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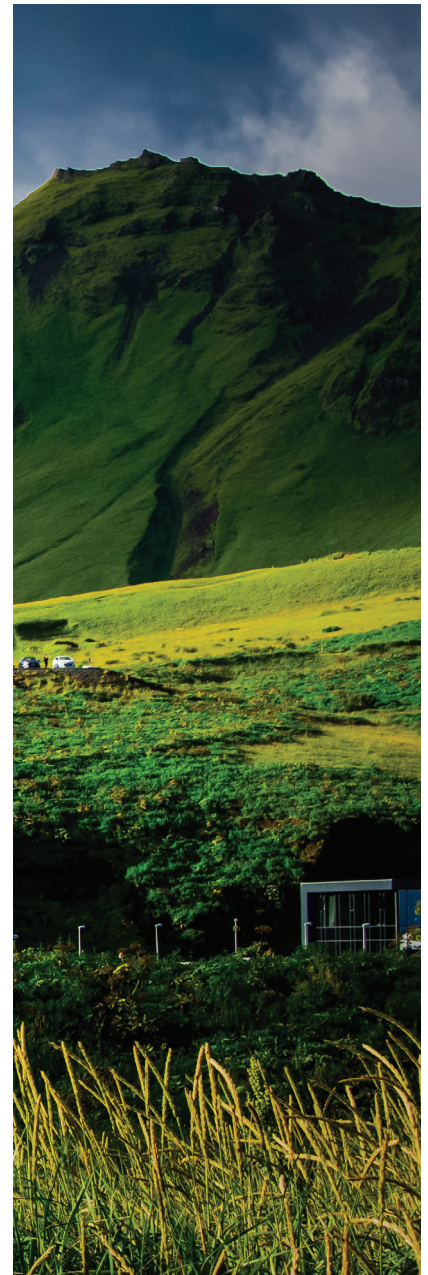
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2022 YOUNG ALUMNI ADVENTURE

US DEPARTURE DATE: JULY 1, 2022 | LAND TOUR START DATE: JULY 2, 2022

RETURN DATE: JULY 6, 2022

LAND PACKAGE FROM: \$2,395



START YOUR ADVENTURE.

Dear Young Alumni and Friends!

Can you think of a better way to travel than with fellow Oregon State Young Alumni?

The Oregon State Alumni Association young alumni travel program, designed for grads ages 22 – 35, offers you this opportunity by bringing you together with individuals in the same age range, with similar backgrounds and experiences, while enriching you on well-designed, hassle-free tours of the world.

These programs provide social, cultural, and recreational activities and many opportunities for learning enrichment and enjoying a connection back to Oregon State. Our journeys are of great quality and value, operated by a travel company with over 45 years of experience in the young travel market.

In this brochure you will find a detailed itinerary, travel dates and pricing.

If you have any questions about this tour, please contact our tour operator AESU Alumni World Travel by calling 800-638-7640 or email alumni@aesu.com.

To make an online booking, please visit our young alumni tour landing page www.aesu.com/oregonstate and select this tour to be directed to the tour web site.

We are looking forward to traveling with you this coming season.

Sincerely,

Your friends at the OSU Alumni Association



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6 DAYS



CITIES VISITED:

Reykjavik | Thingvellir National Park | Fludir | Skogafoss | Vik | Reynisfjara



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

6-Day Land Package Transportation and Lodging

- 4 nights at superior tourist class hotels, rooms with private bath/shower
- All ground transportation by private motor coach, as per itinerary
- Airport transfers included with purchased AESU group airfare

Meals

- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 specialty dinners, 1 lunch pack for Reykjadalur hike

Activities & Admissions

- Reykjavik town exploration, guided by a local expert
 - Backroads tour including:
 - o Thingvellir National Park, UNESCO World Heritage Site, dividing fault line between two of the earth's tectonic plates
 - o Gullfoss Waterfall
 - o Geyser geothermal Brennvin schnapps tasting

