



Williams College presents

EXPLORING ICELAND

July 1-11, 2017

11 days for \$5,242 total price from Boston, New York, Wash, DC
(\$4,895 air & land inclusive plus \$347 airline taxes and fees)



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An Exclusive Small Group Tour
for Alumni & Friends of Williams College

*Accompanied by Paul Karabinos,
Charles L. MacMillan Professor of Natural Sciences*



Dear Williams Alumni and Friends,

We invite you on an exclusive small group exploration through Iceland, a unique country of astonishing natural beauty. Joining us to offer educational insight regarding Iceland's geological wonders is Paul Karabinos, MacMillan Professor of Natural Sciences at Williams College.

A journey to the land of fire and ice brings you face-to-face with the primal forces of nature. Stand on the edge of Europe's largest waterfall, Dettifoss, and travel to Lake Myvatn, one of the world's natural wonders. Experience Hljodaklettur's remarkably unusual basaltic rock columns, caves, and twisting towers, then gaze into a long canyon created by enormous glacial floods at Asbyrgi.

Travel to Thingvellir National Park and see the site of the country's historic parliament founding in 930 CE. Learn about traditional Icelandic life in South Iceland's Skogar Folk Museum, and visit the region where many of Iceland's beloved medieval sagas were set. Conclude your journey in lively, urban Reykjavik.

This air-inclusive, intimate journey is limited to just 24 Williams travelers. Call today to secure your space!

Best wishes,

Leila Derstine
Coordinator, Alumni Travel Study
Williams College

WILLIAMS COLLEGE RESERVATION FORM: EXPLORING ICELAND

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person/people on **Exploring Iceland** departing **July 1, 2017**. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send (with completed reservation form) to: Odysseys Unlimited, One Newton Place, 275 Washington St., Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Please contact Odysseys Unlimited at (toll-free) 888-370-6765 for questions or reservations. You may also contact Leila Derstine at the Williams College College Alumni Travel Office at 413-597-4011 for information, or e-mail at leila.derstine@williams.edu.**

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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, July 1-11, 2017**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

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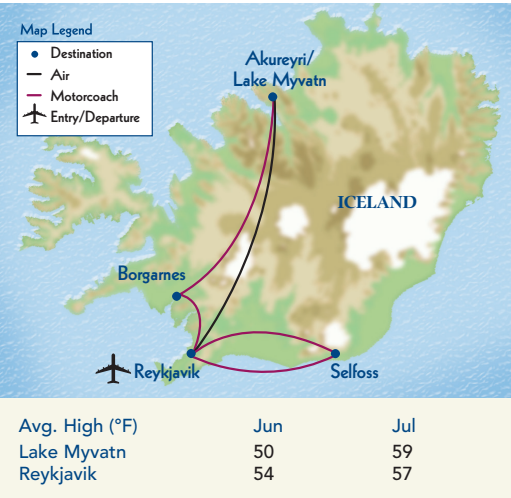
Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

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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 staying in excellent lodgings.



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

Day 2: Arrive Reykjavik/Borgarnes Upon our early morning arrival in Iceland's capital, we meet our tour director and enjoy a scenic drive to our hotel in Borgarnes, stopping for breakfast along the way. After some free time to rest, we take an afternoon excursion to the thermal areas of Deildartunguhver and also to Hraunfossar Falls. Then we visit the Reyholt Cultural Centre, a historic site based on the life and residence of saga writer Snorri Sturluson who lived here between 1206 and 1241. Tonight we gather at our hotel for a briefing on the journey ahead followed by a welcome dinner. **B,D**

Day 3: Borgarnes/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: Borgarnes/Akureyri We travel towards the northeast corner of Iceland today, and to the fjords of Akureyri, Iceland's northern capital. Along the way we visit Grasbrok Crater for scenic views. Next we call on a Gauksmyri farm featuring famed Icelandic horses – small, hardy, and with long manes. In Akureyri, we have free time for lunch on our own then take a guided coach and walking tour of this urban gem before checking in at our hotel. **B,D**

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

Your 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 ... Dramatic bird-watching coastal cruise ... Popular Skogafoss waterfall ... Sophisticated Reykjavik

| Day | Itinerary | Hotel | Rating |
|------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Depart U.S. for Reykjavik | | |
| 2-3 | Borgarnes | Hotel Hamar | Not rated |
| 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. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

Cover Photo: On Day 8 we visit Skogafoss, one of Iceland's most popular sights.



Colorful buildings line Reykjavik's streets.

lunar-like volcanic craters comprise a stunningly beautiful national park. Our explorations begin with a 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. We continue 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, the explosive crater at Viti, 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**

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.” We continue on to Husavik, where mid-afternoon we embark on a bird-watching cruise to Puffin Island to see the thousands of seabirds here (based on seasonality): puffins, black guillemots, fulmars, and Arctic terns. **B,L,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 snow-capped 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. Then we drive down to the southern coast to the beautiful agricultural area of Selfoss. **B,L**



Hardy puffins thrive in Iceland.

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DESTINATION EVEN THOUGH
YOU TRAVEL SLOWLY.

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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 Seljalandfoss, 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 town, where 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 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. 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 and unrated 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

Meet Your Williams Professor

Paul Karabinos is the Charles L. MacMillan Professor of Natural Sciences at Williams College. He came to Williams in 1983, soon after receiving his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. Paul is an expert on global tectonics, geographic information systems (GIS), and the geology of mountain and volcanic formations. He has successfully led numerous alumni travel-study experiences and looks forward to sharing with Williams travelers the magnificent geological wonders of Iceland.



Iceland has a desolate beauty.

Tour Departs: July 1, 2017

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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| Boston, New York, Washington, DC | \$5,242 |
| Baltimore, Denver, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Seattle | \$5,542 |
| Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa | \$5,642 |
| Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco | \$5,742 |
| 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 \$347, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$995. All prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip international flight per person: \$1,495 from Boston, New York, Washington, DC (Dulles); \$2,195 from Minneapolis; \$2,395 from Denver, Seattle (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

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

For information, please contact the Williams College Alumni Travel Office at 413-597-4011

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 day, per traveler); 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 our 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 94-65 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 a guest makes any changes to their 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.**

Insurance

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. You will be sent insurance information from Williams College upon registration.

Responsibility

The liability of the President and Trustees of Williams College, 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 President and Trustees of Williams College 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 line, 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 Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you **must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and ships 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 our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. 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 President and Trustees of Williams College 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 assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited 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.**

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