

GETAWAY TO ICELAND

A LONG WEEKEND ESCAPE TO REYKJAVÍK

MARCH 10TH - 14TH 2023

Iceland...the Land of Fire and Ice is a country full of contrasts. From steamy hot springs to top-notch spas, spectacular scenery to art museums, this unique land is the perfect place to relax, recharge, and explore. Legends say that the ancient gods themselves guided Iceland's first settler, Ingolfur Arnarson, to make his home in Reykjavík ("Smoky Bay"), named after the geothermal steam he saw. Today this geothermal energy heats homes and outdoor swimming pools throughout the city – a pollution-free energy source that leaves the air outstandingly fresh, clean and clear.

On this exciting long weekend getaway you will have the opportunity to travel with fellow alumni and explore this rugged and breathtaking country. Dine on Icelandic specialties, including delicious seafood, ocean-fresh from the morning's catch, highland lamb, and unusual varieties of game. It's purely natural food imaginatively served to delight the most discerning of diners. Reykjavík is also renowned as one of Europe's hottest nightspots, where the action in the friendly pub and club scene lasts right through the long winter nights.

But perhaps the greatest draw is the Aurora Borealis – the Northern Lights. This is the best time of year to see them because it has to be totally dark to get the best effect – and this is a country where the sun never fully sets in the summer! In the evening of our arrival day, we'll head out to try and see the real thing (weather permitting). If the weather doesn't cooperate with us we'll try again the next night . . . and the next.

We will stay in the capital city, Reykjavík, to experience the city's vibrant culture, learn about the region's Viking heritage, and explore the unbelievable natural landscape, including magnificent waterfalls, lava fields, glaciers, and (with luck) the Northern Lights.



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THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, IS:

Boston or JFK DEPARTURE:	\$3499
LAND ONLY:	\$2799
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$490

Airfares are available from many other cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

AIRFARE:	Round-trip airfare from Boston or JFK, including all customs fees and airport taxes
HOTELS:	3 nights' accommodation in a 4 star hotel including all hotel taxes and service charges
COACHING:	All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
MEALS:	4 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners
GUIDES:	Discover Europe tour guide throughout
ENTRANCES:	Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary
LECTURES:	Lectures by your faculty host

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Information on purchasing coverage will be sent to each registrant on receipt of deposit.



FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH - Evening departure from your chosen gateway city, aboard your direct Iceland Air service to Iceland. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH - Early morning arrival in Iceland where you will be met and escorted to your hotel in Reykjavík, where a sumptuous breakfast buffet awaits. This morning we have a bus tour of downtown Reykjavík for a wonderful introduction to Europe's smallest capital city! The tour covers the Old Town, the shopping districts, the Parliament, Hofdi House, Hallgrim's church, the Harpa concert hall and much more! Our hotel knows that we will be arriving early

and will do everything possible to help us check in upon arrival. However, this is not always possible and if the rooms are not ready, you will store your luggage and go off on the city tour. When you return to the hotel after free time for lunch, you will then be able to go to your rooms and take a short nap before you gather for your introductory lecture. Dinner will be at the hotel and this evening after dinner, weather permitting, we will head out to attempt to view the Northern Lights. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: REYKJAVÍK**

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH - Our excursion today takes us along the south coast of the island to Vík. At Vík, we'll stop at the black volcanic beach south of the village - from here you can view the rock formations Dyrhólaey and Reynisdrangar. After a stop for lunch, we visit the fairytale-like Seljalandsfoss waterfall, where you can experience walking right behind the misty cascade, and the gorgeous 60-metre high Skógafoss waterfall, just a short drive down the road. Heading back to Reykjavík, we will stop at the renowned Fjoruborðið restaurant in the village of Stokkseyri, where a traditional Icelandic lobster feast awaits us (more like Langoustine than Maine lobster).

