



WPI

Reykjavík Reflections

Passing on Knowledge Gained
During Our Time in Iceland

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Our Goal

To develop methods of collecting and distributing knowledge gained during travel through the Global Projects Program, ultimately narrowing the gap between students who have returned from project centers and those preparing to depart

Research Objectives



Uncover what information would be beneficial for students preparing to travel



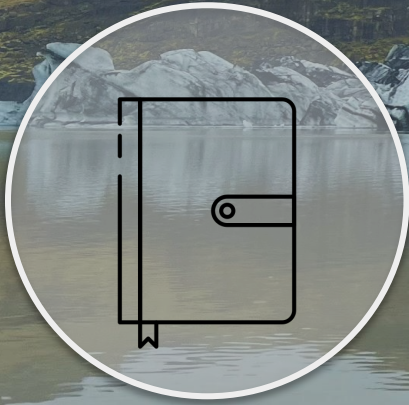
Develop a method to collect information from students regarding their travel experiences



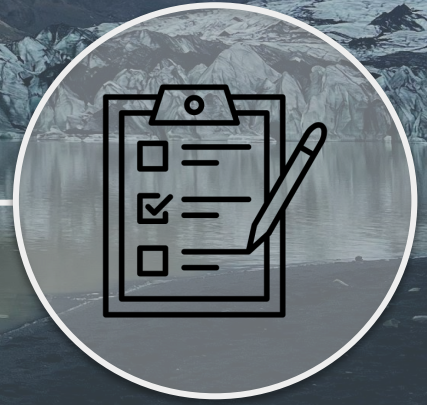
Develop methods for sharing knowledge gained during student travel experiences

Evaluating Methods of Gathering and Delivering Information

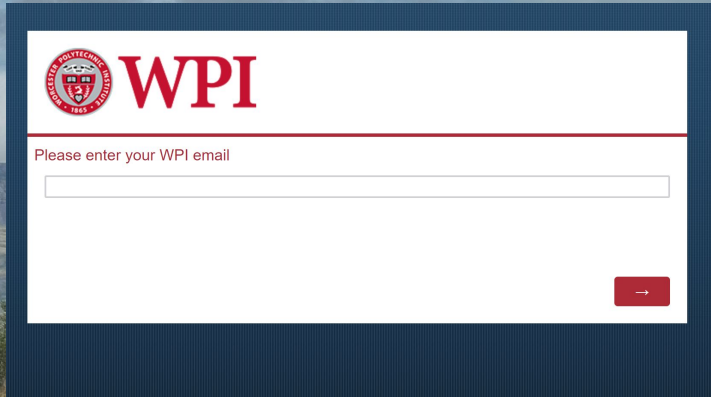
Team Journals



Cohort Surveys



Survey

A screenshot of a survey form for WPI. The form has a white background with a dark blue border. At the top left is the WPI logo, which includes a circular seal with the text 'WPI' and '1865' and the words 'WATERGATE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY'. To the right of the logo is the text 'WPI' in a large, bold, red serif font. Below the logo and text is a red horizontal line. Underneath the line is the text 'Please enter your WPI email' in a small, dark font. Below this text is a white rectangular input field. At the bottom right of the form is a red button with a white right-pointing arrow.

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1 Recommended resources

2 Information students wish they knew before traveling

3 Most impactful experience

4 Anything else a student traveling to the project center should know

How do I get to Downtown Reykjavík Apartments?

01

BUY BUS TICKET

Upon landing, after leaving arrivals, head towards the Flybus reception (on the right side) and ask for a ticket to Downtown Reykjavík Apartments. The receptionist should hand you a Red Zone ticket.



02

BOARD THE BUS

Exit the airport, turn left, and board the bus with the "Flybus" sign. It should take you to the BSI terminal- ask the driver to confirm. It will take 45 minutes for the bus to reach the terminal in Reykjavík.



03

TRANSFER

Board the bus corresponding to your ticket color. You should take the Red Line to get to Downtown Reykjavík Apartments. Confirm with the driver that the bus is going to Bus Stop 13.



04

THE FINAL STRETCH

From Bus Stop 13, Rauðarásistigur, walk up the street to Downtown Reykjavík Apartments. Use Google Maps to guide the way.



