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## **Once in a Lifetime Iceland Trek Seeking one Adventurer**

June 29 [Halifax] – One lucky adventurer has an opportunity to join the trip of a lifetime to the wilds of Iceland. The Nova Scotia Nature Trust announced today that one coveted position has opened on the Nature Trust’s ***Expedition for Earth*** 2016 to Iceland.

An enthusiastic team of Nova Scotians is heading to Iceland for a 7 day guided journey through the Fjallabak Nature Reserve, from September 8-15<sup>th</sup>. Participants will experience spectacular volcanic landscapes, inviting hot springs, moss-covered lava fields and steam-filled valleys of this remote and stunning wilderness area. Each **Expedition for the Earth** participant is also raising awareness and funds to protect wilderness here in their own backyard in Nova Scotia.

Now one more person has the opportunity to be a part of this unique adventure.

“One couple who’d hoped to celebrate their honeymoon on the Expedition had to withdraw unexpectedly today because of an injury,” explained the Nature Trust’s Event Coordinator Magali Gregoire. “One of these positions was quickly taken by a new participant, so we have one opening left. For everyone who thought they’d missed out on this incredible experience—it’s not too late!”

This bucket-list trip is accessible to a wide range of people and previous trekking or international travel experience is not necessary. The trip follows the Nature Trust’s highly successful inaugural ***Expedition for the Earth*** in 2013 to Patagonia, Chile. This expedition raised over \$70,000 for conservation in Nova Scotia and all participants were delighted with their experience. In fact four expedition members from the inaugural trip are also joining the Iceland adventure.

Laura Hussey-Bondt is excited to be part of the team once again. “An adventure like this reawakens your soul, and reminds us all of the wonder and significance of wild, natural places,” says Hussey-Bondt. Hussey-Bondt is joined by other Patagonia Expedition alumni, Henry Fuller, Rene and Ted Scrutton.

Among the new team members is Andrew Taillon. “I’ve always admired the work that the Nature Trust has done, and also always wanted to hike in Iceland,” said Taillon. “This is an amazing opportunity to help the Nature Trust and meet a personal goal too.”

The trip will be expertly guided by internationally renowned adventurer and mountaineer Wally Berg, of Berg Adventures International, whose track record in adventure includes summiting and guiding all of the world's highest peaks including Mount Everest, and countless international treks. Berg truly loves adventure and bringing the power and magic of adventure to his clients.

"I am thrilled to work with the Nature Trust once again! Iceland is the ultimate adventure landscape for lovers of the natural world. Geysers, glaciers, wildlife, coasts and mountains abound. Human history on the island is rich and fascinating, but is always set against the power and beauty of nature," says Berg.

Anyone interested in filling the open position should contact the Nature Trust immediately at (902) 425-5263 or email [expedition@nsnt.ca](mailto:expedition@nsnt.ca). More information can be found at [www.expeditionfortheearth.ca](http://www.expeditionfortheearth.ca).

The **Expedition for the Earth** was created by the Nature Trust to provide participants with a chance to experience and learn about some of the world's most spectacular wilderness and protected areas, while raising awareness and funds to protect wilderness at home in Nova Scotia. The event offers a unique way for people to support charity, beyond the typical fundraising. Every dollar raised for the **Expedition for the Earth** goes directly to the cause. Participants pay their own way, and commit to raising at least \$2500, all of which goes directly towards the Nature Trust's work protecting important natural areas across Nova Scotia.

Scenic pictures of Iceland available.

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