

Purdue University - Agricultural Program

10 - 20 May 2026

The Purdue University – College of Agriculture: Iceland – Food, Farming & Sustainable Futures program offers students a unique opportunity to explore how agriculture, aquaculture, and rural communities adapt and thrive in one of the world's most dynamic environments. Over ten days, participants will travel with the GeoCamp Iceland team across diverse landscapes – from volcanic highlands and fertile river valleys to glacial forefields and coastal fishing villages – engaging directly with farmers, researchers, and innovators.

Through farm stays, hands-on field visits, and discussions with leaders in agriculture and the blue economy, students will gain insight into sustainable resource use, climate change impacts, and food production in a geologically active setting. The program blends academic focus with cultural immersion, ensuring participants not only learn about Icelandic agriculture but experience the communities, traditions, and innovation that shape it today.

US PARTICIPANTS

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Dietary needs:		

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TENTATIVE ITINERARY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Sunday May 10 - Day 0 (Departure Day from the US)

Departure from ??? @ ????

Monday May 11 - Day 1 (Arrival Day - Welcome to the Edge of Two Worlds)

Arrival at Keflavik International Airport @ ????

Accommodation at Start Hostel (www.starthostel.is)

Morning arrival at Keflavík Airport. Pick-up at the airport transfer to accommodation in Reykjanesbær (Start Hostel or similar – rooms ready if available). Breakfast at Start. Meet, Greet & Lunch at Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark headquarters with program introduction. Short field excursion to Garðskagaviti lighthouse, coastal wetlands at Hafnir, and geothermal areas. Geothermal pool visit.

Early Morning	Pickup at airport (an hour after arrival) Breakfast at Start Rooms when ready and rest
01:00pm	Meet, Greet & Lunch at Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark Introduction to the program
02:00pm	Short Excursion in Reykjanes, Hafnir, Ósárbotnar, Garðskagaviti
04:00pm	Relax and energize in a local geothermal pool Possible visits to local producers in the geopark
06:00pm	Dinner TBD

Tuesday May 12 - Day 2 (Agriculture and Aquaculture in a Volcanic Landscape)

Accommodation at Start Hostel (www.starthostel.is)

Morning geology briefing and excursion in Reykjanes Geopark focusing on soils, geothermal zones, and their agricultural implications.

08:00am	Breakfast
08:45am	Pick up from the hotel
09:00am	Geology of Iceland
Noon	Lunch in Grindavik
01:00pm	Hike in Grindavik (the town that was evacuated) with intro to natural hazards in Iceland and fisheries
03:00pm	Hike to volcanic eruption site
06:00pm	Dinner

Wednesday May 13 - Day 3 (Greenhouses & Sustainable Resource Use)

Accommodation at Smáratún Farm Hotel

Þingvellir National Park (UNESCO) with focus on historical land use and natural resources. Lunch at Friðheimar Greenhouse — tour with owner Knútur on geothermal heating, integrated pest management, and tomato production. Afternoon at Gullfoss & Geysir, geothermal bread and/or visit to Efstidalur dairy farm. Dinner and overnight at Smáratún, an active farm hotel with Ívar & Dísá (owners).

08:00am	Breakfast
09:00am	Pick up from the hotel
11:00am	Þingvellir National Park
01:00pm	Friðheimar Greenhouses for lunch and tour
04:00pm	Geothermal Bread and/or visit to Efstidalur dairy farm
07:00pm	Dinner at Smáratún farm

Thursday May 14 - Day 4 (Westman Islands: Volcanic Soils & Fisheries)

Accommodation at Smáratún Farmhotel

Ferry to Heimaey. Tour Eldheimar Museum (1973 eruption) with focus on farmland recovery. Visit a local fish processor or aquaculture site for discussion on marine protein production. Puffin habitat walk. Return to South Coast accommodation.

