

Sports Travel Experience Designed Especially for Your Team



Soccer in Iceland

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM NORTH AMERICA
- DAY 2 ARRIVE REYKJAVIK AREA (6 NIGHTS) - BLUE LAGOON
- DAY 3 TRAINING SESSION & STADIUM TOUR
- DAY 4 REYKJAVIK & FIRST INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 5 THE WONDERS OF REYKJANES & SECOND INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 6 TRAINING SESSION, THIRD INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY & NORTHERN LIGHTS
- DAY 7 FOURTH INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY & GOLDEN CIRCLE TOUR
- DAY 8 DEPARTURE FROM REYKJAVIK

ITINERARY

Football is the most popular sport in Iceland. An Icelandic national team has qualified for the final competition of a major tournament only four times, twice by the women's national team at UEFA Women's Euro in 2009 and 2013, and twice by the men's team at UEFA Euro 2016 and the 2018 FIFA World Cup. Iceland's most famous footballer is Eiður Guðjohnsen, whom has won two Premier League titles for Chelsea F.C. as well as the La Liga, Copa del rey and the Champions League title for FC Barcelona.

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| Educational Tour/Visit | Cultural Experience | Festival/Performance/Workshop | Tour Services |
| Recreational Activity | LEAP Enrichment | Match/Training Session | |

DAY 1



- Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight to Reykjavik.
* Please note that the final itinerary may be slightly different from this program. The final itinerary will be determined based on the size of the group, any adjustments that are required (such as adding additional matches), and the final schedule of the matches. (If additional matches are required, then some sightseeing content will be replaced by the additional matches needed.)
- Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.

DAY 2



- We will be met at the airport by our private bus and driver. We will have the use of private transportation as required during our time in Iceland.
- THE BLUE LAGOON**
Relax and enjoy the world famous bright blue mineral-rich swimming pool, with geothermally heated water in the middle of a large lava field. A swim in the Blue Lagoon can be an amazing experience. Great clouds of vapour rise from the water, parting from time to time to reveal the immense stacks and buildings of power plant and moss-covered lava formations in the back group. The bottom is covered with chalky rocks and slimy white silica mud.
- Our base for the next 6 nights will be in the greater Reykjavik area. While here breakfast and dinner will be included, as well as a daily lunch or packed lunch (based on the schedule).
- We will have lunch at the hotel.
- TRAINING SESSION**
We will participate in a Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day).
- Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.



DAY 3

- This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
- Today we will travel to train and then to explore Reykjavik.
- LIGHT TRAINING SESSION**
We will participate in a light Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day).



DAY 3



Reykjavik is the capital and largest city of Iceland. Its latitude at 64°08' N makes it the world's most northern capital of a sovereign state. It is located in southwest Iceland, with a population of around 120,000 it is the heart of Iceland's economic and governmental activity. Its location, only slightly south of the Arctic Circle, receives only four hours of daylight on the shortest day in the depth of winter; during the summer the nights are almost as bright as the days.



REYKJAVÍK CITY TOUR

On this tour you will get the highlights of the history and culture of Iceland's capital. You will for example stop at Hallgrímskirkja church, Perlan with its fabulous viewing deck, Höfði house where Reagan and Gorbachev met in 1986 to begin the process of ending the Cold War and Harpa concert hall. The guide will provide you with all the essential information regarding Reykjavik's rich culture, history and natural environment. The essential introduction to Iceland's capital!



FIRST FRIENDLY MATCH

We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match).



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 4



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel to train and then for a stadium tour.



LIGHT TRAINING SESSION

We will participate in a light Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day).



FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF ICELAND

We will take a special visit to the Football Association of Iceland's headquarters. We will enjoy a presentation on Icelandic Football and the rise of the Icelandic national team in recent years. We will then have an opportunity for a question and answer session, followed by a tour of the National Stadium. (Subject to final confirmation)



SECOND FRIENDLY MATCH

We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match).



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 5



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will explore the Reykjavik and then play our match.



LIGHT TRAINING SESSION

We will participate in a light Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day).



