



# ICELAND'S

*Northern Lights Exploration*

Kirkjufell

# Dickinson

Alumni Global Adventures

**March 11 - 19, 2022 (9 days)**

**with Dickinson geologist Ben Edwards**





- = Itinerary stops
- # = Overnight stays
- ✈ = Flights



*"The entire experience was excellent - especially waterfalls, the Icelandic people, and Ben's illuminating presentations of the geology of Iceland."*

- Daniel & Betty, Florida





## Faculty Leader



**Ben Edwards** is a professor of Earth Sciences who first visited Iceland in 1995, and has been making regular visits (about once every two years) ever since to study the island's volcanoes and geology. He has taught courses on minerals, rocks, soils, environmental disasters, Arctic climate change, and volcanoes at Dickinson since arriving in Carlisle in 2002. His main research focus is interactions between volcanoes and glaciers, and Edwards has taken many groups of Dickinson students to see Icelandic volcanoes since 2005. He has also led trips for Dickinson alumni to Iceland, Italy, and the Galapagos Islands. In addition to Iceland, Edwards has traveled across the globe to study ice-volcano interactions and climate change, including Russia, Alaska, British Columbia, Chile, Peru, Greenland, and the Canadian High Arctic. He has published multiple peer-reviewed scientific articles about volcanoes and volcanic eruptions, including a book on 'Glaciovolcanism' and papers about the infamous 2010 eruption of Eyjafjallajökull in southern Iceland. Edwards has a BA in geology from Carleton College, an MSc. from the University of Wyoming, and his Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia. His wife Kim and two daughters, Teagan and Kaelan, have all traveled to Iceland on 'family' research excursions.

*"Ben was great. Extraordinarily knowledgeable, passionate and approachable."*

- Edward, Minnesota

Dear alumni, parents and friends,

We're moving forward optimistically to offer you this fantastic Alumni Global Adventure to Iceland. Because things will continue to change both for you personally and in the world, we have a generous new cancellation policy: **you may now cancel up to six months prior to departure (until September 12, 2021) and receive a full refund of your deposit.** We are working with our partners to safeguard your health, while allowing for an enjoyable travel experience.

I invite you to explore this land of fire and ice with **Dickinson geologist Ben Edwards**, plus an expert trip manager/guide who handles all the logistics so you can relax, learn and enjoy your experience. **March is one of the best months to spot the spectacular Northern Lights in Iceland.** This customized itinerary features numerous active volcanoes and a geothermal landscape unlike anywhere else in the world. You will experience bustling cities and quiet seaside villages, sample local cuisine and, as long as we have dark nights and clear skies, enjoy several opportunities to see the Northern Lights dance across the night sky.

You will stay in modern three- and four-star hotels, perfect for exploring or just relaxing. Spend a total of two nights in the capital city of Reykjavík, two nights in the countryside near the west Iceland town of Borgarnes, two nights in the southern town of Kirkjubæjarklaustur, and one night surrounded by some of Iceland's best-known volcanoes in Hekla.

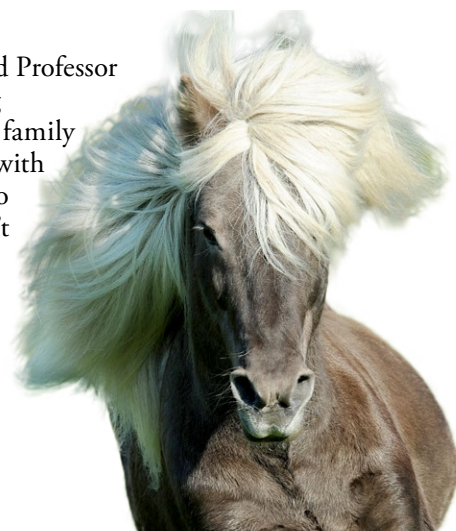
Highlights include:

- A guided walking tour of Reykjavík, Iceland's vibrant capital city, as well as time on your own to explore museums, shops and galleries
- A tour through the Saga Valley and its volcanic craters, waterfalls and hot springs
- A visit to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, a mountainous stretch of land jutting out from Iceland's west coast, including its charming villages and Kirkjufell, one of Iceland's most photographed mountains
- A visit to the Bjarnarhöfn Shark Museum, where you may sample Iceland's famous *hákarl*, fermented Greenland shark—if you dare!
- A tour around the Golden Circle: the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Þingvellir National Park, the bubbling mud flats and erupting geysers at the Geysir Geothermal Area, and Gullfoss, the awe-inspiring double waterfall
- A chance to walk along black sand beaches and explore a glacial lagoon filled with icebergs
- Tips from our local guide for photographing the Northern Lights, one of nature's most magnificent displays
- A soak in the therapeutic waters of the Blue Lagoon
- Time to explore Vatnajökull National Park, the largest in Europe, with its waterfalls, volcanoes and mountains

We hope you will join fellow Dickinsonians and Professor Edwards for this unforgettable lifelong learning adventure. Feel free to share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you. **Our group is limited to just 26 guests**, so we suggest you reserve your spot today. We can't wait to see the world with you again!

