Circumnavigation of Iceland

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Dear Yale Traveler

I warmly invite you to join me on an adventure to Iceland, an otherworldly realm of “fire and ice.” During a circumnavigation of this Nordic island country, we’ll experience breathtaking natural wonders during the best time of the year, under summer’s Midnight Sun.

We begin in Reykjavík, the world’s northernmost capital and a vibrant example of Iceland’s egalitarian society. From there we journey to a stunning mix of geological wonders, including glaciers, volcanoes, geysers and geothermal pools, waterfalls, and more. During our cruise we’ll visit remote islands and coastal hamlets, dramatic Goðafoss known as the “Waterfall of the Gods,” Eldfell volcano lava flow on Heimaey Island, and Surtsey, one of Earth’s youngest islands and a UNESCO World Heritage site, and where we’ll look for orcas and humpback whales. In addition, Iceland has a long history of using geothermal energy as a source of power, an important topic we’ll explore during our time together.

Joining us will be travelers from Duke, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the U.S. Naval Academy, the Smithsonian, and University of Vermont. To learn more about the program, please visit www.yaleedtravel.org/iceland20, call 203-432-1952, or email edtravel@yale.edu.

All the best from Yale,

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Highlights

Explore seldom-visited areas of Iceland, with opportunities to see wildlife and mystical geological formations unique to this island balanced on the juncture of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates.

Embark on a private cruise of Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon and walk along “Diamond Beach,” where beautiful ice formations glisten against the slaty sand.

Enjoy museum visits, a demonstration of traditional herring salting, and specially arranged musical performances in small, charming towns along the scenic coastline.
Maureen Long, Professor of Geology and Geophysics at Yale, is an observational seismologist, using measurements of earthquake waves to study the structure and dynamics of the Earth’s interior. She has led or participated in field experiments, expeditions, and research cruises in many places around the globe, including the Pacific Northwest, Peru, Japan, Hawaii, the Caribbean, the Azores, the central Appalachian Mountains, New England, and the western Atlantic Ocean.

Professor Long earned her B.S. in geology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and her Ph.D. in geophysics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After postdoctoral research at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington, D.C., she moved to Yale in 2009. At Yale, she teaches courses on seismology, geophysics, natural disasters, and forensic geoscience, and runs the Field Experiences for Science Teachers program, which provides field seismology experience for high school science teachers in Connecticut. She speaks frequently to the media and to public audiences on earthquakes, natural disasters, and deep Earth processes.
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JUNE 21-29, 2020

WELCOME PHONE CALL
Thursday, June 11 (tentative)
Join the group at 4PM Eastern for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Long in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

U.S.
Sunday, June 21
Depart the U.S.

REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND
Monday, June 22
Arrive in Reykjavík, a UNESCO Creative City of Literature. See the idyllic parks and botanical gardens of Laugardalur and continue to the impressive National Museum, where over 2,000 artifacts provide a comprehensive account of Iceland’s history and culture. Visit Hallgrímskirkja church, whose distinct silhouette rises above the skyline. Continue to Reykjavík’s old town center before boarding Le Bellot. (B/D)

Please note that the ship’s cruising pattern and direction are dependent on weather and sea conditions and are subject to change.

VIGUR ISLAND/ÍSAFJÖRÐUR
Tuesday, June 23
Enjoy the morning cruise to the awe-inspiring, seldom-visited Westfjords peninsula. On verdant Vigur Island – home to a single farming family – observe Arctic terns, black guillemots, eiders, and thousands of puffins in their natural habitat. See relics of Iceland’s traditional farming heritage, including the nation’s only windmill. Enjoy sweeping fjord views and keep watch for whales, dolphins, and seals. Visit Iceland’s smallest post office and savor coffee and cakes served by our hosts in their home, the picturesque 19th-century Viktoria House.

This afternoon, cruise up Ísafjarðardjúp, the main fjord of this remote 14-million-year-old region.

Near the town of Ísafjörður, visit the open-air Ósvör Maritime Museum, which houses restored 19th-century fishermen’s huts and fishing equipment.

