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ALUMNI

Exploring Iceland

May 16-26, 2023

11 days for \$5,892 total price from Rochester, NY
(\$5,495 air & land inclusive plus \$397 airline taxes and fees)



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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Alumni & Friends of the University of Rochester

Featuring Chad W. Post, Publisher, Open Letter Books



Dear University of Rochester alumni and friends,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 11-day small group journey to explore Iceland, a land of astonishing natural beauty, diverse landscapes, and a fascinating history.

Setting out from Reykjavik, see Hellisheidi Power Plant's geothermal exhibit. Traveling through "saga" country, visit the renowned Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls. Explore Lake Mývatn's wondrous environs and embark on a dramatic bird-watching cruise. In Vatnajökull National Park, another natural marvel, admire jaw-dropping Dettifoss, Iceland's "Niagara." Stop at stunning Godafoss, "waterfall of the gods." At a folk museum, encounter Iceland's past, then see famed Icelandic horses at a farm. Experience the Snaefellsnes Peninsula's stupendous scenery. Thingvellir National Park offers fascinating historical insights. Marvel at breathtaking Gullfoss waterfall and the famous Great Geysir. The Icelandic adventure ends with two nights in sophisticated Reykjavik and time for independent exploration. Spend more time discovering Iceland's colorful capital with a 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

Chad W. Post, publisher of Open Letter Books at the University of Rochester, will join us to enhance the educational highlights of the tour. We expect this tour to fill quickly, so your early reservations are encouraged. Please visit our Travel Club web page at www.rochester.edu/alumni/travel to learn more about our travel offerings.

Sincerely,

Lindsay R. Chassé
Associate Director of Lifelong Learning
Alumni Relations & Constituent Engagement

THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS
RESERVATION FORM: EXPLORING ICELAND

To reserve your place on tour, please call **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
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E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____
Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request a Business Class upgrade
I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)
Post-Tour "Reykjavik – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up

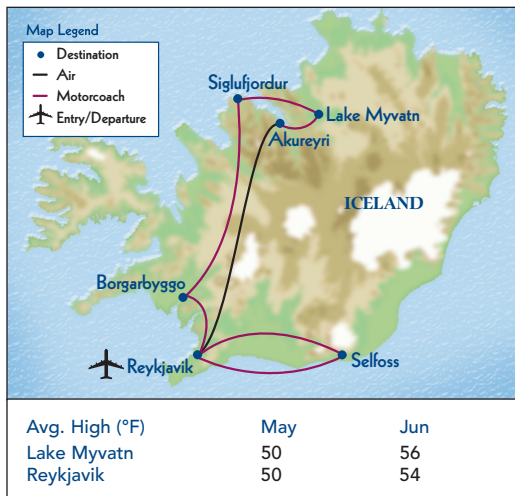
Tour membership limited to 24 guests

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It's a surprising, even astonishing land; one of massive glaciers and rumbling volcanoes, bubbling mud holes and powerful waterfalls; bugely abundant bird life and just 340,000 people; and where the sun never sets for six splendid weeks. It's also perfect for exploring in a small group, as we discover traveling the breadth of the country and getting an up-close view of this natural "wonderland."



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Reykjavik, Iceland

Day 2: Arrive Reykjavik/Selfoss Upon our early morning arrival in Iceland's capital, we meet our tour director, have breakfast at a local restaurant, then enjoy a scenic drive east. We stop to view the geothermal exhibit at the Hellisheidi Power Plant, Iceland's largest geothermal power plant, sitting on the slopes of Hengill volcano. Mid-afternoon, we reach pastoral Selfoss, and our hotel. Tonight: a briefing on the journey ahead followed by a welcome dinner. *B,D*

Day 3: Selfoss/Vik Our first stop today is at picturesque Seljalandsfoss, Iceland's most visited waterfall, followed by nearby Skogafoss, another popular waterfall, known for its rainbows on sunny days. We continue on to lovely Vik, Iceland's southernmost town, where we're free to explore and shop for items of locally produced wool. This afternoon, we walk along the black-sand beach at Reynisfjara, lined with columnar basalt-filled caves. En route to our hotel, we stop by the Solheimajokull "sliding" glacier. *B*

Day 4: Selfoss/Reykjavik/Akureyri/Lake Myvatn We transfer to Reykjavik this morning for the one-hour flight to Akureyri, Iceland's "northern capital," where, upon arrival, we travel to beautiful Lake Myvatn. One of the world's natural wonders, Lake Myvatn and its environs of bubbling mud flats, lava fields, and lunar-like volcanic craters comprise a stunning national park. We stop to explore the bizarre lava formations at Dimmuborgir, and also see the region's unique "pseudo craters," the boiling mud pots at Namaskard, the explosion crater at Viti, and the flat volcano system at Krafla. *B,D*

Day 5: Lake Myvatn/Husavik/Vatnajokull National Park This morning we travel to Husavik, where we embark on a bird-watching cruise to Puffin Island. We may see thousands of seabirds here, including puffins, black guillemots, fulmars, and Arctic terns. This afternoon, we visit Vatnajokull National Park, yet another of Iceland's natural wonders. Here we see Asbyrgi, a huge canyon enveloped by towering walls; in the middle of the partially wooded canyon sits a hoof-shaped rock called "The Island." Next, we visit Hljodaklettur Echo Cliffs, where we explore

Small Group Tour Highlights

Accommodations in well-located, atmospheric small hotels

- Stunning, unique natural scenery
- Hellisheidi geothermal power plant
- Popular Skogafoss waterfall
- Lake Myvatn's mud flats, lava fields, and volcanic craters
- Dramatic bird-watching coastal cruise
- Glacial River Canyon National Park
- Dettifoss, Iceland's "Niagara"
- Godafoss, "waterfall of the gods"
- Visit to Icelandic Breed horse farm
- Touring the beautiful Snafellsnes Peninsula
- Thingvellir National Park
- European-accented Reykjavik

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Reykjavik		
2-3	Selfoss	Hotel Selfoss	First Class
4-5	Lake Myvatn	Fosshotel Myvatn	First Class
6	Siglufjordur	Hotel Siglo	First Class
7-8	Borgarbyggo	Hotel Husafell	First Class
9-10	Reykjavik	Hotel Reykjavik Centrum	First Class
11	Depart Reykjavik for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: Unique Gullfoss, which we visit on Day 9, ranks as one of Iceland's best loved sights.



