ICELAND:
Northern Lights, Landscapes & Literature
March 15-23, 2023 (9 days) with Professor George Shuffelton

Travel with Carleton Alumni, Family, and Friends
“The choice of itinerary and pace were perfect. It is hard to pick one thing I liked best.”

- Ellen, Florida
Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

I invite you to explore Iceland on this nine-day journey with Carleton Professor of English George Shuffelton. March is one of the best months to spot the spectacular Northern Lights and, as long as we have dark nights and clear skies, we may enjoy several opportunities to see them dance across the night sky. This customized itinerary features numerous active volcanoes and a geothermal landscape unlike anywhere else in the world, plus we will experience bustling cities and quiet seaside villages, and sample local cuisine.

Professor Shuffelton will accompany us throughout the tour and offer a series of lectures and informal discussions on such topics as the ancient Icelandic Sagas and contemporary Icelandic literature. Meanwhile, our expert tour manager/guide will illuminate the history, culture, and landscapes that we encounter, and will handle travel logistics so we may relax, learn, and enjoy our experience.

Highlights include:

- A guided walking tour of Reykjavík, Iceland’s vibrant capital city, as well as independent time to explore museums, shops, and/or galleries
- A tour through the Saga Valley and its volcanic craters, waterfalls, and hot springs
- A visit to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, a mountainous stretch of land jutting out from Iceland’s west coast, including its charming villages; and Kirkjufell, one of Iceland’s most photographed mountains
- A visit to the Bjarnarhöfn Shark Museum, where you may sample Iceland’s famous hákarl (fermented Greenland shark)—if you dare!
- A tour around the Golden Circle: the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Þingvellir National Park, the bubbling mud flats and erupting geysers at the Geysir Geothermal Area, and Gullfoss, the awe-inspiring double waterfall
- A soak in the therapeutic waters of the Blue Lagoon and chances to walk along black sand beaches and explore a glacial lagoon filled with icebergs
- Tips from our local guide for photographing the Northern Lights, one of nature’s most magnificent displays
- Time to explore Vatnajökull National Park, the largest in Europe, with its waterfalls, volcanoes, and mountains

We hope you will join Professor Shuffelton and fellow Carls for this unforgettable adventure in the “land of fire and ice.” Our group is limited to just 26 guests, so we suggest you reserve your spot today.

Sincerely,

Amy Bevilacqua ’89
President, Carleton Alumni Council

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ITINERARY

(B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (R)=Reception, (D)= Dinner

Wednesday, March 15, 2023: Depart home for Iceland

Thursday, March 16: Arrive in Reykjavík | Transfer to hotel | Welcome dinner

Upon arrival at Keflavík International Airport (KEF), you will be met as a group and transferred to our hotel via guided coach. Take some time to relax before a welcome reception and dinner. Overnight at the 4-star Fosshotel Reykjavik. (R,D)

Friday, March 17: Reykjavík city tour | Borgarfjörður (Saga Valley) | Borgarnes

In the morning, enjoy a guided panoramic tour of the highlights of Iceland’s exciting capital. Then head to Borgarfjörður, known as the Saga Valley because it is the setting of many of the tales from the Icelandic Sagas. Climb up the Grábrók volcanic crater, then warm up at Deildartunguhver, Europe’s most powerful hot spring, which produces 47 gallons per second of nearly boiling water. Visit Hraunfossar, a series of waterfalls pouring from beneath a wide lava field, and Barnafoss (Children’s Falls), which has its own tragic mythological tale. In the afternoon, check-in to our hotel near Borgarnes and enjoy a lecture, by our local guide, about the Northern Lights. After dinner, step into the hotel garden in search of the Northern Lights followed by a cup of hot chocolate or tea. Overnight at the 3-star Hotel Hamar for two nights. (B,D)

Saturday, March 18: Snæfellsnes Peninsula: Breiðafjörður Fjord cruise, Shark Museum, Kirkjufell | Borgarnes

Snæfellsnes Peninsula, “the peninsula of the snowy mountain,” juts out from Iceland’s west coast like a long arm with a clenched fist at its tip, and is in many ways a microcosm of the whole island. We travel to the charming fishing town of Stykkishólmur for (weather-permitting) a cruise in the Breiðafjörður Fjord. After a light lunch, a uniquely Icelandic “treat” awaits us at the Bjarnarhöfn Shark Museum, where they make hákarl, or fermented Greenland shark. Depending on road and weather conditions, we visit the fishing village of Grundarfjörður, with an impressive coastline and mountains, lakes, and waterfalls behind the village. Alongside the bay rises one of the most photographed mountains in Iceland, Kirkjufell. On the way back to our hotel near Borgarnes, our guide provides some practical tips for photographing the Northern Lights. Once darkness falls, chase the Lights in the hotel’s garden and soak in the outdoor hot tubs. (B,L,D)

Sunday, March 19: Golden Circle tour: Þingvellir National Park, Geysir Geothermal Field, Gullfoss waterfall | Friðheimar Greenhouses | Hekla

