

IFISH 4 Conference

OPTIONAL TOURS



Sunday May 10th **The Golden Circle.** Departure 10:00. Duration 6 hours. A classic tour to many of the scenic natural wonders east of Reykjavik. First stop is at *Thingvellir National Park* where the boundary between tectonic continental plates lie and the site where one of the oldest democratic parliaments in the world was established in 930 AD. Onwards to *Gullfoss* (The Golden Waterfall) perhaps the most beautiful one in the country. After a lunch stop by the famous hot spring *Geysir* the tour continues to *Hveragerdi*, where harnessed geothermal power has

permitted a greenhouse industry. Price USD 114 per person including lunch.

Monday May 11th **The Blue Lagoon.** Departure 18:00. Duration 4 hours. An evening tour to a most unique lagoon for bathing and healthful rejuvenation. *The Blue Lagoon* is located south-west of Reykjavik (45 min. by bus) on the Reykjanes peninsula. A high temperature geothermal field supplies the district with hot water and steam to run a power plant and it is the mineral rich overflow water from this operation which fills the lagoon. High levels of silics, minerals and algae give the Blue Lagoon its rich blue colour and also from a light natural sediment on the bottom. Price USD 110 per person. Includes bus transport w/guide, entrance, towel and a light dinner.



Friday May 15th **Borgarfjord, waterfalls and history.** Departure 10:00. Duration 7 – 8 hours. On this tour you will visit places of interest in the western region of Iceland. The tour begins by driving along the *Whale Fjord* (*Hvalfjord*) one of the deepest and longest fjords in Iceland and on to Saurbær where vicar Hallgrimur Petursson who wrote the Passion hymns lived. We will visit the largest hot spring in the Northern Hemisphere, *Deildartunguhver* and *Hraunfossar*, one of the most scenic waterfalls in the country and *Reykholt*, an ancient saga site where Snorri Sturluson

author, scholar and politician lived and wrote much of the literature that made him the most significant Nordic poet and historian of the middle ages. On the way back we drive through the beautiful farmland of *Borgarfjord district* and make a short stop in the village *Borgarnes*. Returning to Reykjavik around 17:30. Price USD 180 per person including lunch.

The tours listed above are arranged especially for IFISH 4 participants and their guests, therefore we ask you to please book in advance. Please note that the tour on Sunday May 10th will only be available for those prebooked.