A WEEKEND GETAWAY TO ICELAND
FEBRUARY 25 - 29, 2016

Hosted by Michael Twomey
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Join fellow Ithaca College passengers for a long weekend escape to exotic Iceland. From steamy hot springs to top-notch spas, magnificent malls to art museums, this unique land is the perfect place to relax, recharge, and explore.

Legends say that the ancient gods themselves guided Iceland’s first settler, Ingolfur Arnarson, to make his home in Reykjavik (“Smoky Bay”), named after the geothermal steam he saw. Today this geothermal energy heats homes and outdoor swimming pools throughout the city – a pollution-free energy source that leaves the air outstandingly fresh, clean and clear.

Dine on Icelandic specialties, including delicious seafood, ocean-fresh from the morning’s catch; highland lamb; and unusual varieties of game. It’s purely natural food imaginatively served to delight the most discerning of diners. Reykjavik is also renowned as one of Europe’s hottest nightspots, where the action on the friendly pub and club scene lasts right through the long winter nights.

But perhaps the greatest draw is the Aurora Borealis – the Northern Lights. This is the best time of year to see them because it has to be totally dark to get the best effect – and this is a country where the sun never sets in the summer! On our arrival day, local expert Svanur Thorkelsson will give us a presentation on the aurora and then that evening we’ll head out to try and see the real thing (weather permitting). If we don’t succeed we’ll try again the next night . . and the next.

Take advantage also of optional tours for both traditional and offbeat attractions – including elf-spotting tours, Viking feasts, whale watching, horseback riding, lava fields, and a variety of sports and leisure activities. This Ithaca College alumnae/i adventure offers the best of a guided tour plus time to explore on your own.
Day 1, Thursday February 25th
Evening departure from Boston or New York, where we board our direct Iceland Air service to Iceland.

Day 2, Friday February 26th
Early morning arrival in Iceland; we will be met at the airport and escorted to our hotel in Reykjavik, where a sumptuous breakfast buffet awaits us. This morning we tour Reykjavik for a wonderful introduction to Europe’s smallest capital city! The tour covers the Old Town, the shopping districts, the Parliament, Hofdi House, Hallgrim’s church and much more! Most hotels know that Americans arrive early and will do everything possible to help us check in upon arrival. However, this may not always be possible and if the rooms are not ready, we will store our luggage and go off on our city tour. When we return after lunch, you will be able to go to your rooms and take a short nap before we gather for our introductory lectures. Dinner will be at a restaurant near the hotel and this evening we will embark upon our first attempt to view the Northern Lights. (B, D)

Day 3, Saturday February 27th
Today we capture the essence of Iceland - the Golden Circle tour. Our first stop is Þingvellir National Park, site of the world’s first parliament. Here we will walk from America to Europe! We continue on to see the majestic dual-folding Gullfoss waterfall and gaze upon Geyser, which spout steam with amazing force. We’ll pass close by the Eyjafjallajokull Volcano, which recently caused so much chaos with European air traffic, and stop to peer into the icy depths of Keri volcanic crater. This evening we’ll enjoy a traditional Icelandic lobster feast at a local restaurant on our way back to the hotel. (B, D)

Day 4, Sunday February 28th
A free day. Explore the galleries and museums of the city, enjoy the tax-free shopping or pamper yourself in one of the many local spas. There will also be a variety of optional activities available; from taking a snowmobile safari to the top of a glacier, to riding an Icelandic pony or going in search of Puffins and Whales. (B)

Day 5, Monday February 29th
Today we take a brief tour of the exotic, moonlike Reykjanes peninsula, first stopping at Bessastadir, the official estate for Iceland’s President. Then we bathe in the renowned Blue Lagoon, an azure pool of mineral-rich warm water amid a lava field. There are wonderful facilities to shower and change at the site before we continue to the airport for our return flights to Boston or New York. (B)

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy, is:

- Boston or New York departure: $1980
- Single supplement: $290

Prices are available from many other departure cities. Please call for details.

Inclusions:
- Airfare: Roundtrip airfare from Boston or New York, including all customs fees and airport taxes.
- Hotels: 3 nights’ accommodation in a first-class hotel. All hotel taxes and service charges included.
- Coaching: All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.
- Meals: 4 breakfasts and 2 dinners.
- Guides: Services of a local tour guide throughout the tour.
- Entrances: Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary.
- Lectures: Lecture by your Ithaca College College study leader and a special presentation on the Aurora Borealis by a local expert.
Michael Twomey has been a follower of Icelandic literature and culture since his doctoral coursework, during which he studied the old Icelandic language (also called old Norse). As a member of the English department at IC, Michael teaches a survey of medieval literature, including a unit of medieval Iceland, and specialized courses on Chaucer, the legend of King Arthur, and Dante. He also teaches a course in literature of the Bible. In the past five years, Michael has moved into the field of environmental criticism, examining the representation of the natural world in medieval literature to better understand contemporary attitudes toward and treatment of the environment.

In 2014 and 2015, Michael served on the faculty of the Svartarkot Culture Nature program in Bardardalur, a town in northern Iceland. The program is a two-week, research-sharing interdisciplinary course on environmental humanities that brings together specialists in literature, history, archeology, biology, climate, landscape, film, and computing. Michael has published over 30 articles in professional journals and has co-authored or edited three books. He frequently writes reviews about publications on medieval scholarship, and is on the editorial board of the British journal Arthurian Literature (Cambridge). In 2007, Michael was named Charles A. Dana Professor of Humanities and Arts. You can read more about Professor Twomey at faculty.ithaca.edu/twomey.

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**Registration Form**

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   i). Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport.
   ii). Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
   iii). Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
   iv). Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
   v). Health Information. A certain amount of walking is involved in this trip. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

2. Emergency Contact
   This information is essential.

3. Independent Flight Arrangements.
   If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost.

4. Rooming Requirements
   Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.
   i). If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
   ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.

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**Passenger Details for IC in Iceland:**
**A Weekend Getaway to Iceland (0225/INL)**

Name(s): 1. ......................................................
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Address: ...........................................................

City: .................................... State: .......... Zip: .........

Home Telephone: (____) ........................................

Work Telephone: (____) ........................................

E-mail: ..............................................................

Date(s) of Birth: 1. __________ 2. __________

Passport #1 __________________________ Exp.Date: __________

Passport #2 __________________________ Exp.Date: __________

Special Dietary Requirements: ..............................................

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**Year of Graduation from Ithaca College:**

**Other Comments or Notes:** ..............................................

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**Trip Details**

Departure Date: __________ Return Date: __________

Departure Airport or City: ..............................................

I would like to extend my trip to: ..............................................

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TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:
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5. All cancellation requests must be received in writing (either by mail or e-mail).
6. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant’s absence once the tour has started.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

1. All inclusions on IC in Iceland are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant’s home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s): 1. ____________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
City: ____________________ State: _____ Zip: __________
Home Telephone: (____) _____________________________

FLIGHT INFORMATION

(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: □ Yes □ No
From: □ Boston □ New York
Flight details (if self-arranged): ____________________________________________
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ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

(Please check one)

□ I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)
□ I will be sharing with: ____________________________________________
We would like a □ double □ twin-bedded room

PERMISSIONS

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. □ Yes □ No

SIGNATURES

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Ithaca College and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________________

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