

# IFISH 4 Conference

## Practical Information

Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland (<http://www.iceland.org>) is situated on the southwestern coast and is the center for business, communications, government administration and education. Reykjavik offers a variety of cultural activities and a wide choice of international cuisine. With its fresh air and healthy environment, Reykjavik is the perfect place for outdoor activities such as jogging, playing golf and swimming in one of Reykjavik's many outdoor swimming pools, which are all heated by natural geothermal water.

### *Travel to Iceland*

**Icelandair** maintains regular scheduled flights to Iceland from the USA, Canada and Europe. Please see [www.icelandair.com](http://www.icelandair.com) or contact your travel agent/local airline.

**Iceland Express** has scheduled flights from Europe. Please see [www.icelandexpress.com](http://www.icelandexpress.com).

### *Transportation*

Upon arrival at Keflavik Airport <http://www.keflavikairport.com> (50 km from Reykjavik): FLYBUS coaches are the most direct economical way between Keflavik Airport and the Reykjavik City Terminal. The FLYBUS can also take passengers to the Icelandair Hotel Loftleidir and other hotels upon request. Taxi service is also available.

### *Climate* (<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=211>)

The average temperature in May is only 10° C but usually it is the sunniest month of the year. We recommend that you take along a warm coat/jacket, sweater and a bathing suit, so that you can enjoy a swim in one of Reykjavik's many swimming pools or in the Blue Lagoon. Walking shoes are also recommended for excursions.

### *Passports and visas*

Information can be found on [www.utl.is](http://www.utl.is)

### *Banking*

The Icelandic monetary unit is the Krona. (<http://finance.yahoo.com/currency>) All Icelandic banks provide currency exchange and are open weekdays from 9:15 – 16:00. Major credit cards and travellers cheques are widely accepted and ATM machines are situated in hotels, shopping malls and in the city.

### *Duty free allowances*

Duty free goods may be purchased both upon arrival and departure at Keflavik Airport. The duty free allowance is 1 litre of spirits (up to 47% alcohol) and 1 litre of wine (up to 21% alcohol) or 6 litres of beer. 200 cigarettes or the equivalent in other tobacco products.

### *VAT refunds*

Upon departure visitors to Iceland can reclaim the VAT paid on their purchases. The refund voucher should be presented at the Landsbank at Keflavik Airport.