

# **Spatial Issues in Arctic Marine Resource Governance Conference Information for meetings in Reykjavik, 14-16 October 2015**

## **Reykjavik – location and climate**

Reykjavik is located in southwest Iceland. It is the world's northernmost capital and at latitude of 64°08'N, it is only two and a half degrees south of the Arctic Circle. However, thanks to the Gulf Stream, Iceland has a temperate ocean climate, cool in the summer and surprisingly mild in the winter. In March, temperatures in Reykjavik generally average between -2°C and 4°C (28-39°F). The weather in Iceland can be a bit unpredictable so it is wise to bring warm clothes, rainwear, etc. As there are ample opportunities for swimming - the city of Reykjavik operates seven swimming pools all with warm spring water and most of them open in the evenings - it is a good idea to bring a bathing suit.

## **Travelling to Reykjavik**

There are daily flights from both Europe and N-America to Iceland. All international flights to Iceland arrive at Keflavik. From Keflavik airport there is c 50 minutes drive to Reykjavik. It is easiest and cheapest to take the flybus (<https://www.re.is/flybus/>). A bus should be waiting just outside the arrivals area at the airport. There is pick-up offered to all the major hotels. You can buy a ticket in the arrivals area at the airport. When buying the ticket tell the clerk where you are staying.

## **Hotel accommodation**

*Centerhotels Plaza*

<http://www.centerhotels.com/samr>

The hotel is located in the center of Reykjavik.

## **Practical information about Iceland**

The currency is Icelandic Krónur (ISK). The current (April 2015) exchange rate is USD 1 = ISK 135, EUR 1 = ISK 147. It is possible to buy Icelandic krónur at the airport when you arrive. Official bank hours in Reykjavik are 09:15-16:00 Monday to Friday, and there are plenty of cash machines in the city.

Most credit cards are accepted in shops, hotels and restaurants.

Public transport is good (buses and taxis).

Electricity: 220 V, European plug system.

If you require any more information do not hesitate to be in touch and we will try to help you the best we can.

We look forward to see you in Reykjavik,

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(See map of the central area of Reykjavik

source: <http://snorrieldjarn.com/96287/540109/gallery/reykjavik-center-map>).