CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND EXPEDITION
A GEOLOGICAL WONDERLAND

July 24 to August 6, 2011
Born of fire and ice and laden with relentless geological drama, Iceland is a revelation of elements, sculpted landscapes and volcanic wizardry. Buttressed by soaring basalt cliffs that are home to millions of nesting seabirds; carpeted with wildflower-strewn tundra; punctuated with mountains, lakes and glittering glaciers; and populated by a hardy and hospitable people, this larger-than-life land offers one of travel’s greatest adventures. Sail into peaceful bays back-dropped by snow-capped mountains and through the splendid West Fjords hemmed by soaring rock faces draped in watery veils. Go ashore in tiny fishing hamlets, and explore the museums and gardens of the northern cultural capital of Akureyri. Throughout our voyage, scan the waters for minke, humpback, fin and sei whales, along with graceful dolphins and harbor porpoises. This adventure is not to be missed!

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

EXPLORE bubbling hot springs, glittering glaciers, soaring volcanoes, verdant meadows and plunging waterfalls

EXPERIENCE Zodiac tours that trace rugged coastlines and maneuver into isolated bays

WATCH for puffins, guillemots, razorbills, kittiwakes, fulmars and more – all in a frenzy of breeding activity

VISIT top landmarks along the route of Iceland’s Golden Circle – historic Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss (“Golden Falls”) and Geysir
Isafjördur

Itinerary

SUNDAY, JULY 24
DEPART U.S.
Depart this evening on independent overnight flights to Reykjavík.

MONDAY, JULY 25
REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND
Arrive in the Icelandic capital this morning and transfer to our hotel. Lunch and the remainder of the day are at leisure to enjoy this fascinating and colorful city. Gather this evening for a welcome reception followed by dinner in Reykjavík.

TUESDAY, JULY 26
REYKJAVÍK / EMBARK CLIPPER ODYSSEY
After breakfast we set out to explore some of Iceland's classic scenic wonders along its Golden Circle route – Thingvellir, Gullfoss and Geysir. Begin with Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site surrounded by mountains and encompassing a vast lava plain of green moss and wildflowers. Continue to Gullfoss Waterfall where the Hvita River drops 96 feet in two voluminous and awesome cascades. The Geysir Center is a huge geothermal field of both hissing and tranquil multihued hot springs and bubbling mud pools. After lunch amid these scenic surroundings drive to Nesjavellir to visit the geothermal power plant – one of the main sources of hot water harnessed to heat the houses of Reykjavík. From here we proceed to the pier to board our ship. CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27
SNAEFELLNES PENINSULA / FLATEY ISLAND / LÁTRABJARG
As we round the cape on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, witness the dramatic rock arches carved by the powerful Atlantic waves and sail into Breidafjörður Bay. The region is known for its waterfalls and hot springs, a majestic extinct volcano and the Snæfelljökull Glacier. By Zodiac we trace the coastline of Flatey Island before going ashore for a walking tour of the village. This evening sail past Iceland's westernmost cape, the Látrabjarg cliff, a breeding ground for millions of seabirds. CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JULY 29
ADALVIK / HORNVIK
Beautiful Adalvík Bay is a five-mile-wide cove flanked by impressive mountains. At the northern tip of the West Fjords, visit Hornstrandir Nature Reserve, abandoned by its last residents in 1952. Choose either a short exploratory walk through the village of Staour or a longer hike to Straumnnes Fall. After lunch board Zodiacs for an afternoon cruise through Hornvik Cove, situated at the northern tip of Iceland. The stunning cliffs that flank the cove are home to thousands of nesting birds. CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JULY 30
GRÍMSEY ISLAND
Although Grimsey, Iceland's northernmost island, sits just about on the Arctic Circle, this last remaining strip of an ancient volcanic rim enjoys a mild climate and is covered with rich vegetation. Only about 155 permanent residents live here, earning their living from fishing and fish-processing. Grimsey's imposing 300-foot-high basaltic cliffs provide an exhilarating view of the incredible birdlife; among the 36 species are kittiwakes, razorbills, fulmars and puffins. Weather permitting, go ashore at Sandvík to explore a Viking hamlet. This evening, aboard ship, enjoy a special Arctic Circle celebration. CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 31
SIGLUFJÖRDUR / AKUREYRI
After breakfast step ashore onto the mainland and visit the idyllically situated village of Siglufjörður, once the undisputed herring fishing capital of the Atlantic. Today's highlight is a visit to the Herring Era Museum, the largest maritime museum in Iceland and a former winner of European Museum of the Year. A lively song-and-dance reenactment of the herring boom era, accompanied by herring, rye bread and a locally made drink, round out this delightfully educational
experience. Cruise into the spectacular Eyjafjördur Fjord and, after lunch onboard, arrive at friendly Akureyri, Iceland’s second-largest city. The afternoon is at leisure to explore this northern cultural capital with the opportunity to dine ashore. *Clipper Odyssey (B,L,D)*

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1**  
**AKUREYRI / LAKE MYVATN / HUSAVIK**

