

Dear participant in the Beginners A1-A2 Núpur Icelandic Course

Now there are only a few days until the course begins and we at the University Centre of the Westfjords are looking forward to meeting you all.

I'm writing this letter to inform you about few important things regarding the course in August.

Schedule

Attached to this mail is the schedule for your three week course. Please note that there may be some minor changes to it.

Chartered bus

The Chartered Bus leaves Harpa Music Hall in Reykjavík, Westfjords bound, at 9:00 (sharp) on Monday, 01.08.2016. Loading of the bus begins at 8.30. The bus will have the UW logo in the front window and will be located at the right hand side of the Harpa building close to the sea. We would like to remind you to print out the payment receipt for the Chartered Bus and bring it with you. **IMPORTANT:** The receipt is your voucher for the bus so you must bring it with you.

As stated in the terms and conditions we can only guarantee bus reservations made before 30.06.2016. We hereby confirm all bookings made before that date. Those of you that have not booked a seat on the bus can still do so as there are a few spots left on the bus. Please contact islenska@uw.is if you are interested in a place on the bus.

For all information about the bus, time of departures and other important information please read carefully through the information on the chartered bus webpage:

http://www.uw.is/icelandic_courses/chartered_bus/

Núpur accommodation, board and facilities

Núpur Guesthouse provides good Icelandic food as to be expected at a boarding school. Included in the course fee is lunch during weekdays. If you have special needs regarding diet please notify us as soon as possible by sending a mail to islenska@uw.is and a co-copy to Hótel Núpur (info@nupur.is) and they will try to accommodate you as possible.

Accommodation in Núpur Guesthouse includes room, linens, towels, access to tea-kitchens with basic cooking-facilities, basic Internet access, computer lab and cafeteria as well as lunch and on weekdays. The restaurant at Núpur will also be open during evenings. You can order dinner there with notice if you like. You will get further information regarding this at the Ice Breaker event.

There are two supermarkets in Ísafjörður and you will go to Ísafjörður on Tuesday, August 2. A stop at the Bónus supermarket is scheduled on the way back to Núpur. Each week there will be scheduled stops at Bónus supermarket during trips to Ísafjörður

Then just a few more things to remember:

- Ice Breaker at Hótel Núpur on August 3 at 18:00.
- The teaching starts on Tuesday morning, August 5, at 9:00 at Núpur.
- The teaching material will be handed out when you arrive at Núpur. The material is included in the course fee.

- We expect you to bring your own basic dictionary. Basic dictionaries are also available in the local bookstore in Ísafjörður. You can also use online dictionaries during class, but please note that the Wi-Fi Internet connection at Núpur is basic.
- We expect that you bring your own computer (however this is not obligatory). Our computer technician will be around on August 2 in the University Centre if you have any problems with your computer or Internet connections. At Núpur Guesthouse there is a free basic wireless Internet and a few computers for everyone to use.
- The electives brochure will be available on our webpage next week. A printed version of it will also be included in your course material. In the Electives Brochure you can read all about the electives that are available. Signing up for the electives starts Tuesday 2 August.
- When you arrive we expect that you have worked through the "Icelandic Online" Internet course on your own. Please calculate approximately 50 hours of work for the whole online course. It is accessible at www.icelandic.hi.is. Our course will build on this basic vocabulary and grammar.

Facebook group

We have already set up a group for students attending the course at Núpur on Facebook. If you have not received information about this you can follow this link and request to join:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Nupur2016/>

The Facebook group can be a good venue to chat about practical matters but it can, and should, of course also serve as a venue for simply getting acquainted with your fellow students before you arrive in the Westfjords!

If you are not a Facebook user or do not want to join this group I can assure you that you will not miss out of any announcements from the University Centre.

If you have any questions or need more information of any kind do not hesitate to contact us.

Hlakka til að hitta þig (looking forward to meeting you).

Kveðja,