



Iceland is perhaps the perfect destination for a school geography tour. The “Land of Fire and Ice” has an extensive range of waterfalls, glaciers and geothermal phenomena. Iceland lies on the boundaries between two tectonic plates and the combination of volcanism, plate tectonics, geothermal activity and glaciation makes it the perfect environment for a school geography trip.

On arrival, your geography group will explore the volcanism and geothermal activity on the Reykjanes Peninsula before stopping off at the Bridge Between Two Continents where you can see evidence of tectonic movement. We finish the first day at the instantly recognisable Blue Lagoon, one of the most famous attractions in Iceland.

The classic full-day Golden Circle Tour visits the Mid-Atlantic ridge, provides the opportunity to see Strokkur erupting every few minutes before continuing on to the huge triple-drop waterfall at Gullfoss, one of the most popular and recognisable attractions in Iceland.

The South Shore full-day tour visits the two spectacular waterfalls at Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss. We then continue to the Solheimajokull Glacier, with the option of adding on a Glacier walk, before finishing at the extensive black sand beach at Reynishverfi.

CURRICULUM LINKS

See evidence of tectonic movement, identify both glacial erosion and deposition and learn about a range of physical processes.



KS3

- Geological timescale and plate tectonics
- Weather and climate
- Glaciation

GCSE

- Characteristics of cold environments
- Plate tectonics theory
- Living alongside hazards in developed countries
- Management of tectonics hazards and their effects
- Monitoring, prediction and protection at plate boundaries

A LEVEL

- Glaciated landscapes beyond the UK
- Glacial erosion, transportation and deposition
- Climate change and other threats to glaciers
- Earth structure and plate tectonics
- Volcanic hazards and their impacts
- Global significance of mega-disasters: Eyafjallajokull 2010

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Depending on the flight times the first day itinerary may be moved to the final day.

Day 1	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Flight to Reykjavik, coach transfer to Reykjanes	Visit Krysuvik Hot Springs, Bridge between continents, Power Plant Earth & the Blue Lagoon	Evening meal at accommodation
Day 2	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Full day Golden Circle Tour - Thingvellir	Geysir; Gullfoss and Kerid Crater	Evening meal at accommodation
Day 3	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Full day South Shore Tour – Seljalandsfoss, Skogafoss	Solheimajokull Glacier, Reynisfjara Coast	Evening meal at accommodation
Day 4	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Coach transfer to airport	Return flight to UK	

EDUCATIONAL VISIT OPTIONS

- Glacier hike on Solheimajokull



SAMPLE ACCOMMODATION

We offer a choice of hotel or hostel accommodation in Reykjavik. We highly recommend booking as early as possible – there is great demand on accommodation for school groups.



HOTEL CABIN

Popular school group hotel located within walking distance of the local cafes and shops. Students are accommodated in triple rooms and teachers in singles or twins. All rooms have private bathrooms and free wifi. Breakfast and evening meals are served "buffet style" in the hotel restaurant.

DALUR HI HOSTEL

A great eco-friendly hostel offering budget accommodation in the centre of Reykjavik, with a good range of facilities including cafe-bar, wi-fi, board games, meeting rooms. Many bedrooms have private bathrooms, some bedrooms have bathrooms on the corridor.



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