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Iceland:
Climate Change and the Arctic

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SIT SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAINING
STUDY ABROAD

GENERAL FLIGHT INFORMATION

This document is designed to assist you in making your travel arrangements. An essential part of your preparation for studying abroad includes obtaining the proper travel documentation for your international stay. Please read this document carefully to determine if you need to take action *immediately* in preparation for travel.

You are responsible for booking your own travel to and from the program location. In addition, it is your responsibility to read and understand the terms and conditions for your airline ticket(s), to reconfirm your flight reservations in advance of the day of travel, and to be aware of airline and TSA regulations for baggage size and contents. SIT is not responsible for additional charges you may incur as a result of airline schedule changes or other travel-related reasons.

As you book your flights, we encourage you to purchase tickets on airlines with flexible cancellation and postponement policies.

PRO TIP: Book a seat on the north side of the plane in each direction for a potential glimpse of Greenland and/or the northern lights, weather dependent.

Individual countries may have specific entry requirements related to Covid-19 (e.g. providing proof of vaccine, providing a negative Covid-19 test prior to travel, testing and/or quarantining upon arrival, etc.). SIT will provide updated Covid-19 information prior to your travel.

Once you have finalized your travel arrangements, please log into your application portal and enter your itinerary information and any notes about your arrival in the *Travel Information* section of your application. This will ensure that SIT staff know when to expect you. Please submit your travel itinerary no later than 30 days prior to your program's start date.

AIRLINE INFORMATION

Although things may change by August, the following airlines usually provide service to the meeting location for this program: Icelandair, Delta, SAS, Lufthansa, and EasyJet. In the event that your flight is canceled, please be in touch with your admissions counselor as soon as possible to find out the best updated flight to book.

You can, of course, travel on any airline of your choice; however, please note that regardless of your transportation carrier, you are expected to be at your meeting location at the required time. SIT recommends that students purchase a round-trip itinerary into and out of the host country. When you first arrive and pass through immigration and customs, officials may request that you show proof that you have confirmed plans to depart their country at a designated time in the future. In addition, booking a round-trip ticket will likely be more affordable than purchasing two separate one-way itineraries. Even if you later decide to change your return flight, the fees for making that change will oftentimes still amount to less than the overall price of two separate tickets. If you believe that you will want to travel independently after your SIT Study Abroad program has concluded, we recommend that you estimate the approximate amount of extra time you will need and then book your flights accordingly

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

You are expected to meet your transportation to your accommodations at the following date, time, and location:

In-Country Program Arrival Date:

Feb 13 2027**Arrival Airport:** Keflavík International Airport (KEF)

Group Meeting Time: 9:30AM

Group Meeting Location: Keflavík International Airport arrivals hall

Group Will Be Met By: Program staff

PRO TIPS:

- Flights from the US to Iceland are often red-eye and arrival is a day later than departure. Be sure to check that your arrival date is correct.
- Customs clearance time has recently increased and can be variable, so allow 1-2hr to get baggage and clear customs between landing time and meeting the group.

NOTE: If you are unable to find suitable travel arrangements which will allow you to arrive at the specified date and time, please contact your admissions counselor as soon as possible—BEFORE you make any reservations.

Arrival prior to the start of the program is not advisable. No SIT Study Abroad staff will be able to assist you with any matter should you arrive before the program's commencement due to personal travel or for any other reason. Please note that accident and illness insurance, provided to you through SIT Study Abroad, is only in effect while outside of the US.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

You are expected to plan your departure for the following date, time, and location. Do not book a departure before this date.:

Program Departure Date: May 25 2027

Departure Airport: Keflavík International Airport (KEF)

Earliest Departure Time: Anytime

It IS possible to remain in-country after the program ends until your residency permit expires or if you are within the limits of a relevant visa waiver program. Please note that the program is no longer responsible for you after the end of the scheduled program.

PASSPORT INFORMATION

To participate in this program, you will need a signed **passport that is valid for at least six months after the end of the program**.

- If necessary, apply for a new passport or renewal immediately.
- **US Citizens:** consult U.S. State Department information at http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html for passport processing times and application procedures.
- **Non-US Citizens:** contact your embassy or consulate.

You may need to expedite your passport application in order to meet visa application deadlines. Please check with your admissions counselor at studyabroad@sit.edu or (888) 272-7881 to discuss whether you should expedite your application. Students are responsible for their own passports. Please make a copy of the first two pages of your passport (one of which has your photo), and your visa (if applicable), and store it in a separate location than your passport. Throughout the term, students should always keep a copy of their passport and visa on their person.

VISA INFORMATION

A visa is an official endorsement from a foreign government permitting entry into and travel within a particular country or region for a specified period of time. A visa may be glued or stamped directly into an applicant's passport or be on a separate paper or insert.

Students with US passports:
For this program, students with US passports are generally eligible to enter the country without a visa through the VWP (visa waiver program) but must get a student residency permit for Iceland. You will also need to obtain an FBI background check as part of the student residency permit application.

Further information about residence permit application processes and the FBI background check will be sent by email from your admissions counselor. DO NOT apply for any visas until you receive this information. Please note that due to the complicated nature of the visa process, you should not make plans to travel internationally prior to the program start date without consulting your admissions counselor first.

Upon approval of your residence permit, you will receive a letter by email from the Iceland Directorate of Immigration (UTL) saying that you need to submit a housing certificate and have your picture taken when you arrive in the country. You will be taken by your Academic Director to complete this part of the residence permit process once you are in country. Print a copy of the email to show to Icelandic immigration as you enter the country.

If you do not receive an email from the Icelandic Directorate of Immigration at least 2 weeks before your travel, contact your admissions counselor.

Students with non-US passports:
Students without a US passport may be subject to additional or different requirements for obtaining a visa or meeting other conditions of entry into the country or countries listed above. Many countries require individuals to apply for visas in person at the relevant embassy or consulate located in their country of citizenship. We strongly recommend that you contact the embassy of each country the program will be traveling to very early in the process to confirm visa and/or entry requirements applicable to your country of citizenship and determine next steps while allowing plenty of time to apply. It is your responsibility to confirm and complete the visa application process particular to your situation, and to keep your admissions counselor informed.

GENERAL VISA AND PASSPORT NOTES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- You are responsible for complying with all visa procedures and deadlines.
- Keep in mind that procedures and fees are subject to change at the discretion of the embassy or consulate with jurisdiction over your application. Students should double-check visa procedures prior to sending materials to ensure accuracy.
- Issuance of visas is at the sole discretion of the applicable consulate or embassy; SIT assumes no responsibility for the issuance or denial of any visa.
- Please make a copy of the first two pages of your passport (one of which has your photo),and give these photocopies to your academic director once you arrive.
- You may also need to bring your yellow WHO vaccination card or a copy of your immunization record; please see the **Safety, Security, and Health** pre-departure document for more details.
- Students are responsible for their own passports. The program may hold passports for students when at the program site and when on excursion. Students should have passports on their person during ISP. Throughout the term, students should keep a copy of their passport and visa on their person at all times.
- If you are planning to travel to other countries before or after the program or your transit route involves connections in other countries, check with the embassies of those countries before you leave the US regarding visas, documents, and/or immunizations required. Please contact your admissions counselor as soon as possible to discuss the feasibility of your plans.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

For questions about your passport, flight, visa, and arrival information, please contact your admissions counselor, available Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (US East Coast time) to help you. 888-272-7881 menu option 2.
For questions concerning insurance coverage and vaccination, please contact our Student Health, Safety, and Well-being department by writing to studentwellbeing@sit.edu