Reach out to your advisors or project site directors with questions

DOWNTOWN REYKJAVÍK APARTMENTS

MONEY MATTERS

ADVICE FOR MANAGING COSTS AND FINANCES IN ICELAND

Conversion Rate

The currency in Iceland is the Icelandic Krona, or ISK.

1 USD ≈ 136 ISK

Iceland is an expensive country, expect to spend more on day to day items than you would in the US

Payment Methods

Everything can be paid for by card (or ApplePay), so cash is not often used. Check with your bank to determine if your debit/credit card will incur international fees.



Eating Out

Consider buying food from the **grocery store**, rather than eating out. Restaurants are expensive and eating out every day will add up. Tipping is **not required** nor is it expected.



Adventures

Exploration outside of Reykjavík will require the **purchase of bus tickets and/or day tours**. It is worth the cost to take one or two tours, so you may experience all Iceland has to offer. Tours can get very **pricey**, so do research and check out sites such as Viator.com and TripAdvisor.com



Souvenirs

Watch out for tourist traps! **Do not** buy gifts or souvenirs when you first arrive. Use your time wisely and scope out the best deals

Plan Ahead

Save money, check with your bank about international fees, and plan day tours/trips **before** you leave. Create a budget and stick to it. It is very easy to spend money while abroad, so **be prepared!**



more financial tips at guidetoiceland.is

Grocery guide

WHERE DO I GET FOOD?



Bónus

Price: \$
Variety: +++

This is going to be your go-to option. The closest Bónus is an 8 minute walk from DRA. Open from 10AM-8PM.

Krónan

Price: \$\$
Variety: ++++

The closest Krónan is an 18 minute walk from DRA. Open from 9AM-9PM.



1011

Price: \$\$\$
Variety: +

50% more expensive than Bónus, and they tend to alter their electronic price tags at night, increasing prices by an average of 8%. 4 minute walk from DRA. Open 24/7.

Euro Market

Price: \$\$\$
Variety: ++

This shop sells Polish and Eastern European products. 3 minute walk from DRA. Open from 9AM-9PM on weekdays and 10AM-8PM on weekends



Extra

Price: \$\$\$
Variety: +++

Similar to Bónus, but prices here are a bit more expensive due to longer hours. It's an 8 minute walk from DRA. Opens from 8AM-12AM.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

What to Wear in Iceland

August - October



Daily Attire

The maximum temperature is 60°F and the low is 35°F, so dress in clothing for weather **similar to fall** in Massachusetts. Jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, and light jackets.

HIKING

When exploring outside of Reykjavik, **dress in layers**. Long sleeve thermals, windbreakers, and outer waterproof (raincoats and rain pants) layers are essential. Bring multiple pairs of socks in case of rains.



FOOTWEAR

A pair of comfortable **daily shoes** (lots of walking), a pair of **running/workout shoes** (if you plan on doing so), **hiking boots** (preferably waterproof), and a pair of **slides or slippers** (to wear in living quarters).



ACCESSORIES

Hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, and warm socks are important for exploring and also going out at night to see the northern lights. A heavier winter coat may be necessary for some October weather.



KEEP IN MIND...

It is not as common to wear **sweatpants** in public. Don't forget to pack an outfit for interviews and final presentations, and **ALWAYS** be prepared for **rain and wind**, even if the forecast says otherwise.



For more information, visit:

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REYKJAVÍK PROJECT CENTER WEBSITE



PLACES TO VISIT IN ICELAND



BLUE LAGOON

One of the most popular attractions in Iceland. Bathing in the blue silica-dense waters is a once in a lifetime experience.

SOUTH COAST

Many companies offer a South Coast Tour, ranging from \$12 - \$180 USD. The bus stops at many waterfalls and must see locations on the island, including the grand Skógafoss Waterfall, and the Reynisfjara black sand beach.



MOUNT ESJA

Just two short bus rides outside of the city, Mount Esja is perfect for those looking for an inexpensive adventure. There are many trails to hike, ranging from moderate to difficult. Accessible from Esjuroetur - Hiking Center.

GROTTA LIGHTHOUSE

3 miles outside of the city. Walk along the beautiful coast of Reykjavik or take a bus, and when the tide is low enough, you can walk right up to the lighthouse. A relaxing day adventure and less strenuous than hiking.



OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Reykjadalur Valley Hot Springs
Perlan Museum
Hallgrímskirkja (tallest building)
Ulfarsfell (hike)
Kattakaffiúsið (Cat Cafe)



HOW TO GET AROUND ICELAND

Strætó

The Best Option Within Reykjavik

Accessible through the Klappið app, these buses travel all over the capital area, as well as some locations outside of Reykjavik. If you are going to use the bus frequently, buy a 30 day pass to save money.



Taxis

Expensive. Use as a Last Resort

Fares start at \$5 with an additional \$2.50/km. BSR (+354 561 0000) and Hreyfil (+354 588 5522) are companies that operate 24/7.

Walking

Reykjavik is Pedestrian Friendly

The most budget-friendly option. There are many stores, restaurants, and attractions within reasonable distance of DRA. Expect to do lots of walking when at the Reykjavik project center.



Organized Tours

Best Option for Sightseeing

Booking an organized tour is the best way to see the wonders Iceland has to offer. These tours often come in packages that include specific location pickup.

Domestic Flight

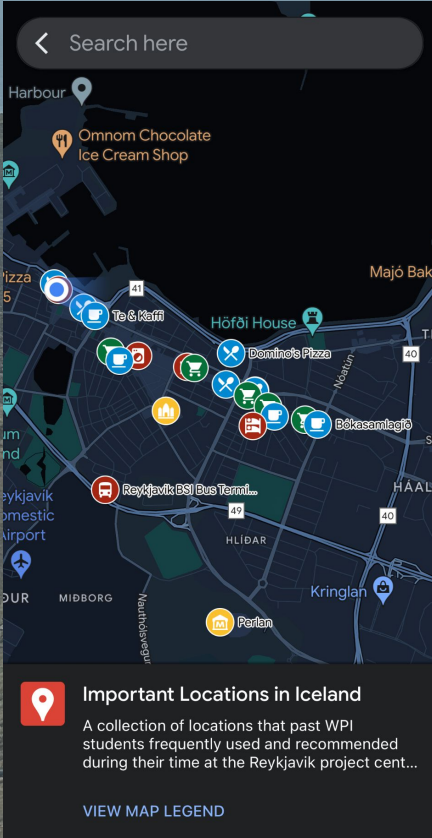
For the Money Unconscious

Reykjavik Domestic Airport offers flights all over Iceland... if you're feeling like flying around the island.



For more information visit guidetoiceland.is

Custom Map in Google Maps



Search here

Harbour

Omnom Chocolate Ice Cream Shop

Majó Baka

Te & Kaffi

Höfði House

Domino's Pizza

Bókasamgöf

Reykjavík Bus Terminal

Reykjavík Domestic Airport

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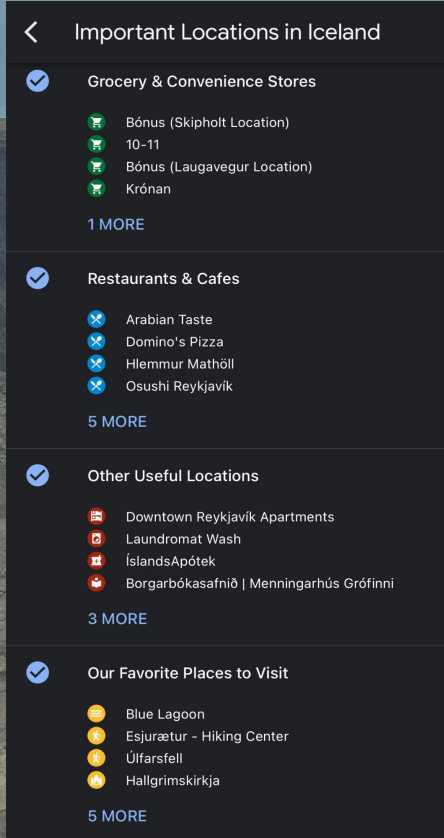
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Important Locations in Iceland