- See Eyjafjallajökull and Hekla volcanoes
- Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls
 - Black sand beach of Reynisfjara
 - Glacier hike
- Reykjadalur, Valley of Steam hike and picnic
 - Secret Lagoon visit

Optional Excursions

(not included in land package price):

- Blue Lagoon visit (with airport transfer)

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ABOUT THE TRIP:

Discover the realm of the Icelandic Vikings and explore Iceland's most famous natural treasures and hidden gems. Experience stunning coastlines, pristine black sand beaches, glacier views, magnificent bird cliffs, delightful towns, incredible waterfalls, erupting geysers, tectonic plates, and take a plunge into the healing mineral waters of the Secret Lagoon. Blame it on those long winter nights, or the exceptional quality of locally produced beer and schnapps; Reykjavik's legendary nightlife, or "jammith" as the friendly locals refer to it, has gained a reputation for being one of the hottest places to party in the world. Iceland is truly otherworldly!

DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO ICELAND

Our adventure begins as we depart by overnight flight to the awe-inspiring land of fire and ice.

Meals: In-flight

DAY 2 - REYKJAVIK: LAND TOUR START DATE

Arrive in Reykjavik this morning and transfer to our hotel in the city. Get to know the northernmost capital of the world on a walking tour to see the old town center, Parliament, the cathedral, the Viking Sun Voyager and much more. After our welcome orientation, we explore Reykjavik's local food scene in a unique way, followed by a bar crawl.

Meals: In-flight, Sampling of local foods during food walk tour

DAY 3 - THINGVELLIR - GEYSIR - GULFOSS - SECRET LAGOON - FLÚÐIR

We start our backroads Golden Circle journey with a visit to Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and location of the world's oldest democratic parliament founded in 930 AD. The beautiful canyon running through the park is the dividing fault line between two of the earth's tectonic plates. Explore the golden waterfall Gullfoss, one of the most impressive waterfalls in Europe with thousands of tons of icy water thundering majestically into a deep canyon and the Geyser area with numerous hot springs and geysers, including the famous Strokkur. We end our day with a plunge into the hot spring pool at the Secret Lagoon. Located at Hverahólm, the geothermal area next to the village of Flúðir in southern Iceland, the pool is constantly fed by hot springs replenishing the water and keeping the temperature around 100F. After our dinner of locally grown organic ingredients, consider a night cap at the hotel while reflecting on the day's adventures.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4 - SELJALANDSFOSS - SKOGAFOSS - GLACIER HIKE - REYNISFJARA - VIK

We continue our journey along the scenic South Shore coast lined with an amazing selection of waterfalls, volcanoes and glaciers. Skogafoss is one of



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the largest and most elegant waterfalls in Iceland with a width of over 80 feet. It generates a lot of spray and on sunny days creates single and double rainbows. Seljalandsfoss is the most famous waterfall in Iceland with waters falling about 200 feet from lava cliffs into a deep natural pool. If you don't mind getting wet, take a walk behind the falls for an incredible view. On a day with clear skies, you can see Mt. Hekla volcano and the famous Eyjafjallajokull which brought all of Europe's air travel to a standstill when it erupted in 2010. Next, we are in for a treat on an exciting glacier walk. Strap on crampons, grab an ice axe and follow our expert glacier guide into a breath-taking landscape of natural blue ice sculptures spun with black sand. Learn how glaciers are formed and are constantly changing. Our final visit before reaching the town of Vik is Reynisfjara with its distinctive black sand beaches, enormous columns of basalt, and massive waves crashing into the shoreline. It is also known as a filming location for shows and movies such as Star Trek and Game of Thrones. We overnight in Vik, the southernmost village in Iceland.



Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5 - REYKJADULUR HIKE - REYKJAVIK

On our way back north, we visit Reykjadalur, the Valley of Steam, a beautiful geothermal region. It is a popular place for hiking and hot spring bathing and our guide will take us on a magnificent walk passing steaming vents and bubbling springs. Enjoy a packed lunch amidst a wealth of flora blooming on the hills before continuing on to Reykjavik. Free time may find you walking along Laugavegur, Reykjavik's oldest shopping street on the hunt for last-minute souvenirs. Join our farewell fish & chips dinner tonight and plan your next young alumni adventure with newly-found friends.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 - TRAVEL HOME

After breakfast our land tour comes to an end. Your flight schedule permitting, consider a stop at the famous Blue Lagoon, geothermal bath on the way to the airport.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional activity: Blue Lagoon visit with airport transfer



PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

TOUR DIRECTORS

Your tour includes the services of a professional tour director throughout the land package. We are very proud of our tour directors. They are young professionals; multi-lingual and carefully selected graduates from major universities. They are eager to show the world through the eyes of an adventurer. Our tour directors know this is a trip of a lifetime and will share their knowledge as well as interesting little-known facts. Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel.



HOTELS



Our hotels are superior tourist-class or better, with private bathrooms. They are centrally located and many offer great extra amenities such as pools, gyms or roof-top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If a single room is desired, a supplement of \$525 applies. If traveling solo and not wanting to pay the single supplement, AESU will attempt to arrange a share with a same-gender traveler. If a share cannot be arranged the single supplement will apply.

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 4 (active)

This is a single-country, multi-destination trip by motor coach. It features full-day excursions, and a full and active itinerary at an active pace. To enjoy this tour, guests should be prepared to walk moderate distances, climb stairs and tolerate periods of standing, walking on uneven terrains, especially during nature and/or glacier hikes.

This journey is appropriate for travelers who are physically fit, lead active lives and are comfortable participating in the itinerary activities, able to handle their own luggage. Travel to and from the tour is not factored into our activity level ratings. You should take into account your stamina when traveling long distances and/or with multiple flight changes.



"NOT ONLY WAS THIS AN AMAZING TRIP, IT WAS A WAKE UP CALL TO SEE THE WORLD."

- past traveler

BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EXCLUSIONS: These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own.); airport and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver (suggested \$5 per day for tour director, \$2-3 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; any vaccinations, pre/post trip testing/screening, airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received by AESU in writing. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. Cancellation from time of booking until 120 days prior to departure will result in a \$300 cancellation fee. Cancellation between 119-90 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 25% of tour cost; between 89-60 days 35% of tour cost; between 59-30 days 50% of tour cost. Cancellation within 30 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. Processing of cancellation refunds takes approximately 6-8 weeks.

AIRFARES are highly restrictive, NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-ENDORSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Once reservation is booked and paid for AESU reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare portion is non-refundable. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes are also subject to penalties. Travel insurance, including medical health and accident coverage, is compulsory. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO CANCELLATION POLICIES LISTED ABOVE DEPENDING ON TRIP DESTINATION.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND BAGGAGE: All participants using AESU flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. Land-Only participants (providing own flight overseas) do NOT receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 3:00 p.m. on program start date. **FLIGHT DELAYS - ALL AIRPORTS:** In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.) AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. If you purchase your own airfare, book your overnight flight from the USA one day earlier than the land tour start date listed on our website. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Check your airline's website for any additional luggage restrictions. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract.

RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of AESU as a tour operator, their agents, and any sponsoring association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, epidemic health risk, any force majeure event, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/ herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond the Operator's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. **TRAVEL INSURANCE** is compulsory in the event of tour cancellation for any reason, medical expenses, personal accident, baggage and other personal items, liability and 24-hr emergency assistance. Trip insurance may be offered directly by your Alumni Association. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of participants, the Operator's liability shall be limited to a refund of land payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. If the change or cancellation is due to force majeure or other similar events beyond Operator's control, a refund of land payments received from applicants will be made less reasonable expenses incurred by Operator in respect to applicant's land booking. Baggage and personal injury are at owner's risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. The Operator reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/ or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at www.aesu.com.