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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

# EXPLORING ICELAND

September 18-28, 2018

**11 days for 5,497 total price from Detroit**  
(\$5,095 air & land inclusive plus \$402 airline taxes and fees)



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A Special Small Group Tour for  
Alumni and Friends of MSU



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**Dear Spartans,**

The MSU Alumni Association invites you to travel on a special 11-day small group tour to explore the unique country of Iceland, a land of astonishing natural beauty and diverse wildlife.

A journey to the land of fire and ice brings you face-to-face with the wondrous forces of nature. Travel to Lake Myvatn, one of the world's natural wonders, and stand on the edge of Europe's largest and most powerful waterfall, Dettifoss. Experience Hljodaklettur's remarkable basaltic rock columns, caves, and twisting towers then gaze into a long canyon created by enormous glacial floods at Asbyrgi. See the site of the country's historic parliament founded in 930 CE in Thingvellir National Park. Learn about traditional Icelandic life in South Iceland's Skogar Folk Museum and visit the region where one of Iceland's beloved medieval sagas was set. Conclude your journey in lively, cosmopolitan Reykjavik.

We are pleased to share this departure with alumni from the University of Mississippi. Space is limited to 24 guests in total from both schools, and will fill quickly. Please call today to reserve your place!

Go Green!

Regina Cross  
Director of Alumni Travel  
MSU Alumni Association

**THE MSU RESERVATION FORM: EXPLORING ICELAND**

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person(s) on **Exploring Iceland** departing **September 18, 2018**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or you may call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765. You may also call the MSU Alumni Association toll-free at 888-697-2863 for more information.**

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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)

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Exploring Iceland, September 18-28, 2018**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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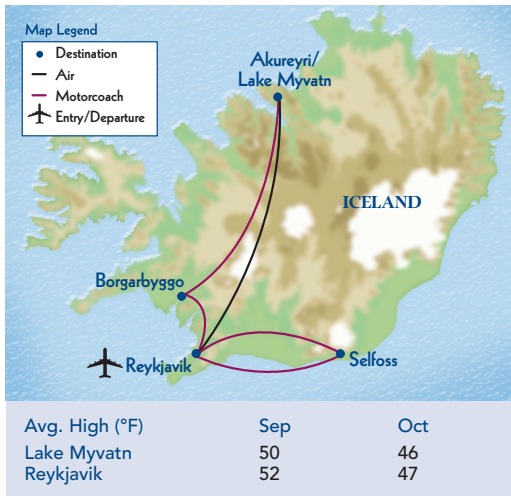
Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

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*It's a surprising, even astonishing land; one of massive glaciers and rumbling volcanoes, bubbling mud holes and powerful waterfalls; hugely abundant bird life and just 300,000 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/Borgarbyggo** Upon our early morning arrival in Iceland's capital, we meet our Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and enjoy a scenic drive north, stopping for breakfast along the way. Then we take an excursion to the thermal areas of Deildartunguhver, site of the country's largest thermal spring, and Hraunfossar Falls, beautiful and unusual cold springs that well up through the lava landscape. We also visit the Settlement Center, an interactive museum detailing the story of Iceland's earliest settlers, including that of famed 10<sup>th</sup>-century Viking Egil Skallagrimsson. After reaching our hotel mid-afternoon, we have time to relax before this evening's briefing on the journey ahead followed by a welcome dinner. *B,D*

## Day 3: Borgarbyggo/Snaefellsnes Peninsula

Today we encounter the stupendous scenery of the 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 stopping for lunch – a traditional fresh seafood soup – at a rustic oceanfront restaurant, we visit Djupalonssandur where we see the haunting remains of abandoned coastal farms. *B,L,D*

**Day 4: Borgarbyggo/Akureyri** We travel today through varying landscapes towards the northeast corner of Iceland, and to Akureyri, Iceland's northern capital, strikingly set at the head of a fjord. Along the way we stop at Grabok Crater for scenic views, and at a Gauksmyri farm featuring famed Icelandic horses – small, hardy, and with long manes. We also tour Glaumbaer, a folk museum featuring authentic turf houses. Upon arrival in Akureyri, we take a guided coach and walking tour of this urban gem, visiting the botanical garden and Akureyrarkirkja church, with its unusual interior, before checking in at our hotel. *B,D*

## Small Group Tour Highlights

Accommodations in well-located, atmospheric small hotels • Stunning, unique natural scenery • Touring the beautiful Snaefellsnes Peninsula • Charming Akureyri • Godafoss, "waterfall of the gods" • Visit to Icelandic Breed horse farm • Lake Myvatn's mud flats, lava fields, and volcanic craters • Dettifoss, Iceland's "Niagara" • Glacial River Canyon National Park • Thingvellir National Park • Popular Skogafoss waterfall • Sophisticated Reykjavik

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Reykjavik		
2-3	Borgarbyggo	Hotel Husafell	First Class
4-6	Akureyri	Hotel Kea	First Class
7-8	Selfoss	Hotel Selfoss	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: On Day 7 we visit the beautiful – and popular – Gullfoss waterfall.