Today we travel along the Hvalfjörður Fjord. Our first stop is at an Icelandic wool outlet store, to see what they do with all of the sheep we see! We continue inland to Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and along the Golden Circle route where we see steam rising from the Geysir geothermal field, with its numerous hot springs and bubbling pools. The original geyser is now dormant, but Strokkur, “the Churn,” erupts regularly at five- to ten-minute intervals. The chef of the Restaurant Geysir invites you to taste bread freshly baked in the heated lava rocks and served with Icelandic butter, geothermally boiled eggs, and herring. Continue on to Gullfoss, a double waterfall that tumbles 111 feet into the Hvítá River. We visit Friðheimar’s Icelandic horse stables and geothermal greenhouses, where tomatoes are grown year-

Photos (from top): Travelers hike their way across the landscape, Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, Viking Ship sculpture in Reykjavík with a view of the Northern Lights

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round despite Iceland's long, dark winters. After a
taste of the crop we drive to our hotel in Hekla and
check in. Tonight, step into the darkness and search
for the elusive Northern Lights, best enjoyed from a
comfortable hot tub in the garden of the hotel, amid
the peace and stillness of rural southern Iceland.
*Overnight at the 3-star Fosshotel Hekla.* (B,L,D)

**Monday, March 20: South Shore: Lava Centre,
Skógar Folk Museum, Skógafoss, Reynisfjara | Kirkjubaðarklaustur**

Today we travel along the southern coast. After
breakfast, we visit the Lava Centre, a high-tech
educational exhibition depicting volcanic activity,
earthquakes, and the creation of Iceland over millions
of years. Continue on to Skógar Folk Museum, one
of Iceland's finest folk museums, with an outstanding
collection of farm and domestic artifacts from Iceland's
past as well as an Open Air Museum with a sampling of traditional architecture. Nearby is
Skógafoss, a nearly-200-foot-high waterfall, one of the most impressive in the country. In
the afternoon, stroll on the black lava beach and along cliffs that are home to various bird
colonies at Reynisfjara. We spend two nights near Kirkjubaðarklaustur in the Vatnajökull
National Park region. The complete darkness makes this locale ideal for watching the
Northern Lights.
*Overnight at the 3-star Fosshótel Núpar for two nights.* (B,D)

**Tuesday, March 21: Vatnajökull National Park: Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon,
Hof church | Kirkjubaðarklaustur**

Today's program is all about glaciers, ice, and icebergs. We travel to Jökulsárlón, a glacial
lagoon that is one of Iceland’s deepest lakes and flows through a short waterway into the
Atlantic Ocean, and perhaps see seals swimming in the frigid waters. Walk on the black
sand beach, where large icebergs are frequently stranded. In the afternoon we visit the tiny
turf church at Hof and spend time exploring Vatnajökull, Europe’s largest national park,
which boasts Iceland's highest mountain, an alpine environment, and Europe’s largest
glacier, which covers about 8% of Iceland. This evening we enjoy a film presentation about
the Northern Lights. Don’t go to bed too early in this remote and quiet location or you
may miss out on another chance of seeing the Northern Lights shimmering and dancing
across the night sky. (B,D)

**Wednesday, March 22: South Shore: Vik, Seljalandsfoss waterfall | Reykjavík | Blue Lagoon | Farewell dinner**

From Kirkjubaðarklaustur we head across the Eldhraun lava field to the village of Vik,
where we make a photo stop at an impressive black lava beach with high cliffs and
pounding waves. Further west we reach the Seljalandsfoss waterfall, a narrow ribbon of
water that can be viewed from all sides. In the afternoon we return to Reykjavík and have
a little time at leisure to perhaps do some shopping or simply relax. This evening we get to
soak in the famous Blue Lagoon, followed by an Icelandic farewell dinner and one last opportunity
to see the Northern Lights. Around midnight we return to
our hotel. *Overnight at the 4-star Fosshotel Reykjavík.* (B,D)

**Thursday, March 23: Fly home**

Transfer as a group this morning
to Keflavík International Airport (KEF) for independent flights homeward. (B)

Photos: (above) Blue Lagoon hot spring; (right from top) Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, Vatnajökull
National Park; Reynisfjara; turf-built houses; Skáftafell Glacier

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What to Expect

There will be walks of approximately 1-3 miles total per day, as much as one mile at a time. All walks can be done at an easy pace and, aside from walking up (and down) a few small cinder cones, there is not much elevation gain/loss. You must be able to walk, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps that may be steep and without handrails. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you.

