

Group name: Sutton Grammar School for Boys
Booking Reference number: A036589



5-DAY ACTIVE EARTH EXPLORER FINAL ITINERARY
Guide on days 2,3 & 4 - Silver

Day 1 Saturday 25 October 2014	<i>Please note that your itinerary may be subject to change according to weather conditions and other time constraints.</i> Please take time to check and read through your itinerary carefully
	Group making own arrangements for transportation to and from the UK airport.
Flight Information	09:30 Check in at London Gatwick Airport, South Terminal 12:20 Depart on WOW Air flight WW202 14:25 Arrive Keflavik International <u>Wow Air</u> Please ensure your group checks in a minimum of two and a half hours before departure. Please note: seat numbers will be allocated at check-in. Snacks and drinks are not provided but are available to purchase on board.
Transfer	After clearing customs and immigration, please proceed to the exit of the terminal building where your coach driver (who will be holding up a sign with your group name) will be waiting to transfer you to the Blue Lagoon for a geothermal swim. Iceland Excursions Coach department: 00354 540 1311
1525 Blue Lagoon	One of Iceland's most popular visitor attractions. Set amongst a landscape of black lava, the water temperature averages between 30-40°C. The water is drawn from a depth of around 2000m and is rich in unique natural minerals such as silica and blue green algae, especially beneficial for those with skin complaints. Tel +3544208825
Perlan	A Reykjavik landmark – this futuristic building is composed of large circular tanks which hold the city's naturally heated water reserves, above which sits a glass dome (containing a revolving restaurant) and an outdoor viewing platform.
Accommodation 2000 Supper	Hotel Ork, Breidumork 1c, Hveragerdi Tel: + 354 483 4700 At hotel Please check with reception whether your group will be making up their own packed lunches or having them prepared by the hotel. Discuss with your guide and the hotel a suitable time for dinner tomorrow and subsequent evenings.
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Day 2 Sunday 26 October 2014	<u>WESTMAN ISLANDS</u> *This trip is subject to weather and harbour conditions and frequently does not operate during the autumn/winter months*
Breakfast	To be taken from 08:00 (collect packed lunch) then depart at 09:00.
Hveragerdi	The small 'greenhouse' town of Hveragerdi, a place full of geothermal activity. It is also an ideal place to carry out a rural settlement study. Alternatively take a short hike to the latest hot springs to have appeared here after the Olfus earthquake in 2008.
Earthquake simulator Hveragerdi (not pre-booked)	Visit the small shopping mall to view a fissure next to Tourist Office and possibly try the earthquake simulator (pay locally approx.ISK200 per person). (open weekdays only - will usually open if we book in advance) Tel +354 4834601
1230 Check -in 1300 Dep Mainland 1330 Arr Heimaey 1700 Check-in 1730 Dep Heimaey 1800 Arr Mainland	Take a 30-minute ferry ride to Westman Islands (weather permitting), a group of 15 volcanic islands off the south coast. Hike to the site of the 1973 eruption that created the Eldfell crater and caused ash and lava to engulf one third of the houses on the island of Heimaey. Depending on the ferry schedule you may not arrive at your hotel until late evening. <i>The ferry timetable sometimes changes at short notice so please liaise with your guide to re-arrange your itinerary if necessary.</i> Ferry Company Emskip +354 481-2800. If for any reason the ferry does not operate, you will receive either a refund for the trip to Heimaey, or alternatively you may choose to use the funds as part payment for another activity (e.g. Thjorsardalur Valley) should we be able to arrange it for you at short notice.
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Day 3 Monday 27 October 2014	
Breakfast	To be taken from 08:00 (collect packed lunch) then depart at 09:00.
Hellisheidi Geothermal Power Station	A free external viewing.
Kerid	<p>A dramatic volcanic crater lake, originally believed to be formed by a huge volcanic explosion. Yet more thorough studies show that Kerid was a cone volcano which erupted and emptied its magma reserve.</p> <p><i>There is now a charge of approximately £2(kr. 350) to visit Kerid. Although many groups enjoy this site, Kerid is an <u>optional</u> stop and is not a main highlight. Please speak with your guide if you wish to include this visit today. This is payable locally either with local currency or credit/debit card.</i></p>
Gullfoss	These double falls drop around 33m then plunge into a mile-long gorge – one of Iceland’s most photographed waterfalls.
Geysir	<p>Visit spouting geysers and hot springs – here ‘Strokkur’ erupts every 10-15 minutes reaching a height of around 30m. One of the trio of natural wonders on the Golden Circle route.</p> <p><i>Entry to the Geo Centre is free.</i></p>
Efsti-Dalur dairy farm (Optional stop for home made ice-cream).	<p>Visit a working dairy farm where the barn has been converted into a restaurant, with windows into the cow shed. See the farmers at work and watch the cows in their daily environment. The farm makes its own milk products such as ice-cream, skyr, feta cheese and more. (Small home made soft ice – ISK 350 payable locally).</p> <p><u>Tel:00354 4861186</u> or 00354 8621626 (Please ask your guide to call in advance to visit)</p>
Thingvellir	This national park is where Iceland’s parliament was established in 930AD – it is also scoured by the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and rift valleys are clearly visible where the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates pull apart at around 2cm a year.
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Day 4 Tuesday 28 October 2014	
Breakfast	To be taken from 07:30 (collect packed lunch) then depart at 08:30.
Eyjafjallajokull flood plain	Drive past an area affected by a jokulhlaup (glacier burst) from the recent Eyjafjallajokull volcanic eruption, here students will see evidence from where glacial flood water has washed down the valley.
1000 Glacier Walk	This very popular trip takes you on an exploration of the frozen glacier tongue of Solheimajokull. A wonderland of ice sculptures, ridges and deep crevasses await your discovery. The experienced glacier guide will teach you how to use basic ice equipment, crampons and ice axes. Sturdy walking shoes or boots are required and should be firm at the front. Operated by Arctic Adventures - +354 562-7000
Important note for visits to beaches	Please ensure you keep well away from the water's edge; the local recommendation is at least 20 meters, but we suggest you err on the side of caution. Freak waves can occur with very little warning and potentially fatal consequences.
Reynishverfi	Walk along the black volcanic beach to see magnificent basalt cliffs and caves. Take photos standing and sitting on the basalt columns!
Vik	At this tiny coastal town, walk down onto the black sands and view the remarkable basalt sea stacks - Reynisdrangar.
Dyrholaey	The name means 'door hill island' – with its 120m high natural rock arch this prominent headland is likely to have been formed in a submarine eruption similar to that of Surtsey.
Skogafoss	Another of Iceland's most impressive waterfalls – with a wide, thundering curtain of water 60m high.
Seljalandsfoss	This waterfall spills over a basalt cliff, as a result of isostatic rebound of the land and its lava flow. Subject to weather conditions it is possible to walk behind the waterfall.
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<p>Day 5 Wednesday 29 October 2014</p>	
<p>Breakfast</p>	<p>To be taken from 08:00 (collect packed lunch) then depart at 09:00.</p>
<p>Reykjavik – no guide</p>	<p>Free time in Reykjavik for sightseeing or urban studies – visit the old port, central lake (Tjornin), Hallgrimskirkja Church (small fee, payable locally, to visit the top of the observation tower). Shops open at 10, some a little later.</p> <p>Leave Reykjavik at 1030 if you want to allow 30 minutes at the bridge and at Gunnuhver. If you decide to spend the whole time in Reykjavik or longer at the peninsula, please discuss your departure time from Reykjavik with your driver.</p>
<p>Reykjanes Peninsula</p>	<p>Walk amongst solfataras (boiling mud pools) and hot springs. Drive through lava deserts to Leif the Lucky Bridge - Bridge between continents and span the fissure said to be the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and see the effects of continental drift.</p>
<p>Flight Information</p>	<p>13:35 Check in at Keflavik Airport 15:35 Depart on WOW Air flight WW205 18:40 Arrive at London Gatwick Airport, South Terminal</p> <p><u>Wow Air</u></p> <p>Please ensure your group checks in a minimum of two and a half hours before departure. Please note: seat numbers will be allocated at check-in.</p> <p>Snacks and drinks are not provided but are available to purchase on the flight.</p>

