Day 1 Monday, September 21 US/ Reykjavik
Depart on an overnight flight to Reykjavik, Iceland.

Day 2 Tuesday, September 22 Reykjavik
Transfer from Keflavik Airport to your hotel. Enjoy an afternoon city tour to the Settlement Exhibition and Saga Museum. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner.
FOSSHOTEL REYKJAVIK (D)

Day 3 Wednesday, September 23 Reykjavík/Geysir/ Gullfoss
This morning embark on a journey to see the world-famous Geysir geothermal field and Gullfoss, the queen of Icelandic waterfalls. This afternoon we'll visit the Friðheimar Greenhouses where an Icelandic family uses geothermal water to provide heat to greenhouses growing tomatoes and cucumbers. After lunch at the farm, we will see a horse show providing an insight into the history of the Icelandic horses first brought to Iceland by the first Scandinavian settlers around 900AD.
FOSSHOTEL REYKJAVIK (B,L)

Day 4 Thursday, September 24 West Iceland
After an exciting city tour in Reykjavik, we visit Thingvellir National Park, the ancient site of the world’s first parliament. A stop will be made to admire the beautiful Hraunfossar waterfalls and Deildartunguhver, the most powerful hot spring in the world.
OVERNIGHT IN WEST ICELAND (B,L,D)

Day 5 Friday, September 25 West Iceland/Akureyri
Today we visit Godafoss, the magnificent “waterfall of the Gods” and explore the natural beauty of the Lake Myvatn area, including the peculiar lava formations at Dimmuborgir and the pseudo craters at Skutustadir. The pseudo craters were formed by gas explosions when boiling lava flowed over the wetlands.
OVERNIGHT IN HUSAVIK AREA (B,L,D)
Day 6 Saturday, September 26 Husavik
Húsavík is often called the “Whale watching capital” of Iceland. The town’s offshore waters are home to 15 different whale species, as well as dolphins. Watching these graceful ocean giants in their Arctic habitat is an unforgettable experience. An exciting trip with RIB boats (Rigid Inflatable Boat) to search for the gentle giants awaits you. Lunch in Husavik. Embarkation in the afternoon aboard our ship for the next three nights the Ocean Diamond.

OCEAN DIAMOND (B,L,D)

Day 7 Sunday, September 27 Ísafjördur
Today’s destination is the idyllic town of Ísafjörður, capital of the Westfjords region. This secluded peninsula is connected to the rest of Iceland by only a narrow strip of land. Even by Icelandic standards, the area can be described as unusually isolated. The landscape is characterized by mesas and dramatic fjords that cut deep into the landscape. Enjoy an excursion to see Dynjandi waterfall, the highest in this region. Visit a typical Icelandic village along the way.

OCEAN DIAMOND (B,L,D)

Day 8 Monday, September 28 Stykkishólmur
In the morning the OCEAN DIAMOND reaches the small village of Stykkisholmur, starting point for our explorations of the Snaefellsnes peninsula. Snaefellsnes is also known as “Iceland in miniature” since this region contains nearly all different kind of Icelandic scenery. Take an excursion that includes a drive through black lava beaches and rock pinnacles which are the remnants of a large volcanic crater. In the evening the OCEAN DIAMOND leaves Stykkisholmur for the direction of Reykjavik. Tonight you may have the last opportunity to see Northern Lights!

OCEAN DIAMOND (B,L,D)

Day 9 Tuesday, September 29 Reykjavik/US
In the morning we return to the port of Reykjavik. After breakfast, it’s time to bid farewell to the Ocean Diamond. Gather for a farewell lunch in Reykjavik before flying home.

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TOUR LEADER WARREN ALLMON
Faculty leader Warren Allmon is a professor in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and director of both the Museum of the Earth and the Paleontological Research Institute. In lectures and discussions, he’ll share boundless knowledge of geology and evolutionary biology, deeply enriching our experience of this most magical place.