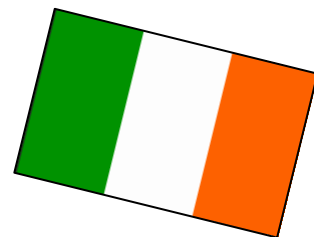
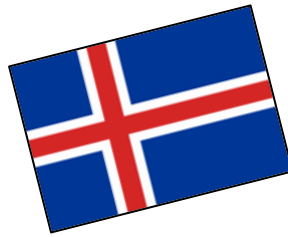


FAQs

AAIDD Delegation to Iceland and Ireland



What are the dates of the delegation?

The dates of the program are October 7-18, 2017. Delegates should plan to arrive in Reykjavik, Iceland on Saturday, October 7. Delegates should plan on departing from Dublin, Ireland to their home city on October 18.

What is included in the program fee?

The program fee of \$4,115 single/\$3,394 double occupancy includes all arrangements for professional visits, in-program travel (busses and transfers for the flight between Iceland and Ireland), lodging at 3&4-star hotels, local guides, and admission to cultural attractions on the itinerary, most meals, and tips.

What is not included in the program fee?

Air travel to Reykjavik and from Dublin, excess baggage fees on the flight between these two cities, and optional travel insurance are not included in the program fee. While the program fee does not include pick up at the airport in Iceland, it does include transport to the airport in Dublin for departures on October 18, 2017 only. Two dinners during the program and pocket money are at Delegates' discretion.

When should I plan to arrive in Reykjavik and how should I get to the hotel?

Delegates should plan to arrive in Reykjavik on Saturday, October 7. Our Delegation will begin with an orientation dinner on the 7th.

We recommend that Delegates book a Flybus ticket to transfer from the airport to the hotel and consider getting a "combo" ticket with transport to the hotel following admission to the Blue Lagoon, because this very popular attraction is nearer to the airport than the city itself and is not included in our itinerary. Delegates are strongly encouraged to book their Flybus ticket when they make their flight reservations, as the Blue Lagoon uses timed tickets and slots fill up quickly. The Flybus ticket costs are approximately \$85 for the combo and \$27 for transfer to town only.

Luggage storage while you enjoy the geothermal baths at the Blue Lagoon is approximately \$4. Purchase Flybus tickets online at: <https://www.re.is/flybus/> (transfer to town only) or <https://www.re.is/day-tours/kef-airport-to-the-blue-lagoon> (combo ticket)

When should I plan to depart from Dublin?

We will provide transfers to the airport in Dublin on Wednesday, October 18th at no additional cost. Delegates who plan to depart Dublin following this date should plan to make their own airport transfer arrangements at their own cost.

Can I share this invitation with others in the field?

Yes. The delegation is designed to be a **professional exchange** in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. Delegates are encouraged to let others in the field know about this delegation; however, all interested individuals must individually apply, be at least 18 years old, and commit to attend and participate in the entirety of the program.

Can I bring a guest on this delegation?

No. Other than personal support staff necessary for a Delegate's participation, no guests or traveling companions will be included. Delegates are informed that the appearance of a Delegate's guest or traveling companion at any time during the delegation will result in their immediate dismissal from the program without a refund.

When should I apply?

The delegation is limited in size, and once all the slots have been filled, no further applications will be considered. Applications are reviewed as they are submitted and applicants may be contacted for additional information before a determination is made on their application. Individuals are strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible and to respond to any requests for additional information as quickly as possible.

Is a Visa required for this trip?

Neither Iceland nor Ireland require a Visa for tourism or business stays of up to three months for US citizens.

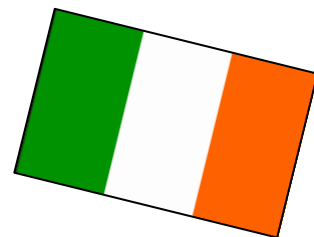
How strenuous will the trip be?

Each day of the delegation has been structured to provide a full day of group activities. Delegates are informed that public accommodations, historic sites, and walking tours outside the US are typically not optimally accessible to those who have mobility impairments.

The delegation will be based in two cities with travel each day to various destinations, which will necessitate (a) entering/exiting airports, airplanes, and motor coaches, and (b) traversing uneven ground and sidewalks without curb cuts. **Delegates should expect to climb up to 3 flights of stairs and walk up to 2 miles each day.** Participants should expect self-propelled ("walking") tours of historic areas will cover uneven ground, nature paths, cobblestones, hills, and stairs.

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How will my health information be treated?

Delegates are asked to disclose health information (conditions, medications, etc.) that the tour leader will have access to for the purpose of assisting medical professionals in the event that you require emergency health care. This information is treated confidentially prior to and during the trip and will be destroyed after.

How should I pack for this trip?

For professional exchange meetings, participants are encouraged to dress “business casual” and wear comfortable walking shoes. In addition, Delegates are strongly encouraged to bring outerwear suitable for Iceland’s climate (i.e., hard shell jacket and layers for warmth, rain pants, and water resistant boots), as well as an umbrella for Ireland.

The delegation will span two different climates. In October, the weather is typically cold in Reykjavik (30-40s F) and cool in Dublin (40-50s F). To assure maximum comfort, Delegates are encouraged to pack clothing that could be layered. Laundry services will be available during the delegation.

Delegates are encouraged to bring a voltage converter. While wifi will be complimentary at the delegation’s hotels, Delegates are encouraged to check with their cell provider about international calling/data plans.

Delegates can expect to check **one** bag at no additional cost for the flight between Iceland and Ireland, and are encouraged to check the baggage policies for their own international flight to determine the cost of any additional bags.

Are scholarships or discounts available to participate?

No. AAIDD delegations are offered “at cost”; no discounts are available. AAIDD does not offer scholarship for its delegations.

Will AAIDD provide supports for people with disabilities to participate?

AAIDD encourages people with disabilities to apply. AAIDD requires that all applicants disclose any condition or need that may require reasonable accommodations no later than the date the final program payment is due. Should a Delegate require personal support staff to fully participate in the program, AAIDD requires Delegates to provide such supports (including salary, travel, and program costs) at their own expense.

Failure to disclose any condition or need that would require reasonable accommodation by this date may result in the inability of AAIDD and its representatives and agents to provide accommodations, and further, Delegates are informed that should they fail to disclose such information, they may be dismissed from the program without a refund.

When are payments due?

A **deposit is required at the time of application** and the **final payment is due to AAIDD by July 21, 2017**. AAIDD accepts all major credit cards. No refunds will be made on or after June 1, 2017.

Is travel insurance available?

Included in the program fee is a group insurance policy that covers emergency health and medical evacuation costs (up to a cap) while on the trip. **Trip cancellation insurance is not included in the program fee** (either for the program or the flights you arrange), but may be purchased separately from your airline and our travel partner.

Trip cancellation insurance may be purchased through our travel partner at the additional cost of \$199; the last day this insurance may be purchased is July 21, 2017.

Who should I contact for more information?

For more information on the AAIDD Delegation, contact Corinne Carpenter at 202-387-1968 x 201 or ccarpenter@aaidd.org.

