

General information

Travel & General Information

Travel from Europe and US to Iceland is easy with Iceland's international airport at Keflavik only about three hours away from London, Paris, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Oslo and about five hours from New York, Boston, Toronto and Minneapolis.

Many airlines operate flights to Iceland, such as Iceland's national carrier, Icelandair, SAS, Delta and the low-budget airlines, WOW air and EasyJet.

Conference participants can book their flights online at the following links and Your Host in Iceland is more than willing to assist participants in booking flights and other travel arrangements, please contact conference@yourhost.is

Information about flights:

www.icelandair.com

www.wowair.is

www.scandinavian.net

www.easyjet.com

www.delta.com

For various flight connections see:

www.dohop.com

Flybus information

Flybus arrival:

Operated all year daily from Keflavik Airport to Reykjavik in connection with all arriving flights. The Flybus is located right outside the Keflavik International Airport. The Flybus brings passengers to the BSI Bus Terminal in Reykjavik near to the capital's centre. From there passengers are brought to some of the major hotels and guesthouses in Reykjavik. Kindly note that not all hotels and guesthouses are provided with this service. Taxis are available outside the terminal for any destination. Duration: 40 - 50 minutes.

Flybus departures:

In connection with all departing flights. A free pick-up service is available from some of the major hotels and guesthouses in Reykjavik. The day before departure, passengers need to inform the reception desk staff of their hotel that they want the Flybus to pick them up the next day. The Flybus has a special schedule based on departures from the BSÍ terminal, picking up passengers approximately ½ an hour prior at the hotels.

General information about Iceland



Iceland looks like a tiny spot on the world map, but considering its size (app. 103.000 sq. km) the country has an incredible diverse landscape, dominated by mighty glaciers and mountains, desolate highlands, fertile river valleys, volcanoes and lava fields. Iceland is located on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge Iceland dividing the European and American continental plates, slowly pulling the two in separate directions (2 cm each year). The ridge runs through the whole country, resulting in volcanic eruptions, geothermal activity such as

geysers and hot springs, as well as occasional earthquakes. Hundreds of volcanoes dot the landscape, although not all of them are active. The most famous ones include: Hekla, which was once believed to be the entrance to hell, Katla on the Myrdalsjökull glacier and Krafla in North-Iceland. All of them have erupted within the last century. On average there is a volcanic eruption every five years. Lava fields cover some 11% of the island. Geothermal power is harnessed to produce energy and heat. In fact more than 90% of Icelandic homes are heated in this way. Fossil fuels are used only for transportation, and hydropower to produce electricity. As a consequence Icelanders can enjoy a clean pollution free environment. Approximately 11% of the total area of the country is covered by glaciers. The largest one is Vatnajökull glacier, which is up to a kilometer thick. The glacial melt water ends in rivers, some of which offer possibilities for river rafting whereas others give rise to beautiful waterfalls, such as the famous Gullfoss waterfall on the Hvítá river. Many of the spring fed rivers and lakes offer fabulous chances for fishing salmon, trout and Arctic char. Iceland is renowned for its natural beauty, and not without a cause.

Icelandic water – the best in the world!



Icelanders have the fortune of having access to an almost unlimited and inexpensive supply of natural hot and cold water, a resource that is becoming scarce in many places around the world. In addition, Icelanders can be proud of the drinking water quality, which is one of the purest in the world. The cold water from the tap is pure spring water, without any additives such as chlorine.



About the Icelanders

Icelanders are in many ways forged by the country they live

in. They may appear a bit rough and cold sometimes – even indifferent, but also determined and relentless. Giving time, they will reveal themselves as sensitive, kind, poetic, warm, loyal and emotional. The Icelandic people have shown their ability and determination in adapting, learning and developing. Today, the standard of living is among the highest in the world. Icelandic industry is very competitive, be it in genetic research, power plant engineering or the fishing industry to name a few. In short, one could say that Icelanders are a hard-working bunch, somewhere between Europe and America, who have learned to be self-sufficient but still crave for the outer contact and thoroughly enjoy and take pride in living in a postcard.

Reykjavík - Hot Destination



Reykjavik is famous for its lovely cafés and vibrant nightlife. It is said that Reykjavik has become one of the hottest destinations for nightlife in Europe. We leave it to you to judge whether this statement is true and encourage you to try as many venues as possible. The nightlife does not really start until midnight, mostly because many people are at private parties until midnight or even 1 AM. One of the reasons might be the notoriously high prices for alcoholic beverages. Go ahead and experience Reykjavik the way the locals do it!

Good links for further information on Iceland and Reykjavík:

www.visiticeland.com

www.visitreykjavik.is