

# Maltby Academy Iceland Geography Trip 2027



# Iceland overview

Following our hugely successful Easter 2025 Geography trip to Iceland, we are going to run an even bigger and better trip to Iceland in 2027. It'll be an experience of a lifetime!

When: Easter 2027

7 days ( 27th March – 2nd April 2027).

Who: 50 students maximum currently in yrs7, 8 and 10 (2027's yrs 9,10 and 12)

The trip is open to all students, not just those taking or planning to take Geography (though you'd be daft not to!)

# The Itinerary

- Iceland is an amazing country full of geographical features to explore; from volcanoes to waterfalls, glaciers to geothermal pools, and lava tubes to black sand beaches.
- And we aim to explore all of them!
- Our itinerary looks like this.....

# Day 1 - arrival

Coach from Maltby Academy to  
Manchester Airport

Fly Icelandair from Manchester to  
Keflavik (flights usually depart  
around 11am)



# Day 1 – Reykjanes Peninsula

- En route from the airport to the hotel, visit the Bridge between the Continents and Gunnuhver hot springs
- Go to the hotel. Games Room option.



# The Hotel Ork, Hveragerdi

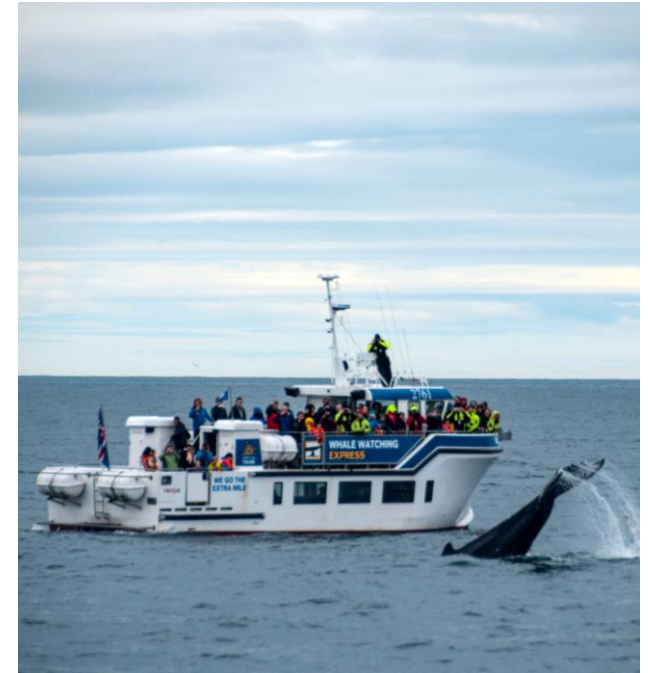
- Location: Hveragerdi, 40kms east of Reykjavik
- 4-star hotel
- 3x students per room
- All rooms have TV and an ensuite bathroom
- Full board. The hotel provides breakfast, a packed lunch and an evening meal
- Naturally-heated swimming pool
- Games room (pool, table tennis, etc.)





## Day 2 – The Secret Lagoon

The Secret Lagoon- one of the highlights every trip.  
A chance to swim in a beautifully warm natural geothermally-heated pool.



## Day 2 – Reykjavik – whale watching

A new activity for 2027 – whale watching

March is the end of the off-season –so no guarantee

In addition to whales, there's the potential to see porpoises, dolphins and killer whales

# Day 2 – Reykjavik – downtown

- ▣ A little sightseeing
- ▣ Souvenir shopping



# Day 2 – Raufarhólshellir lava tunnel

- Explore a lava tunnel complete with ice stalagmites



# Day 3 – The glacier hike

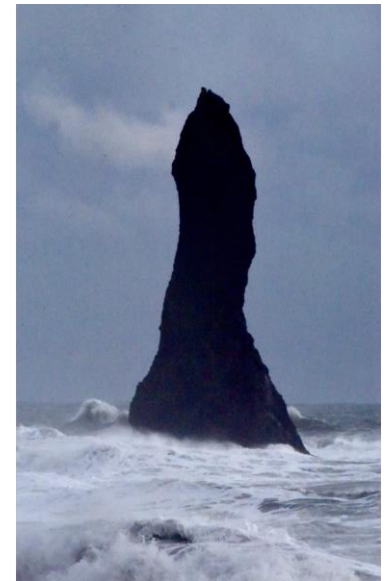
- One of highlights of every trip is the hike on the Solheimajokull glacier. With crampons and ice axes a chance to walk on the glass-like glacier. Utterly stunning!



