



Iceland

Landmannalaugar

FIRE, ICE AND
WILD ACHIEVEMENT

BOLDER 

Adventure

HIGHLIGHTS



HIGHLAND TREKKING

Journey through rhyolite mountains, lava fields, steaming valleys and remote camps on one of Europe's iconic trails.



GLACIER EXPERIENCE

Walk on a glacier with qualified specialists and see ice movement, melt and landscape formation at close range.



FIRE & TECTONICS

Stand between plates, watch geothermal activity and read the evidence of recent eruptions in the land.



WATERFALLS, CAVES & OCEAN

Add great waterfalls, a lava cave, whale watching or the glacier lagoon to build a wider discovery route.

Destination

SNAPSHOT



LANDSCAPE

Volcanic highlands, glaciers, black-sand coast, waterfalls, lava cave, geothermal valleys and wide open sky.



CULTURE

A small, resilient island society shaped by nature, energy, sagas and practical adaptation.



CHALLENGE LEVEL

Demanding on the highland trek; moderate on the vehicle-supported geology route.



ACCOMMODATION

Reykjavik hostel or hotel, countryside group lodging and camps beside mountain huts on the expedition route.



CLIMATE

Cool, exposed and highly changeable, even in summer. Highland access is seasonal.



TRAVEL

Fly to Keflavik, then use private coach and specialist highland transfers. Trekking routes may use baggage support.



ATMOSPHERE

Raw, spacious, dramatic and elemental.



BEST FOR

Schools seeking either a serious European wilderness trek or an outstanding Geography and Earth Science journey with genuine adventure built in.

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HIGHLAND TREK & GOLDEN CIRCLE 10 DAYS

ONE POSSIBLE JOURNEY This sample itinerary shows how we believe you can get the most from your time and create a well-balanced adventure. The exact running order and individual elements may vary according to availability, local conditions and the needs of the group. Most aspects can be tailored to suit your school's aims, preferred duration and priorities, so please get in touch and we can shape the right programme with you.

Day 1

Arrive in Reykjavík

The group arrives in Iceland, meets the local team and transfers to its Reykjavik base. Once everyone has settled in, leaders run a full expedition briefing covering equipment, weather, camp routines and the way decisions will be made in a remote and exposed environment. A short walk may help stretch legs after travel, but the main purpose of the day is preparation. By evening, students understand that the trek ahead is not a sightseeing excursion: it is a moving camp in changeable terrain, supported by experienced leaders and adapted when conditions require.

Day 2

Reykjavik & Final Preparations

The morning explores Reykjavik and its harbour, using landmarks and the waterfront to introduce Icelandic culture and the geography of the island. Attention then turns to the practical detail of the expedition. Food is organised, personal kit checked and group roles clarified before leaders review the route, environmental responsibilities and Leave No Trace approach. The contrast between a compact northern capital and the highland wilderness makes anticipation build naturally. This is the last evening with easy access to city facilities, so the team finishes the day ready to leave them behind.

Day 3

Into Landmannalaugar

Today the group travels into Iceland's highlands towards Landmannalaugar, the starting point for the trekking phase. The landscape changes dramatically as volcanic features, lava and coloured rhyolite mountains replace the city and coast. On arrival, everyone establishes camp and reviews the systems for packing, cooking and moving as a team. If time and conditions allow, a short local walk helps students adjust to the terrain before the full journey begins. The day is a transition in every sense: from vehicle to foot, from fixed accommodation to camp and from preparation to expedition.

Day 4

Trekking Through Rhyolite Country

The first full trekking day leads into a landscape of bright ridges, obsidian, gorges and geothermal activity. Steaming ground and hot springs show how active this terrain remains, while open sections expose the group to the wind and rapid weather changes for which the highlands are known. Leaders manage pace carefully as students learn how to walk efficiently with personal kit and keep the team together. Reaching the next camp is the day's clear achievement. Tents, food and equipment then need attention, and the evening settles into the practical rhythm that will carry the expedition forward.

Day 5

Across Lava & Glacial Valleys

The landscape changes again as the route moves from coloured mountains towards darker volcanic plains, lava and valleys shaped by ice and water. This is a sustained day rather than a single dramatic moment: students manage their energy, watch the weather and support an efficient group pace over exposed ground. Any river or stream crossings are handled only under the leaders' direction and according to the selected route and conditions. At camp, familiar systems begin to work more smoothly. The team cooks, dries and organises kit with growing independence before reviewing the stage completed and the terrain still ahead.