Sincerely,

Liz Glynn Toth '06  
Director of Alumni Relations







# ITINERARY

(B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (R)=Reception, (D)= Dinner

**Friday, March 11, 2022: Depart home for Iceland**

**Saturday, March 12: Arrive in Reykjavík | Transfer to hotel | Welcome dinner**

Upon arrival at Keflavík International Airport (KEF), you will be met as a group and transferred to our hotel via guided coach. Take some time to relax before a welcome reception and dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Fosshótel Reykjavík](#).* (R,D)

**Sunday, March 13: Reykjavík city tour | Borgarfjörður (Saga Valley) | Borgarnes**

In the morning, enjoy a guided panoramic tour of the highlights of Iceland's exciting capital. Then head to Borgarfjörður, known as the Saga Valley because

it is the setting of many of the tales from the Icelandic Sagas. Climb up the Grábrók volcanic crater, then warm up at Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring, which produces 47 gallons per second of nearly boiling water. Visit Hraunfossar, a series of waterfalls pouring from beneath a wide lava field, and Barnafoss (Children's Falls), which has its own tragic mythological tale. In the afternoon, check-in to our hotel near Borgarnes and enjoy a lecture, by our local guide, about the Northern Lights. After dinner, step into the hotel garden in search of the Northern Lights followed by a cup of hot chocolate or tea. *Overnight at the 3-star [Icelandair Hotel Hamar](#) for two nights.* (B,D)

**Monday, March 14: Snæfellsnes Peninsula: Breiðafjörður Fjord cruise, Shark Museum, Kirkjufell | Borgarnes**

Snæfellsnes Peninsula, "the peninsula of the snowy mountain," juts out from Iceland's west coast like a long arm with a clenched fist at its tip, and is in many ways a microcosm of the whole island. We travel to the charming fishing town of Stykkishólmur for (weather-permitting) a cruise in the Breiðafjörður Fjord. After a light lunch, a uniquely Icelandic "treat" awaits us at the Bjarnarhöfn Shark Museum, where they make *hákarl*, or fermented Greenland shark. Depending on road and weather conditions, we visit the fishing village of Grundarfjörður, with an impressive coastline and mountains, lakes, and waterfalls behind the village. Alongside the bay rises one of the most photographed mountains in Iceland, Kirkjufell. On the way back to our hotel near Borgarnes, our guide provides some practical tips for photographing the Northern Lights. Once darkness falls, chase the Lights in the hotel's garden and soak in the outdoor hot tubs. (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, March 15: Golden Circle tour: Þingvellir National Park, Geysir Geothermal Field, Gullfoss waterfall | Friðheimar Greenhouses | Hekla**

Today we travel along the Hvalfjörður Fjord. Our first stop is at an Icelandic wool outlet store, to see what they do with all of the sheep we see! We continue inland to Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and along the Golden Circle route where we see steam rising from the Geysir geothermal field, with its numerous hot springs and bubbling pools. The original geyser is now dormant, but Strokkur, "the Churn," erupts regularly at five- to ten-minute intervals. The chef of the Restaurant Geysir invites you to taste bread freshly baked in the heated lava rocks and served with Icelandic butter, geothermally boiled eggs, and herring. Continue on to Gullfoss, a double waterfall that tumbles 111 feet into the Hvítá River. We visit Friðheimar's Icelandic horse stables and geothermal greenhouses, where tomatoes are grown year-round despite Iceland's long, dark winters. After a taste of the crop we drive to our hotel in Hekla and check in. Tonight,

Photos: (left from top) Travelers hike their way across the landscape, Breiðafjörður, Geysir, *Viking Ship* sculpture in Reykjavík with a view of the Northern Lights; (right) Grábrók Volcano



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*“The pace was great - enough lectures about volcanoes mixed with history of the island - with frequent stops for better viewing opportunities.”*

- Carolyn, Connecticut

step into the darkness and search for the elusive Northern Lights, best enjoyed from a comfortable hot tub in the garden of the hotel, amid the peace and stillness of rural southern Iceland. *Overnight at the 3-star [Fosshotel Hekla](#)*. (B,L,D)

