

HANDS ON GEOGRAPHY

Fieldwork in the Icelandic context

A Teachers' CPD Field Visit to Iceland

27 - 29 August 2020



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Iceland's high latitude position in the middle of the North Atlantic straddling the mid-ocean ridge provides it with a wide range of fieldwork opportunities that make the island so popular for educational field studies.

At Trex we live with the Geography of Iceland on a daily basis. It is virtually in our DNA so who better with whom to investigate the forces that have moulded this extraordinary island – the “Land of Ice and Fire”. In this our 42nd year we are proud to look back at the many school and university groups that we have serviced and to record the changes that have taken place with regard to field work. We have now moved beyond the ‘Awe & Wonder’ approach to one where we assess the “hands on” field observation and measurement requirements to answer specific questions.

For any landscape we need to ask “what are the Questions for Investigation?” Having assessed those we can then move on to establish simple, measurable hypotheses. In the three days that you will be with us we can take a look at several landscapes that are relevant to your classroom studies with a view to providing you with material that you may use in your teaching.

Course Director: Tony Escritt [Trex; Geography teacher (Retired from Harrow School) with over 50 years of field studies in Iceland; author of “Iceland – The Traveller’s Guide” (O/P)]

Cost: £250.-*

* All transport in Iceland, accommodation in twin rooms w/private facilities, full board meals and guiding, entry fees according to itinerary. Participants should arrange their own insurance.

Flights:

We can book you flights with Icelandair that match the itinerary for the price of £277 or you can book your own flights with any of the airlines flying to Keflavik from the UK.

Secure your spot:

Availability runs out quite fast, so please secure your spot on the trip by paying a deposit of £75 to Trex. For further information and payments, please send an email to info@trex.is.



PROVISIONAL CPD ITINERARY – 2020

O&M: Observe & Measure; O&R: Observe & Record

Figures in brackets refer to our GeoKeyCards

DAY 1: LOOKING AT TOURISM – 27. August	
1000	Check in at Heathrow Airport, Terminal 2
1305	Flight FI 451 departs for Keflavík
1510	Arrive at Keflavík Airport and clear customs
1545	Meet your guide and driver as you emerge from customs. If your flights are booked by Trex, the above applies to you.
1600	Depart for a drive across the Reykjanes Ridge (mid-ocean ridge/lava tube)
1800	Arrive at the Svartsengi Resource Park & Blue Lagoon* (A02) : to examine the challenges and opportunities provided by geothermal energy (O&R) [*entry to the Blue Lagoon included] BL - Entry time at 18:15
1930	Drive along the south coast to our accommodation in Hveragerði
2030	Arrive at Hjarðarból Guesthouse, Hveragerði
2100	Supper followed by briefing for Day 2
DAY 2: CHANGING LANDSCAPES – 28. August	
0800	Breakfast at the hotel and load the packed lunches
0845	Depart Guesthouse
0915	Arrive at Alviðra (B03) which displays evidence of sea level change . (O&M)
1030	Depart
1100	Arrive at Hagavík (B06) soil erosion site (O&M)
1200	Depart
1230	Arrive at Kerið (B04) caldera for contrasted volcanic forms (O&R)
1300	Depart (packed lunch en route)
1400	Arrive at Brúarhlöð (B12) glacial ' jökulhlaup ' flood site (O&R)
1500	Depart
1630	Arrive at Seljalandsfoss (C06) waterfall with power potential (O&M)
1715	Depart
1800	Arrive at Hótel Dyrhólaey
1830	Supper followed by plenary session
DAY 3: ICE and FIRE – 29. August	
0700	Breakfast at the hotel and load the packed lunches
0745	Depart from the hotel
0815	Arrive at Sólheimajökull (D01) – glacier mass balance & climate change (O&R)
1000	Depart
1050	Arrive at Lava Centre volcano exhibition (B15) – The incredible power of volcanic activity (O&R)
1200	Depart for Keflavík Airport If your flights are booked by Trex, the below applies to you.
1400	Arrive at Keflavík Airport; check in
1610	Flight FI 454 departs
2020	Arrive at Heathrow Airport, Terminal 2