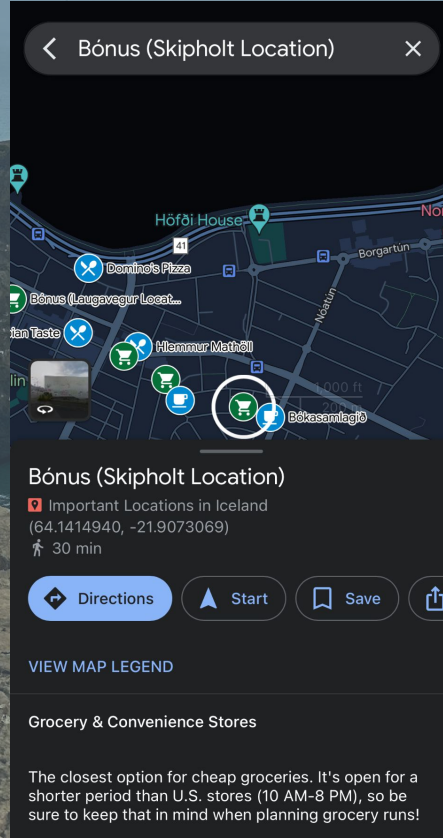
A collection of locations that past WPI students frequently used and recommended during their time at the Reykjavik project cent...

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Important Locations in Iceland

- Grocery & Convenience Stores
 - Bónus (Skipholt Location) 10-11
 - Bónus (Laugavegur Location)
 - Krónan1 MORE
- Restaurants & Cafes
 - Arabian Taste
 - Domino's Pizza
 - Hlemmur Mathöll
 - Osushi Reykjavik5 MORE
- Other Useful Locations
 - Downtown Reykjavik Apartments
 - Laundromat Wash
 - ÍslandsApótek
 - Borgarbókasafnið | Menningarhús Grófinni3 MORE
- Our Favorite Places to Visit
 - Blue Lagoon
 - Esjurætur - Hiking Center
 - Úlfarsfell
 - Hallgrímskirkja5 MORE



Bónus (Skipholt Location)

Höfði House

Domino's Pizza

Bónus (Laugavegur Locat...

Hlemmur Mathöll

Bókasamgöf

Bónus (Skipholt Location)

Important Locations in Iceland (64.1414940, -21.9073069)

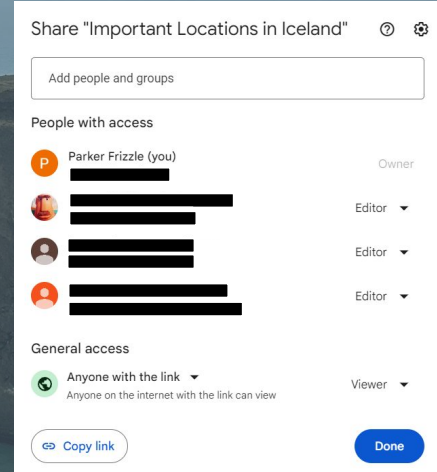
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Grocery & Convenience Stores

The closest option for cheap groceries. It's open for a shorter period than U.S. stores (10 AM-8 PM), so be sure to keep that in mind when planning grocery runs!



Share "Important Locations in Iceland"

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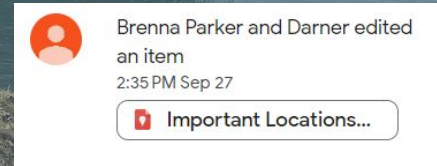
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Important Locations...

ID 2050 Quiz



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Grades
People
Syllabus
Quizzes
Collaborations
Chat
Echo360
Office 365
Zoom
Library Research Guides
Microsoft Teams meetings

Go Iceland

Started: Oct 9 at 10:29am

Quiz Instructions

This quiz is an extra credit assignment. All information can be found in the project center handbook and the infographics.

Question 1 1 pts

What is the 911 equivalent in Iceland?

Question 2

Questions

- Question 3
- Question 4
- Question 5
- Question 6
- Question 7
- Question 8
- Question 9
- Question 10

