

LIVE IN ICELAND

AIRWAVES MUSIC FESTIVAL



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EBROCHURE 2020

AESU



START YOUR **ADVENTURE.**

WHY CHOOSE AESU?

ABOUT US

When deciding on a team you can trust to send you on the most magical, informative and fun travel experience, you need not look any further than AESU. We are an Educational Travel Service company founded in 1977. Our headquarters is located in Baltimore, MD with satellite and partner offices around the globe.

With over 40 years of experience we can safely say we know how to combine the wonders of history, the excitement of culture and of course, the adventure of experiencing the world. The balance of learning and fun provides a well-rounded experience, unforgettable memories, and new friendships to last a lifetime. It's time to stop dreaming about travel and start delving into it head first. When travelling with AESU, you get the most out of your journey, from trying local delicacies, to venturing into ancient territories, to living every moment of your time in each city to its absolute fullest. We want you to not only make an investment in the quality of your trip, but in the quality of every memory made along the way.

What are you waiting for? Just go!

OUR EXPERTISE

TRIPS FOR 18 - 35 YEAR OLDS

COLLEGE STUDENT AND YOUNG
PROFESSIONAL TRIPS

GRADUATION TOURS

YOUNG ALUMNI JOURNEYS

TRADITIONAL ALUMNI JOURNEYS

STUDY ABROAD AND STUDENT TRAVEL

FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS TO
DESTINATIONS WORLDWIDE

CUSTOMIZED GROUP TRAVEL
SPECIALIST FOR ALL AGES

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TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend travel insurance. AESU also offers group travel insurance. Ask our reservations agent for details or click on this link:

<https://www.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=AESU3922MD>

ICELAND AIRWAVES

5 DAYS

PLACES VISITED:

Reykjavik

ABOUT THE TRIP:

Iceland Airwaves Festival is the world's most northerly music showcase festival featuring acts ranging from the unknown, to the up-and-coming, to international headliners. For the 22nd year Reykjavik's bars, clubs, bookshops and theaters will become the setting for this unique event. The winter solstice, with only a few hours of sunlight, makes for a music lover's unmatched experience. You'll also have the opportunity to see the Northern Lights, discover Iceland's most famous Golden Circle natural treasures, rugged coastlines, magnificent bird cliffs, delightful people, incredible waterfalls, erupting geysers and tectonic plates. Then take a plunge into the steaming hot mineral lagoons. This is an adventure that you don't want to miss.



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

The 5-day land package includes:

3 nights in superior tourist class hotels or better, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower

- * 3 continental breakfast
- * Welcome cocktail and orientation with private tour director
- * Farewell fish & chips dinner
- * Full day 'Golden Circle Tour' including: Gullfoss waterfall, Strokkur Geyser, Pingvellir National Park UNESCO World Heritage Site
- * Dividing fault line between two of Earth's tectonic plates
- * Secret Lagoon entrance
- * Iceland Airwaves tickets for the duration of the visit

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Full day 'Golden Circle Tour' including Gullfoss waterfall * Strokkur Geyser * Pingvellir National Park UNESCO World Heritage Site * Dividing fault line between two of the earth's tectonic plates * Secret lagoon * Reykjavik town exploration * Sun Voyager sculpture by Jón Gunnar Árnason * Icelandic Parliament House * Iceland Airwaves tickets for the duration of the visit * Farewell fish & chips dinner ...and much more!



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DAY 1 - FLIGHT TO ICELAND

Embark on our overnight journey to Reykjavik, Iceland's capital city.

Meals: [In-flight](#)

DAY 2 - LAND TOUR START DAY: REYKJAVIK

Arrive in Iceland, 'Land of the Midnight Sun' and transfer to the hotel. This evening, join your tour director for a welcome orientation and cocktail, then dive into the Iceland Airwaves. Downtown Reykjavik comes alive, filled with non-stop music and performances hosted everywhere from tiny record stores and art museums, to cool bars and stately churches, to night clubs and large scale venues. Electronic music, rock, indie, electronic/techno, hip hop, folk, pop, R&B, soul, ambient, dance, punk, alternative. It's all here to hear.

Meals: [In-flight](#)

Inclusions [Transfer from airport to hotel included with purchased AESU group airfare, Welcome cocktail and orientation, Iceland Airwaves ticket](#)



DAY 3 - REYKJAVIK

The 'Golden Circle' tour is one of Iceland's most popular day tours as it includes three of the best known attractions. The waterfall Gullfoss is one of the most impressive waterfalls in Europe with thousands of tons of icy water thundering majestically into a deep canyon. The Geyser area has numerous hot springs and geysers, including the famous Strokkur. Pingvellir is the site of the world's oldest democratic parliament founded in 930, and the beautiful canyon running through the park is the dividing fault line between two of the earth's tectonic plates. Take a plunge into a natural hot spring pool at the Secret lagoon, surrounded by geothermal spots and a small Geyser that erupts every few minutes. The pool is constantly fed by a hot spring replenishing the water and keeping the temperature around 100F. Refreshed, we return to Reykjavik in search of the next up-and-coming musician.