**Wednesday, March 16: South Shore: Lava Centre, Skógar Folk Museum, Skógafoss, Reynisfjara | Kirkjubæjarklaustur**

Today we travel along the southern coast. After breakfast, we visit the Lava Centre, a high-tech educational exhibition depicting volcanic activity, earthquakes, and the creation of Iceland over millions of years. Continue on to Skógar Folk Museum, one of Iceland's finest folk museums, with an outstanding collection of farm and domestic artifacts from Iceland's past as well as an Open Air Museum with a sampling of traditional architecture. Nearby is Skógafoss, a nearly-200-foot-high waterfall, one of the most impressive in the country. In the afternoon, stroll on the black lava beach and along cliffs that are home to various bird colonies at Reynisfjara. We spend two nights near Kirkjubæjarklaustur in the Vatnajökull National Park region. The complete darkness makes this locale ideal for watching the Northern Lights. *Overnight at the 3-star [Hotel Klaustur](#) for two nights*. (B,D)

**Thursday, March 17: Vatnajökull National Park: Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, Hof church | Kirkjubæjarklaustur**

Today's program is all about glaciers, ice, and icebergs. We travel to Jökulsárlón, a glacial lagoon that is one of Iceland's deepest lakes and flows through a short waterway into the Atlantic Ocean, and perhaps see seals swimming in the frigid waters. Walk on the black sand beach, where large icebergs are frequently stranded. In the afternoon we visit the tiny turf church at Hof and spend time exploring Vatnajökull, Europe's largest national park, which boasts Iceland's highest mountain, an alpine environment, and Europe's largest glacier, which covers about 8% of Iceland. This evening we enjoy a film presentation about the Northern Lights. Don't go to bed too early in this remote and quiet location or you may miss out on another chance of seeing the Northern Lights shimmering and dancing across the night sky. (B,D)

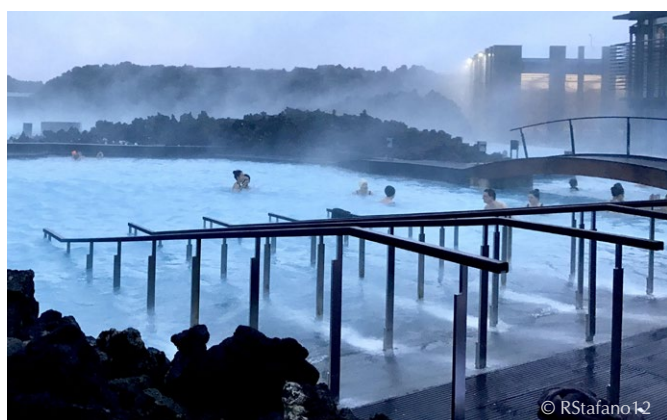
**Friday, March 18: South Shore: Vík, Seljalandsfoss waterfall | Reykjavík | Blue Lagoon | Farewell dinner**

From Kirkjubæjarklaustur we head across the Eldhraun lava field to the village of Vík, where we make a photo stop at an impressive black lava beach with high cliffs and pounding waves. Further west we reach the Seljalandsfoss waterfall, a narrow ribbon of water that can be viewed from all sides. In the afternoon we return to Reykjavík and have a little time at leisure to perhaps do some shopping or simply relax. This evening

we get to soak in the famous Blue Lagoon, followed by an Icelandic farewell dinner and one last opportunity to see the Northern Lights. Around midnight we return to our hotel. *Overnight at the 4-star [Fosshotel Reykjavík](#)*. (B,D)

**Saturday, March 19: Fly home**

Transfer as a group this morning to Keflavík International Airport (KEF) for flights homeward. (B)



Photos: (right from top) Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, Vatnajökull National Park; Reynisfjara; turf-built houses; Skaftafell Glacier; black lava beach; (above) Blue Lagoon hot spring





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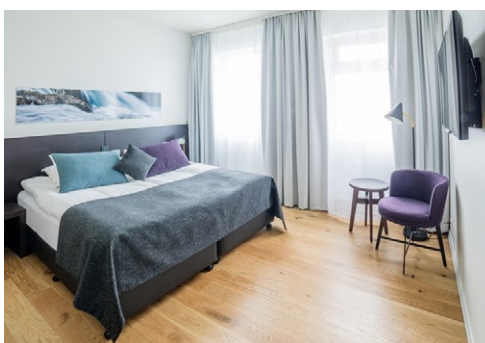
## What to Expect

There will be walks of approximately 1-3 miles total per day, as much as one mile at a time. All walks can be done at an easy pace and, aside from walking up (and down) a few small cinder cones, there is not much elevation gain/loss. You must be able to walk, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps that may be steep and without handrails. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you.