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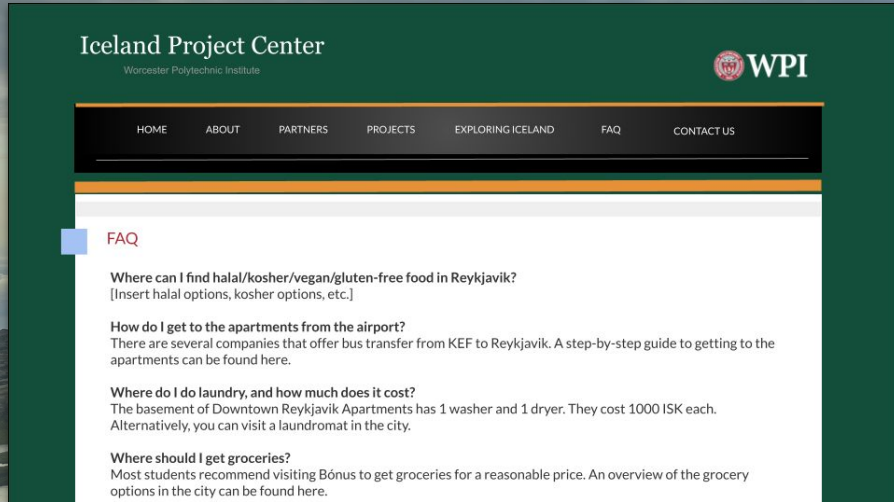
Taxis are an affordable way to traverse Iceland

You Answered True

Correct Answer False

Taxis are generally very expensive in Iceland. The cheapest forms of transportation are buses, or walking!

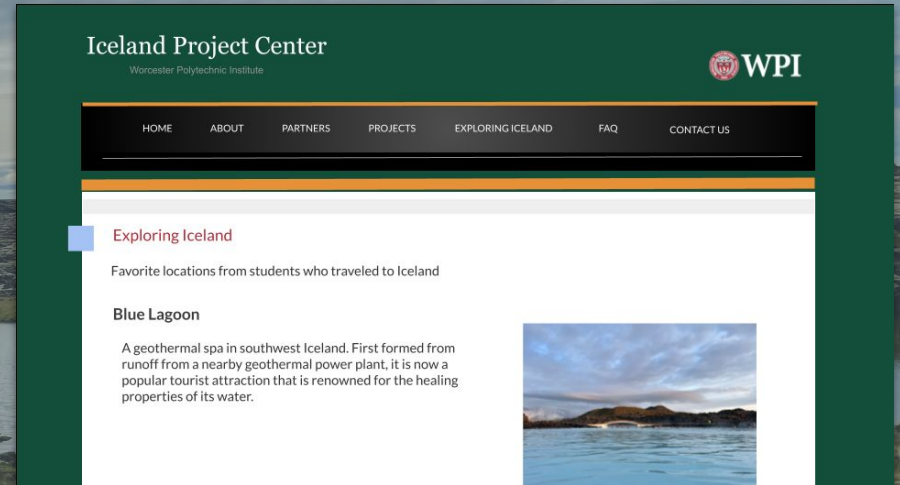
Project Center Website Updates



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- Where can I find halal/kosher/vegan/gluten-free food in Reykjavik?**
[Insert halal options, kosher options, etc.]
- How do I get to the apartments from the airport?**
There are several companies that offer bus transfer from KEF to Reykjavik. A step-by-step guide to getting to the apartments can be found here.
- Where do I do laundry, and how much does it cost?**
The basement of Downtown Reykjavik Apartments has 1 washer and 1 dryer. They cost 1000 ISK each. Alternatively, you can visit a laundromat in the city.
- Where should I get groceries?**
Most students recommend visiting Bónus to get groceries for a reasonable price. An overview of the grocery options in the city can be found here.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



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- Exploring Iceland**
Favorite locations from students who traveled to Iceland
- Blue Lagoon**
A geothermal spa in southwest Iceland. First formed from runoff from a nearby geothermal power plant, it is now a popular tourist attraction that is renowned for the healing properties of its water.



Favorite Places to Visit

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15Outside of project work, there is lots of exploring to do in Iceland! Some of my favorite adventures so far:
🌿 Hiking to Reykjadalur hot spring to relax in a thermally heated river
🏔️ Venturing in the cold to see the northern lights
🏔️ Hiking Mount Esja and drinking icy glacier water
❄️ Walking many miles to Grotta Lighthouse
🐾 Meeting some furry friends
🌊 Chillin' at the Blue Lagoon

#GoatsGoGlobal #BlueLagoon #icelandicpony #geothermalriver #explore #grottalighthouse #northernlights

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Team Reflection



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An aerial photograph of a coastline. On the left, the ocean meets a dark, pebbly beach. To the right of the beach is a wide, flat plain with patches of green and brown, possibly a marsh or tundra. In the distance, a range of low mountains or hills is visible under a heavy, grey, overcast sky. The text "Thank you" is centered in the upper half of the image.

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Thank you

Any questions?

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