



## A Positive Voice for Atheism in Iceland

### International Atheist Conference in Reykjavik Iceland June 24 & 25, 2006

Atheist Alliance International and SAMT (the Atheist Society of Iceland) are the official hosts of the first international Free-thought, Rationalist, Humanist, Skeptic meeting to be held at the top of the world!

SAMT is coordinating the event along with 3 other Freethought organizations in Iceland: Sidmennt (The Icelandic Ethical Humanist Association), Skeptikus, and Vantrú. The following speakers have already been confirmed for the conference:



**Dan Barker**

**Richard Dawkins**

**Margaret Downey**

**Julia Sweeney**

**Mynga Futrell**

**Paul Geisert**

**Sigurdur Gunnarsson**

**Stefan Palsson**

**Richard Dawkins** will be speaking about "The God Delusion", the subject of his newest book and subtitle for part 1 of his controversial UK Channel 4's two part TV series "Root of All Evil?". **Julia Sweeney** will be performing her hit play "Letting Go of God". **Dan Barker** will tell us how he lost faith in faith, how to debate theists and discuss Humanist morality. Dan will also give a closing concert of atheist songs. **Margaret Downey** will be talking about celebrating life the secular way, the importance of training Humanist celebrants to conduct secular alternatives to religious ceremonies. **Mynga Futrell** and **Paul Geisert** will be discussing the re-framing of strategy for secularists in order to be viewed as equal players in society. **Sigurdur Holm Gunnarsson**, vice president of Sidmennt, will describe the church/state situation in Iceland and the struggle for equal status for all life stance organizations. **Stefan Palsson**, an Icelandic historian, will describe the impact the publishing of the only atheist book in the Icelandic language had on the local population back in 1948 and ever since.

The conference schedule is yet to be fully finalized and will be posted at a later date. There will be an informal get together in the evening of 23 June with the two conference days being 24 and 25 June.

Included in the conference package is the get-together on Friday evening, with refreshments as well as conference participation for 2 days, with 4 coffee breaks and 2 lunches. Dinners and overnights are not included.

Price, per person: ISK 18.000 (approx. \$280). A 5.000 ISK discount is in place for students, elderly people (above 67) and the disabled. All prices are shown in Icelandic Kronur (ISK) and US amounts (where shown) are subject to current currency exchange rates.

The official website of the conference is <http://www.samt.is/conference>

### Hotel accommodation

You can choose from 4 different hotels, of different class and of course with different prices:

#### Centerhotel Klopp

A good 3 star hotel. The rooms have private shower & WC.

Our prices, per room, per night, including breakfast:

- Standard single room ISK 12.910
- Standard double room ISK 17.240
- Deluxe triple room ISK 25.325

#### Hotel Plaza

A new 4 star hotel. All rooms have a bathroom with private shower & WC.

Our prices, per room, per night, including breakfast:

- Single room ISK 12.615
- Double room ISK 15.765
- Triple room ISK 19.230

#### Sunna

A modern, family owned guesthouse. Reserved rooms have a private bathroom.

Our prices, per room, per night, including breakfast:

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| Single room | ISK 10.470 | Single studio | ISK 13.520 |
| Double room | ISK 13.620 | Double studio | ISK 16.770 |
| Triple room | ISK 17.780 | Triple studio | ISK 19.820 |

#### Gardur Inn

A winter-time student home, summer-time guesthouse. All rooms have a wash basin with showers and toilets in the corridor.

Our prices, per room, per night, including breakfast:

- Single room ISK 7.365
- Double room ISK 9.720
- Triple room ISK 12.565

More detailed description of hotels with pictures can be found on the conference website.

### Conference booking and flight information

Booking for all aspects of the conference, including hotels and tours should be done via the conference website. Any further inquiries should be done via [conference@samt.is](mailto:conference@samt.is) or call +354 661 8958. For information on flights to Iceland, a good place to visit is [www.dohop.com](http://www.dohop.com) and [www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com). Icelandair, Iceland Express, British Airways, LTU, Atlantic Airways and Lauda Air fly to Iceland. All of them fly from Europe but Icelandair is the only one flying from USA.

## Conference post and pre tours

### Pre-tour - Highlights in short

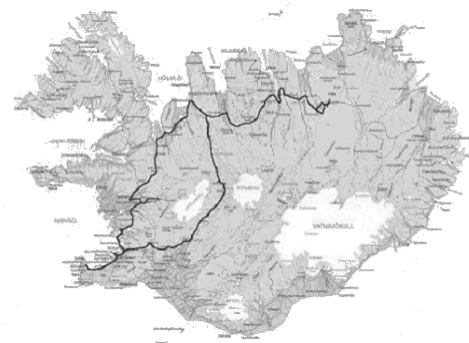
Dates: 20 June – 23 June

Short description of tour:

Participants gather in Reykjavik on 20 June for an overnight. Tour then heads over to Borgarfjordur along the west coast and onwards to Skagafjordur and Akureyri for an overnight there. Tour then continues on to Lake Myvatn and spends the day there. Overnight again in Akureyri. Then the tour heads south through the highlands, over the Kjolur highland-track to Hveravellir hot-spring area. Then on from there to two of the highlights of Iceland: Gullfoss waterfall and Geysir hot-spring area. Last stop is then at Pingvellir national park with a late afternoon arrival in Reykjavik. Many stops are taken along the way to properly take in the Icelandic nature and its features.

