

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to Iceland! After months of preparation your journey is just around the corner. Over 3000 participants from over 40 countries are now joining Roverway in Iceland in July. We are very pleased to welcome you and hope that your journey will fulfil all your expectations and little bit more than that.

All participants arriving at Keflavik international airport will be welcomed by the Roverway team representatives. There you'll get an information pack about Iceland and Roverway and a personal guide on how to get to your first location in Iceland.

The opening ceremony is on the 20th at 10 am. You will be picked up from your accommodation and driven to the opening ceremony. After that all journeys start and you are on the way to a life time adventure.

In this newsletter you can read about your time in Iceland, a few points to remember before arriving and the Roverway path.

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YOUR TIME IN ICELAND

Everybody will be arriving soon in Iceland. We will welcome you at Keflavik international airport and guide you to your first destination in Iceland. But how should you expect the following days to be?

The opening ceremony will be in Reykjavik city centre in the front of the main building of the University of Iceland. Coaches will pick everybody up from three pick up places according to the journey you are joining. Everybody will gather for the ceremony and after this finishes the coaches will depart directly.

Journeys are located all over Iceland. During the next five days you will get to know loads of interesting people and experience Iceland from a different perspective. During your journey you will visit an Icelandic swimming pool at least once.

On Friday you will be taken to Althingi camp site (if you haven't already walked there). That's your destination for the reminder of Roverway.



At Althingi you will participate in different programme villages, a carnival and other activities.

We can promise you a unique experience in Iceland, and remember if you don't like the weather just wait 15 minutes.

SKÓLAHREYSTI AT ROVERWAY

Skólahreysti TM has signed an agreement with the Roverway team to be part of the sporty village at Althingi. Skólahreysti is a fitness challenge competition held in Icelandic schools every year and with a little modification this will be applied to Roverway. Each tribe will choose two representatives to compete in the ultimate Roverway challenge during Althingi. This should give a fun challenge for the tribes and good healthy competitions between tribes at Roverway.

THE ROVERWAY PATH

During Althingi participants will have the opportunity to participate in the creation of the Roverway at Ulfljotsvatn camp site. This is a path that will be a contribution of Roverway to the camp site and a reminder for future generations about what happened during those days in July 2009.

The path will have a stepping stones or poles representing each country participating at Roverway 2009. Your country has the opportunity to bring something along to leave as a reminder of your participation on Roverway 2009. It should be something small like a shield or emblem of some sort.

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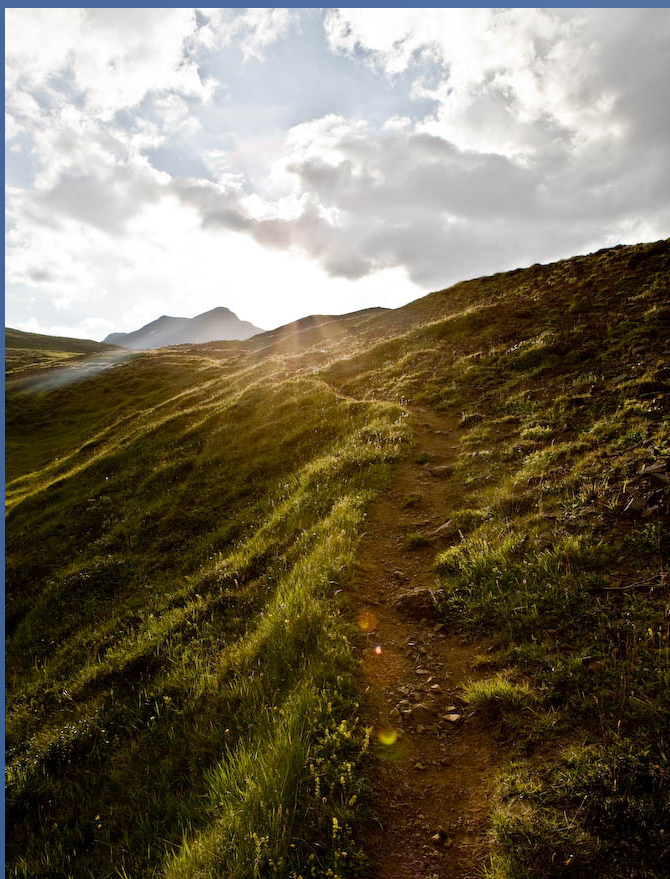
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ARRIVING IN ICELAND

