

# ICELAND ESCAPE

### **2026 YOUNG ALUMNI JOURNEY**



### WANDERER

US Departure Date: November 25, 2026 Land Tour Start Date: November 26, 2026 Return Date: November 29, 2026

Land package from: **\$1789** 

Visit our website www.aesu.com/utexas for more details and to book.



## **START YOUR ADVENTURE**

### Dear Texas Exes Young Alumni and Friends!

There is no better way to discover the world than to travel with other young alumni like yourself! The Flying Longhorns young alumni travel program, designed for recent grads ages 22 – 35, brings you together with other young professionals with similar backgrounds and experiences, as you take in some of the most breathtaking sites around the world on well-designed, hassle-free tours.

Travel the globe as you learn about ancient cultures, take in historical architecture, and sample the finest cuisine in each region of the world, all while connecting you with fellow young alumni from UT and other colleges and universities. These journeys—operated by AESU, a travel company with more than 48 years in the young alumni travel market—are fun, enriching, and value-oriented.

These outstanding itineraries are brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes; memberships start at just \$5 per month.

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/utexas and select this tour to be directed to the tour website.

Hook 'em!

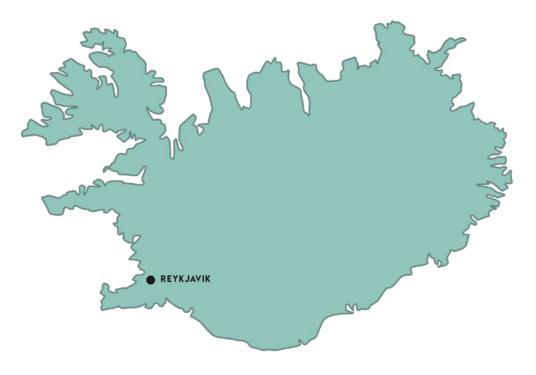
Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team,

Margaret, Janice, and Alysha

We highly recommend travel insurance. The Texas Exes recommend purchasing your travel insurance through Redpoint Travel Insurance. Visit: www.redpointtravelprotection.com/texas-exes or call **512-888.9560** 

## **ICELAND ESCAPE**

Escape to the breathtaking Land of Fire & Ice, where adventure awaits at every turn. Feel the thunder of Gullfoss, an awe-inspiring waterfall plunging into a rugged canyon. Watch the Strokkur geyser erupt every few minutes, shooting boiling water high into the sky. Stand between continents at Thingvellir National Park, where you can walk along a dramatic rift valley. Relax in the surreal Blue Lagoon, surrounded by black lava fields, and let its mineral-rich waters melt your stress away. As night falls, keep your eyes peeled for the mesmerizing Northern Lights dancing overhead. This is Iceland like you've never seen it.



#### **5-DAY TOUT OF REYKJAVIK**

#### Inclusions

- 3 nights at superior tourist class hotels or better, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower
- Daily continental breakfast
- Blue Lagoon Geothermal Spa
- Welcome orientation with private tour director
- Reykjavik bar crawl
- Guided Old Town Center tour
- Airport transfers with purchase of AESU group airfare
- Full day 'Golden Circle Tour' including:
- Gullfoss waterfall
- Geyser & Strokkur hot springs
- Thingvellir National Park UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Greenhouse
- Icelandic farewell dinner

#### PLUS

- Private tour director for the entire duration of the land tour
- All scheduled sightseeing
- All ground transportation by private motor coach, as per itinerary
- All service charges and local taxes

#### **Optional Activities**

Your tour director and/or the hotel concierge will assist with booking a whale watching excursion, a visit to the Sky Lagoon, and provide information on Reykjavik's wonderful museums, such as the Perlan museum.

#### **EXPERIENCES**

This trip has been carefully designed for young travelers and features fantastic inclusions and highlights. For a glossary of these key aspects, visit: www.aesu.com/aspects-awt



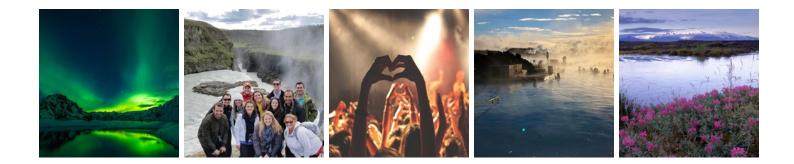
#### **ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE**

This tour requires standing and walking for some extended periods of time during city or nature tours, museum visits, and/or outdoor activities. For more visit: https://www.aesu.com/activity-levels-awt/



#### HOTELS

Hotels 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 \$550 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.



