



Down to Earth

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Iceland - the North & East Fjords

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A word from your leaders...

We've been taking people to Iceland almost every year since 1997, in total, we must be approaching 1,000 geo-tourists. In the early days we didn't venture beyond the area around Reykjavik. Then we discovered the Westman Islands and the South Coast. Now there are few areas that we haven't visited, but we have not travelled to the North and East Fjords since 2015, so it's high time that we put that right.

We will personally lead this trip with help from our Icelandic partner Ingi, who will drive our all road vehicle and give us the benefit of his immense knowledge all things about the Icelandic nature. We'll be using a number of our tried and tested hotels and guest houses, some of them in fabulous locations. This trip starts and finishes in Keflavik and includes an internal flights from Egilsstadir on the way back. Highlights include Myvatn, the Krafla volcano and Borgarfjörður Eystri.

The trip is of 9-nights duration and offers an optional extra night at the end, in order to make a visit to the most recent volcanic eruption near the Blue Lagoon. Given the recent volcanic activity and the fact that it's so long since we last visited the North and East of the country, we expect this trip to be in high demand, so the advice is to book early to avoid disappointment. Please note that due to the cancellation of the trip that was originally planned for September 2025, this trip is already well subscribed.

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Getting to Iceland

There are now even more flights to Iceland from UK airports, check them out for yourself. Icelandair, flies from Manchester, Glasgow and London Heathrow daily. EasyJet, Jet2 and British Airways also fly to Iceland from various UK airports. You won't be able to book flights until around March, so don't do anything yet. It might be worth checking current schedules to give you an idea of routes and airlines, as this is constantly changing, with new airlines entering services.

Getting around Iceland

We will be picked up from our hotel in Keflavik by our guide and driver Ingi who has many years experience of this kind of trip and has worked with us for years.. He will drive our all-road coach, dropping us off at Egilsstaðir airport at the end of the trip, for an internal flight with Air Iceland back to Reykjavik for our return to Keflavik. He is very informative and fun to be with. Icelandic roads are generally good, although in country areas they tend to be made of rolled volcanic ash. Icelanders are used to rapid changes in road conditions and drive accordingly – snow rarely stops things from moving!

Why Iceland?

Geologically, there is no younger country in Europe than Iceland – indeed it's still forming today, as the Mid-Atlantic rift zone passes through it. Iceland therefore sits astride the European and American plates with a culture and history that is entirely its own, starting with the earliest settlers back in the ninth century – possibly from Ireland. Today, Iceland's population of around 300,000, around 70% of whom live in the Reykjavik area, enjoy a high standard of living based on the country's 'raw materials' fish and water!

As for the weather, whilst it will be cooler than at the same time in the UK, it may not be as cold as you might think, with average temperatures in September around 4-6° C. Icelandic weather often changes very rapidly, so you should be prepared for almost anything! As for daylight hours they will be longer than those you experience in the UK in early September.

The remote Eastern Fjords of Iceland

Accommodation & Food



The trip begins and ends with a comfortable stay in the Konvin Hotel in Keflavik, (see opposite) before moving to Akureyri. Each night will be spent at a different hotel or guest house as we visit the north fjords and then make our way around to the east.

We stay two nights in a great guest house in Borgarfjörður Eystri where we have previously seen the Northern Lights. All the hotels and guest houses will offer us en-suite facilities and good fresh food. with our final night back at the Konvin Hotel in Keflavik. We include the cost of all your main meals, leaving only lunch for you to purchase. We usually stop at the excellent service stations where soup and sandwiches are available at modest cost. On a couple of days we'll enjoy a communal lunch of soup and coffee where we pay the cost.

Itinerary

The following is not intended to be prescriptive, but to give you an idea of what we hope to cover during this trip:-

- Red rocks of Varmahild
- Krossanborgir reserve area
- Akureyri and the North Fjords
- Myvatn and Krafla
- The multi-coloured rocks of Borgarfjörður Eystri
- Rocks and minerals of the East Fjords
- Petra's mineral and rock collection
- Breiðdalsetur and the legacy of George Walker
- Visit to the site of the recent volcanic activity - optional extra at the end of the trip - enquire for details, cost is around £250.

Cost

For 2 people sharing a double or twin room, the cost of the 9-night tour will be £2595.00 per person; for single occupancy, the cost will be £2995.00 per person. N.B the price will increase by £200 each for any bookings taken after June 30th 2025.

If you are willing to share, but don't have a companion, just indicate on the form and we will try to help you.

At the time of writing this brochure, the Icelandic Kroner is about 175 to the £ Sterling and so the prices shown reflect this. Should there be significant changes in the value of the Kroner we reserve the right to change the prices shown here, by not more than 5%.



What's included in the cost?

- The services of Chris Darmon, Colin Schofield and Ingi who will be available to you at all reasonable times
- Accommodation and meals as specified here
- Coach excursions each full day as described
- The cost of the internal flight from Egilsstadir
- Admission to any museums, exhibitions etc. as visited by the group

What's excluded from the cost?

- The cost of travel between your home and Keflavik airport Iceland and return
- Midday lunch – though we will always stop where you can get good food at a reasonable price
- Travel insurance
- Incidental expenditure
- Transfers between the airport and Konvin Hotel Keflavik (may be complimentary anyway)



Booking



Please fill in and return a completed booking form.. Your booking will be confirmed upon receipt of either a deposit of £500.00 per person or the full payment. The balance of the brochure price will be due by May 31st. 2026.

This trip will run provided a minimum of 25 people have booked by December 31st 2025.

Rhyolites in the East Fjords

What happens next?

As soon as we are in a position of confirming that the trip will run - pretty soon judging by the number of people who have shown an interest already - we will let you know. You will then be free to start making your own travel plans and to take advantage of any early booking flight prices. Before then, please don't make any such arrangements.

Your money...

Upon receipt, all monies paid for these trips are placed in a specific 'client trust account' where it cannot be drawn by us until after completion of the tour. This is in accordance with EU Directives and ensures that your money is safe in the unlikely event of corporate failure by Geo Supplies.

Insurance

Everyone booking a place and paying a deposit must take out holiday insurance. This will cover you against loss of money in the event of cancellation etc. Cover is often included in with your credit card or bank account.

Please also see information contained in our 'Residential Field Trips 2025/6'



If you have any questions or queries - contact Chris Darmon as follows:-

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