A Getaway to Iceland
March 16th - 20th 2017

Join fellow Dartmouth Alumnae for a long weekend escape to exotic Iceland. From steamy hot springs to top-notch spas and magnificent art museums, this unique land is the perfect place to relax, recharge, and explore.

The whole island has a population of just 350,000 and offers a unique mix of culture and local village roots. Where else can you explore the impressive Great Geysir, glaciers, magnificent waterfalls and icecaps, as well as a program of familiar city joys in cosmopolitan Reykjavik? The combination of remarkable natural features with art museums, theaters, an opera house, and a symphony orchestra offers a rejuvenating experience for all tastes and interests.

Legends say that the ancient gods themselves guided Iceland’s first settler, Ingolfur Arnarson, to make his home in Reykjavik (“Smoky Bay”), named after the geothermal steam he saw. Today this geothermal energy heats homes and outdoor swimming pools throughout the city – a pollution-free energy source that leaves the air outstandingly fresh, clean and clear.

Dine on Icelandic specialties, including delicious seafood, ocean-fresh from the morning’s catch; highland lamb; and unusual varieties of game. It’s purely natural food imaginatively served to delight the most discerning of diners. Reykjavik is also renowned as one of Europe’s hottest nightspots, where the action on the friendly pub and club scene lasts right through the long winter nights.

But perhaps the greatest draw is the Aurora Borealis – the Northern Lights. This is the best time of year to see them because it has to be totally dark to get the best effect – and this is a country where the sun never sets in the summer! On our arrival day, local expert Svanur Thorkelsson will give us a presentation on the aurora and then that evening we’ll head out to try and see the real thing (weather permitting). If we don’t succeed we’ll try again the next night . . and the next.

Take advantage also of optional tours for both traditional and offbeat attractions – including elf-spotting tours, Viking feasts, whale watching, horseback riding, lava fields, and a variety of sports and leisure activities. This Dartmouth alumnae adventure offers the best of a guided tour plus time to explore on your own.
Thursday, March 16th - Evening departure from your chosen gateway city, where you board your direct Iceland Air service to Iceland.

Friday, March 17th - Early morning arrival in Iceland; you will be met at the airport and escorted to your hotel in Reykjavik, where a sumptuous breakfast buffet awaits us. At approx 10.30 am this morning you tour Reykjavik for a wonderful introduction to Europe’s smallest capital city! The tour covers the Old Town, the shopping districts, the Parliament, Hofdi House, Hallgrim’s church, the Harpa concert hall and much more! Most hotels know that Americans arrive early and will do everything possible to help us check in upon arrival. However, this may not always be possible and if the rooms are not ready, you will store your luggage and go off on your city tour. When you return to the hotel you will be free for lunch, and then able to go to your rooms and take a short nap before you gather for your introductory lecture at 4.00 pm. Dinner will be at 7.00 pm and at around 9.30 pm this evening you will embark upon our first attempt to view the Northern Lights. (B, D)

Saturday, March 18th - Avoiding the tourist traps of the regular “Golden Circle” tour, we have created our own introductory tour of the Icelandic countryside. Leaving Reykjavik, we first head north to the shores of the Hvalfjörður (literally the Whale Fjord). Turning inland, we follow the course of one of Iceland’s largest Salmon rivers, the Laxa i Kjos, and stop to view the spectacular waterfall, the Bóurufoss. It’s a short drive from here to Pingvellir National Park, site of the world’s first parliament. Here we can walk from America to Europe! After a stop for lunch, we’ll spend the afternoon relaxing in the waters of the Secret Lagoon, a naturally occurring hot spring bath. Continuing on to the south coast, we’ll visit the church at Skálholt, and stop to peer into the icy depths of Keri volcanic crater. This evening we’ll enjoy a traditional Icelandic lobster feast at a local restaurant before returning to our hotel. (B, D)

Sunday, March 19th - A free day. Explore the galleries and museums of the city, enjoy the tax-free shopping or pamper yourself in one of the many local spas. There will also be a variety of optional activities available; from taking a snowmobile safari to the top of a glacier, to riding an Icelandic pony or going in search of puffins and whales. Your local guide will also offer a special, optional “South Coast” tour. (B)

