

Technical Visits

ABOUT TECHNICAL VISITS

Please register early! Technical visits will be cancelled if they do not reach the minimum number of paid participants by 31 March.

Minimum and maximum numbers of participants are noted. If the visit for which you have registered does not meet the minimum number by 31 March 2006, IAIA HQ will notify you and provide refund information or offer to transfer you to another visit. After 31 March, registrations may be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the visits reach the maximum number. Registrations will be processed in the order that payment is received.

Participants must be pre-registered and pre-paid to participate. If you must cancel, the fee will be refunded, less an administration fee of 25% of the technical visit cost and contingent upon written notice of cancellation received in HQ by 31 March. After that time, no refunds will be issued.

Technical visits will depart from the Stavanger Forum unless otherwise noted in the final program. Check in at the IAIA registration desk a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the start time of the technical visit.

- Family members of registered delegates are welcome to register for technical visits.
- Casual clothing and walking shoes are recommended.

A/B Stavanger: Urban transformation

The history of Stavanger will be highlighted, with a presentation of its development from a minor town relying on canning industry to a prosperous international town based on oil and gas production.

A walking tour of the historic part of the town, Vågen, will illustrate the transformation from derelict storage sites to modern urban accommodation and business zones based on ecological and universal design principles ("Urban Seafront").

The technical visit will illustrate an ecological and economic approach to urban development and transport planning in Jättåvågen which aims to facilitate reduced consumption of land and energy. The visit also offers a taste of the "Norwegian Wood" project which deals with Norwegian wooden construction techniques based on traditional building construction, sustainability and innovation. The tour will end with a visit at the Oil Museum.

Organized by the Municipality of Stavanger.

A Sunday, 21 May

B Wednesday, 24 May

6:00pm - 8:00pm

10 - 80 people, \$20

C Kårstø: Landfall and export terminal for North Sea gas

The impacts of establishing Europe's largest landfall and export terminal for gas are at the centre of this visit. The Kårstø Gas Terminal was a controversial development when built in the late '70s, and many social and environmental concerns were raised. Today the terminal is vital in the European gas supply and important for local industry and energy production, and the terminal is still being developed.

The visit is by bus and ferry. The group will return over the picturesque Karmøy island and experience two long sub-sea tunnels (4 and 6 km long), before arriving in Stavanger in the afternoon.

Organized by Statoil.

Friday 26 May, 12:30pm - 7:00pm

30 - 80 people, \$40 (includes late lunch)

D Ryfylke fjord: Coastal zone management and fish farming

From Stavanger harbour, this visit will go by boat to Boknafjorden where there has been a rapid development of fish farming, mostly of salmon. The coast and island in this area are also subject to other development, such as the building of summer houses and other recreational and boating facilities, harbour developments, etc.

The municipality's and county's plans for coastal zone management will be presented and their efforts to put fish farming and other developments into an integrated coastal zone management plan will be demonstrated.

Organized by Rogaland County municipality.

Friday 26 May, 12:30pm - 6:00pm

45-80 people, \$60 (includes lunch)

E Lyse: Hydroelectric power development projects

More than 95% of Norway's electric energy comes from hydroelectric power. This technical visit will give a good insight into old and new hydroelectric power stations, dams and reservoirs, including some of Norway's largest. The visit will pass through some of the most spectacular sites (e.g., Kjerag and the Pulpit Rock) along the Lyse fjord, on its way to Lysebotn. From there a bus will take the group up to the mountains to visit dams and reservoirs before returning to Stavanger.

The environmental effects and assessments related to major power plants will be the focus of the visit.

Organized by Lyse Energi.

Saturday, 27 May, 9:00am - 4:00pm

30 - 80 people, \$80 (includes lunch and boat trip)

F North Jæren: Land use and transport planning

Focus will be on the integrated approach to land use and transport planning that has been at the core of the North Jæren land use and transport plan. The plan focuses on public transport, road traffic, land use and protection of valuable sites and landscapes, like the unique Jæren beaches.

The visit will demonstrate some of the crucial elements for making the development of the region sustainable and will include a visit to Sandnes, one of the "Healthy Cities" of Europe. The plans for wind farming in the region will also be highlighted.

Organized by Rogaland County municipality.

Saturday, 27 May, 12:30pm - 5:30pm

20-45 people, \$40 (includes lunch)

POST-CONFERENCE TECHNICAL TOUR

Iceland: Geothermal power

A two-day post-conference technical tour to Iceland to study geothermal power developments is on offer. Participants depart for Iceland the afternoon/evening of Friday, 26 May.

On Saturday, 27 May, participants will visit the Nesjavellir Geothermal Power Plant which provides hot water to a substantial part of the capital area's inhabitants as well as generating 120 Mw in electricity. Afterwards, participants will visit the Hellisheiði geothermal area, where deep drilling is ongoing and a new power plant is being constructed.

On Sunday, 28 May, a visit to the Svartsengi Geothermal Resource Park will take place. Here the participants have an option to visit the Blue Lagoon Geothermal Spa.

Departure from Iceland on the afternoon of Sunday, 28 May.

Registration for this technical tour will be made through Iceland Incentives, Inc. For further details and for registration information, see www.iaia.org > Conferences IAIA06 > Program > Post-conference tour.