*The church in Vik sits high on a hill, offering scenic views of the ocean and town.*

**Day 5: Akureyri/Lake Myvatn** Today 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 stunningly beautiful national park. Our explorations begin with a walk up to the fascinating Hverfjall crater, a local landmark. Later we see the region's unique "pseudo craters," the boiling mud pots at Namaskard, the bizarre lava formations at Dimmuborgir, and the flat volcano system at Krafla. Our last stop is the incredible Glacial River Canyon National Park, yet another of Iceland's natural wonders, where we walk to jaw-dropping Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall and Iceland's "Niagara." After this day of stunning scenery, we return to our hotel in time for dinner on our own tonight. *B,L*

**Day 6: Akureyri/Jökulsárgljúfur National Park** This morning we visit Hljodaklettur Echo Cliffs where we explore the labyrinth of "echoing rocks" created by the spiral basalt formations of arches and canyons here. We travel next to Asbyrgi, a huge canyon enveloped by towering walls; in the middle of the partially wooded canyon sits a huge hoof-shaped rock called "The Island." Then en route back to Akureyri, 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. *B,D*

**Day 7: Akureyri/Reykjavik/Selfoss** This morning we fly to Reykjavik; upon arrival we coach to 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. After a lunch of wild freshwater trout at a lakeside hotel, we depart for famed Great Geysir and Gullfoss, Iceland's immensely popular "golden" waterfall with its spectacular two-tiered cataract. Then we drive down to the southern coast to the beautiful agricultural area of Selfoss. *B,L*



*Iceland's hot spring geysers are famous natural attractions.*

YOU WILL REACH YOUR  
DESTINATION EVEN THOUGH  
YOU TRAVEL SLOWLY.

– ICELANDIC PROVERB

**Day 8: Selfoss/Vik** This morning we walk along the black-sand beach at Reynisfjara, lined with columnar basalt-filled caves. Next we visit picturesque Seljalandsfoss, Iceland's most visited waterfall, followed by a stop at the Skogar Folk Museum, which depicts traditional life in Iceland. From here we walk to nearby Skogafoss, one of Iceland's most popular waterfalls, known for its rainbows on sunny days. After lunch on our own at the museum, we continue on to lovely Vik, Iceland's southernmost village surrounded by green hills, a massive icecap, the sea, and Katla, a notorious volcano. Here we're free to explore on our own and to shop for items of locally produced wool. En route to our hotel, we stop by the stunning Solheimajokull "sliding" glacier, so named for its rapid advance in the 1990s. *B,D*

**Day 9: Selfoss/Reykjavik** Heading back to Reykjavik today we travel through "saga" country, the setting of one of the country's famous medieval stories. We stop along the way to see the geothermal exhibit at the Hellisheidi Power Plant, Iceland's largest. Upon arrival in Reykjavik, we have lunch at a local restaurant then embark on a city tour of the Icelandic capital. Home to more than half of Iceland's population, Reykjavik ranks as one of the world's safest and cleanest cities. Later, we check in at our well-located hotel in the city center. Dinner tonight is on our own in this stylish city. *B,L*

**Day 10: Reykjavik** Today is at leisure to explore and enjoy Reykjavik as we please; those who wish can join in an optional tour to the Blue Lagoon for a soothing bath in geothermal waters rich with silica, sulfur, and other minerals. The city is a sophisticated European urban center with museums and galleries; theater, symphony, and dance; boutiques and restaurants. Tonight we celebrate our adventure over a farewell dinner. *B,D*

**Day 11: Depart for U.S.** This morning is free, perhaps for some last-minute shopping. Early this afternoon we depart for the airport and our return flights to the U.S. *B*

## 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, 4 lunches, 6 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



On Day 4 we visit a farm featuring famed Icelandic horses.

## Tour Departs: September 18, 2018

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

Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$5,097
Baltimore, Denver, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Seattle	\$5,397
Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa	\$5,497
Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco	\$5,597
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,495

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$402, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,395. 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: \$1,495 from Boston, New York, Newark, Washington, DC (Dulles); \$2,195 from Chicago, Minneapolis; \$2,395 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**

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## 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; 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 sight-seeing; 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 written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-95 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-94 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-50 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.**

### Responsibility

The liability of the MSU Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The MSU Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

### Health and Medical Issues

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the MSU Alumni Association 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, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the MSU Alumni Association assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

### Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

### Travel Insurance

We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you with your confirmation letter from the MSU Alumni Association.



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