After an early breakfast depart on a full-day tour inland to the Lake Myvatn region for a look at the powerful forces of nature at work. Thousands of years ago, volcanic eruptions created dramatic landscapes of labyrinthine lava formations, seething sulphur pits and boiling mud pools. Oasis-like Lake Myvatn sits on the edge of a vast highland lava desert. One of the world’s richest bird-life areas, it supports enormous numbers of breeding ducks and whooper swans. Sail southward and keep a lookout for humpback, minke, fin and sei whales, along with orca, dolphins and harbor porpoises. *Clipper Odyssey (B,L,D)*

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2**  
**RAUDANES, THISTILFJORD BAY / SKORUVIK, LANGANES PENINSULA**

From stunning Thistilfjord Bay we set out for the lake-filled crater of Viti, then take in glorious views from the clifftop walks on the outskirts of Raudanes. Aboard Zodiaks, witness the chiseled headlands and supremely photogenic sea stacks that rise from the bay. During lunch onboard, we sail to Skoruvik, a driftwood-strewn peninsula that is home to one of Iceland’s largest colonies of nesting terns. Enjoy area walks or a round-trip hike to the abandoned village of Skalar. *Clipper Odyssey (B,L,D)*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3**  
**SEYDISFJÖRÐUR**

Today enjoy an 11-mile cruise along Seydisfjördur that showcases a scenic wonderland of stunning geology, cascading waterfalls and soaring mountains. At its head, a natural harbor shelters the fishing town of the same name, renowned for its brightly painted 19th-century wooden buildings. Our options this morning include a walking tour of the town, a birding excursion or a hike to the magnificent Hengifoss Waterfall. *Clipper Odyssey (B,L,D)*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 4**  
**HÖFN**

Arrive at the fishing community of Höfn, situated on an estuary and also the gateway to Europe’s largest glacier. While most of Iceland is pastoral and green, its southeastern corner is covered by the shimmering white Vatnajökull Glacier. The 1,000-foot-thick ice field literally sits upon active volcanoes; a 1996 eruption created a remarkable phenomenon – a crater on the surface of the glacier. A spectacular drive brings us to a fleet of waiting snowmobiles for an exhilarating guided excursion across the vast expanses of glittering whiteness. After lunch at a small lodge, we set out on an unforgettable boat ride on Jökulsárlón Lake, sailing among aquamarine icebergs and watching as the glacier calves icebergs into the land-locked lagoon. *Clipper Odyssey (B,L,D)*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 5**  
**HEIMÆY ISLAND / SURTSEY ISLAND**

A dramatic volcanic history haunts the extraordinary Westman (Vestmannaeyjar) Islands, now the home of some 5,000 residents and multitudes of seabirds. Our tour this morning on Heimaey Island takes us to a cliff where young islanders learn the sport of rope swinging, which evolved from an age-old tradition of ledge-to-ledge egg-collecting. In the Herjolfshdalur Valley view ruins of farmhouses dating back to 650 AD, and from Storhofdi, take in views over the island and majestic mainland glaciers that are, simply, breathtaking. On the way back to the ship, we pass between two volcanoes, one 5,000 years old, the other born only in 1973, and we drive right across the new volcano’s crater and into the town called “Pompeii of the North.” Later this afternoon we circumnavigate Sursey Island, a fire-and-brimstone result of a 1963 undersea eruption. Over the years, lava flowed and built up a landmass reaching 560 feet at its highest point. Today, approximately 56 species of vascular plants grow on the island and seals haul out to breed on its shores. Nearly 90 species of migrating birds, including greylag geese and snow bunting, use the island as a rest stop. *Clipper Odyssey (B,L,D)*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**  
**REYKJAVÍK / DISEMBARK**

After breakfast disembark our ship for a fascinating tour of the Reykjanes Peninsula. Visit Krýsuvík, a settlement dating to 900 AD, and its surrounding geothermal wonderland. We also visit a cliff just south of the town to witness the myriad nesting seabirds. Continue to the famous Blue Lagoon for lunch before departing for the airport and independent flights homeward. (B,L)
Clipper Odyssey

The 110-passenger Clipper Odyssey is ideally suited for expedition travel. Its small size allows access to remote islands and stretches of coast otherwise inaccessible by land or by a larger cruise ship, and its informal style complements the casual atmosphere and dress suitable for adventure cruising. All cabins are outside, with separate seating areas, twin or queen beds, bathrooms with hair dryers and shower/bathtub combinations, abundant storage space, individual temperature controls, TVs and mini-refrigerators. Public areas include two lounges, a bar and a dining room where all guests are accommodated at a single, unassigned seating. Among the ship’s amenities are shaded areas on the Lido Deck ideal for viewing the passing scenery, a 70-meter jogging track on the Sun Deck, pool, gym, library/game room, boutique and clinic with a full-time physician. The ship is fitted with the latest in telecommunications, navigation and stabilization systems for smooth sailing. A fleet of motorized Zodias allows guests to make beach landings on small islands.