## ICELAND ESCAPE ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 TRAVEL TO REYKJAVIK

Embark on an overnight journey to Iceland's capital city.

Meals: In-flight

#### DAY 2 REYKJAVIK - LAND TOUR START DATE

Kick off your Icelandic adventure in the "Land of the Midnight Sun" with an unforgettable visit to the famous Blue Lagoon. Immerse yourself in the soothing, mineral-rich waters of this geothermal spa, surrounded by stunning lava fields and snow-capped mountains. Relax in style with modern amenities, including sleek changing rooms, an indoor geothermal pool, a serene winter garden, and a restaurant with scenic views. Afterward, head to Reykjavík for a short city tour of the world's northernmost capital. Explore the charm of the old town, see the Parliament, Cathedral, and other key landmarks. Once you've checked into your hotel, unwind before the evening festivities. Meet your tour director for a welcome orientation, followed by an exciting Reykjavík bar crawl, where you'll dive into the city's vibrant nightlife.

#### Meals: In-flight

**Inclusions:** Private airport transfer with purchased AESU group airfare | Blue Lagoon admission including Silica mud mask at mask bar, 1 drink of choice at in-water bar, towel

**Note:** Travelers who book airfare with AESU will be met by their tour director in the arrivals hall. If booking your own flights, contact an AESU sales representative to obtain details on meeting point and transfer bus departure time

#### DAY 3 REYKJAVIK

Get ready for one of the most epic day trips in Iceland—the Golden Circle Tour, a must for anyone looking to experience Iceland's top attractions in one unforgettable adventure. First up, witness the raw power of Gullfoss, one of Europe's most impressive waterfalls, where thousands of tons of icy water crash into a massive canyon. Next, head to the Geysir geothermal area, where bubbling hot springs and the famous Strokkur geyser launch boiling water high into the air every few minutes. Then, step into history at Thingvellir National Park, home to the world's oldest democratic parliament and a stunning canyon where two tectonic plates are slowly pulling apart. Walk right between continents in one of the most jaw-dropping landscapes on earth. Our excursion includes a visit to the Fridheimar Greenhouse, a lush, tomato-filled wonderland where you can savor the freshest farm-to-table dishes straight from Iceland's most vibrant and unique greenhouse. After this whirlwind day of exploration, it's back to Reykjavík, where the evening is yours to further explore the city's legendary nightlife. Whether you're into cozy bars, live music, or epic club scenes, Reykjavík's got it all. You won't want to miss it.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions: Private Golden Circle tour

**Sights:** Geysir Geothermal Area | Gullfoss Waterfall | Thingvellir National Park | Fridheimar Greenhouse



#### DAY 4 REYKJAVIK

On your free day in Reykjavik, dive into the city's vibrant street art, marvel at the iconic Hallgrímskirkja church, and explore the trendy shops and cafes on Laugavegur. For an extra thrill, sign up for an exhilarating whale-watching tour or unwind at the luxurious Sky Lagoon with its stunning infinity-edge pool. And of course, savor Reykjavik's legendary hot dogs. You may also consider signing up for an optional visit to the Perlan Museum. As night falls, embark on a magical Northern Lights adventure, where you'll be mesmerized by the aurora's dazzling colors dancing across the Arctic sky—a breathtaking reminder of the Earth's beauty and mystery. We'll wrap up our Icelandic journey with a farewell dinner, where we enjoy local specialties and make plans for a reunion with our new friends.

#### Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions: Farewell Iceland dinner | Northern Lights (subject to weather conditions and activity)

Optional Activity: Whale watching excursion | Sky Lagoon visit | Perlan museum visit

Speak to your tour director about how to book these activities.

#### DAY 5 TRAVEL HOME

We bid farewell to Iceland and head home, already dreaming of our next adventure. **Meals:** Breakfast | In-flight **Inclusions:** Airport transfer included with purchase AESU group airfare

# **66** THIS WAS THE BEST VACATION. I HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AND MADE LIFELONG FRIENDS WHICH MADE IT EVEN BETTER. **99**

#### TOUR DIRECTORS

Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel. Show the tour director and driver your appreciation with a tip. We suggest \$6-7 per person/per day for your tour director and \$4 per person/per day for your driver. To learn more visit www.aesu.com/tour-directors

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