Monday, March 20th - This morning you take a tour of the exotic, moonlike Reykjanes peninsula. This is one of the newest parts of the country and is still growing! Here we will see pools of boiling mud, the air heavy with the smell of sulfur, and be able to walk on top of the North Atlantic Ridge - the only place in the world where this is possible. At the very tip of the peninsula, we’ll take a short tour of the new geothermal power plant there, before stopping in the thriving fishing port of Grindavik. We’ll enjoy a traditional fisherman’s lunch here before we continue to the nearby airport for return flights to the U.S. (B, L)

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy, is:

**BOSTON or NEW YORK DEPARTURE:** $1980
**LAND ONLY:** $1360
**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** $290

Prices are available from many other departure cities. Please call for details.

Inclusions:

**Airfare:** Roundtrip airfare from Boston or New York, including all customs fees and airport taxes.

**Hotels:** 3 nights’ accommodation in a first-class hotel. All hotel taxes and service charges included.

**Coaching:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.

**Meals:** 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners.

**Guides:** Services of a local tour guide throughout the tour.

**Entrances:** Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary.

**Lectures:** Lectures by your Dartmouth faculty host Dr. Matt Ayres.
Your Host, Dr. Matt Ayres

Matt Ayres is a Professor of Biological Science at Dartmouth College, where he offers courses in Ecology and The Nature and Practice of Science. He is Co-chair of Dartmouth’s graduate program in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Associate Director of the Institute of Arctic Studies, and Director of the Biology Foreign Studies Program, which is taught each winter in Costa Rica and the Caribbean. His degrees include a B.S. and M.S. in Biology from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and a Ph.D. in Entomology from Michigan State. He came to Dartmouth in 1993, having previously been a Fulbright Fellow in Finland and a Research Scientist with the USDA Forest Service. On this departure, with the backdrop of stunning biodiversity and breathtaking landscapes, Professor Ayres will lead discussions of ecology, evolution, ecosystem structure, and the rapidly growing relevance of science for understanding and managing interactions between human societies and Planet Earth.

Registration Form

General Instructions:

i). Please type or print.
ii). Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
iii). Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
iv). Complete both sides of this form.
v). Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your deposit of $500 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

Detailed Instructions:

1. Passenger Details
i). Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport.
ii). Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
iii). Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
iv). Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
v). Health Information. A certain amount of walking is involved in this trip. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

2. Emergency Contact
This information is essential.

3. Independent Flight Arrangements
If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. (Please note that extra charges for transportation to and from the destination airport may be incurred). If you need help arranging connecting flights from your local airport to an international departure city, we will be happy to arrange those for you. There is a nominal charge of $40 per ticket for this service.

4. Rooming Requirements
Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.
i). If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

GENERAL
1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions to aid you can be found overleaf.
3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
4. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
5. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., and Dartmouth, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
6. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
7. Conduct During the Tour: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
1. A deposit of $500 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION
Name(s): ____________________________ ____________
Address: ____________________________ ____________
City: __________________ State: _______ Zip: _______
Home Telephone: (_____) ____________ ____________

FLIGHT INFORMATION (Please check one)
Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: ☐Yes ☐No
From: ☐Boston ☐New York
Flight details (if self-arranged): ____________________________ ____________

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS
Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:
1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 20-25 participants. Should we end up with less than 20 people, Discover Europe will work with the Dartmouth Travel Program to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

REFUND POLICY
1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a $200 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw less than 90 days and more than 60 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a $1000 cancellation penalty.
3. Participants who withdraw less than 60 days prior to the day of tour departure will not receive a refund unless they have purchased travel insurance.
4. Trip cancellation insurance is not included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd. strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information on trip cancellation and interruption insurance will be mailed to you by Dartmouth Alumni Travel.
5. All cancellation requests must be received in writing (either by mail or e-mail).
6. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant’s absence once the tour has started.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS
1. All inclusions on Icelandic Interlude are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant’s home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS (Please check one)
☐ I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)
☐ I will be sharing with: ____________________________
We would like a ☐double ☐twin-bedded room

PERMISSIONS
Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. ☐Yes ☐No

SIGNATURES
The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Dartmouth and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

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