster
Geologist and Director of the NC Museum of Natural Sciences

Birgir is joined by Emlyn Koster, PhD, Director of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and co-guide of the Museum's previous Adventure to Iceland. He is an Adjunct Professor with the Department of Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at NC State University.

Organizational partners are Iceland's Embassy in Washington, DC, and Hey Iceland in Reykjavík.



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Cost and Reservations:

This Adventure is open to Museum members only. To become a member, please contact Catherine Perkins, Coordinator of Membership for the Friends of the Museum, catherine.perkins@naturalsciences.org or 919.707.9296.

The total per person cost is \$6,200 for double room occupancy (\$1,500 extra for single occupancy). This includes all ground transportation and tour guides, all accommodations, meals, fees, receptions, and speakers. This cost does not include airfare. A passport valid for at least three more months is required for travel. Personal travel and health insurance are highly recommended.

To register for this Adventure please visit naturalsciences.org/adventures. *Spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis until the maximum number is reached.* A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person is required upon reservation to hold a spot on this trip.

Registration will end on March 1, 2018 and full payment is due by March 31, 2018. Reservations will be acknowledged in their order of receipt until the maximum is reached, after which a wait list will be used in the event of any cancellations.

We reserve the right to cancel any trip because of inadequate enrollment that makes the trip economically unfeasible to operate. In this event, we will refund your deposit. However, we are unable to refund any deposits following trip cancellation that results from factors outside our control including but not limited to: terrorism, natural disaster, or other major global events. We therefore recommend you purchase travel insurance. We are not responsible for costs incurred by a participant in preparing for a program that is altered or canceled.

For any questions about this Adventure, including cancellation policy and liability coverage details, please contact Cassandra Williams at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, at cassandra.williams@naturalsciences.org or 919.707.9802.



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