

# ICELAND: STEM TOURS

**Day 1:** Board your flight to Iceland.

**Day 2:** Reykjavík

- Meet with your tour director at **Keflavík International Airport**.
- Board your private motor coach and travel to the **Viking Museum** in Hafnarfjörður, home to the Viking ship Íslendingur (The Icelander). The ship is an exact replica of the famous Gokstad ship, an archaeological treasure from 1882. [Archaeology](#)
- Stop at the **Volcano House**, where you'll even be able to touch cold lava. [Geology & Volcanology](#)
- Enjoy a panoramic tour of the capital city of Iceland, home to more than a third of the country's population. Sites include the **Old Harbor**, **Harpa Concert Hall**, the modern **Hallgrímskirkja** (Church of Hallgrím), and streets lined with unique architecture.

**Day 3:** Grindavík & Reykjavík

- Discover the invigorating, mineral-rich waters of the **Blue Lagoon**, Iceland's most popular tourist attraction. The man-made geothermal spa is located in a black lava field. [Geology](#)
- Visit the **Iceland Whale Museum** at the Old Harbor, featuring 23 hand-painted, life-size models of various species. [Natural History](#)
- Spend the afternoon on a **whale watching cruise**. [Marine Biology](#)

**Day 4:** Golden Circle

- Experience Icelandic lore at the **Saga Museum**, showcasing thousands of years of local culture and tradition. [Anthropology](#)
- Drive over **Hellisheiði plateau** to **Hveragerði**. Discover plants and flowers grown in large greenhouses heated by natural thermal water. [Botany](#)
- Continue to **Kerið**, a crater lake in the Grímsnes area, and then to **Gulfoss**, the Golden Waterfall.
- Take a short drive to the **Great Geysir**, the first geyser known to modern Europeans. Nearby, you might see **Strokkur**, one of the most active geysers in the area, spouting up to 100 feet. [Geology](#)
- Explore **Pingvellir**, home to the site of Icelandic parliament from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. The canyon running through the park is the meeting point of two tectonic plates! [Earth Science](#)

**Day 5:** Hveragerði

- Stop at the **Hellisheiði Power Plant**, the world's largest geothermal power plant and a testament to Iceland's pioneering work in the field of sustainable energy. [Technology & Engineering](#)
- Enjoy the **Geothermal Park** in the Hveragerði town center. Dip your feet into the natural clay baths or the hot springs, and make yourself a snack using the ground as a stove – you'll get to boil an egg and enjoy it with some warm bread! [Geology](#)
- Experience "**Quake 2008**," depicting the damage caused by a powerful 6.3 tremor that rocked Iceland on May 29, 2008. Multimedia exhibits show the effect on the land, buildings, and people, and a simulator puts you inside the event. [Seismology](#)
- Learn about Iceland's volcanoes and unique geology at **LAVA, the Iceland Volcano and Earthquake Center**. [Volcanology](#)

**Day 6:** South Shore

- Travel to the sites featured in Njáls Saga, one of Iceland's most famous narratives. First, stop at **Seljalandsfoss** and **Skógarfoss** waterfalls. Continue past **Dyrhólaey**, a stone peninsula with an archway carved by the waves. Finally, stop for lunch at the seaside village of **Vík í Mýrdal**, known for its famous black basalt sand beaches and the Reynisdrangar rocks.
- Take a glacier walk along the expansive **Sólheimajökull Glacier**. [Environmental Science](#)
- Visit the **Skogar Waterfall** and the **Skogar Museum**, a cultural heritage collection of over 15,000 folk artifacts. [Anthropology](#), [Architecture & Engineering](#)

**Day 7:** Eastern Region

- Explore the melding of fire and ice at **Skaftafell National Park**, now part of the larger **Vatnajökull National Park**. Among the natural sights you can admire in the area are the Vatnajökull, Skaftafellsjökull, and Svínafellsjökull glaciers, the Kristínartindar Mountain, and the Svartifoss waterfall. [Earth Science](#)
- Hop aboard an amphibian boat for a tour of the **Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon**. Sail along massive icebergs and observe the local wildlife – keep your eyes open for a seal sighting! [Geology & Wildlife](#)

**Day 8:** Depart to the airport for your flight home.



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