

PAME I-2015 Working Group Meeting Akureyri, Iceland 3-5 February 2015

PAME I-2015 Meeting:

The PAME I 2015 meeting will be held at the meeting facilities of Hotel KEA, Akureyri, Iceland from 3-5 February 2015. Both Monday the 2nd of February and Friday the 6th of February have been set aside for those projects and/or expert groups that would like to meet separately from the main PAME meeting. Please let us know of such needs the soonest.

Registration on-line:

Please register on-line on the PAME homepage under the following link: http://www.pame.is/index.php/shortcode/pame-i-2015-registration. Confirmation of your registration will be sent to you by email. If you run into problems then please contact the PAME Secretariat at: pame@pame.is

Accommodation:

A block reservation has been made at <u>Hotel KEA</u> between February 1-7, 2015 (breakfast included). It's a nice hotel in the center of <u>Akureyri</u>.

Each participant needs to finalize their booking and settle charges by contacting Hotel KEA by sending an email to kea@keahotels.is and book under following reference number: **CON-2078.**Reservations need to be done prior to January 15, **2015**

Price pr. night:

Single room	13.500 ISK / 110 USD
Double room	16.900 ISK / 137 USD
Double/Twin room for single use	15.500 ISK / 127 USD
Triple room	22.000 ISK / 180 USD
Superior double/twin room	18.600 ISK / 152 USD
Deluxe double twin/room	20.300 ISK / 165 USD

Getting from the Keflavik International Airport:

All international flights go through <u>Keflavík Airport</u> which is located 50 km South of Reykjavík. There are two bus companies that operate from the airport and once you leave customs it's hard not to notice them they are on your right hand side and are named <u>Reykjavík Excursion</u> and <u>Flybus</u>. They are the best

way to get to Reykjavík. The price of the bus is around 2000 ISK and they have open Wifi on board. You do not need to pre-order tickets they have buses scheduled with all flights around the clock. Travel time to Reykjavík bus terminal is about 40-50 minutes. If you prefer taking a Taxi they can be found when exiting the terminal. Taxi prices are however steep and are around 15.000 ISK.

Getting to and from Akureyri:

Akureyri is in Northern Iceland, and is located 360 km from Reykjavík.

Taking a domestic flight is recommended. Domestic flights can be ordered through this website http://www.airiceland.is/. The duration of the flight is 45 minutes and you need to be at the airport 30 minutes in prior to departure.

Upon arrival back in Reykjavík again taking a taxi to hotel or bus terminal is recommended to take the flybus to Keflavík.

Several Car rentals operate at Keflavík Airport these can be <u>found here</u>.

Visit Akureyri:

http://www.visitakureyri.is/en

Weather:

The average daily maximum temperature in Akureyri is February is -2°C (29°F). The average daily minimum temperature is -4°C (25°F). Visit http://en.vedur.is/weather/forecasts/areas/ for current weather forecasts.

Time Zone:

Iceland is all on the same time zone (http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/iceland/akureyri). Local time is GMT is 0:00.

Currency:

The currency is the Icelandic Krona (ISK). Most major international currencies can be exchanged at nearby banks, at airports, and in hotels. It should be noted that rates of exchange vary slightly from one institution to another. Major credit cards (e.g. VISA, MasterCard) are widely accepted in Iceland. Most bank cards can also be used at ATM machines to withdraw cash in ISK.

Exchange rates as of Nov 4 2014:

ISK	Country	Amount
1000	U.S	= 8.7 US \$
1000	Danish	=48.5 DKK
1000	Canadian	=9.7 CAD
1000	Norwegian	=55.4 NOK
1000	Swedish	=60.20 SEK
1000	Russian	=303.2 RUB

Emergency:

Dial local 112 for all health and safety emergencies.