DAY 5



THE WONDERS OF REYKJANES

Get a little bit of everything Icelandic on this varied tour which includes two geothermal sites, dramatic coastlines and quaint, historic towns. Between the lava fields and geothermal hot spots, you will really get a feeling of the life and power of this young land. Half of the attraction of this tour is the beautiful scenery you pass, starting with the endless lava fields and the quaint and historic small town Eyrarbakki, which you pass through en route to the legendary Strandakirkja church. You can see the ground cooking at two different geothermal areas: Krýsuvík and Gunnhver, and enjoy delicious lobster soup in Grindavík. Take in the magnificent coastline and dramatic breaking waves by the Reykjanesviti lighthouse, and finally step out on the "Bridge Between the Continents" which connects the American and Eurasian tectonic plates, all while surrounded with the breathtaking scenery of the Reykjanes peninsula.



THIRD FRIENDLY MATCH

We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match).



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 6



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel to training and then to our final match.



LIGHT TRAINING SESSION

We will participate in a light Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day).



We will enjoy free time around the hotel.



FOURTH FRIENDLY MATCH

We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match).



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.



THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

The Northern Lights tour in Iceland takes you to see a spectacular natural phenomenon which happens during the winter months. The Northern Lights, also known as Aurora Borealis, are caused by the interaction of particles from the sun with the upper atmosphere near the North Pole. Northern Lights in Iceland are visible during the winter months, from September to April. The locations visited during the Northern Lights tour vary from day to day depending on weather conditions. Because this tour is weather dependent, sightings are not guaranteed.

DAY 7



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel to training and then take the Golden Circle tour.



TRAINING SESSION

We will participate in a Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day).



DAY 7



THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

The Golden Circle tour allows you to visit some of Iceland's most stunning sights, starting with the Geysir geothermal area where the Strokkur geyser shoots a column of water up to 30 metres (98 ft.) into the air every 4-8 minutes in a thrilling display of nature's forces. The visit continues with Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, created by the river Hvítá, which tumbles and plunges into a crevice some 32 m (105 ft.) deep. The Golden Circle tour also includes the historical and geological wonder that is Thingvellir National Park, where the American and Eurasian tectonic plates are pulling apart at a rate of a few centimetres per year. Additionally, the tour includes a visit to the idyllic Friðheimar greenhouse cultivation centre, where you can learn about the magic behind growing delicious, pesticide-free tomatoes and cucumbers with the aid of the geothermal heat that Iceland has in abundance.



This evening, dinner will be provided in the hotel restaurant.



DAY 8



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our Tour Director accompanies us to the airport on our final day. (Departure at 10:55 am)



What is Included:

- Round trip airfare, including all airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodation in three star hotels in twin and triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- Breakfast and dinner (or lunch) at the hotel daily (determined by the final sporting arrangements)
- WorldStrides Excel Sports Tour Director to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- Transportation by private coach for transfers and touring, as required based on your itinerary
- Excursions, cultural activities, stadium tours and admissions as per your itinerary
- International Friendly Matches per your itinerary (Excel Sports is a FIFA approved match agent, holding the rights to arrange soccer matches between teams from different confederations, and we provide U.S. Soccer Federation sanctioning of all games, which
- Training Sessions and/or Professional Coaching Clinics per your itinerary
- One professional soccer ticket (subject to travel dates and match schedule)
- Three free college credits for all high school students (earning credit is optional for each participant and post trip course work is required)
- Free Professional Development Points/Credits (35 points or equivalent) for any educators traveling with the group
- Manchester United Raffle Fundraiser - all proceeds earned go directly to the cost of the tour
- WorldStrides Excel Sports App - featuring itinerary, flight and hotel details, as well as instant messaging capabilities
- Financial assistance program through the Future Leaders of American Government (FLAG) Foundation (for qualifying participants)
- Payment plans to meet the needs of all participants - EZPay and our Advantage Payment Plan (APP), where participants can make equal installment payments up to six months after the trip
- USTOA Extensive Consumer Protection up to \$1,000,000 in coverage for advance deposits through our USTOA membership
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation
- Industry leading Professional Liability Insurance of \$50,000,000 in coverage
- Exclusive 24-hour Doctors On-Call partnership with George Washington University Hospital
- Marketing support for Program Leaders to assist in group recruitment (digital, print, and in-person presentations)
- One free place in a single room throughout the tour

This Does Not Include:

- Any items not mentioned above or in the detailed itinerary
- Single rooms for adults - available at a supplement of \$50 per night
- Third daily meal or personal beverages with meals
- Laundry services on tour
- Public transport pass in capital or major cities
- Visas (if required)
- Tips and gratuities for the Tour Director and driver
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage
- Travel Insurance - we offer and encourage you to consider our comprehensive policy which includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$149 (available upon registration)