

Destination Fact Sheet: Iceland

Worldwide region:	Europe
Capital City:	Reykjavik (GMT)
Environment:	Volcanic, Glacial
When to go:	Feb - November
Itineraries:	Explorer, Expedition, Fieldtrek
Highlights:	Thingvellir National Park, Laki Lava fields, Skogafoss, Blue Lagoon, Geysir
Essentially:	Volcanic landscapes and superb scenery make Iceland's terrain like no other in Europe; a remarkable country to visit.



About the country

Iceland is renowned for its spectacular volcanic scenery, green valleys and ice-blue glaciers. These striking contrasts make it an astonishing island to visit, where you will be surrounded by physical nature at its most powerful. From trekking in the sublime peacefulness of the Laki Lava Fields to witnessing the ferocity of the glaciers and giant waterfalls, this is a country where harsh environments create a mesmerising landscape.

Fieldtrek Programme

For centuries Iceland has been energised by the three basic elements of fire, ice and water, which have shaped an island that now provides a remarkable and varied scenery. Including the thundering Gulfoss waterfalls, the thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon, the giant geysers and the power of glaciers, our geography Fieldtrek is a study-based adventure, introducing your group to nature at its most powerful, destructive and beautiful.

Explorer Programme

The definitive Icelandic experience is to trek through the location of Europe's largest volcanic eruption. The Laki Lava fields are an endless twisted expanse of lava tunnels, canyons, craters and volcanoes spread at the foot of the mighty Vatnajokull glacier. Followed by visits to the Blue Lagoon and tours of the Thingvellir National Park, Geysir and the Gulfoss waterfalls, the trip is a complete introduction to Iceland and its most accessible highlights.

Expedition Programme

For groups who yearn for an expedition that will challenge their endurance skills, making a total traverse of the Icelandic highlands has to be the country's ultimate trekking expedition. Following the North-Atlantic volcanic rift from the north to south coast, over Europe's largest glacier and through endless volcanic and glacial landscapes, this journey is a completely unique experience which can be undertaken as one long trip or in a few shorter stages.

In summary

Incredible scenery and outstanding trekking routes provide a fascinating destination for both active and study based adventures. Groups must undergo a fitness programme in the UK, to be physically prepared for the itinerary.



To discuss the variety of options for tailor making a trip to Iceland for your group, please telephone us on 0845 634 4670 or visit our website at www.schoolsworldwide.co.uk