

# On-Board Initiatives & Research

## Iceland Circumnavigation 2025

Adventure Canada is committed to sustainable travel and to giving back to the communities and regions we visit.

We believe responsible travel not only protects the environment, but also supports the long-term economic well-being of local areas. We're always looking for new ways to deepen our impact and do more.

Throughout each expedition season, we collaborate with organizations that share our values—supporting initiatives like welcoming Young Explorers on board, facilitating scientific research in remote regions, and contributing to charitable auctions. We encourage you to keep an eye out for these partnerships during your Adventure Canada expedition. Together, we can make a positive impact and help create a better future for all.

### Auction Beneficiary

*On board, we will hold an expedition auction to support organizations dedicated to making a positive impact and supporting the communities we visit during our voyage.*

#### **Húsavík Forestry Society**

The Húsavík Forestry Society is a volunteer-run NGO and proud member of Skógræktarfélag Íslands, the national umbrella for reforestation in Iceland. With just a handful of active members, the group focuses on planting and maintaining trees around Húsavík—clearing paths, thinning growth, and making forests more welcoming for the community. Every donation supports the purchase of saplings and the continued care of these growing woodlands. Learn more about this dedicated group on board.

#### **The Royal Canadian Geographical Society**

Founded in 1929, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society is dedicated to enhancing public awareness of Canada's diverse landscapes, peoples, and environments. Through its magazine, educational programs, expedition funding, and research grants, the Society fosters a deeper understanding of the country's natural and cultural heritage. Learn more on board or visit [rcgs.org](https://rcgs.org).

## Researcher-in-Residence

*Adventure Canada aims to engage, inspire, and educate through field science and travel, deepening understanding of the areas we visit to support their protection. The Researcher-in-Residence observes these environments and communities, sharing their research interests in hopes of inspiring others to protect these fragile ecosystems. On this voyage, our resident researcher will be:*

### **Stephanie Graves**

Stephanie is a postdoctoral ecotoxicologist from Halifax, Nova Scotia, studying the fate and effects of contaminants in remote aquatic ecosystems. With Adventure Canada, she will investigate microplastic pollution in Iceland's waters and sediments to help assess current exposure levels and support ongoing Arctic monitoring efforts.