Most of you will be arriving by plane at the international airport in Keflavik. Some of you will arrive by ferry from Scandinavia to Seydisfjordur on the east coast. Those of you who are arriving in Keflavik need to know that you first need to take a bus from Keflavik airport to Reykjavik.

The distance between Keflavik and Reykjavik is approx. 50 km. and it takes approx. 45 minutes to get there plus the time it takes you to get through customs etc. A Roverway representative will be located at the airport to assist you and answer your questions if there is something that you might need. At the airport you will also receive vouchers for the tours and other services you have booked with the Roverway Travel Bureau.



ACCOMMODATION IN REYKJAVIK

In Reykjavik you will need accommodation if you are going to stay there overnight. You can either camp at the Reykjavik camp site, book accommodation in schools or scout houses from the Roverway Travel Bureau or book your own accommodation in any of the guesthouses in Reykjavik. Of course this is also valid for the time after the finish of Roverway if you are planning to stay overnight in Reykjavik.

GOING TO THE OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony will be held at Reykjavik City Centre. The Roverway team offers free accommodation in Reykjavik the night before Roverway begins. There will be organised pick up from the accommodation venues organised by the Roverway team. If you are staying somewhere on your own then make sure to inform the Roverway team about your location and get advice on where your pick up will be.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is very important that each and every member of the groups have proper travel insurance. No one knows what can happen when you are travelling abroad and it can cost lots of money to solve things between countries. It's the responsibility of the leader to make sure everybody has sufficient insurance.

MEMO

HAVE YOU BOOKED ...

- ...accommodation in Reykjavik?
- ...bus from Keflavik to Reykjavik when you arrive in Iceland?
- ...bus from Reykjavik to Keflavik when you leave Iceland?
- ...rented equipment if you need anything?
- ...your travel insurance.

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IN ICELAND IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE BASICS IN ICELANDIC

YOU ALREADY KNOW THE MOST USUAL GREETINGS AND THE STRANGE LETTERS.

HERE ARE THE NUMBERS

1 = Einn	7 = Sjö	13 = Þrettán	19 = Nítján	70 = Sjötíu
2 = Tveir	8=Átta	14 = Fjórtán	20 = Tuttugu	80 = Áttatíu
3 = Þrír	9=Níu	15 = Fimmtán	30 = Þrjátíu	90 = Níutíu
4 = Fjórir	10=Tíu	16 = Sextán	40 = Fjörtíu	100 = Hundrað
5 = Fimm	11 = Ellefu	17 = Sautján	50 = Fimmtíu	200 = Tvö hundruð
6 = Sex	12 = Tólf	18 = Átján	60 = Sextíu	1000 = Þúsund

GÓÐAN DAGINN

“Góðan daginn” or “Góðan dag” is the Icelandic greeting of “Good

morning” or “Good day”. “Gott kvöld” means “Good evening” and is used approx. after 6 pm. “Góða nótt” means “Good night” and is used when people go to bed.

We have three letters looking like O. Oo, Óó and Öö. O sounds like o in “son”, ó sounds like o in “go” and ö sounds like “u” in “just”.

Góða nótt zzzzz...

Ð Ð Æ Æ Ö Ö

Icelandic has several letters that do not exist in most languages. Ð or ð sounds like “th” in “the” and can never be found at the beginning of a word. Þ or þ is stronger and sounds like “th” in “think”. Æ or æ is a combination of a and e and sounds like “I” in English. Ö or ö sounds like “i” in “Sir”, like “yes, sir”. That would be written “sör” if it were an Icelandic word.

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