

06 November 2024



Dear Parent/Carer

ICELAND RESIDENTIAL VISIT – 23 -27 OCTOBER 2025 (4 NIGHTS/5 DAYS)

We are pleased to confirm that Penwortham Priory Academy can offer a residential visit to Iceland in October 2025. The trip will be available to those students currently in Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 who will subsequently be in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 of the academic year 2025/26.

The key information about the trip can be found below. Please read this carefully.

- 5 days and 4 nights
- Departs on 23 October 2025
- Returns on 27 October 2025
- The total cost of the trip is £1199 per student
- The purpose of the trip is to complement study in Geography and Science and will cover key themes such as glaciation, plate tectonics, climate change, environmental change, resource management, geothermal power and hazard management
- This price includes return flights from Manchester Airport to Keflavik International Airport
- This price includes return coach transfer to and from the airport
- This price includes half board accommodation at Hotel Cabin (breakfast and evening meal)
- This price includes group insurance
- The group size is 43 pupils and 6 staff from Penwortham Priory Academy
- The adults accompanying the group will be to a ratio of 8:1 and will include Mrs Cauchi, Mr Eccles, Mr Eastham, Mrs Ham, Mrs Kursitis and Mr Metcalfe.
- The full trip itinerary for this trip is provided separately

In addition to the tour cost, we recommend that your child has approx. £100 spending money for the trip. This could be used for souvenirs, snacks etc **but** some of this money will be needed for lunch each day as this is not provided by the hotel. The tour company recommend £15/day for lunch. Each tour day provides an opportunity for students to purchase lunch at one of the many stops. There will also be a small charge for entry to a local swimming pool (£5) and visit to Kerid Volcano (£10) which are payable locally and not part of the overall tour cost.

We would also like to purchase a hoodie for each student which will be an additional cost of approximately £20. This will be available to order closer to the time of the trip once final numbers have been confirmed.



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Students will also require a valid passport with a minimum of 6 months date prior to expiry and additional visas. You can find out if you require a visa for Iceland by visiting the following website. This check is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

<https://island.is/en/o/directorate-of-immigration>

Each child will also need their own European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and instructions on how to obtain this will be available if required.

How can I secure a place for my child?

To secure a place for your child on this Iceland October 2025 residential visit, a non-refundable deposit of £150.00 is required, along with consent via SCOPay by 11 November 2024.

A further payment of £150 will be required by 2 January 2025.

The full payment of £1199 is required by 14 July 2025.

Interim payments can be made at any time and a suggested payment plan will be sent out once trip places are confirmed.

SCOPay is live for deposit payments up until 3:30pm on Thursday, 14 November when it will be taken down and no further deposits accepted. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis and all places on the trip are subject to pupils having met the school behaviour policy thresholds.

If your deposit is made after the first 43 deposit applications, this will be returned to you within 10 working days. Should there be more interest than we anticipate, a reserve list will be put in place. Please note that once a place is accepted and first deposit paid, no refund can be made if a parent later wishes to withdraw their child. Refunds will only be made if the trip does not go ahead due to a lack of final numbers.

Once final numbers are secured and we can confirm the trip is to go ahead, there will be a Parent Information Evening held here in school. Details to follow.

The trip is being booked through NST Travel, the UK's leading educational travel company for schools with more than 50 years' experience. They work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away. We have used NST in our previous international residential visits with great success.

Should you have any questions about this trip, please do get in touch with me at p.metcalfe@priory.lancs.sch.uk as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully



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Day 1

- **Morning:** Daytime flight and transfer to accommodation
- **Afternoon:** Local orientation and seafront walk
- **Evening:** Evening meal

Day 2

- **Morning:** South Shore adventure, including visits to Skogafoss Waterfall, Reynisfjara, Solheimajokull, and Seljalandsfoss
- **Afternoon:** Continuation of South Shore adventure
- **Evening:** Evening meal and visit to local outdoor heated geothermal swimming pool

Day 3

- **Morning:** Golden Circle adventure, including The Blue Lagoon, visits to Hellisheiði Power Station, Kerid, Gullfoss, Geysir, and Þingvellir
- **Afternoon:** Continuation of Golden Circle adventure
- **Evening:** Evening meal and group walk into Reykjavik City Centre

Day 4

- **Morning:** Reykjanes Peninsula exploration, including visits to Lake Kleifarvatn, Seltún, Stóra Eldborg, and Grindavík
- **Afternoon:** Continuation of Reykjanes Peninsula day
- **Evening:** Evening meal – packing and awards ceremony

Day 5

- **Morning:** Transfer to the airport for the return flight to the UK