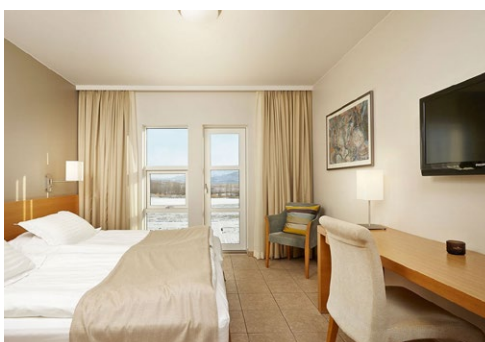
We ask travelers to be flexible, as the itinerary is set well ahead of time and may need to be adapted on the fly for changes in weather, ease of access, transportation, or other factors. In mid- to late March the weather can be unpredictable and daytime temperatures can range from the mid-30s to low 40s F, with a monthly rainfall average of about 3"-8" in Reykjavík, and up to 12 hours of daylight (plus an hour or so of "dawn and dusk"). Dressing in layers and bringing a waterproof coat and shoes will be necessary for this program. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort, and included meals are of a very high quality. Gratuities are not a tradition in Iceland and are neither expected nor encouraged.

*"The camaraderie of the group was excellent and absolutely added to the enjoyment. The deciding factor in joining the tour was the fact that Dr. Edwards would add an important educational dimension. Coupled with the contributions of the local guide, my learning expectations were exceeded - they were excellent..." - Janice, Pennsylvania*

## ACCOMMODATIONS



Reykjavík: Two nights at the 4-star [Fosshótel Reykjavík](#)



Near Borgarnes: Two nights at the 3-star [Icelandair Hotel Hamar](#)



Hekla: One night at the 3-star [Fosshotel Hekla](#)



Kirkjubæjarklaustur: Two nights at the 3-star [Hotel Klaustur](#)



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(From left) A view of the Northern Lights, glacier, Stykkishólmur

## TOUR PRICES PER PERSON (7 NIGHTS)

Double Occupancy (21 to 26 participants) .....\$4,445

Double Occupancy (15 to 20 participants) .....\$4,845

Double Occupancy (12 to 14 participants) .....\$5,445

Single Supplement.....\$745

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).*

*With fewer than 12 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.*

## PRICES INCLUDE:

- **Faculty leader Ben Edwards** plus an expert, English-speaking Local Guide/Tour Manager
- **Seven nights' accommodations** in comfortable and ideally-located 3- and 4-star hotels
- **Group arrival and departure transfers** on tour dates, based upon the suggested flights (TBA)
- Surface transportation by **heated motor coach**, with water and hand sanitizer provided
- **Tickets for a cruise** on the Breiðafjörður fjord (weather permitting)
- Breakfast daily, two lunches, and seven dinners including **welcome and farewell dinners** with wine/beer. Lunches and dinners include water, tea, and coffee where available; dinners also include one beer or glass of wine per person
- **All excursions and entrance fees** as per the itinerary
- Local taxes and service charges
- **Baggage handling** at hotels where available
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list

## FLIGHTS & TRANSFERS:

Airfare to/from Keflavík International Airport (KEF) is not included. Group airport transfers upon arrival on March 12<sup>th</sup> and departure on March 19<sup>th</sup> are included based on the suggested flights (TBA). Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

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Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "EOS-Passenger Account-DC Iceland3/22." Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be paid by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only. Credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure and elsewhere published.

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Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and leader are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

Due to space limitations, this is abbreviated information. Complete terms and conditions will be sent upon confirmation or upon request and can be viewed online at [www.dickinson.edu/alumnitravel](http://www.dickinson.edu/alumnitravel)

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While we are physically at home, your mind is probably wandering to far off lands and thrilling destinations. When it's safe to travel again, it will look different. New policies and procedures are being implemented at every level, from airports to hotels to vehicles, all designed to protect travelers' health. While these safety measures are new, the essence of travel remains unchanged: it's a chance to learn about a different culture, to discover more about the world and to expand our outlook.

*"[What I enjoyed most was] having Ben Edwards along to explain the geology of what we were seeing, [and] being with a group of people who had something [Dickinson] in common." - Susan, Connecticut*



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Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this tour? ☐ eNewsletter ☐ mailing ☐ website ☐ friends/family ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

☐ Double (*one bed*) ☐ Twin (*two beds*) ☐ Single

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**RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:**

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.  
You will receive an invoice for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

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