Price per person, sharing a double or twin room: ISK 49.000. Supplement for single room: ISK 10.000

Included: Bus tour as described, 3 days, with English speaking guide. 3 overnights in simple hotels, rooms with private shower and WC. 3 x breakfast and 2 x dinner in Akureyri and an entrance fee to Glaumbær museum.



### Post-tour 1 – Highland Adventure

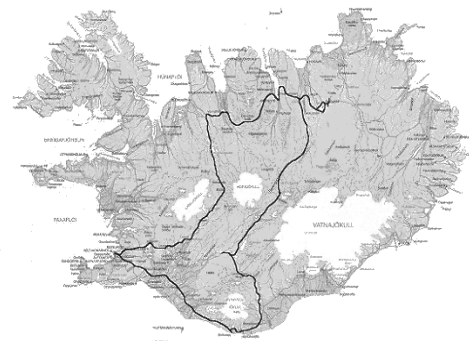
Dates: 26 June – 30 June

Short description of tour:

Tour starts off with a drive to Pingvellir National Park. Then heads over to Geysir hot spring area and Gullfoss waterfall, Iceland's most famous, before heading into the highlands. Tour stops at Hveravellir hot spring area where participants can take a dip in a warm hot pot. On from there the tour goes over Kjolur highland track and to Skagafjordur with an overnight in the area. Next day we visit Akureyri and drive on to Godafoss waterfall and Lake Myvatn. Overnight in the area. Tour then heads south over the highlands again, this time over Sprengisandur track, checking out Aldeyjarfoss waterfall and passing glaciers Hofsjokull and Vatnajokull. After passing a few hydro power plants we overnight in the south in a guesthouse. The day after the tour heads over to rhyolite mountain area Landmannalaugar checking out the nearby Eldgja gorge. Overnight in the Vik area. Last day tour drives along the south coast, checking out Dyrholaey bird cliff, Skogafoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfall and Hveragerdi village. Late afternoon arrival in the capital with the last overnight.

Price per person, sharing a double or twin room: ISK 76.000. Supplement for single room: ISK 16.500

Included: Bus tour as described, 5 days, with English speaking guide. 4 overnights in simple hotels, rooms with private shower and WC. 1 overnight in highland guesthouse. 5 x breakfast and 4 x dinner (not in Reykjavik) and an entrance fee to Skógar museum.



### Post-tour 2 – All Around Iceland

Dates: 26 June – 2 July

Short description of tour:

Tour starts off with a drive north to Borgarfjordur County, visiting Reykholt village. From there we drive westward passing crater Eldborg reaching the south side of Snæfellsnes peninsula and its main goal Arnarstapi. After a drive to Snæfellsnesjokull (of Jules Verne fame) we overnight in the area. Next day we visit Stykkisholmur village and head over to Hrutafjordur fjord and Skagafjordur and visit Glaumbær museum. After that tour continues to Akureyri with an overnight there. Next day we drive on to Godafoss waterfall and Lake Myvatn, where we spend some time exploring all the fantastic wonders of that area. Finally we drive to Husavik where we overnight. Here it will be possible to take an optional whale safari in the evening. From Husavik we continue along the coastline of Tjornes peninsula until we reach Asbyrgi. From there we check out Dettifoss, Iceland's most powerful waterfall. Then we arrive in Egilsstadir in the east where we overnight. Journey continues through the eastern fjords and villages Reydarfjordur, Faskrudsfordur and Stodvarfjordur where we check out Petra museum. On from there to Breiddalsvik and Djupivogur and finally arriving in Hofn village. We overnight in the area. Following day takes us past the base of Vatnajokull glacier and Jokulsarlon lagoon where we can take an optional boat trip among the icebergs. On from there we go to Skaftafell National park and continue over to Skeidararsandur plains and Kirkjubæjarklaustur village and finally Vik where we overnight. Last day takes us past Gullfoss waterfall and Geysir hot-spring area and on from there to Pingvellir National Park. Finally returning to Reykjavik for the last overnight.

Price per person, sharing a double or twin room: ISK 100.000. Supplement for single room: ISK. 19.800. Supplement for whale watching trip in Husavik: ISK 4.200

Included: Bus tour as described, 7 days, with English speaking guide. 7 overnights in simple hotels, rooms with private shower and WC. 7 x breakfast and 6 x dinner (not in Reykjavik). Entrance fee to Glaumbær museum and Petra museum.

Minimum of 15 participants and a maximum of 40 participants applies to all the tours! More detailed description of all the tours with pictures better info on the conference website.