Day 6

A Remote Highland Journey

By the third trekking day, the group is deep into the highland phase. Mountain-hut areas and camps provide points of reference, but the country between them remains remote, open and changeable. Students take more ownership of camp routines and navigation awareness while leaders retain responsibility for route and safety decisions. The physical challenge lies in repeated effort: pack, walk, establish camp and prepare to do it again. That repetition also reveals progress. Tasks that felt unfamiliar in Landmannalaugar now happen with less prompting, leaving more attention for the scale and variety of the volcanic landscape.

Day 7

The Final Trekking Stage

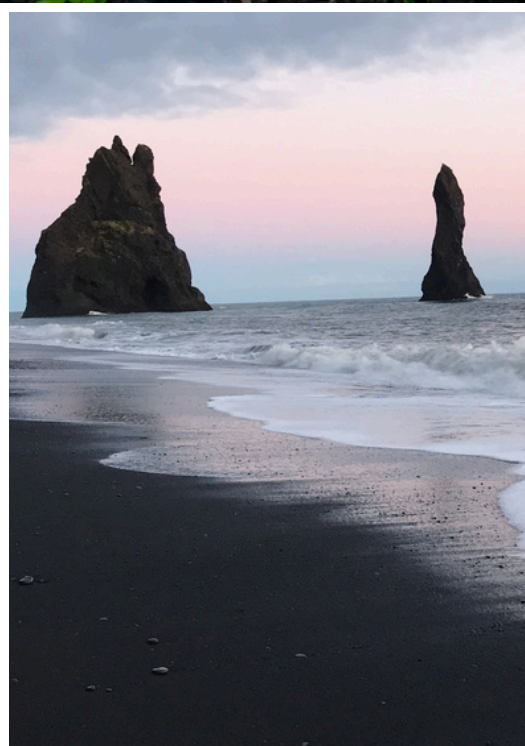
The expedition phase reaches its final stage today. The exact route and objective are confirmed around weather, trail conditions and the agreed operational plan, so the focus remains on completing a safe, coherent journey rather than forcing a fixed finish. Students bring together the habits developed across the trek: steady pacing, care of equipment, clear communication and responsibility for shared camp tasks. Emerging from the highlands creates a strong sense of transition. The group has not simply visited the landscape; it has travelled through it under its own power and managed several days of moving camp together.

Day 8

Return & Geothermal Recovery

The group travels back towards Reykjavik, watching remote highland terrain give way to roads, settlements and the capital. A planned geothermal bathing experience provides a restorative contrast to camp life, with the final venue confirmed through the operational itinerary. Warm water, clean kit and a fixed bed feel well earned after several days on the trail. The slower pace also creates space for the team to look back on difficult moments, small routines and the satisfaction of completing the expedition before turning to Iceland's best-known geological sites on the final full day.







Day 9

The Golden Circle

The final full day connects the trekking landscape to three of Iceland's most significant sites. At Thingvellir National Park, students encounter the rift setting where the North American and Eurasian plates meet and learn about the historic national assembly established there. The geothermal area at Geysir shows heat and water at work, including the regularly active Strokkur geyser. At Gullfoss, the Hvita River drops through a two-stage waterfall into its canyon. After the intimacy of travelling on foot, the Golden Circle gives a wider geological perspective and a fitting conclusion to the journey.

Day 10

Depart Iceland

The group completes the final pack-down and transfers to Keflavik Airport for the flight home. Students leave with the achievement of a multi-day highland trek behind them and a much more immediate understanding of Iceland's volcanic, geothermal and glacial landscape.





WHAT'S INCLUDED



Free teaching staff places
Bolder Adventure Programme Leader 

International flights



All in-country transport
All accommodation, meals and safe drinking water

All required permits/park fees
Guided activities with expert local partners



Group safety, communication & sleep-out equipment
Travel Pack, inc. hoody or tech tee

Comprehensive travel insurance
Safety management & planning
24/7 support during travel



Highly experienced UK account management
Pre-trip briefings & training (*as applicable*)

PLEASE NOTE: Cancellation insurance, visas, vaccinations, personal expenditure, tips for leaders, guides and drivers - and any other services not listed above are not included.

NEXT STEPS

1

Consider your preferred itinerary or direction



2

Book a 20 minute planning call. We'll confirm your aims, shape the itinerary, and prepare what you need for SLT and promotion

3

Receive your customised pack for confirmation and launch

4

Reserve your dates with a small holding deposit



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