

EXPEDITION PLANET EARTH: LONDON, ICELAND, NORWAY

STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2023



Following in the footsteps of the epic BBC Planet Earth series, this study abroad will explore the diversity of life on planet Earth from its driest deserts, to wet coastal forests, volcanoes, glaciers, fjords, and the abundance of life in rivers and oceans. Our adventure will begin in Utah by exploring the mysterious life in deserts, high mountain forests, limestone caves, and canyoneering and biking treks through Zion, Bryce Canyon, and Capitol Reef National Parks. Along the way we will visit both the oldest living and largest organisms on Earth! Our expedition will continue to England where we will survey the immense diversity of life found in the museums, gardens, forests, and grasslands in and around London.

At our next stop, we will investigate how life begins on lava flows then changes with temperature and moisture by hiking the volcanoes of Iceland. While trekking across Iceland's volcanoes and glaciers, and under its northern skies (<https://youtu.be/AVHozwCteL4>), we will discover the basic geology and astronomy underlying the remarkable story of how earth came to support such abundant and complex life forms. Finally, our travels will take us to the majestic coasts and rugged snow-capped mountains of Norway with its abundant wildlife and fisheries, and its world-famous glaciers, waterfalls, and fjords (<https://youtu.be/oO8OJZFZT9s>). Experiences will include mountain and glacier hikes, kayaking through the coastal fjords, and fishing along the coastal water. We will also immerse ourselves in the villages and cultures of Iceland and Norway along the way.

DATES:

27 June–25 July 2023 (approx.)

HOUSING:

Field Stations in Utah, BYU housing in London, and hotels and hostels in Norway and Iceland.

COURSES:

Students will enroll in two of the following courses while on this program:

PWS 150—Environmental Biology (3 credits) which satisfies both science and global and cultural awareness GE requirements

PWS 250—Field Ecology (3 credit hours)

PWS 494R—Mentored Research (3 credits) develop your own project based on your interests with mentoring from Dr. St. Clair

Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST

\$6,400–6,900

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-LDS students), housing, in country travel, entrance fees, and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include international airfare, preparation course tuition, or personal expenses. Some but not all meals will be included in the program cost.

TRAVEL

Students are responsible for purchasing their own international airfare to and from the program sites. Airline reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent.

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PREPARATION

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour).

Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.

FUNDING SOURCES

Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a Study Abroad scholarship. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants.

Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply. A nonrefundable \$35 application fee is required; applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Application Deadline: 28 October 2022

FACULTY

Sam St. Clair and Bryn St. Clair are the directors of the program. Sam is a professor in the Department of Plant and Wildlife Sciences at Brigham Young University, and Bryn has a Ph.D. in Biological Education. Feel free to contact us with any questions you have.

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INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU Financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.