

ICELAND STEM TOURS

"The Land of Fire and Ice" takes you back in time to Viking ships and ancient lore and transports you to invigorating sites like the Blue Lagoon while letting you explore groundbreaking modern technology and larger-than-life recent events.

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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 10th to the 18th 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** waterfall. 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 **Skógafoss 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.

