Dear Vassar Travelers,

We cordially invite you to join us on a four-day getaway to the awe-inspiring island of Iceland—a place we find captivating. For both of us, it’s a geological wonderland full of colossal glaciers, active volcanoes, geysers, hot springs, cascading waterfalls, and moss-covered lava fields. For Mark, this is the land of the sagas, which tell of Iceland’s settlement, clan blood feuds, and the exploits of Viking Age warriors and poets such as Egil Skallagrimsson and Erik the Red. Those of you more interested in present-day policy can explore, with Rebecca, the country’s successful youth anti-drug programs that are being studied around the world.

The capital city of Reykjavik, with a population of 200,000, is home to roughly 60 percent of the country’s inhabitants but covers merely 1 percent of the country’s land. It offers a unique mix of culture and local village roots and boasts modern art museums, theaters, libraries, an opera house, and a symphony orchestra. In addition to guided activities and tours, you’ll have free time for optional sightseeing, tax-free shopping, and relaxation and renewal with fellow Vassar alums.

“Iceland in February” may conjure images of frigid weather, but don’t fret. The Atlantic Gulf Stream sends a steady supply of warm water past the island, making it warmer than you would expect in a land at this latitude. A delightful side consequence of this temperate winter landscape is the abundance of birds and marine mammals that populate Iceland’s coastal waters. For those eager to see whales, Iceland is paradise. And there’s no better time than March to experience the dancing lights of the Aurora Borealis.

By experiencing this unique landscape and culture together, we will have exceptional opportunities to learn about the intricacies of life in Iceland. As your hosts, we hope you’ll share in our journey to a land of rich culture and spectacular phenomena.

Mark Seidl ’87  
Technical Services Librarian for Special Collections  

Rebecca Edwards  
Professor of History on the Eloise Ellery Chair

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**THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, IS:**

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Prices are available from many other departure cities. Please call for details.

**THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:**

- **Airfare:** Roundtrip airfare from New York or Boston including all customs fees and airport taxes
- **Hotels:** 3 nights’ accommodation in a first-class hotel with all hotel taxes and service charges included
- **Coaching:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- **Meals:** 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- **Guides:** Services of a local tour guide throughout the tour
- **Lectures:** Lectures by your Vassar faculty hosts
- **Entrances:** Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Information on purchasing coverage will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.

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VASSAR TRAVEL PROGRAM  
EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS FOR ALUMNIAE/I, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS

AUTHENTIC ICELAND

A LONG WEEKEND ESCAPE TO REYKJAVIK  
MARCH 1ST - 5TH 2018  
with Vassar Hosts Mark Seidl ’87 and Rebecca Edwards

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**Thursday, March 1st** - Evening departure from your chosen gateway city, where you board your direct Iceland Air service to Iceland. **Overnight: Plane**

**Friday, March 2nd** - Early morning arrival in Iceland will be met at the airport and you will be escorted to your hotel in Reykjavik, where we have arranged for your rooms to be ready for immediate check-in upon arrival. You’ll sit down to enjoy a sumptuous breakfast buffet while your luggage is taken to your room and your tour guide organizes the check-in. After breakfast, you’ll have time to unpack and freshen up from the overnight flight before heading out for a bus tour of Reykjavik. A wonderful introduction to one of Europe’s smallest capital cities! The tour covers the Old Town, the shopping districts, the Parliament, Höfði House, Hallgrim’s church, the Harpa concert hall and much more! When we return to the hotel, you will be able to go to your rooms and relax before you gather for the introductory lecture. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. and end at around 9:30 p.m. This evening you will embark upon our first attempt to view the Northern Lights. (B, D)

**Saturday, March 3rd** - Avoiding the tourist traps of the regular “Golden Circle” tour, Discover Europe has created a customized tour of the Iceland countryside. Leaving Reykjavik, you first head north to the shores of the Hvallfjörður (literally the Whale Fjord). Turning inland, you follow the course of one of Iceland’s largest salmon rivers, the Láxa í Kjós, and stop to view the spectacular waterfall, the Þórufoss. It’s a short drive from here to Þingvellir National Park, site of the world’s first parliament. After a stop for lunch, you’ll spend the afternoon relaxing in the waters of the Fontana spa at Laugarvatn, a naturally occurring hot spring bath. Continuing on to the south coast, you’ll visit the church at Skálholt, and stop to peer into the icy depths of Kerið volcanic crater. This evening you’ll enjoy a traditional Icelandic lobster feast (more like langoustine than Maine lobster) at a local restaurant before returning to our hotel. (B, L, D)

