



Dear Parent/Carer

20 January 2016

## Iceland Land of Fire and Ice Tour 2017

I am delighted that your son/daughter has expressed an interest in our forthcoming trip to Iceland. Iceland is in an undeniably dramatic and exciting location which will provide your son/daughter with both an enviable and enjoyable practical experience to help support his/her Geography and Science studies. He/she will have the opportunity to explore first hand a land of rumbling volcanoes, cascading waterfalls, gushing geysers geothermal features, together with breath taking glaciers, wrapped up in a centuries-old Norse culture.

The group will depart from school on **Monday 13 February 2017** and will return four days later on **Thursday 16 February 2017**. We anticipate that the cost of the trip will be approximately £730.00 per student.

The cost of the trip includes:

- Airport transfers and return flights between London Gatwick Airport and Keflavik International Airport
- 1 item of checked baggage per person plus 1 item of hand luggage per person
- Airport transfers in Iceland
- Travel insurance
- Hotel accommodation and meals
- Coach excursion to see the Northern Lights
- Full day coach excursion to the Golden Circle with guide
- Full day coach excursion to the South Shore with guide
- Entrance to Blue Lagoon
- Visit to Hellisheidi Geothermal Power Plant
- Coach excursion to Reykjanes Peninsula
- 24 Hour emergency assistance service.

Please note that the above information is only a guide, therefore, the itinerary may change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Whilst this trip may appear expensive, it actually represents extremely good value in relation to the attention to safety, location, helpfulness of staff/representatives, hotel/food standard and cultural visits and activities. As important as these factors are, the 'wow factor' of this trip is arguably unrivalled.

We have, therefore, planned in advance to allow for the cost to be spread, with an initial deposit of £130.00, followed by instalment payments every month. All deposits will be returned if the trip is cancelled.

No deposits will be paid to the tour company until the tour is confirmed. However, once deposits have been paid they will be non-refundable unless covered by insurance. If you withdraw your son/daughter from the trip once the booking is confirmed and/or default on any payments, you may not receive a refund of any monies already paid to the tour company. You may also be required to pay any surcharges imposed by the tour company as a result of your child not participating in the trip.

**There are only 50 places available. Places will be allocated with the following priority:**

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- **KS4 students studying Geography or any Science on a strictly first-come, first-served basis.**
- **KS3 students studying Geography or Science on a strictly first-come, first-served basis.**
- **All other students on a strictly first-come, first-served basis.**

**The cost of the trip is based on 50 students. The trip will still run if there are fewer students participating, however, there may be a surcharge due to the smaller number of participants.**

If you would like your child to participate in this truly bespoke opportunity, please return the reply slip, together with the relevant documentation, to Ms Pridham in Reception by Friday, 12 February 2016. Please make your deposit payment of £130.00 using ParentPay ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)), our online payment system, choosing the service 'Iceland Land of Fire and Ice Tour 2017'. Alternatively, if you would like to have a PayPoint service barcode, please contact Ms Pridham. The cost of the trip does not include spending money.

Students must obtain a current passport and European Health Insurance Card. Please ensure these documents will be valid for at least three months after our return date. **If your child has a non EU passport, please consult the Icelandic Directorate of Immigration to verify whether he/she will need a visa to enter Iceland.**

Here at Sir William Ramsay School we take students' welfare very seriously. For the safety of all students and staff, the school reserves the right to decline applications from students who may be unable to comply with the school's Code of Conduct. Any student, who gives cause for concern, regarding their behaviour, prior to our departure date, may be withdrawn from the trip. In such cases, the deposit is non-refundable, as are any monies already paid to the tour operator. The insurance does not cover such eventualities. Whilst on the trip all students must follow the school Code of Conduct; any students misbehaving in a way that puts themselves, or others at risk, will be dealt with severely upon our return.

Prior to departure, there will be a meeting at school for parents and participants. It is anticipated this meeting will take place at the beginning of January 2017, details to be confirmed. All parents and students must attend this meeting.

Geography students will be inspired by the natural landscape, piecing together the theory with the actual terrain, providing valuable case studies for exam preparation. Science students will enjoy the natural physics and chemistry elements of this unique region of our planet. As Geographers and Scientists, we the staff, are very excited to be able to offer our students the opportunity to visit one of the most fascinating countries in the world in terms of raw physical geology.

Should you have any concerns regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me on the usual school telephone number.

Yours faithfully

**Miss E Gurney**  
**Teacher of Geography/Trip Leader**

**Mr A Law**  
**Teacher of Science/Deputy Trip Leader**

Reply slip: please return to Ms Pridham in Reception by Friday, 12 February 2016.

**Iceland Land of Fire and Ice Tour 2017**  
**Monday 13 February 2017 - Thursday 16 February 2017**

- I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the above trip.
- I understand that there may be a surcharge in the event of less students participating in the trip.
- I have paid a non-returnable deposit of £130.00 via ParentPay.
- I require a PayPoint barcode.
- I understand that photographs/videos taken on the trip may be shared with other students on the trip and may be used within the school to promote future trips.
- I understand that if my son/daughter is excluded prior to departure, I will lose the deposit and any other monies paid to the tour company.
- I confirm that my son/daughter will conform to the school's Code of Conduct before and during this trip and that I will be accountable should he/she breach these regulations.
- I understand that once deposits have been paid to the tour company they will be non-returnable, unless covered by insurance and if I withdraw my son/daughter from the trip, once the booking is confirmed and/or default on any payments, I may not receive a refund of any monies already paid to the tour company. I am aware that once the booking has been confirmed, I may be required to pay any surcharges imposed by the tour company as a result of my child not participating in the trip.
- I enclose a photocopy (on one A4 sheet please) of my child's current passport and European Health Insurance Card. **Please check expiry dates.**
- I enclose a signed and completed Parental Consent Form.
- I enclose a signed Code of Conduct.
- I enclose a signed Consent for Swimming Activities Form.

Student name: ..... Form: .....

Parent name : ..... Date: .....

Signature: .....  
(Parent/Carer)

**PLEASE PUT ALL DOCUMENTS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE STUDENT'S NAME, FORM GROUP AND TRIP DETAILS.**