



# HEAR THE LAND SPEAK

SKÁLHOLT, ICELAND - 4-9 MAY 2022

In this time of uncertainty, we take a step of faith to open booking for our Iceland Gathering.

We have put some information together that you may find useful. Please also check the website for updates.

Our theme is “Hear the Land Speak” – a perfect theme for a pilgrimage to the Land of Ice and Fire with its wide landscapes and powerful natural wonders. Our programme will take us out into the countryside and offer time for exploration of the external environment – and for silent exploration of our internal environment.

We will be based at Skálholt, a Christian retreat centre about an hour and a half’s drive from Reykjavik.



## Accommodation

There is a variety of accommodation, and we are inviting you to choose from the Houses you can see on page 2. This will be on a first come, first served basis and we will ensure that the website shows when each house becomes full.

Some people have already registered an interest, but we ask you to make a formal booking.

## Prices

We have managed to secure discounts on the cost of accommodation and meals from Skálholt. These are the Member prices and include a subvention—please contact us for non-Member prices.

Our new website makes it possible to pay monthly. We need to pay Skálholt a deposit and therefore we do appreciate early payments or monthly invoicing for our participants. Please contact Teemu ([treasurer@sd-europe.eu](mailto:treasurer@sd-europe.eu) for information on how to set this up)

We recommend that you pay your invoice/invoices directly to our bank account from all EUR currency countries. If the payment is more convenient for you to be done by credit card you may use our online store to pay with your card.

Payment information you will find easily as you go to check your balance on the website. Here is the bank information you will need to pay.

BANK INFORMATION Nordea

IBAN Account number FI51 1032 3500 5430 16 (begins f i )

BIC code NDEAFIHH

Receiver SD-Europe

Remember to use RF code provided on your invoice instead of writing a message.

**Final payments need to be made May 3 2022.**

## OUR ACCOMMODATION

### Main House

18 en-suite rooms.

These have two beds but can be booked for single persons at an additional cost.

€530/ person/ shared

€730/ person/ single occupant

*Suggested monthly payment (Please contact Teemu to arrange)*

Deposit €130 4 months at €100

Deposit €130 4 months at €150



### Bishop's House

5 rooms, four rooms with two-beds and one with three-beds. There are shared bathrooms and a kitchen to make hot drinks and snacks.

Please note: There are steps up to the house and all the rooms are up more stairs.

It is close to the Main House and the church.

€320/ person/ shared

*Suggested monthly payment*

€70 5 months at €50

### Selið – former Organist's House

5 room villa with beds for 10 people. Two of the rooms have separate beds; three of the rooms offer 2 beds that are either separated or together. There are two bathrooms, a kitchen and a living room. Private hot tub on the patio.

€470.00/ person/ shared.

Deposit €70 4 months at €100

Single occupancy – €250 extra



A five-to-ten-minute walk takes you to other accommodation. This is our Quiet Area.  
(Note: we will try to offer transport in case of bad weather or for those with mobility concerns).



### Skalholtsbudir - Long House

Designated the Silent House.

11 rooms have two beds and some may like to share on a silent basis. There are shared bathrooms and a kitchen to make hot drinks and snacks.

€360/ person/ shared

*Monthly payment*

€60 4 months at €75x4

Single occupancy may be available - €150 extra

## TRAVEL TO AND FROM ICELAND



You can travel by boat from Denmark, but most people will fly to Iceland.

The main airport is Keflavik. This is about 45 minutes from Reykjavik and 90 minutes from Skálholt.

## TRAVEL IN ICELAND

### **From the Airport to Skálholt**

There will be bus transport from Keflavik to Skálholt. It will meet the afternoon flights and will leave there at about 4pm. We hope to include the cost of this in the main fee but are waiting to hear more about prices.



### **From Reykjavik to Skálholt**

Some people may wish to arrive a few days early and spend time in Reykjavik or other parts of Iceland.

There will be transport from the Bus Station in Reykjavik on the afternoon of 4 May. We will fix the time when we know how many people are choosing this option.

### **From Skálholt to the Airport**

Transport back to Keflavik will be available on 9 May. There are early morning flights – if necessary, transport can be arranged to arrive in Keflavik in time for these (leaving Skálholt around 02.30)

It may be possible to arrange transport back to Reykjavik. Please contact us if you think you will need this.

It is also possible to hire a car and travel to Skálholt.

## THE PROGRAMME

A detailed programme will be available nearer the time but will include:

- Pilgrimage visits to significant sites. Some will be tourist sites, but our Icelandic friends have hidden places to share with us!
- Time for group and personal reflection.
- Triads.
- Opportunities to learn more about the Icelandic spiritual and cultural heritage.
- Time simply to “be” – including a Silent Day.

The AGM will be held and will include election of the Treasurer.



## BOOKING

To book, please go to the website and look under Events.

You will be taken to a form to fill in and indicate:

- Your preferred accommodation.
- Pick-up point on 4 May (Keflavik or Reykjavik)
- Return flight time (this can be added later)
- Dietary needs.
- Health or mobility needs (this will be kept confidential but will be helpful for planning purposes).
- Payment preference.

## INSURANCE

As things are uncertain, **please ensure that you have travel insurance**. We will do our best to refund money if you have to cancel, but SD-Europe will be under contract to pay Skálholt and this may not be possible.