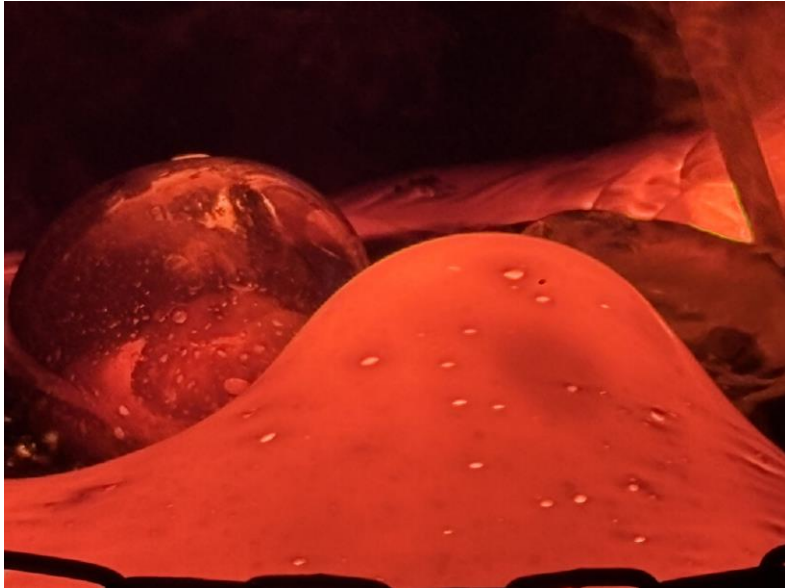


# Day 3 – Reynisfjara beach

- The volcanic black sand of Reynisfjara beach look out at the spectacular stacks off the headland. There's also the hexagonal basalt columns formed by volcanic cooling.



# Day 3 - Lava Show, Vik



# Day 3 – Skogafoss

A stunning 60m  
high waterfall  
along Iceland's  
south



# Day 3 – Swimming at the hotel

- We have 2hrs of swimming booked in the naturally-heated hotel pool for 2 days.
- A life-guard will be present for the entirety of the session (This is an optional activity).



# Day 4 – The Lava Centre

- An interactive centre that looks at Iceland's tectonic activity and brings it all to life with a hands-on approach.



# Day 4 Thormorsk Valley Super Jeep tour

The highlight this year!!







If we're very lucky – Arctic foxes



# Day 4 – Seljalandsfoss

Another stunning 60m waterfall.



# Day 5 – Thingvillir National Park

- At 32m wide, Gullfoss is one of Iceland's most spectacular waterfalls



# Day 5 – Thingvillir National Park

- A chance to walk between the North American and European land masses. Here, the Eurasian and North American plates are slowly moving apart by 2cm every year.



# Day 5 – Kerid Crater

- We finish the day at Kerid crater. This is an extinct volcano with a stunning crater lake.



# Day 5 – Strokkur Geyser

- Every 6-10 minutes water erupts up to 20m high from the geyser.



# Day 5 – Snorkelling between the continents





# Day 5 – hotel swimming



# Day 6 – Heimaey Island

- ▣ Take the ferry to the island
- ▣ Explore Eldfell Volcano
- ▣ Eldheimar Museum





# Day - home

- Return flight from Keflavik to Manchester with Icelandair
- Return to Maltby by coach

# Details

- Cost £2,000 per student
- Going on the trip is a commitment, please note Rayburn's cancellation policy below:
- **All deposits are non-refundable**
- **70-29 days before departure – 75% cancellation charge**
- **28-15 days before departure – 90% cancellation charge**
- **14 days before departure – 100% cancellation charge**

# What next?

- If your child is currently in Years 7, 8 or 10 and would like to be considered for the trip, please complete the form sent out tomorrow on Class Charts by Friday 27th June.
- Students will be selected according to behaviour and attendance, then drawn randomly and all students will be informed by Monday 30th June if they have been successful or not.
- If selected, you will need to pay a deposit of £200 by Friday 4th July to secure your place. A further payment of £100 will need to be paid by the end of July.
- Payments will then be made by regular instalments
- Unsuccessful students, will be placed on a waiting list unless I hear otherwise, or there's always Costa Rica next year for current year 8s...

- We look forward to receiving your applications.
- For any queries or if you require further information, please contact Mr. Clarke at:

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