

SAO MEETING
TÓRSHAVN, FAROE ISLANDS
19 & 20 OCTOBER 2010



Tórshavn

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION



ARCTIC COUNCIL

1. TÓRSHAVN



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The meeting will be held in the capital of the Faroe Islands, Tórshavn. You can read more about Tórshavn [here](#). On the map below you can see the location of the hotels and the meeting venue, the Nordic House. An alternative map can be found [here](#).



2. THE MEETING VENUE

The SAO meeting will take place at the Nordic House on 19 and 20 October 2010.

The Nordic House is c. 20 minutes walk from the city centre. More information about the Nordic House can be found at www.nlh.fo.

Return transportation between the hotels and the Nordic House will be provided during the meeting.



The Nordic House

3. ACCOMMODATION

Block reservations have been made in three different hotels in Tórshavn. All three hotels are offering special rates for SAO participants.

HOTEL HAFNIA

Hotel Hafnia is a four star hotel situated in the city centre of Tórshavn. For more information, see www.hotelhafnia.fo.

The special rate is 950 DKK for a single room and 1150 DKK for a double room. Breakfast and internet access are included in the price.

Rooms can be booked via hafnia@hafnia.fo. Please use the booking reference **“Arctic Council”**.

HOTEL TÓRSHAVN

Hotel Tórshavn is a three star hotel in the city centre. For further information, see www.hoteltorshavn.fo.

The special rate is 750 DKK for a single room and 1000 DKK for a double room.

Breakfast and internet access are included in the price.

Rooms can be booked via email: ht@hoteltorshavn.fo. Please use the booking reference **“118134”**.

HOTEL FØROYAR

Hotel Føroyar is a four star hotel c. 30 minutes walk from the city centre. For further information, see www.hotelforoyar.fo.

The special rate is 750 DKK for a single room and 1000 DKK for a double room.

Breakfast and internet access are included in the price.

Rooms can be booked via email: hf@hotelforoyar.fo. Please use the booking reference **“146009”**.



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4. FLIGHTS TO THE FAROES

The Faroese national airline is Atlantic Airways and their webpage is www.atlantic.fo.

Atlantic Airways has special prices for groups larger than 10 people. If you are interested in a group rate, please call Atlantic Airways +298 341000.

In most cases it should be possible to book your luggage from your departure point through to the Faroes. The international airport identification for Vágar airport in the Faroe Islands is FAE. Sufficient transfer time should, however, be ensured when booking connecting flights from Copenhagen.

Flights to/from the Faroes from Kastrup airport, Copenhagen:

The flight from Copenhagen takes c. 2.5 hours. In Copenhagen the check-in is at Terminal 2. Faroese local time is GMT (Greenwich Mean Time) during the winter and GMT+1 during the summer, i.e. one hour less than in Denmark.

Flights to the Faroes from Kastrup Airport, Copenhagen:			
Sunday 17 October	1230 (arrival 1400)	1505 (arrival 1635)	1900 (arrival 2030)
Monday 18 October	0835 (arrival 1005)	1230 (arrival 1400)	1900 (arrival 2030)
Flights to Kastrup Airport, Copenhagen from the Faroes:			
Wednesday 20 October	0815 (arrival 1135)	1445 (arrival 1805)	1730 (arrival 2050)
Thursday 21 October	0815 (arrival 1135)	1445 (arrival 1805)	1730 (arrival 2050)

Flight to/from Reykjavik airport (the airport in the centre of Reykjavik):

The flight from Reykjavik takes c. 1.5 hours.

From Reykjavik: Monday 18 October at 1730 (arrival 2000)

From the Faroes: Friday 22 October at 1100 (arrival 1130)

Transport from/to the airport:

Vágar airport in the Faroes is situated on the island of Vágur, which is connected by a road tunnel under a fjord to the island of Streymoy, where Tórshavn is located. The journey by bus or shuttle takes around 45 minutes.

A bus service provides connections between Vágur Airport and the bus terminal in Tórshavn for all arrivals and departures with Atlantic Airways flights. The journey costs DKK 90 (cash only – there is an ATM near the entrance in Vágur Airport), which is paid to the driver upon boarding.

Shuttle services are also available to and from all the main hotels in Tórshavn. The shuttle service can be booked online - for Hotel Hafnia and Hotel Tórshavn [here](#) and for Hotel Føroyar [here](#). The cost is approximately DKK 150 and can be paid by credit card.

5. FOOD AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Lunch will be provided for all participants on both 19 and 20 October. In the evening of 19 October there will be a reception hosted by the Government of the Faroe Islands. Further details will be provided at a later stage. There is a range of different restaurants in Tórshavn. An overview can be seen [here](#).

On the evening of the 20 October all meeting participants are invited to an event at the Faroese Natural History Museum, featuring brief presentations on Faroese research related to the work of the Arctic Council and the possibility for a guided tour in the museum. Further details will be provided.

For those staying on until Thursday or longer, special sightseeing tours will be arranged for 21 October. Further details will be provided.

6. THE WEATHER IN THE FAROE ISLANDS

There is little fluctuation between winter and summer temperatures in the Faroe Islands because of the Gulf Stream. The average temperatures for the coldest and warmest month are 3°C and 11°C, respectively. The surrounding sea is ice free all year round, and the sea temperature fluctuates between 5°C and 10°C. The shortest day is 5 hours and the longest is 19½ hours long.

In October the weather is variable and daytime temperatures can be expected to be between 5°C and 10°C. Weather forecasts can be found [here](#).

7. VISA REQUIREMENTS

The Faroe Islands are, like Norway and Iceland, party to the Schengen Agreement even though not being a member of the EU.

Some participants will have to apply for a visa to travel to the Faroe Islands. The conditions for obtaining a visa for the Faroe Islands are similar to the conditions for obtaining a visa for Denmark. However a visa for Denmark does not give the holder the right to enter the Faroe Islands unless this is stated in the visa. The list of nationalities requiring a visa to enter the Faroe Islands can be seen [here](#).

Please make sure, that you apply for your visa as early as possible in order to allow sufficient time for the authorities to process the application. Contact the Royal Danish Embassy or Consulate in your country of residence for further information.

8. ELECTRICITY

The Faroe Islands have European Standard 220-volt AC, 50Hz current and use two pin continental plugs. Visitors from the UK will need an adaptor for electric appliances, whereas North American 110/125V appliances need a transformer.

9. CREDIT CARDS AND CURRENCY

All major credit cards are accepted in the Faroe Islands but the most common is Visa. Be sure to have a PIN code and a picture ID. The currency is Danish Kroner (DKK). The Faroe Islands have their own banknotes, but Danish banknotes can also be used (the exchange rate between Faroese banknotes and Danish banknotes is 1 to 1).

10. INFORMATION AND LINKS

Ministry of Foreign Affairs:	www.mfa.fo
Museum of Natural History:	www.ngs.fo
Faroe Marine Research Institute:	www.hav.fo
University of the Faroe Islands:	www.setur.fo
Environmental Agency:	www.us.fo
Website of the Faroese Tourist Board:	www.visitfaroeislands.com