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- ♦ Cruise along Surtsey, one of Earth’s youngest islands, and visit Grímsey Island, located directly on the Arctic Circle.



Puffins on Grímsey Island

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Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Resting on the edge of the Arctic Circle, Iceland is a realm of astonishing beauty where nature reigns supreme. Join us for this unforgettable exploration through Iceland's vast wealth of magnificent scenery and fascinating cultural heritage.

During our specially designed, seven-night circumnavigation of this Nordic island nation, experience close encounters with Iceland's primal landscapes and unique wildlife at the best time of year, when the midnight sun of the summer solstice melds into lingering twilight. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star *Le Bellot*, able to cruise into small ports inaccessible to larger vessels and to alter course as ethereal waterways, rugged fjords, and magisterial glaciers unfold before you.

Explore cosmopolitan Reykjavik, the world's northernmost capital and a vibrant example of Iceland's egalitarian society. Visit seldom-toured islands and coastal hamlets where the mythic lore and epic sagas of Iceland's national identity are passed down through generations. Cruise into Siglufjörður, cross the Arctic Circle on Grímsey Island, touch ice fragments calved from Breiðamerkurjökull in UNESCO-designated Vatnajökull National Park, and marvel at dramatic Goðafoss, the "Waterfall of the Gods." Look for orcas and humpback whales as you cruise past Surtsey, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Uncover the history of Iceland's "Pompeii of the North" on fascinating Heimaey Island, where houses hemmed by hardened lava flow from Eldfell volcano are clustered beneath towering cliffs populated by multitudes of puffins, fulmars, and guillemots.

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Study Leader



Alex Hall is a professor in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences and the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability and Director of the Center for Climate Science at UCLA. His research focuses on climate change at both global and regional scales. At the global scale, he works to reduce uncertainty surrounding processes within the climate system, called climate feedbacks, that can either exacerbate or mitigate the planet's response to an increase in greenhouse gas concentrations. He uses current observations to constrain global climate model simulations of climate feedbacks, particularly those related to the melting and retreat of snow and sea ice. At the regional scale, Alex develops techniques to understand climate change impacts at scales relevant to decision makers. Alex was a Lead Author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 5th Assessment Report's chapter on regional climate change and a Contributing Author to its chapter on climate model evaluation.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Námaskarð

Land of Fire and Ice

A land of unparalleled geological riches, Iceland is home to 4,500 square miles of glaciers, 30 active volcanic systems, 800 hot springs, and over 10,000 waterfalls. Born of the monumental forces unleashed during the movement of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates and carved out by formidable glaciers and incredible waterfalls, the land is a combination of intense natural energy and veritable calm. The topography of Iceland continues to evolve, yet many of its landscapes remain nearly unchanged since the first Viking settlers laid eyes on them more than 1,100 years ago.

During your circumnavigation, see volcanic craters and fissures, watch as bubbling hot springs erupt steam into the air against a backdrop of Mars-like terrain, encounter pristine waterfalls and black lava deserts, and witness the stoic majesty of mountains capped with snow and volcanoes slumbering beneath sheets of ice. Along the coast, Iceland's characteristic fjords chronicle the powerful path of the glaciers. Enjoy these natural wonders, in constant flux as glaciers calve and shift and new mountains emerge from volcanic lava flow. A startlingly beautiful portrait of Earth's history and progress, Iceland is a primordial landscape hewn by the forces of fire and ice.



Jökulsárlón's dotted coastline with big chunks of ice (Above) Enjoy a private boat cruise through Jökulsárlón



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Depart home city/ Reykjavík, Iceland/ Embark the ship

Day 1 and Day 2

Depart your home city and arrive the next day in Reykjavík and begin your tour with a visit to botanical gardens of Laugardalur. Continue to the National Museum, where over 2,000 artifacts provide a window to Iceland's history and culture, and visit Hallgrímskirkja church, whose distinct silhouette rises above Reykjavík's skyline. Continue to Reykjavík's old town center before embarking the five-star LE BELLOT.



Grundarfjörður for Snaefellnes Peninsula

Day 3

Discover Iceland's past in the village of Grundarfjörður and travel onward to Djúpalónssandur to explore the cove that once housed roughly 70 fishing stations. Stop in Malaríff to see the 20-meter lighthouse and continue to the

small fishing community of Arnarstapi. End your tour of the Snaefellsnes Peninsula in Búðir, famed for the dramatic black lava landscape and yellow sand beach. Watch for seals, which may be spotted basking in the bay. Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception on board this evening.

Siglufjörður/ Grímsey Island/ Arctic Circle

Day 4

See Siglufjörður, one of Iceland's most dramatically sited towns, and visit its Herring Era Museum, which recreates the history of fish salting and oil processing

during the early 20th century. Return to the ship and cruise to Grímsey Island, which straddles the top of the world at 66 degrees North. Walk across the Arctic Circle.

Húsavík for Lake Mývatn

Day 5

Explore northern Iceland's extraordinary natural

landscapes, stopping at Námaskarð—a geothermal wonder—and the pseudocraters at Skútustaðir, formed when hot lava flowed across the wetlands over 2,000 years ago. Walk among the surreal “dark castle” lava formations of Dimmuborgir and drive along the shores of Lake Mývatn. Continue to Goðafoss, or “Waterfall of the Gods.”

Seyðisfjörður

Day 6

Visit the sky-hued Blue Church on the 11-mile-long fjords of Seyðisfjörður and observe a specially arranged cultural and musical performance.

Djúpivogur for Jökulsárlón

Day 7

Enjoy a full-day scenic excursion along Iceland's eastern coast with stunning mountain views. Board a specially designed small boat for a private cruise amid the luminous blue icebergs of Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon in UNESCO World Heritage-designated Vatnajökull National Park and touch the ice that has calved off the outlet tidewater glacier.

Heimaey, Westman Islands/ Cruise by Surtsey Island

Day 8

Arrive at Heimaey Island, part of the *Vestmannaeyjar*

Orcas in Iceland's coastal waters.



(Westman Islands) archipelago, and stop at Sprangan. See the ruins of ancient Viking farmhouses dating from A.D. 650 in Herjólfssdalur 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. This evening, cruise along the coast of Surtsey Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of

the youngest and most fragile islands on Earth. Enjoy the Captain's Farewell Reception on board this evening.

Reykjavík/Return to home city
Day 9

Arnarstapi's dramatic coastline



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Reykjavík and the Golden Circle

June 14 to 18, 2023

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