Program Cost*

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy, unless otherwise noted

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*Association nonmembers add $200 per person.
Dates
July 24 to August 6, 2011 (14 days)

Size
Limited to a total of 110 participants including travelers from Stanford and Zegrahm Expeditions.

Included
1 night of deluxe hotel accommodations • 11-night cruise aboard the Clipper Odyssey • 12 breakfasts, 12 lunches and 12 dinners • Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions • Bottled water on excursions • Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities • All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary • Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days • Port fees and embarkation taxes • Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance • Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information • Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

Not Included
All air transportation • Passport and visa fees • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Independent and private transfers • Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Excess-baggage charges • Personal items such as email, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

Air Arrangements
Air transportation is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on multiple carriers from San Francisco to Reykjavik is approximately $1,678 as of July 2010 and is subject to change without notice. Information on recommended flight itineraries will be sent by Zegrahm Expeditions approximately four months prior to departure.

Fuel Costs
In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult to predict fuel costs over the long term and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing. While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge.

What to Expect
We consider this to be a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. For most activities, a moderate level of exertion is required. You will need to climb into and out of Zodiaks for excursions ashore; staff and crew members will be on hand to assist. We have designed shore excursions to accommodate both those who prefer moderate strolls and those who prefer more active hikes. A few of the excursions may have rough terrain, with rocky, uneven beaches. In July and August, temperatures in Iceland are usually quite comfortable and will vary depending upon our altitude on land or our ship’s position at sea. Expect temperatures from the low to mid-50s (°F) throughout our voyage. Flexibility is a must, as itineraries are subject to change and landings may be tidal- or weather-dependent. We will mail you a complete list of recommended clothing, essential equipment to bring and a suggested reading list approximately five months prior to departure. Participants will most enjoy the remarkable opportunities this expedition offers if they travel with a spirit of adventure. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and above on this expedition.

Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000 deposit is required to hold space for the Circumnavigation of Iceland Expedition. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are fully refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply. We recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. We strongly recommend that you subscribe to optional baggage and trip-cancellation insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be mailed with your confirmation about one week after we receive your deposit. The product offered in this brochure includes a special Waiver of Pre-Existing Conditions and coverage for Financial Insolvency and Terrorist Acts if you postmark your insurance payment within 15 days of the date listed on the confirmation letter.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $200 more than the members’ price. Stanford alumni may become Annual ($75) or Life ($495) Members. Stanford parents, faculty, staff, interns, residents and fellows may become Installment Members ($90 down, $115/year for four years) or Life Members ($495). Nonalumni may become Life Affiliates (one-time fee, $650). Parents and their children under 21 may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit www.stanfordalumni.org/member ship or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility
The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. It is understood that the ship’s ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in July 2010 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.
FRANKLIN “LYNN” ORR, ’69, became the director of the Precourt Institute for Energy at Stanford upon its establishment in 2009. His research activities focus on how complex fluid mixtures flow in the porous rocks in the Earth’s crust, and on ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from energy use. Orr is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and a member of the board of directors of the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute. In addition, he chairs the Science Advisory Committee for the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, where he was a foundation board member from 1999 to 2008.

AT STANFORD:
- Director of the Global Climate and Energy Project, 2002–2008
- Chester Naramore Dean of the School of Earth Sciences, 1994–2002
- Member of the Stanford faculty since 1985

Expedition Leaders
Since 1990, Stanford Travel/Study has partnered with Zegrahm Expeditions to combine some of the world’s most remote and remarkable destinations with expedition leaders and naturalists who are experts in their fields and passionate about the natural wonders we encounter. Joining this Expedition are Zegrahm leaders Mike Messick, Jonathan Rossouw and Kevin Clement.

“I loved the learning involved, and Professor Orr lent whole new meaning to the overview of changes humans have made on our planet over the last century.”

CANDEE FORBES ’68
CANADIAN ROCKIES RAIL COLLEGE, 2007

Reservation Form
Circumnavigation of Iceland Expedition
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I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them. Signature ____________________________

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

☐ I wish to have single accommodations.
OR ☐ I plan to share accommodations with ____________________________
OR ☐ I’d like to know about possible roommates.

Category Preference:
1st choice: ____________________________ ☐ Twin Beds ☐ Queen Bed
2nd choice: ____________________________ ☐ Twin Beds ☐ Queen Bed

Here is my deposit of $________ ($1,000 per person) for ___ space(s) on the Expedition.

☐ Enclosed is my check (make payable to Stanford Alumni Association) OR
☐ Charge my deposit to my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

CARD #: ___________ EXPIRES _____________

AUTHORIZED CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE ____________________________ DATE _____________

Mail completed form to address on mail panel or fax to (650) 725-8675 or place your deposit online at www.stanfordalumni.org/trip/Iceland2011. Please submit your reservation only once to avoid multiple charges to your account.
“It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience! The Arctic landscape and wildlife were fabulous.”

GEORGE LONGYEAR, ’60  |  SVALBARD ARCTIC EXPEDITION, 2009