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GLOBAL STUDENT LEADERS SUMMIT

THE FUTURE OF ENERGY

LEVERAGING STEM TO LEAD CHANGE IN SOUTHERN ICELAND

March 14–23

Selfjaldsfoos waterfall, Iceland

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Think about all the ways you've used energy today. Driving your car, charging your phone, refrigerating your food—these are all activities that rely largely on non-renewable fossil fuels like oil, coal and gas. But in Iceland, that's changing. An impressive 90% of Iceland's primary energy comes from renewable sources like geothermal energy. And thanks to Iceland's natural landscape, the production of this energy is possible in great abundance and at a low cost. Renewable energy is not only helping the environment, but also boosting Iceland's economy.

That makes Iceland the perfect stage for our 2016 Global Student Leaders Summit, The Future of Energy. This extraordinary event combines an educational tour and two-day leadership conference, exploring renewable energy where it comes to life. You will learn from world-renowned experts on science and energy, and work together with peers from the United States and Iceland to design and present your own solution to the issue.

What to expect on your Summit

1

Immersive Travel

Your tour of Iceland brings the Future of Energy theme to life as you gain knowledge and hands-on experience through cultural and science-focused activities.

2

Thought Leadership

World-renowned speakers and experts on the future of energy lead discussions and workshops to inspire and educate you. Past speakers have included Al Gore, Jane Goodall and Sir Ken Robinson. Keynote speakers for the 2016 Iceland Summit will be announced in the summer of 2015.

3

Design Thinking

Working in small international teams, you will learn the design thinking process—a creative problem-solving technique used by companies such as Apple and Google—and then use it to propose your own solutions to today's energy challenges.

4

Online Learning

weShare, our online learning platform, gives you a place to research, reflect and share a project pre and post tour.



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Highlights of what you'll experience on your 10-day tour to Iceland



HELLISHEIÐARVIKJUN PLANT

Experience the wonders of natural energy as you tour world's largest geothermal power station.



THINGVELLIR NATIONAL PARK

Explore the site of the world's longest running Parliament, situated against a rugged landscape famous for its unique geology and natural beauty.



FRÍÐHEIMAR

Discover how farmers grow produce at a local greenhouse powered by geothermal energy.

Itinerary

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Days 1–2: Reykjavík

Fly overnight to Reykjavík and meet your Tour Director at the airport. Explore Reykjavík on a morning tour. See the Old Town center, Parliament House, Cathedral harbor and the Pearl, then continue on to Höfði House. Learn about species of whales that are native to Iceland at the Whale Museum. Then head over to Aurora Reykjavík, where you'll see the Northern Lights come to life through a multimedia exhibit. Get excited to hunt for the Lights on Day 5.

Day 3: Hveragerði

Travel to Selfoss to explore Iceland's environment in-depth on a geology walk in Thingvellir National Park. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is where Iceland's first parliament was founded, and is situated on a fissure zone between North American and European tectonic plates. Then, take a guided tour of Hellisheiðarvirkjun power plant and learn about Iceland's groundbreaking use of geothermal energy.

Later, go for a hike in Reykjadalur Valley and bathe your feet at the meeting point of where a boiling

hot river meets the frigid waters of another.

Day 4: Hella

Take in the enormous scope and natural beauty of Gullfoss waterfall. Here, water cascades over 100 feet into an enormous, high-walled canyon. Then explore the Geysir geothermal area and watch geysers erupt boiling water up over 60 feet in the air.

Visit Friðheimar, a local family-run greenhouse that produces tomatoes year-round using geothermal water. Here you'll admire the unique gaits and heavy coat of Icelandic horses during a horse show.

Day 5: Hella

Journey to Hella and visit Katla Geopark, where you'll learn how the geopark works to promote sustainable development and conservation in the area.

Visit the Eyafjallajökull Erupts Visitor Center, commemorating the famous 2010 eruption that rerouted air traffic and made international headlines.

Then, explore the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls, two

of south Iceland's most famous natural wonders. Skógafoss has the title of one of the biggest waterfalls in the country. Legend has it that Prasi Þórólfsson—the first Viking settler in the area—buried treasure in a cave behind it. Top off the day with a Northern Lights hunt.

Day 6: Heimaey

Travel by boat to Heimaey Island and take a walking tour of Eldfell volcano. The island is known as the Pompeii of the North due to an unexpected eruption in 1973 that caused residents to evacuate and covered hundreds of homes in ash and lava. Later, learn about Iceland's Mormon heritage at the Vestmannaeyjar Folk Museum before heading to the Surtsey Visitor Centre. This unique facility offers and great views of Surtsey, an island formed by a volcanic eruption in 1963.

Day 7: Reykjavík

Return to Reykjavík and prepare for your Global Student Leaders Conference. In the afternoon, discover cosmopolitan Reykjavík during a city-wide scavenger hunt. End the day getting to know other students from the conference over dinner and team-building exercises.

Day 8–9: Reykjavík

The **leadership conference** begins as you connect with students from all around North America and Iceland in this inspiring and innovative setting. Over the course of two days you will hear from world-renowned keynote speakers, work with local and global experts, and collaborate with peers in small international teams. You will learn the design thinking process to develop solutions to today's energy challenges and be inspired to take action back home.

Day 10: Depart for home

Visit Iceland's iconic Blue Lagoon and bathe in its mineral-rich waters. A by-product of geothermal plant construction in the 1970s, the Lagoon is so beautiful that it's recognized by National Geographic as a natural wonder. With a thriving spa business and over a half million yearly visitors, it's a perfect example of how sustainable energy engineering can offer additional benefits to a country.

Travel back to Keflavik International Airport and return home, prepared to be part of the solution.

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Developing local solutions to energy issues

THE SUMMIT EXPERIENCE

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Tour Director**



**All of the details
are covered**



Sightseeing

5 sightseeing tours led by
Tour Director

Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motor-coach; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; Daily breakfast & dinner; Lunch on days 2, 8 & 9



Entrances

Whale Museum; Aurora Reykjavík; Horse show; Njál's Saga Centre; Pompeii of the North excavation; Vestmannaeyjar Folk Museum; Thingvellir National Park; Surtsey Visitor Centre; Blue Lagoon; Eyafjallajökull



**Student Leadership
Conference**

Conference registration; Expert workshops; Keynote addresses; Student workshops; Innovation Village



weShare

Our online platform for a deeper learning experience



Experiential Learning

Scavenger hunt; Northern Lights hunt; Hellisheiðavirkjun power plant; Geothermal farm; Katla Geopark; Gullfoss waterfall