

# EXPEDITION 396

## Mid-Norwegian Continental Margin Magmatism

*The information provided herein was prepared by the IODP Travel Office to assist you and/or your organization in arranging travel for your participation in the cruise. We respectfully ask that you take the time to become thoroughly familiar with this information as soon as you receive it.*

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As a reminder, you and your funding organization will be responsible for the following:

- 1) Travel expenses en route to and from the ship, including airfare, lodging, meals, taxis, and other miscellaneous expenses.
- 2) Airline reservations - all reservations must be arranged through your travel agency or organization's travel office. U.S. funded participants should contact the U.S. Science Support Program for assistance with booking flights.
- 3) All costs associated with obtaining required visas.

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### **RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION**

The IODP Reconnaissance sheet is attached separately. This provides essential logistical information regarding your participation in the cruise (the ship's schedule, your expected arrival dates in port, port agent's name, and address). We suggest a copy of this be carried with you to the port city should you need the port agent's name and telephone number for directions to the ship's exact docking location. Please note, unless advised in advance, transportation from the airport to the hotel is the traveler's responsibility.

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### **VISA INFORMATION**

Check with your local consulate or embassy for visa requirements. If your nationality requires a visa to enter Iceland or Norway, the standard rule is to apply at least 20 days before your trip. However, we strongly recommend that you apply for an Iceland or Norway visa as soon as your flights are scheduled.

**U.S. Visa Holders** - Non-U.S. participants who hold U.S. visas, such as an H1B, J1, or TN, and who plan to return to the U.S., should ensure that their visas do not expire during the cruise. ***IODP will not be liable for any costs incurred to participants as a result of inadequate or expired visas.***

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### **PASSPORT INFORMATION**

Passports are required for all participants because the ship is **Cyprus** registered. **Passport information MUST be sent to IODP** – IODP is required to forward this information to the agents in the port cities prior to your arrival to satisfy Customs & Immigrations requirements, and to facilitate your entry into the country and your embarking/disembarking the ship. If you have not already sent this information to Donna Hoover ([hoover@iodp.tamu.edu](mailto:hoover@iodp.tamu.edu)), please do so at your earliest convenience.

## **LETTER OF INTRODUCTION**

This letter explains the purpose of your travel and should be used only if questioned by officials en route to your destination. A letter will be sent electronically to each participant closer to your departure.

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## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

**Reykjavík, Iceland – 31 JULY – 08 AUGUST 2021**

### **Hilton Reykjavík Nordica**

**Address:** Suðurlandsbraut 2, 108 Reykjavík, Iceland

**Phone:** [+354 444 5000](tel:+3544445000)

Group rate: 17,900 ISK which includes 11% Vat, taxes and internet in the rooms.

To guarantee reservation in the room block, use the following website link.

<http://eventsathilton.com/show/60cc8014f41284278a754fa6>. Or call the hotel at 354-444-5000 and reference IODP Science Party room block.

**The booking link will be available until 19 July 2021.** All bookings received after 19 July 2021 will be based upon availability. Bookings can be cancelled until 7 days prior to arrival date. Cancellations made within 7 days from arrival date will be fully charged. Since you will be going to quarantine upon arrival at the hotel if you have an AM arrival time, please book the night before as the hotel does not guarantee early check-in.

At this time the hotel does not allow outside food deliveries. You will be able to order from the lobby shop, bar and restaurant. VOX bar menu is available every day from 11:30 – 21:00 : <https://www.vox.is/en/restaurant/vox-day-menu/light-courses>. Breakfast is available from 07:00-09:00. The menu for breakfast should be in your room along with a QR code and detailed instructions on how to order. Room service is available until 21:00.

Smoking is not allowed inside at all. During quarantine, housekeeping will not enter the rooms to clean at all. Guests can request extra towels or linen at all times and it will be dropped off outside of the rooms. Same goes for meals. There is no direct contact in order to keep everybody safe during the quarantine phase.

The Hilton Reykjavík Nordica Hotel will be the meeting location for the shuttle transport to the ship.

### **Amenities:**

Wifi, phone, TV, mini fridge, kettle with instant coffee and tea & desk are all in the rooms.

**Hotel Transportation:** The hotel does not have a shuttle service but recommend Reykjavík Excursions – [www.re.is](http://www.re.is).

**Check-in/Check-out Time:** Check in time is 3 p.m. and checkout is 11 a.m.

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Kristiansand, Norway – OCTOBER 2021

**Hotel information for Norway will be provided at a future date.**

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**REQUIRED NOW – FLIGHT INFORMATION**

**IODP is required to provide the Port Agent with a complete Travel Manifest. This is mandatory for Immigration Notification. Without advance notification, entry may be denied. Once your flight arrangements are confirmed, **please provide an electronic copy of your flight itinerary to:****

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