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2026



UKVS GOES TO:

Iceland

Home Educators Residential Trip

March OR October 2026





We're teaming up with Social Impact Retreats to provide you with an unforgettable experience in the heart of Iceland. Are you ready to explore the vibrant culture?

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FIRE, ICE & THE SAGAS: A FAMILY IMMERSION IN ICELAND







7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS PROVISIONAL OUTLINE

This is not a sightseeing tour, but a shared family immersion into Norse mythology, Icelandic landscapes, and storytelling, learning from the land itself.

TRIP STRUCTURE AT A GLANCE

- Arrival & departure via Reykjavík (international flights land at Keflavík)
- Two countryside bases: West Iceland & South Iceland
- Countryside lodges / cabins (not hotels) for the main part of the trip
- Focus on Norse mythology, Viking sagas & geography
- Northern Lights opportunities built in (not guaranteed)

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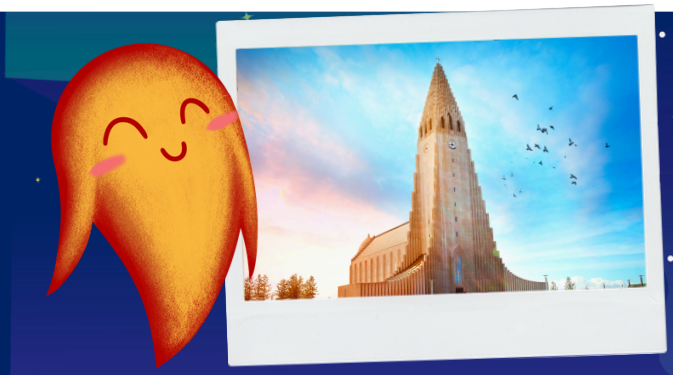
DAY-BY-DAY SNAPSHOT

DAY 1: ARRIVAL & REYKJAVÍK



Myth: Odin's Quest for Knowledge
Focus: Arrival, orientation & storytelling
A gentle start with a short mythology walk through Reykjavík, setting the tone for the week.
Reykjavík

DAY 2: MUSEUM → WEST ICELAND



Myth: Mimir's Well - the price of wisdom
Geography: From artefacts to landscape
Visit the National Museum, then travel to West Iceland and settle into our countryside base.
West Iceland

DAY 3: REYKHOLT & THE SAGAS



Myth: Odin, the Runes & Memory
Geography: Fertile land, hot springs & rural Iceland
Explore Reykholt, home of Snorri Sturluson, where Norse myths and sagas were preserved.
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DAY 4: VIKING LIFE, LAW & SETTLEMENT



Myth: Tyr & Justice
Geography: Land shaping community
Discover how Viking society worked - family life, law, honour and survival in a harsh land.
West Iceland

DAY 5: ÞINGVELLIR → SOUTH COAST



Myth: Idavoll, the Norns & the weaving of fate
Geography: Rift valleys & tectonic plates
Lunch stop at Þingvellir National Park, where law, myth and geology meet, then continue south.
South Iceland

DAY 6: SOUTH COAST LANDSCAPES



Myth: Thor, giants & elemental power
Geography: Waterfalls, glaciers, volcanic rock
A full day immersed in fire-and-ice landscapes shaped by water, ice and time.
South Iceland

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DAY 7: RETURN TO REYKJAVÍK



Myth: Heimdall & the crossing between worlds
Geography: Living with geothermal energy
A free morning, lunch stop in the geothermal town of Hveragerði, then return to Reykjavík for a final reflection evening.
Reykjavík

DAY 8: DEPARTURES

Goodbyes and checkout.
No scheduled activities.

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Northern Lights may be visible on several evenings, weather permitting.

DATES & COSTS

Two date options (one trip will run):

- Option 1: 28 March to 4 April 2026
- Option 2: 24 October to 31 October 2026

Estimated ground cost:

- Approx £1,500 per person (adult or child)
- Includes accommodation, transfers, and activities
- Flights, food and insurance not included
- Please note: Iceland is expensive for food. We recommend budgeting generously.



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SEASONAL COMPARISON

	March 2026	October 2026
Reykjavík (Capital)	Day: **2 to 6°C** Night: **-2 to 2°C**	Day: **5 to 9°C** Night: **2 to 5°C**
West Iceland	Day: **2 to 7°C** Night: **-3 to 1°C**	Day: **3 to 8°C** Night: **0 to 3°C**
South Iceland	Day: **4 to 8°C** Night: **0 to 3°C**	Day: **5 to 9°C** Night: **2 to 5°C**
Daylight hours	**13 to 15 hours**	**8 to 9 hours**
Northern Lights	**Possible**	**Good**

DATES, PLANNING & DEPOSITS

Many of you have been waiting for this Iceland residential, and we're delighted to now be moving forward.

To secure accommodation, transport, and venues for a trip of this nature, **deposits are essential.** Without deposits, we are unable to reserve places for families.

We are offering **March 2026** and **October 2026**, and **one date will be confirmed based on where the majority of deposits sit**. If March is your preference, the earlier you let us know the better, as accommodation availability is more limited.

- **£250 non-refundable deposit per person**
- **Deadline: 15th January**
- Deposits are refundable **only if you select a date we later decide not to run**
- If March 2026 is your preference and you would benefit from spreading the remaining balance, we may be able to offer a **6-month payment plan after the deposit,** considered on a case-by-case basis from Feb 2026 to July 2026.

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NEXT STEPS

STEP 1: ARE YOU COMING?

- Make a decision if you would like to join this residential trip before the 15th January
- Select the dates you are interested in
- Pay the deposit to secure your place.
- Numbers are limited and on a first come, first serve basis





STEP 2: PAYMENT OPTIONS

- On 15th January, we will confirm the trip has reached minimum numbers and which dates it will run
- You will choose between paying the trip in full by the end of January or setting up a payment plan

STEP 3: BOOK FLIGHTS

- Once we confirm timings of arrival and departure, it's now time for you to get your flights booked!
- And don't forget the insurance!



STEP 4: INFO EVENING

- You'll get a chance to meet other families also booked onto the Iceland Trip
- Bring your questions for the Q&A



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FAQS

WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS TRIP COMPARED TO THE MOROCCO & GREECE TRIPS?

We've made some changes based on feedback from the last trips. What worked really well with the Greece trip was the ability for the students to have time to build strong friendships. We've made sure there will be ample time to do this in Iceland. The Greece trip was heavily focused around the Greek Myths whilst Morocco was focused around the locals and included lots of local projects. Iceland will be a mixture of Norse Myths and Viking Sagas as well as appreciating the beauty of nature!

WHO CAN JOIN?

This trip is open to all UKVS students, past and present, including their families, siblings and relatives. Students must have a guardian above the age of 18 accompanying them who will take full responsibility of them.

DO I HAVE TO DO THE FULL 7 NIGHTS?

In the past residential trips, we have broken down the trip into two parts, allowing families to come to the first part only. However, for the Iceland trip there is only one "part" to the trip which consists of 7 nights

WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITIES?

The ultimate responsibility for the students lies with their parents. UKVS is organising the activities only. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times during this trip. You may pass the responsibility to another parent for short periods of time during the trip.

CAN I STAY LONGER?

Absolutely yes! If you want to stay longer or arrive earlier, let us know and we may be able to sort out accommodation in the same place we are staying.

WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND?

Please note the deposit is non-refundable (unless we don't go ahead on the dates you have booked). The refund for the remaining amount is dependent on how close we are to the trip date. Please refer to the terms and conditions

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