

West Mercia Scouts

Iceland 2021 – Itinerary Proposal

Day One – Outbound Travel Day

Start your Icelandic adventure by flying in Keflavik Airport, Iceland's main airport. From here, you will board your coach for the transfer to Úlfjótsvatn Scout Centre, and experience your first sight of the Icelandic countryside. On arrival, you will settle into your accommodation, with the remainder of day at leisure.

Day Two – Golden Circle Tour

This tour is one of the most popular excursions in Iceland, to a landscape of highland plateaus, waterfalls, geysers, bubbling hot-springs, farmland and geological phenomena. It features the essence of Iceland, including natural wonders such as the Geysir hot spring and Gullfoss, the majestic waterfalls. During this tour, there is a particular emphasis on geology and history, including your stop at the Thingvellir National Park, where you can see not only the site of the oldest Parliament in the world, but also where two tectonic plates are splitting apart. A guide will accompany you on the tour.

Day Three – Iceland Paddle Tour

In the safety of the small pond at Úlfjótsvatn, you will learn the basics of paddling. Then you will head out on a kayak or canoe to one of the islands on Lake Úlfjótsvatn, go treasure hunting and enjoy a simple meal.

Day Four – Reykjavik and Whale Watching

Spend a whole day in Reykjavik, the capital city of Iceland and home to nearly 40% of the total population. It manages to combine the old town feel with a very cool twist. In the afternoon, take a trip into the Bay of Faxaflói, where you will have the opportunity to look for whales, dolphins, puffins and other Icelandic wildlife.

Day Five – Hot River Hike

A great hike into the mountains, including the chance to bathe in a natural hot river. Please note that you should be in good physical shape and have some mountain experience. Distance: 12 miles, moderate/challenging.

Day Six – On-site Volunteering and Campfire

Many Scouts have a tradition of offering service to the place where they are staying, and Úlfjótuvatn is always welcome to this. All volunteers receive a unique badge as a thank you! End the day by building your own campfire in one of the campfire circles on the site.

Day Seven - Sólheimajökull Glacier Exploration

This is an easy and safe walk on the white and blue ice. You will explore water cauldrons, waterways and other ice features. The guides will teach you how to use basic glacier equipment like crampons and ice axes. The walk is suitable for everybody. Coaching to/from the Glacier is also included in the excursion price.

Day Eight – Return Travel Day

Time to say farewell to Úlfjótuvatn, full of new and exciting memories! A transfer coach will take your group back to Keflavik, to catch your return flight to the UK.