08:00am	Breakfast
09:00am	Departure (drive 0:30 min)
09:30am	Landeyjahöfn Harbor
10:00am	Sailing with Herjolfur (0:40 min)
Noon	Eldheimar Museum
01:30pm	Tangin - Lunch
02:30pm	Free time in Westman Islands: Elephant rock, hike
04:30pm	Back at the harbor
05:00pm	Herjolfur Departure
07:00pm	Dinner with the GeoCamp family at our county house

Friday May 15 - Day 5 (Land Reclamation)

Accommodation at location in South-East (Smyrlabjörg, Skaftafell or Hali) TBD

Visit to Þorvaldseyri farm under Eyjafjallajökull – hydropower, geothermal well, and rapeseed oil production. Afternoon visit to Skaftafell focusing on glacial forefields as potential agricultural land.

08:00am	Breakfast
09:00am	Departure
10:00pm	Þorvaldseyri farm with focus on farming and resilience
Noon	Reynisfjara black sand beach
01:00pm	Lunch at Vík
03:00pm	Skaftafell National Park
05:00pm	Visit to Hof
06:00pm	Dinner

Saturday May 16 - Day 6 (East to the Glaciers: Agro-ecology & Rural Life)

Accommodation at location in South-East (Smyrlabjörg, Skaftafell or Hali) TBD

Fjallsárlón Glacier Lagoon (boat tour). Discussion on meltwater and irrigation potential.

Morning	Sailing on Fjallsárlón glacier lagoon (family run operation)
Noon	Lunch at Fjallsárlón
Afternoon	Diamond Beach and local visits, e.g. dairy farm (TBD)
06:00pm	Dinner

Sunday May 17 - Day 7 (South Coast Drive)

Accommodation in Reykjavik or Hotel Örk in Hveragerði (TBD)

Drive to Reykjavik. Possible Lambhagi Organic Farm (Hveragerði) – Seasonal vegetables and herbs grown in geothermal greenhouses.

08:00am	Breakfast
09:00am	Departure
Noon	Lunch at Smiðjan in Vík
Afternoon	Visit to Gunnarsholt Soil Conservation Centre Erosion control, native vegetation, and pasture rehabilitation Visit to Lambhagi Organic Farm and Greenhouses in Hveragerði Dinner at Gróðurhúsið food hall

Monday May 18 - Day 8 (Reykjavik: Innovation & the Blue Economy)

Accommodation in Reykjavik or Hotel Örk in Hveragerði (TBD)

Morning visit to Iceland Ocean Cluster – innovation in fisheries, by-product utilisation, and sustainable marine industries. Afternoon free time in Reykjavik or optional visit to a small-scale urban agriculture project. Evening dinner in Reykjavik.

08:00am	Breakfast
09:00am	Departure
10:00am	Visit to Iceland Ocean Cluster - Focus on fisheries in Iceland
Noon	Lunch at Grandi food hall
Afternoon	Free time in Reykjavik

Tuesday May 19 - Day 9 (Agriculture & Community Connections)

Accommodation at Start Hostel or Hotel Konvin in Reykjanesbær

Travel to the West coast, meeting with Agricultural University. Lunch in Borgarfjörður area. Hot spring visit at Krauma. Return to Reykjavik for farewell dinner with the GeoCamp team and local partners.

08:00am	Breakfast
09:00am	Departure
10:30am	Visit to Hvanneyri Agriculture University
Noon	Lunch at Krauma
01:00pm	Spa at Krauma
03:00pm	Visit to Hraunfossar
07:00pm	Arrival to hotel and final dinner

Wednesday May 20 - Day 10 (Departure)

Morning session pending on departure flights. Afternoon transfer to Keflavík Airport.

USEFUL LINKS

- GeoCamp Iceland: www.geocamp.is
- Visit Reykjanes: www.visitreykjanes.is
- Visit Reykjavik: www.visitreykjavik.is
- Visit Iceland: www.visiticeland.com
- Reykjavik Grapevine (what's on in Reykjavik): www.grapevine.is
- National Museum of Iceland: www.thjodminjasafn.is/english
- The Settlement Museum (871 +/- 2): www.reykjavik871.is

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