Tour Ísafjörður’s Westfjords Heritage Museum, where fishing and nautical exhibits relate this remote outpost’s fascinating maritime history.

Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception on board the ship this evening. (B/L/R/D)

SIGHTS OF THE WESTFJORDS

- Ósvör Maritime Museum
- Westfjords Heritage Museum
- Vigur Island

HÚSAVÍK FOR LAKE MÝVATN
Thursday, June 25
Explore northern Iceland’s natural landscapes, stopping at Námaskarð – a geothermal wonder of boiling, sulfurous mudpots – and the pseudocraters at Skútustaðir, formed when hot lava flowed over the wetlands more than 2,000 years ago. Walk among the surreal “dark castle” lava formations of Dimmuborgir and drive along the shores of cerulean Lake Mývatn, a birder’s paradise harboring many rare migratory birds and 14 species of Iceland’s bountiful wild ducks.

Continue to Godafoss, or “Waterfall of the Gods.” According to legend, this waterfall earned its name when an Icelandic lawspeaker threw wooden statues of Norse gods into its crashing waters, signifying his conversion to Christianity. (B/L/D)

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SEYÐISFJÖRÐUR  
**Friday, June 26**
Seyðisfjörður is a tranquil, 11-mile-long fjord that winds toward its eponymous town. Visit the sky-hued Blue Church and observe a specially arranged cultural and musical performance. Continue to the Technical Museum to learn more about the mechanical and architectural innovations that characterize this island nation, and enjoy light refreshments. *(B/L/D)*

DJÚPIVOGUR FOR JÖKULSÁRLÓN  
**Saturday, June 27**
Enjoy a full-day scenic excursion along Iceland’s east coast with stunning mountain views.

Board a specially designed small boat for a private cruise amid the luminous blue icebergs of Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon and touch the ice that has calved off the outlet tidewater glacier. These mesmerizing ice sculptures can spend up to five years floating in the lagoon before moving out to sea via Iceland’s shortest river. *(B/L/D)*

HEIMAEY, WESTMAN ISLANDS/CRUISE ALONG SURTSEY ISLAND  
**Sunday, June 28**
Arrive at Heimaey Island, part of the Vestmannæyjar (Westman Islands) archipelago and stop at Sprangan, the craggy cliff where young islanders learn the local pastime of rope swinging. See the ruins of ancient Viking farmhouses dating from A.D. 650 in Herjólfsdalur Valley, observe Heimaey’s largest puffin colony from the headland of Stórhöfði, and view a timbered stave church in scenic Skansinn. See the imposing Eldfell volcano and tour the Eldheimar Museum, which chronicles its fateful activity of 1973 that provided Heimaey with residual geothermal energy for nearly a decade.

This evening, cruise along the coast of Surtsey Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Created by volcanic activity between 1963 and 1967, it is one of the youngest and most fragile islands on Earth; scientists continually study the evolution of its flora and fauna. Be on the lookout for graceful orcas that frequent the region.

Join your traveling companions for the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board this evening. *(B/L/R/D)*

REYKJAVÍK/U.S.  
**Monday, June 29**
Following breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. *(B)*

*Included meals indicated each day as B/L/R/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Reception/Dinner.*

**What is Included:**
- Program of lectures and discussions with Professor Maureen Long.
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The captivating city of Reykjavík and its surrounding natural wonders provide you with the perfect introduction to Iceland. Visit the famous Blue Lagoon and rejuvenate in the warmth of its mineral-rich geothermal waters surrounded by black lava fields. Tour the legendary Golden Circle — UNESCO World Heritage-designated Pingvellir National Park, the thundering, terraced cataract of Gullfoss, and Strokkur, possibly the world’s most iconic fountain geyser, erupting every six to eight minutes. Visit the Hellisheiði Geothermal Power Station and its interactive education center, situated on the moss-clad volcano of Hengill. Take in the breathtaking panoramas from the futuristic glass dome of the Perlan Museum and discover immersive exhibits on volcanoes, earthquakes, and geothermal zones. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Hotel Borg.

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See two UNESCO World Heritage sites — the young, uninhabited island of Surtsey, a target of scientific inquiry, and Vatnajökull National Park, where you can touch glacial ice.