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# Exploring Iceland

August 29-September 8, 2024

**11 days from \$6,492 total price from Boston, New York, Wash, DC**

(\$5,995 air & land inclusive plus \$497 airline taxes and fees)



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Dear Brown Alumni and Friends,

Join the Brown Travelers 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 Reykjavík, see Hellisheiði 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 whale-watching cruise. In Vatnajökull National Park, another natural marvel, admire jaw-dropping Dettifoss, Iceland’s “Niagara.” Stop at stunning Goðafoss, “waterfall of the gods.” At a folk museum, encounter Iceland’s past, then see famed Icelandic horses at a farm. Experience the Snæfellsnes Peninsula’s stupendous scenery. Þingvellir 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 Reykjavík and time for independent exploration. Spend more time discovering Iceland’s colorful capital with a 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

This exclusive small group journey is limited to just 24 Brown Travelers. With room for only 24 guests on this popular program, we expect that our limited space will fill quickly. I encourage you to make your reservations today.

Sincerely,

Zach Langway '09  
Vice President, Alumni Relations

**BROWN TRAVELERS 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 instead 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.**  
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I/We would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request a Business Class upgrade

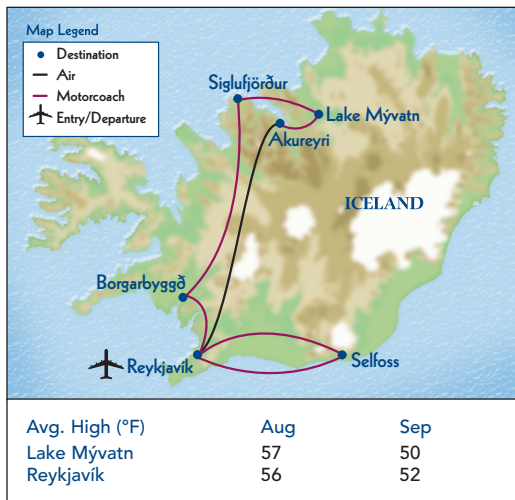
I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

**Post-Tour “Reykjavík – On Your Own” Extension:** Please sign me/us up

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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 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 Reykjavík, Iceland

**Day 2: Arrive Reykjavík/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 Hellisheiði 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/Vík** Our first stop today is at picturesque Seljalandsfoss, Iceland's most visited waterfall, followed by nearby Skógafoss, another popular waterfall, known for its rainbows on sunny days. We continue on to lovely Vík, 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 Reynisdrangar, lined with columnar basalt-filled caves. En route to our hotel, we stop by the Sólheimajökull "sliding" glacier. *B*

**Day 4: Selfoss/Reykjavík/Akureyri/Lake Mývatn** We transfer to Reykjavík this morning for the one-hour flight to Akureyri, Iceland's "northern capital," where, upon arrival, we travel to beautiful Lake Mývatn. One of the world's natural wonders, Lake Mývatn 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 Námaskarð, the explosion crater at Víti and the flat volcano system at Krafla. *B,D*

**Day 5: Lake Mývatn/Húsavík/Vatnajökull National Park** This morning we travel to Húsavík, Iceland's picturesque fishing and whale-watching village. Upon arrival, we embark on a cruise to see these enormous creatures, including the humpback whale with its large flippers and distinctive dives. In addition to seeing Iceland's diverse whale population, we will observe birdlife and fantastic natural scenery here. This afternoon, we visit Vatnajökull National Park, yet another of Iceland's natural wonders. Here we see Ásbyrgi, a huge canyon enveloped by towering

## Small Group Tour Highlights

Accommodations in well-located, atmospheric small hotels

- Stunning, unique natural scenery • Hellisheiði geothermal power plant • Popular Skógafoss waterfall • Lake Mývatn's mud flats, lava fields, and volcanic craters
- Whale-watching cruise • Glacial River Canyon National Park • Dettifoss, Iceland's "Niagara" • Godafoss, "waterfall of the gods" • Visit to Icelandic Breed horse farm • Touring the beautiful Snæfellsnes Peninsula • Þingvellir National Park • European-accented Reykjavík

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Reykjavík		
2-3	Selfoss	Hotel Selfoss	First Class
4-5	Lake Mývatn	Fosshotel Mývatn	First Class
6	Siglufjörður	Hotel Siglo	First Class
7-8	Borgarbyggð	Hotel Húsafell	First Class
9-10	Reykjavík	Hotel Reykjavík Centrum	First Class
11	Depart Reykjavík for U.S.		