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MONDAY, MARCH 13TH - Avoiding the tourist traps of the regular "Golden Circle" tour, Discover Europe has created a customized tour of the Iceland countryside. Leaving Reykjavík, your first stop is Þingvellir National Park, site of the world's first parliament. Here you can walk from America to Europe! You'll then stop at the Fontana spa at Laugarvatn, a naturally occurring hot spring bath, where you will spend some time relaxing in the waters and have time for lunch (included). Continuing on to the south coast, you'll visit the church at Skálholt, and stop to peer into the icy depths of Kerið volcanic crater, before you return to your hotel in Reykjavík for a free evening. Why not sample one of the city's award-winning restaurants - making sure to reserve ahead of time for the more popular ones. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: REYKJAVÍK**

TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH - This morning is free to take advantage of one of the many optional activities offered through the hotel tour desk - you can visit the Blue Lagoon, go on a whale watch, or ride an Icelandic horse, to mention just a few. Alternatively, you can visit some of the sights and museums around the city - or do a little shopping. You leave the hotel after lunch (at 2 p.m.) to transfer to the airport for your return flights to the US. **(B)**

**Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner*



YOUR HOST, GLENN STARKMAN

Glenn Starkman is professor of physics and astronomy, director of the Center for Education and Research in Cosmology and Astrophysics, and director of the Science of Origins at Case Western Reserve University.

An alumnus of the University of Toronto, Canada (his native city), with a PhD from Stanford University, his research career took him to the institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, and the Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics before bringing him to Case Western Reserve. His research extends from searching for habitable planets around other stars to understanding the shape of the universe, from looking for miniature black holes in particle accelerators to extending and testing Einstein's General Theory of Relativity.

In 2003 he was awarded a prestigious Guggenheim Fellowship. Glenn is dedicated to advancing the role of research universities in education at all levels. He was among the founding board members of the Reinvention Center, a national center focusing on undergraduate education at research universities.

Since 2008 Glenn has served as founding director of the Institute for the Science of Origins, a collaboration of Case Western Reserve University, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and ideastream. The mission of the Institute is to initiate and conduct scientific research on, to educate students about and to increase public understanding of the origin and evolution of systems, both simple and complex, natural and human, and the applications of that knowledge.



REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on this form.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person, if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

NAME(S). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Please also include your "Known As" or preferred name, if applicable.

PASSPORT DETAILS. This information is required by airlines and having it helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

ADDRESS. If you have a temporary address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.

HEALTH INFORMATION. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

TRIP DETAILS

Please fill in the name of the trip you wish to register for, the departure and return dates and your departure airport or city.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour, or if you wish to deviate from the group flights, Discover Europe will be happy to make your flight arrangements for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost. It is essential that we receive your complete flight information at least 90 days prior to your trip departure.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please use this section to let us know your preference.

We will always book non-smoking rooms when available.

If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible.

If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.

PAYMENT PROTECTION PLAN

Please indicate here if you would be interested in applying for our Payment Protection Plan. Please see website or brochure for instructions and terms & conditions.



TRIP DETAILS FOR GETAWAY TO ICELAND (230310/DWI)

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

PASSENGER DETAILS

Passport Name:

1. _____

Title First Middle Last

2. _____

Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport 1#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Passport 2#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Special Dietary Requirements or Allergies: _____

Health Information: _____

CWRU Class Year: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

E-mail: _____

Preferred Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

Secondary Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:
DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
122 Island Street, Keene, NH 03431

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
3. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., Case Western Reserve University, Engaging Journeys, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
6. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and laws of the countries in your itinerary, including local health and safety regulations, and following the directions of the tour guide. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your health, condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form (if it has not already been paid).
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure. A late fee of \$100 per person may be added to balances still outstanding 60 days prior to departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency

- of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
2. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.
3. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 20-30 participants. Should we end up with less than 20 people, we will determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
4. Late registrations (received within 60 days of departure) may also incur extra fees and charges as discounted rates for hotels and airfares may no longer be available so close to departure. Participants will be made aware of any such charges before their registration is accepted.

REFUND POLICY

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty per person*.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
 - 90 - 61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person*
 - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person*
 - 30 or fewer days prior to departure: no refund*
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the payment schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Comprehensive travel insurance is not included in your tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Trip insurance information will be mailed to you upon the receipt of your reservation. Please contact Sarah Doody at Engaging Journeys at 904.432.3141 or sarah@engagingjourneys.com for insurance information.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on this tour is not transferable.

* Unless enrolled in our payment protection plan

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

1. All inclusions are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Primary Telephone: (_____) _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION (Please check one)

Departure Airport or City: _____

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: Yes No

From: Boston JFK

If self-arranged, please provide us with the full details by mail or email at least 90 days prior to departure.

EXTENSION INFORMATION

I/we plan on extending before or after the tour: Yes No

If yes, I would like to extend to: _____

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS (Please check one)

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: _____

We would like a double twin-bedded room

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.

Yes No

I would like to enroll in the Payment Protection Plan.

Yes No

SIGNATURES

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Case Western Reserve University, Engaging Journeys and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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