We ask travelers to be flexible, as the itinerary is set well ahead of time and may need to be adapted on the fly for changes in weather, ease of access, transportation, or other factors. In mid- to late March the weather can be unpredictable and daytime temperatures can range from the mid-30s to low 40s F, with a monthly rainfall average of about 3”-8” in Reykjavík, and up to 12 hours of daylight (plus an hour or so of “dawn and dusk”). Dressing in layers and bringing a waterproof coat and shoes will be necessary for this program. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort, and included meals are of a very high quality. Gratuities are not a tradition in Iceland and are neither expected nor encouraged. Complete pre-departure details, including up-to-date COVID-related protocols, will be sent to participants.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Reykjavík: Two nights total at the 4-star Fosshotel Reykjavik

Near Borgarnes: Two nights at the 3-star Hotel Hamar

Hekla: One night at the 3-star Fosshotel Hekla

Kirkjubæjarklaustur: Two nights at the 3-star Fosshotel Núpaf
TOUR PRICES PER PERSON (7 NIGHTS)

Double Occupancy (20 to 26 participants) .................. $4,345
Double Occupancy (15 to 19 participants) .................. $4,845
Double Occupancy (10 to 14 participants) .................. $5,345
Single Supplement ............................................... $685

Prices Include:

- Faculty leader George Shuffelton plus an expert tour manager/local guide
- Seven nights’ accommodations in comfortable and ideally-located 3- and 4-star hotels
- Group arrival and departure transfers on tour dates, based upon the suggested flights (TBA)
- Surface transportation by heated motor coach, with water provided
- Tickets for a cruise on the Breiðafjörður fjord (weather permitting)
- Breakfast daily, two lunches, and seven dinners including welcome and farewell dinners with wine/beer. Lunches and dinners include water, tea, and coffee where available; dinners also include one beer or glass of wine per person
- All excursions and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Local taxes and service charges
- Baggage handling at hotels where available
- Comprehensive pre-departure information, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list

FLIGHTS & TRANSFERS

Airfare to/from Keflavík International Airport (KEF) is not included. Group airport transfers upon arrival on March 16th and departure on March 23rd are included based on the suggested flights (TBA). Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.

Prices Do Not Include: Airfare from/to home; passport and visa fees; inoculation fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation or cost of excess baggage; items of a personal nature, such as laundry, taxi, telephone, medical expenses, and fax charges; meals and beverages (except as noted); optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; airport transfers for those not traveling on the suggested flights; other items not listed as included.

Payments: A deposit of $1,000 per person is required to reserve your space and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to “EOS-Passenger Account-CAA Iceland3/23.” Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be paid by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only. Credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure and elsewhere published.

Participant Cancellation Fees: All requests by participants for cancellations must be received in writing by Alumni Adventures. Cancellations received at least 180 days prior to departure (September 16, 2022) are fully refunded. Cancellations received between 179 and 90 days prior to departure are refunded less a cancellation fee of $250 per person. Cancellations received between 89 and 61 days prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee equal to 50% of the tour cost. Cancellations received 60 days or less prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee of 75% of the tour cost. Cancellations received 59 days or less prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee equal to 100% of the tour cost. For this and other reasons, participants are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Information will be provided with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.

Note: Prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices. Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and leaders are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

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--- RESERVATION FORM ---

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Participant Name 1
(as it appears on passport)
Carleton Class of:

Participant Name 2
(as it appears on passport)
Carleton Class of:

Address

City
State
Zip

Phone (home)
Phone (cell)

Email(s)

☑ I/We have read the ‘What to Expect’ section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____________________________________________________

How did you hear about this tour? ☐ eNewsletter ☐ mailing ☐ website ☐ friends/family ☐ other ___________________________

ACCOMMODATIONS:
☐ Double (one bed) ☐ Twin (two beds) ☐ Single
☐ I will be sharing with: ________________________________ ☐ Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)
☐ Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:
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DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):
☐ Check payable to: EOS Passenger Account–CAA Iceland3/23 ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express ☐ Already paid by phone

CC#
Exp. Date
3- or 4-Digit Code

Name on Card

Please complete this reservation form, choose/enclose your method of deposit, and sign the release statement.
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By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to all Terms & Conditions delineated throughout.

Signature (participant #1)                Date

Signature (participant #2)                Date

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)
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Refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for any reason, nor to participants whose entry into any country or aboard any transportation vehicle, including airplanes and cruise ships, is delayed or denied. 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FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION: Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant’s option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to dispute resolution in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute related to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL: Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices and https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: Participants agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, viruses, diseases, or conditions. 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Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. APPEARING IN PHOTOS: Photos from Alumni Adventures’ trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by other travelers or tour lecturers/guides, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future Alumni Adventures promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes. 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In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute related to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL: Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices and https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: Participants agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, viruses, diseases, or conditions. Participants understand and agree to hold Sponsors/Operator, their officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of any disease, virus, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, virus, disease or condition, quarantine requirements, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death. MISCELLANEOUS: Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant’s purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. APPEARING IN PHOTOS: Photos from Alumni Adventures’ trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by other travelers or tour lecturers/guides, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future Alumni Adventures promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes. ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions. Release of Liability. Assumption of Risk and Dispute Resolution Agreement. The participant affirms that he/she has not received or relied upon any oral representation of Sponsors/Operator as a basis for executing this Release.