

Unlocking Hidden Heritage European Project

Icelandic Action

Building a turfhouse

24. August to 4. September 2008

Sunday 24. August - Arrival day

Chance to go to the Blue Lagoon if people arrive during the day. Stay at the Hotel Keflavik for the first night - Keflavik is a town near the airport. <http://www.hotel-keflavik.com/>.

Monday 25. August

Participants will be picked up at Hotel Keflavik at 9:00 and we drive to Skagafjörður.

The drive is around 5-6 hours but we will stop at few places on the way.

Picnic lunch in Paradise in Borgarfjörður and stop at Borgarvirki. Borgarvirki is a prominent landmark on the way through the Húnafljörður District. This is a natural fortress, somewhat fortified by the people in the area in the past.

http://www.nat.is/travelguideeng/plofin_borgarvirki.htm

Dinner at Langamýri were we stay during the workshop. <http://www.kirkjan.is/langamyri/>.

Beer and relaxation in Langamýri.



Borgarvirki

Tuesday 26. August

Lecture by Sigríður Sigurðardóttir museum director of the Skagafjörður Historical Museum about turf houses, the story, development and explanation about the building technique and the turf as material.

http://www.skagafjordur.is/displayer.asp?cat_id=1065.

Lecture by Margrét about archeological surveying and interdiction to the survey work we will be doing in Skagafjörður.

Lunch at the museum Glaumbær and a visit to the Glaumbær farm which is one of the best preserved turf houses in Iceland.

In the afternoon we are planning to go river rafting but this is optional. <http://www.rafting.is/index.php>.



Glaumbær Museum



River rafting in Skagafjörður

Wednesday 27. August - Working day at Tyrfingsstaðir

First working day at Tyrfingsstaðir where we will build a turf house, cut the turf and learn how to build of turf. In the evening we will have a Icelandic party with some interesting twist and surprises. Open you mind to taste the food that made Icelanders the way we are today !!

**Thursday 28. August –
Working day at Tyrfingsstaðir**

Evening we will go and have dinner at Hólar where the University at Hólar are located. We will explore the church, Auðunnarstofa, the excavation e.t.c.

<http://www.holar.is/english/inf.htm>



Hólar í Hjaltadal

Friday 29. August - Excursion day

We will go to Lake Mývatn, go to the Nature Baths and visit many beautiful places along the way like Goðafoss, hot springs, Dimmuborgir, Akureyri and more.

<http://www.chat.carleton.ca/~jnoakes/iceland/godaf.html>

<http://www.jardbodin.is/english/>



Lake Mývatn

Saturday 30. August - Working day at Tyrfingsstaðir

In the evening we have dinner in Sauðárkrókur, the next village, and then go to visit Grettislaug, a natural outdoor hot pot. http://www.nat.is/travelguideeng/plofin_grettislaug.htm

Sunday 31. August - Working day at Tyrfingsstaðir

Last working day in Tyrfingsstaðir.

Traditional Icelandic Sunday dinner at Langamýri.

Monday 1. September - Excursion day

We will drive to Hofsóss and visit a turf church in Gröf and drive to a small town of Siglufjörður and see The Icelandic Herring Era Museum.

<http://herring.siglo.is/en/>.

In the evening we will go on horseback on the Icelandic horses. NOTA BENE they are not ponies! This will be optional as wellyhaaaaa !!!



Horse riding in the sunset in Skagafjörður

Tuesday 2. September

We will head back south and drive the highlands and experience the the complete peace found in the highlands and drive some real dirty roads. We will see Gullfoss waterfall and Geysir and the hot springs in Haukadalur when we arrive to the south.

Evening visit to our museum Byggðasafn Árnesinga.

<http://husid.com/english.html>.

Stay in Reykjavík or on the south cost.

<http://www.vulkaner.no/n/gullfoss/egullfoss.html>



Geysir



The road over Kjölur in the highlands

Wednesday 3. September - Reykjavík

This will be free day to look around in our capital city. Whale watching is option for those that want, go to museums or just walk around the city.

<http://www.elding.is/>



Thursday 4. September – Leaving day

