

Educo goes to.. Iceland 2023 - Itinerary April 22nd - 27th

*Please note, this program may be affected by small, last minute changes and certain activities may be scheduled at a different time than listed below

Saturday April 22nd

Teachers arrive throughout the day, are welcomed to the course and checked into the hotel Grandi by Center Hotels Seljavegur, 2 - 101 Reykjavík Iceland

20:00 Welcome Dinner at Bryggjan Brugghús

Sunday, April 23rd

Full Day - Golden Circle Tour

“Discover the extraordinary sights and natural wonders of Iceland’s geothermal Geysir area, and see active geysers and cascading waterfalls along the way.

The tour starts at Geysir where you can see spouting hot springs, including the most active geyser in Iceland Strokkur. Continue across the torrid landscape to Gullfoss, where you can stand next to an amazing waterfall as enormous quantities of water tumble violently into a deep, meandering gorge.

Spend some time exploring a cross-section of Iceland's natural wonders and geological phenomena at Thingvellir National Park, an area of such historic and geological significance it was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004.

Learn about the open-air assembly of Althing and how the landscape was husbanded over 1,000 years. See the dramatic fissures and rifts in the landscape caused by dramatic volcanic activity throughout history.”

***There will be a free lunch + break on this day**

20:00 - Dinner at Sandholt

Monday, April 24th

9:00 - 12 Department of Education Meeting

We will spend the morning at the City of Reykjavik's Department of Education and receive a presentation on Iceland's education system. Leading us through the presentation will be the Project Manager of International Relations for the *Department of Education and Youth* as well as an Italian speaking colleague that is working for the Centre for language and literacy.

12:00 Group Lunch Hedinn Kitchen

14:00 - 16:00 Reykjavik city tour, English activities and visit to University

17:00 - 18:30 English Workshop

This workshop will take things we've learnt and seen and help you translate them into your classroom. We'll share ideas from literature to storytelling to design and deliver interactive activities and workshops for your primaria and secondaria students.

Free Dinner

Tuesday, April 25th

8:30 Bus transfer to Klebergsskoli

9:00 - 11:30 - School Visit Klébergsskóli

Our first visit of the day is an elementary school about half an hour from the city center that caters to students aged 1-16 years old, offering education from pre-school to lower-secondary level. Klébergsskóli is the oldest working elementary school in Reykjavík and the school's oldest building was opened on October 19, 1929

13:00 - 15:00 - School Visit Vesturbæjarskóli

A primary school located close to the city center in Reykjavik, Vesturbæjarskóli has students aged 6-12 and offers a diverse and engaging learning environment, including a strong culture for creative projects using technology.

Our group will have a chance to tour the school and observe several lessons.

20:00 Dinner at Sandholt

Wednesday, April 26th

9:00 - 12:00 - Blue Lagoon

“Healing waters. A subterranean spa. Otherworldly views”. We will spend a relaxing morning exploring the waters of Iceland’s Blue Lagoon. ***Each participant will have access to a: silica mud mask, a towel and a drink of choice at the bar.**

Founded in 1981, This famous Iceland lagoon is a manmade geothermally heated spa, which is located on the Reykjanes Peninsula - around 50 minutes from Reykjavik. The mineral-rich water of the Blue Lagoon is said to be quite therapeutic. Past guests rave about the healing benefits. The two main minerals found in the Blue Lagoon are sulfur and silica. The combination of these two minerals is what gives this hot spring its ethereal blue tint.

Afternoon - Free time

20:00 Farewell Dinner

Thursday, April 27th

Checkout and return home