Iceland's landscape reveals an austere beauty.

the labyrinth of “echoing rocks” created by the spiral basalt formations of the arches and canyons here. Our last stop: jaw-dropping Dettifoss, Europe’s most powerful waterfall and Iceland’s “Niagara.” *B,L,D*

Day 6: Lake Myvatn/Akureyri/Siglufjordur This morning, we stop at Godafoss, the “waterfall of the gods” named for the carvings of Norse gods discarded here when the country was declared Christian a thousand years ago. Mid-morning, we arrive in Akureyri, where we have free time to explore and for lunch on our own. We travel on to Siglufjordur, where we visit the unique Herring Era Museum then arrive at our hotel in time for dinner there tonight. *B,D*

Day 7: Siglufjordur/Borgarbyggo We travel towards the southwest corner of Iceland today, passing through more incredible natural scenery. En route, we visit Glaumbaer, a folk museum featuring authentic turf houses. Later we stop at a Gauksmyri farm to see the famed Icelandic horses first brought here by the Vikings in 800 CE – small, hardy, and with long manes. We also enjoy scenic views at Grabrok Crater, and stop to view the thermal areas of Deildartunguhver and Hraunfossar Falls. *B,D*

Day 8: Borgarbyggo/Snaefellsnes Peninsula Today we encounter the stunning Snaefellsnes Peninsula. We begin with a walk along the shell sand beach at the abandoned fishing village of Budir, surrounded by a vast lava field. We also explore the caves and bizarre rock formations along the rugged shore at Arnarstapi, site of thousands of nesting cliff birds. After a lunch of a traditional fresh seafood soup at a rustic oceanfront restaurant, we see the haunting remains of abandoned coastal farms at Djupalonssandur. *B,L,D*

Day 9: Borgarbyggo/Reykjavik En route to Reykjavik today, we visit Thingvellir National Park, known both for its historic import and as the place where the fissure between the geological plates of North America and Europe is most evident. It’s also a gem of nature, with canyons, caves, waterfalls, and ponds surrounded by snowcapped mountains. We learn about the historic parliament founded here in 930 CE, and walk along a gorge into the rift valley itself. Then we depart for famed Great Geysir and Gullfoss, Iceland’s immensely popular “golden” waterfall. We continue on to Reykjavik, arriving in time for dinner on our own in this stylish city. *B,L*

Day 10: Reykjavik This morning we embark on a tour of the Icelandic capital. Then the remainder of today is at leisure to explore and enjoy Reykjavik

Post-Tour Extension

May 26-28, 2023

Reykjavik – On Your Own

3 days/2 nights for \$395 total price

Single Supplement: \$295

Make the most of the long days in Iceland's colorful capital, at your own pace.

Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Hotel Reykjavik Centrum (First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to Reykjavik airport

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SOMEWHERE, OUT IN
THE INFINITE DISTANCE,
LAY THE SPRING ...”

– HALLDÓR LAXNESS

as we please; those who wish can join in an optional tour to the Blue Lagoon, a natural geothermal spa which offers a soothing bath in waters rich with silica, sulfur, and other minerals. Tonight, we celebrate our adventure over a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 11: Depart for U.S. Today we depart for the airport and our return flights to the U.S. *B*



Iceland's hot spring geysers are famous natural attractions.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; flight within itinerary
- 9 nights' accommodations in First Class hotels
- 20 meals: 10 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Faculty Leader



Chad W. Post is the publisher of Open Letter Books, a press at the University of Rochester dedicated to publishing contemporary literature from around the world. In addition, he is the managing editor of Three Percent, a blog and review site that promotes literature in translation and is home to the Translation Database, the Best Translated Book Awards, and the *Three Percent* and *Two Month Review* podcasts. He is also the author of *The Three Percent Problem: Rants and Responses on Publishing, Translation, and the Future of Reading*. His articles and book reviews have appeared in a range of publications including *The Believer*, *Publishing Perspectives*, the *Wall Street Journal* culture blog, *Bookforum*, *Rolling Stone*, and *Quarterly Conversation*, among others.

Tour Departs: May 16, 2023

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$5,492
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Baltimore, Denver, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Seattle	\$5,792
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Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Rochester, Tampa	\$5,892
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Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco	\$5,992
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Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,895
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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$397, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$795. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip international flight per person, in addition to the costs above: \$1,595 from Boston, New York, Newark, Washington, DC (Dulles); \$2,195 from Chicago, Minneapolis; \$2,595 from Denver, Seattle (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain in a natural environment. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this tour to the fullest.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at

888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

You may also contact the University of Rochester Travel Club at

877-MELIORA (877-635-4672)

or e-mail Lindsay Chassé at lindsay.chasse@rochester.edu

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: full refund; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

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Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a significant amount of walking and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the University of Rochester and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

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