



Arrival Orientation Information Iceland Fall 2016

Who will meet the participants at the airport and where?

When you arrive at the airport in Keflavík some of the staff or volunteers of AFS á Íslandi will meet you. Please make sure your "AFS -Label" is clearly visible on your luggage, so we can find you quickly.

How will the participants recognize the AFS volunteers meeting them at the airport?

We will have AFS signs and t-shirts on.

How will the participants get to the orientation site?

You will go by bus or a car. Volunteers will take you from airport to the orientation site.

Where will the orientation take place?

In the capital area: the orientation site is at a venue that is 45 minutes drive from the international airport.

Will the participants get a tour of the city during the orientation?

No.

How long is the orientation?

Two or three days. From Friday until Sunday

In what language(s) will the orientation be conducted?

Icelandic and English.

Will there be language instructions at the orientation?

Yes.

What type of activities will happen during orientation?

You will have lessons about Icelandic culture, history and customs. You will get some rest after your trip and get to meet the other exchange students and the volunteers of AFS á Íslandi. At the arrival camp you will also get some orientation that will prepare you for your year in Iceland. You will also get information about who your counselor is and how to reach him/her.

The main goal of the orientation is to introduce you to AFS á Íslandi and prepare you for their year in Iceland!

Should participants prepare a cultural activity or bring a costume for the orientation?

It's not necessary.



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Will participants have access to their luggage during the arrival orientation?

Yes, but limited. To save space the luggage will be stored in a separate room.

Will participants need to pack a separate bag for orientation? Should they pack a towel?

Please bring a small/sports bag for the arrival camp and put in it what you need for one or two nights. Don't forget warm clothes and it is essential that you include one towel and your bathing suit.

Will there be participants from other AFS countries attending the orientation? If so, from which countries and approximately how many participants?

No.

Will participants need money during the orientation?

Money is not necessary, but you will be able to go to a mini-supermarket for personal shopping.

Will participants have a chance to exchange money between the time of arrival and the end of orientation?

No, please change money at the airport upon arrival.

Will participants have access to a telephone which can accommodate long distance calls by using a phone card? Will there be Internet access?

No

How will the participants travel to their host families and when?

Students who are placed in the capital area are picked up by their families at the orientation site. Other students will be escorted to the domestic airport or bus-station where the hostfamily will meet them at the local chapter.

How soon after orientation does school begin, if applicable?

One day up to a couple of weeks depending on each school.