

Referencia: 16

Code: WF50

Year: 2011

Name: CULTURAL NIGHT IN REYKJAVIK (CUOTA EXTRA 150EUROS)

Location: REYKJAVIK

Address:

Url: www.wf.is

Project: ENVI-MANU-ART - Environmental - Manual work - Art camp

Initial Date: 09/08/2011

Final Date: 21/08/2011

Min Age: 18

Max Age: 30

Places: 2

**Description of Workcamp:** WF50 Cultural Night in Reykjavík 09.08 ¿ 21.08 ENVI / MANU/ART 20 vol

Project and location: Reykjavik is a city full of energy, just waiting for you to experience it. Powered by heat from the earth below, with ever-changing weather sweeping across the landscape, its natural features are matched by the energy of its residents. Think of the qualities of a great city - fun, culture, nature, clean air - and Reykjavik has them in spades. All the advantages of a modern, forward-looking society are complemented by the beautiful natural setting. In a country of only just over 300,000 people, the Reykjavik Capital Area has a population of about 200,000. However, since it¿s the only major city in the country, Reykjavik has a lot of the amenities that you would only expect to find in a much larger center elsewhere in the world.

Reykjavik is the world¿s northernmost capital city and is centred on the Seltjarnarnes Peninsula. Come at the right time of year, and in favourable conditions you will see the city¿s skyline silhouetted against the glowing, shimmering curtain of the aurora borealis, also known as the northern lights. Reykjavik is framed by the majestic Mt. Esja and the blue waters of Faxaflói Bay to the north, while rugged lava-fields spread to the southeast. On a clear sunny day, the Snaefellsjokull glacier glitters on the western horizon like a crystal.

Reykjavik Culture Night has become an essential part of cultural life in Iceland with thousands of people strolling down the streets of the city on this exciting and eventful night. Culture Night offers a chance to enjoy a variety of activities ranging from traditional shows and exhibitions to more unusual happenings. A number of cultural institutions such as galleries, ateliers, shops, cafes, churches, restaurants and bars in downtown of Reykjavik stay open until late. The immensely popular Reykjavik Marathon takes place on the same day and we really encourage our volunteers to participate in that.

Work: Our work during this camp will mostly be beautifying the city center and help the local authorities to make it a better place to stay. This includes various types of environmental tasks as well as e.g. cleaning tasks and painting old houses. We will also have workshops dedicated to different kinds of art, On 20th of August, we will take part to the Reykjavik¿s Cultural Night, performing in the streets and enjoying Iceland¿s biggest cultural event.

Leisure: Worldwide Friends volunteers have free access to the local geothermally-heated swimming pools in Reykjavik. Traditionally, natural pools have played an important social role in Icelandic culture. Most Icelandic pools offer indoor and outdoor swimming, as well as hot tubs and saunas or steam rooms. On weekends, the central location of the accommodations is ideal for enjoying Reykjavik¿s amazing nightlife, which is world-renowned for its wide array of bars, clubs, and

concerts. WF Iceland will also organise reasonably-priced weekend excursions to some of the most popular, beautiful areas and natural wonders that Iceland has to offer. Excursions include unique Icelandic sights such as glacial lagoons, waterfalls, volcanic and geothermal areas, glaciers, geysirs, lava forests, hot-springs, rhyolite mountain ranges, steam-vents, or even icebergs.

**Accommodation and Food:** Worldwide Friends volunteers stay in one of several shared houses offering basic sleeping and cooking facilities in the heart of historical downtown Reykjavik. Volunteers need to bring their own sleeping bag and towels, but mattresses and bed linens are provided. Wireless internet access is provided free of charge, and volunteers also have free access to shared desktop computers in communal areas. The accommodation provided by Worldwide Friends Iceland for volunteers in Reykjavik is located within short walking distance of many urban amenities, including: banks, pharmacies, supermarkets, public swimming pools, restaurants, cafes, libraries, theaters, shops, museums, and bus stations.

Food is included for the duration of the workcamp, however everyone is expected to do their fair share of the cooking and cleaning. Since it is always nice to try new and different dishes, volunteers are encouraged to bring along their favorite recipes from home!

**Language:** The language of the workcamp is English.

**Terminal:** international Airport: Keflavík (KEF) Reykjavík.

**Additional Information:** There is an extra participation fee of 150 Euros for this workcamp.