**Sunday, March 4th** - A free day. Explore the galleries and museums of the city, enjoy the tax-free shopping or pamper yourself in one of the many local spas. There will also be a variety of optional activities available; from taking a snowmobile safari to the top of a glacier, to riding an Icelandic pony or going in search of whales. Your tour guide will also offer a special, optional “South Coast” tour. (B)

**Monday, March 5th** - This morning we drive down the exotic, moonlike Reykjanes peninsula. This is one of the newest parts of the country and is still growing! Here we will see pools of boiling mud, the air heavy with the smell of sulfur, and be able to walk on top of the North Atlantic Ridge - the only place in the world where this is possible. We’ll stop in the thriving fishing port of Grindavik and enjoy a traditional fisherman’s lunch here before we continue to the nearby airport for return flights to the U.S. (B, L)

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner
Registration Form

General Instructions:
i). Please type or print.
ii). Make checks payable to Discover Europe, Ltd.
iii). Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
iv). Complete both sides of this form.
v). Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your deposit of $500 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

Detailed Instructions:
1. Passenger Details
   i). Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your “Known As” or preferred name, if applicable.
   ii). Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
   iii). Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
   iv). Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals.
   v). Health Information. A certain amount of walking is involved in this trip. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

2. Emergency Contact
   This information is essential.

3. Independent Flight Arrangements
   If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. (Please note that extra charges for transportation to and from the destination airport may be incurred). If you need help arranging connecting flights from your local airport to an international departure city, we will be happy to arrange those for you. There is a nominal charge of $40 per ticket for this service.

4. Rooming Requirements
   Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.
   i). If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
   ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.

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Other Comments or Notes: ____________________________________________

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Departure Airport or City: ____________________________________________

Please return this form to:
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Your Host Mark Seidl, Technical Services Librarian for Special Collections, Class of '87
Mark Seidl (VC '87) holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Virginia and has taught literature at UVA, Vassar, and elsewhere. He is Vassar’s Technical Services Librarian for the Special Collections Library, focusing on rare book cataloging and curation.

Your Host Rebecca Edwards, Professor of History on the Eloise Ellery Chair
Rebecca Edwards has taught at Vassar since 1995 and is Professor of History on the Eloise Ellery Chair. She has participated in Vassar’s Environmental Studies and Women’s Studies programs. In addition to teaching, she is running for local office this fall, inspired by the thousands of other women who have come forward as candidates. By the time we visit Iceland, she hopes to be a newly elected Dutchess County legislator.
**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**GENERAL**
1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions to aid you can be found overleaf.
3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on
   a first come, first served basis.
4. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions
   described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description
   regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual
   contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
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   injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events
   beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war,
   strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine,
   government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross
   negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission
   by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant,
   or other firm, agency, company or individual.
6. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines,
   activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events
   or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect
   the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds
   for withdrawal with full refund.
7. Conduct During the Tour: You are also responsible for respecting the
   authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of
   the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating
   in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or
   behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour
   has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that,
   regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the
   delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In
   such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable
   cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate
   in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no
   refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**
1. A deposit of $500 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip
   departure.

**TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS**
Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

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- **State:**
- **Zip:**
- **Home Telephone:**

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

- **Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights?** □Yes □No
- **From:** □ New York □ Boston
- **Flight details (if self-arranged):**

**Refund Policy**
1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will
   receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a
   $200 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw less than 90 days prior to tour departure will
   receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the
   following cancellation penalties:
   - 90-61 days prior to departure: $1000 per person
   - 60 days prior to trip departure: no refund (unless traveler has insurance)
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final
   invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your
   cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased
   on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares
   are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled
   separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Comprehensive travel insurance is not included in your tour package.
   Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance
   for your upcoming trip. Vassar Travel will be happy to provide information
   describing the services of a recommended insurance company, which will
   fully detail the coverages, provisions, limitations, and exclusions of the
   insurance offered.
6. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the
   participant’s absence once the tour has started.

**INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS**
1. All inclusions on Authentic Iceland are listed on the day-by-day itinerary
   and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the
   itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant’s home
   to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges,
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**ROOMING REQUIREMENTS** (Please check one)
- □ I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)
- □ I will be sharing with:

We would like a □ double □ twin-bedded room

**PERMISSIONS**
Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour
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**SIGNATURES**
The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein.
The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents,
heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and
conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Vassar College and any of their
officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries,
or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of,
or in relation to, the tour.

- **Signature:**
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