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



Every landscape within Iceland is photogenic; like this striking white church with a classic red roof.

walls; in the middle of the partially wooded canyon sits a hoof-shaped rock called “The Island.” Next, we visit Hljóðaklettur Echo Cliffs, where we explore 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 Mývatn/Akureyri/Siglufjörður** This morning, we stop at Goðafoss, 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 Siglufjörður, where we visit the unique Herring Era Museum then arrive at our hotel in time for dinner there tonight. *B,D*

**Day 7: Siglufjörður/Borgarbyggð** We travel towards the southwest corner of Iceland today, passing through more incredible natural scenery. En route, we visit Glaumbær, featuring exhibits on rural Icelandic life from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, including 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 Grábrók Crater and stop to view the thermal areas of Deildartunguhver and Hraunfossar Falls. *B,D*

**Day 8: Borgarbyggð/Snæfellsnes Peninsula** Today we encounter the stunning Snæfellsnes Peninsula. We begin with a walk along the shell sand beach at the abandoned fishing village of Búðir, 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 Djúpálónssandur. *B,L,D*

**Day 9: Borgarbyggð/Reykjavík** En route to Reykjavík today, we visit Þingvellir 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 Reykjavík, arriving in time for dinner on our own in this stylish city. *B,L*

## Post-Tour Extension

September 8-10, 2024

### Reykjavík – On Your Own

3 days/2 nights for \$495 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 Reykjavík Centrum (First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to Reykjavík airport

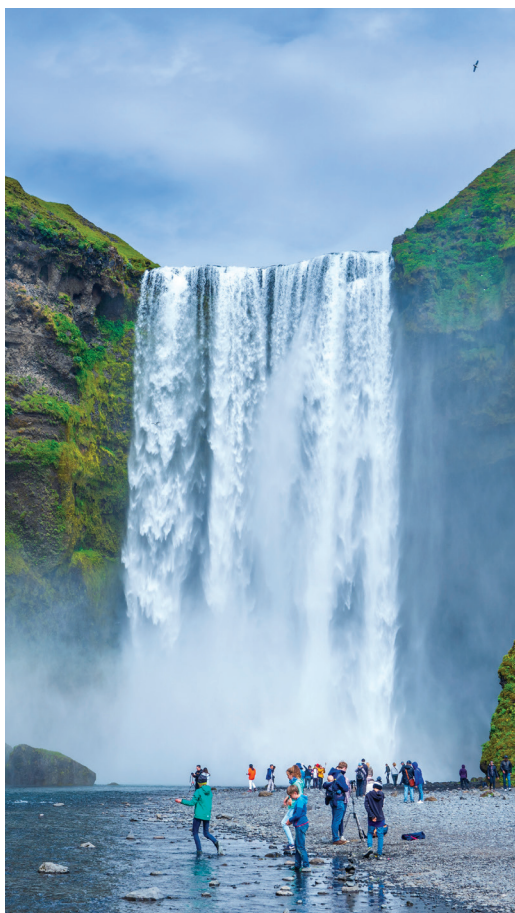


RATHER KEEP YOUR MIND FREE  
AND YOUR PATH YOUR OWN”

– HALLDÓR LAXNESS

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



*We visit popular Skógafoss on Day 3.*

## 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

## Brown Faculty Lecturer

The Brown Travelers program aims to include a representative from Brown on each trip, and we make every effort to secure an outstanding faculty lecturer for the departure. However, due to the advanced planning required for group travel and the current dynamic nature of travel arrangements, we may encounter challenges in confirming Brown faculty participation for this specific program. If, for any reason, we are unable to arrange for an accompanying lecturer, please rest assured that our tour operators share our belief in the transformative power of travel as a profound learning opportunity. Despite potential variations in staffing, the educational content of this tour will be maintained at a high standard.



*Famed Icelandic horses.*

## Tour Departs: August 29, 2024

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

Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$6,492
Baltimore, Denver, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Seattle	\$6,792
Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa	\$6,892
Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco	\$6,992
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,795

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges and fees of \$497, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,195. 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: \$1,795 from Boston, Newark, New York; \$2,395 from all other cities (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 information about logistics or registration, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at**

**888-370-6765**

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

## 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: \$200 charge; cancel 94-85 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 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 Brown University and the Brown 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. Brown University and the Brown 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:** 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, Brown University and the Brown Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. 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.**

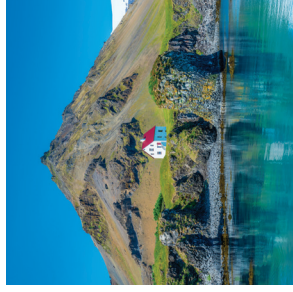
Please note that the Brown University Faculty Lecturer's participation is contingent on a minimum number of travelers. We cannot guarantee the size of the group. We also cannot guarantee that participation of the advertised professor, but if an unexpected conflict should arise, we will make every effort to find a suitable replacement.



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