

Maltby Academy Iceland Geography Trip 2025



Iceland overview

Following our hugely successful February 2023 Geography trip to Iceland, we are going to run an even bigger and better trip to Iceland in 2025. It'll be an experience of a lifetime!

When: Easter 2025

Either 5 days (29th March-2nd April 2025) - £1,355

or 6 days (29th March – 3rd April 2025). TBC - £1,580

Who: 46 students currently in y8-y11 (2025's y10-13)

The trip is open to students who have, and who haven't, taken GCSE/ A-Level geography – ALL students.

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.
- Visit Raufarholshellir lava tube - a chance to visit the inner workings of a volcano.
- Go to the hotel. Games Room option.



The Hotel Ork, Hveragerdi

- Location: 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 from our February trip.
- A chance to swim in a beautifully warm natural geothermally-heated pool.



Day 2 – Gufoss waterfall

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



Day 2 – Strokkur Geyser

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



Day 2 – 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.



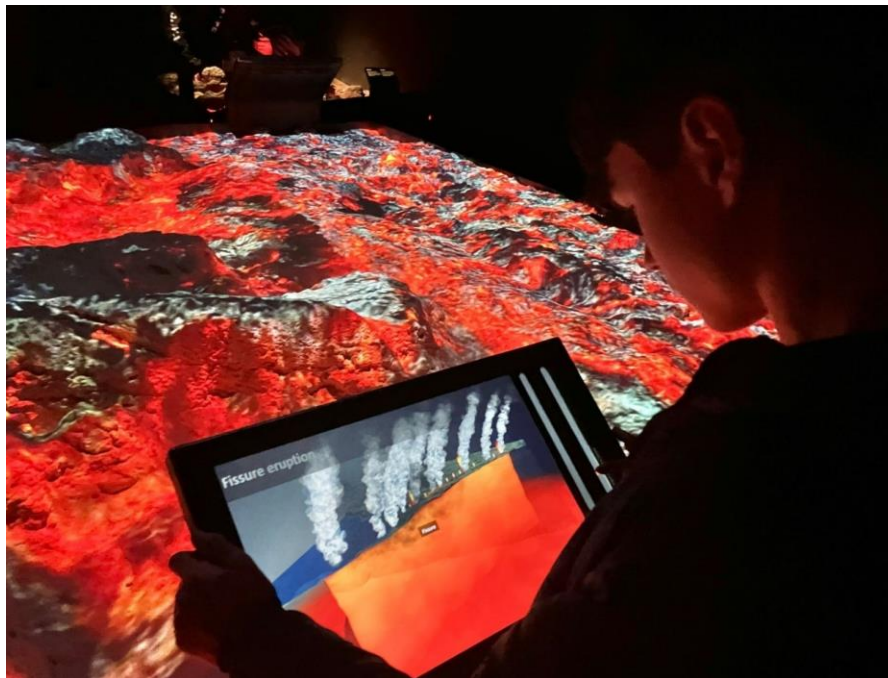
Day 2 – Kerid crater

- We finish the day at Kerid crater. This is an extinct volcano with a stunning crater lake.
- Back to the hotel - optional games room.



Day 3 – 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 3 – The glacier hike



- Everyone's highlight of our February trip was the hike on the Solheimajokull glacier. With crampons and ice axes a chance to walk on the glass-like glacier. Utterly stunning!



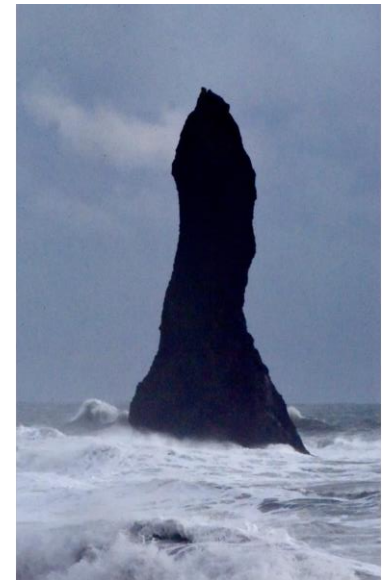
Day 3 – Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss

- 2 stunning waterfalls along Iceland's south coast, both 60m high. If conditions allow, it's possible to walk behind the falls at Seljalandsfoss.



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 – 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 (6-day trip option only) Eyafjallajokull Super Jeep tour

- If we run the Iceland trip as a 6-day trip, this is the extra day's activity. We will not do this if we have a 5-day tour.
- A whole day trip on a Super Jeep driving up on to the glacier covering the Eyafjallajokull volcano.
- We will drive across glacial rivers into the Thorsmork valley.





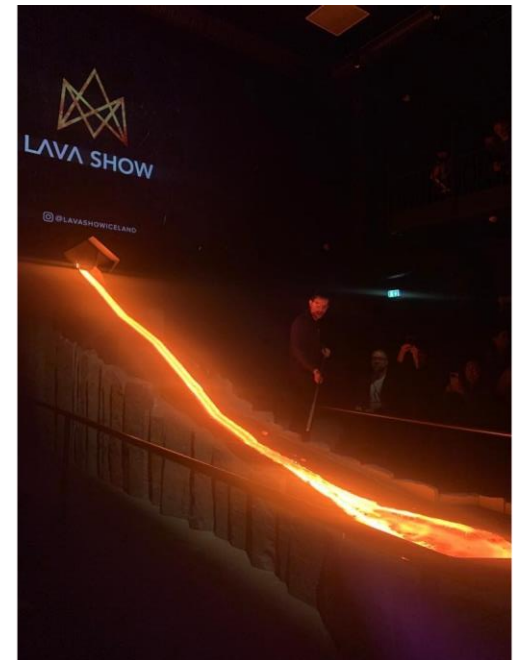
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- We'll take a special glacier vehicle to travel onto Langjokull – Iceland's 2nd largest glacier.
- We'll then enter the glacier in the World's largest man-made ice tunnel.



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- Some remotely supervised free time for souvenir shopping in Reykjavik at lunch time.
- Our final activity, will be the Lava Show, where they create flowing lava and turn ice into volcanic glass.



Day 5 (5-day trip)

Day 6 (6-day trip)

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

What next?

- If your child is currently in Years 8-11 and would like to be considered for the trip, please follow the link and complete the form by 3pm Monday 13th March 2023.
- <https://forms.office.com/e/rwEeiriabV>
- Students will be drawn randomly and those selected will be informed by Tuesday 14th March 2023.
- If selected, you will need to pay a deposit of £150 by Monday 20th March 2023.

A 5-day or 6-day trip?

- We would love to run the 6-day trip with the once in a lifetime opportunities it offers. However, we are also aware that Iceland is not a cheap destination, as well as the current economic climate.
- Therefore, on the application form there is option to choose which trip you would prefer your child to go on: a 5-day or 6-day trip.
- Based upon the responses we receive we will announce on Tuesday 14th March whether the trip will be for 5 or 6 days.
- 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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