

Senedd Delegation visit to Iceland

25-27 March 2025

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1. Visit Itinerary

Wednesday 26 March

- 10:00 Meeting with the Speaker of Althingi, Ms. Þórunn Sveinbjarnardóttir, in the Parliament Building, followed by signing of the Guest Book and a tour of the Althingi.
- 12:00 Working lunch with representatives of the **Welfare Committee**, in Smiðja, Althingi.
- 13:00 Departure from Althingi to the hotel.
- 13:30 Departure from the hotel, by car.
- 14:00 Visit to **Þingvellir National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where Althingi was established in 930.
Welcomed by the Director of the National Park, Mr. Einar Sæmundsen.
- 14:45 Departure from Thingvellir National Park.
- 15:45 Visit to Gullfoss and Geysir, the “**Golden Waterfall**” and the geothermal area. (Guided by renowned geologist, author and former Member of Althingi, **Mr. Ari Trausti Guðmundsson**)
- 16:45 Afternoon refreshments at **Hotel Geysir**.
- 17:15 Departure for Reykjavik.
- 18:45 Arrive at Hotel Borg.
- 19:30 Private dinner at **Restaurant Apótek**.

Thursday 27 March

- 09:00 Meet in the lobby, departure by car.
- 09:30 Courtesy call on the President of Iceland, H.E. Ms. Halla Tómasdóttir, at the Official Residence **Bessastaðir**.
- 10:00 Departure from Bessastaðir.

- 10:30 Plenary Meeting in Althingi,
observed from the Gallery for Distinguished Guests.
- 10:50 Departure from Althingi, on foot.
- 11:00 Visit to the Settlement Exhibition, Aðalstræti 16.
- 11:50 Departure from Settlement Exhibition, on foot.
- 12:00 Working lunch with representatives of the **Environment and
Communications Committee**, in Smiðja, Althingi.
- 13:00 Departure from Althingi, by car.
- 13:30 Visit to Hellisheiði Geothermal Plant. Introduction to the Geothermal and
Carbfix projects visit to the CO2 capturing facilities.
- 14:30 Departure from Hellisheiði Geothermal Plant

Notes on meetings organised by the Althingi

Meeting with the Speaker of Althingi and visit to the Parliament House, March 26 at 10:00-12:00

Speaker Þórunn Sveinbjarnardóttir

Secretary General, Ms. Ragna Árnadóttir

Director General, Mr. Jörundur Kristjánsson

Meeting & working lunch with the Welfare Committee, March 26 at 12:00-13:00

Committee Chair, Mr. Guðmundur Ingi Kristinsson

1st Deputy Chair, Mr. Kristján Þórður Snæbjarnarson

2nd Deputy Chair, Ms. Sigríður Á. Andersen

Committee Secretary, Mr. Brynjar Páll Jóhannesson

Meeting & working lunch with the Environment and Communications Committee

Committee Chair, Mr. Guðbrandur Einarsson

1st Deputy Chair, Ms. Ingibjörg Davíðsdóttir

2nd Deputy Chair, Ms. Ása Berglind Hjálmarsdóttir

Committee Member, Ms. Halla Hrunn Logadóttir

Committee Secretary, Ms. Inga Skarphéðinsdóttir