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Additional Information

1. A guide will accompany the group on all but the first and last day in Iceland.
2. Your breakfast, lunch and evening meal is provided every day. Please remember to pick up all of the packed lunches including vegetarian options from your accommodation.
3. Liaise with your driver and guide on a daily basis to arrange lunch stops
4. Blue Lagoon – Remember your swimming costume and towel (pack in hand luggage if visiting at the beginning or end of your trip).
5. Once out of Reykjavik evening options are more limited. Some accommodation has DVD facilities; in general, after a long day out in fresh air, most groups are simply glad to relax or write up/prepare for the next day. Some groups compile quizzes as the days go by. Some bring their own DVD's or devise their own evening activities. Occasionally other groups may be staying at your accommodation, especially during school holidays.
6. WC's - Restaurants and service stations are still free. Some WC's in the countryside e.g. waterfalls have a donation box. Thingvellir currently charges 200 ISK and has a turnstile. Payment in coins or by credit/debit card.
7. **ICELANDIC BEACHES** - Please ensure you keep well away from the water's edge; the local recommendation is at least 20 meters, but we suggest you err on the side of caution. Freak waves can occur with very little warning and potentially fatal consequences.

Whilst in Iceland, should you request a visit to an additional site, which extends your journey, you must arrange to pay for this directly to the bus company before leaving Iceland. **We are unable to invoice you for this upon your return to the UK. Thank you for your cooperation.**

DISCOVER THE WORLD EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS FOR GROUP LEADERS ONLY:

In case of emergency, please call (+44) 7710 309791. A member of our team is on call 24-7. Please note that this number connects to a mobile telephone, therefore if you are unable to get through immediately, please leave a message with your details, and our duty manager will get back to you as a matter of urgency. Please note that this telephone number is for **group leaders only**; parents and guardians of students should call the school or college's designated coordinator telephone number. This allows us to keep Discover the World's emergency line open in case of an emergency. Many thanks for your cooperation.

LOCAL EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS: Police or Ambulance: 112

Transportation and guide services are provided by **Iceland Excursions** Tel: +354 540 1313

HAVE A GREAT TRIP!