Meals: [Breakfast](#)

Inclusions: [Guided 'Golden Circle' tour, Gullfoss waterfall, Strokkur Geyser, Pingvellir National Park, Dividing fault line between two of the earth's tectonic plates, Secret Lagoon entrance, Iceland Airwaves ticket](#)



DAY 4 - REYKJAVIK

Enjoy a free day to explore Reykjavik and visit the Sun Voyager sculpture or the Icelandic Parliament House. Consider joining our excursion to the famous spa, the Blue Lagoon. Relax in the lagoon's warm geothermal water and natural active ingredients; mineral salts, silica and blue green algae. Return to Reykjavik for some free time and our farewell fish 'n chips dinner. After listening to some incredible music performances, weather permitting, you may want to consider venturing out in search of the Northern lights.

Meals: [Breakfast, Dinner](#)

Inclusions: [Reykjavik town exploration, see the Sun Voyager sculpture by Jón Gunnar Árnason and the Icelandic Parliament House, Iceland Airwaves ticket, Farewell fish & chips dinner](#)
Optional activity: [Blue Lagoon geothermal spa, Northern Lights excursion](#)



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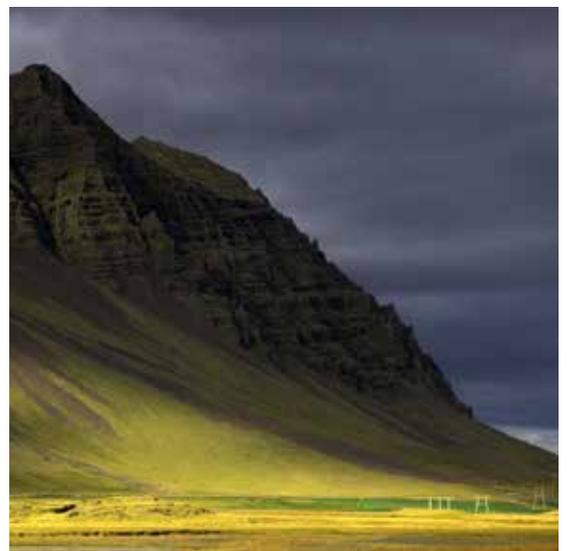
DAY 5 - TRAVEL HOME

After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to Iceland and head home with memories to last a lifetime.

Meals: Breakfast, In-flight

Inclusions: Transfer from hotel to airport included with purchased AESU group airfare.

Your trip includes the services of a private tour director for the duration of the land tour. All services charges and local taxes are included. Thank your tour director with a gratuity at the end of the tour (suggested amount \$4-5 per day.) He or she will do their very best to make this trip the most memorable and best time of your life.



PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTELS

Our hotels are superior tourist-class or better, with private bathrooms. They are centrally located or have easy access to public transportation. Many have great extra amenities such as pools, gyms and roof-top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If traveling solo and not wanting to pay the single supplement, AESU will attempt to arrange a share with a same-gender traveler. If a share cannot be arranged a single supplement of \$425 will apply.



ACTIVITY LEVEL 1: EASY

Standing and walking for moderate periods of time during country-side excursions or city tours. Walking typically on flat to moderate terrain, stairways, sometimes without handrails; elevators sometimes available. Appropriate for travelers in good health with overall good mobility, and who are comfortable participating in at least three hours of activity per day.

Please Note:

Travel to and from the tour is not factored into our activity level ratings. You should take into account your stamina when traveling long distances and/or with multiple flight changes. Also, you must be able to handle your luggage independently throughout the itinerary.

TOUR DIRECTORS

We are very proud of our tour directors. They are young professionals; multi-lingual and carefully selected graduates from major European universities. They are eager to show the world through the eyes of an adventurer. Our tour directors know this is a trip of a lifetime and will share their knowledge as well as interesting little-known facts. Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel.



“ I MOST LIKED EXPERIENCING THIS COUNTRY’S AMAZING MUSIC FESTIVAL WITH GREAT FRIENDS AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS IN THE PROCESS.”

- past traveler

BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

EXCLUSIONS: These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own.); airport and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver (suggested \$4-5 per day for tour director, \$2-3 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$500 per person cancellation fee. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. In addition to \$500, cancellation between 120-60 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 25% of tour cost. Cancellation within 59 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip.

AIRFARES are highly restrictive, NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-ENDORSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Once reservation is booked and paid for AESU reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare portion is non-refundable. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes are also subject to penalties. Medical health and accident insurance is compulsory. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO CANCELLATION POLICIES LISTED ABOVE DEPENDING ON TRIP DESTINATION.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE: All participants using AESU flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. Land-Only participants (providing own flight overseas) do NOT receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 3:00 p.m. on program start date. **FLIGHT DELAYS - ALL AIRPORTS:** In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.) AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. If you purchase your own airfare, book your overnight flight from the USA one day earlier than the tour start date listed on our website. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Check your airline's website for any additional luggage restrictions. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract.

RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of AESU as a tour operator, their agents, and any sponsoring association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/ herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond AESU's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. Trip cancellation insurance should be purchased by the individual traveler in the event cancellation of the tour is compelled by circumstances beyond our control. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of participants, AESU's liability shall be limited to a FULL REFUND of all payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. Baggage and personal injury are at owner's risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. AESU reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at www.aesu.com.