





## 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

(Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th October 2017)

Trondheim (Norway)

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION



## **OVERVIEW OF TRONDHEIM**

Trondheim with approx. 200,000 inhabitants is the third largest city in Norway. The city recently celebrated its 1000th anniversary and due to the compact city center, most sights can be easily reached on foot. Traditional wooden buildings, the cathedral and the music/instrument museum of Ringve are among the most famous sights in town.

## **VENUE**

Address of the event:



Norwegian Environment Agency Brattørkaia 15 N-7010 TRONDHEIM Norway



## **WORKING LANGUAGE**

The working language will be English.

## REGISTRATION

Participants are requested to return the participation form by 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 for the attention of:

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## WEATHER AND CLOTHING

We recommend that participants bring warm and waterproof clothing. The day temperature in Trondheim in October can vary between 0 and +15 degrees Celsius, with an average around +10 degrees. Current weather and forecast for Trondheim can be found for example at: http://www.yr.no/sted/Norge/Sør-Trøndelag/Trondheim/Trondheim/.

#### ELECTRICITY AND WATER

Electric current is 230 V at 50 Hz, utilising 2-pin plugs. Socket adapters are freely available for sale, and can usually be purchased in hotels.

#### **VISA**

Norway is a member of the Schengen Agreement so all citizens of the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA) do not need visa to enter the country. Most other nationalities will need a visa and must apply for it online with supporting documents to be presented at the Norwegian Embassy or Consulate in your country of residence or closest location.

For more information on the visa procedure please visit https://selfservice.udi.no/ and for a list of Norwegian missions and consulates please visit http://www.norway.info/. Please note that it is not possible to acquire a visa upon arrival in Norway. Furthermore, airline companies do not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Trondheim Airport Værnes is located approx. 30 km northeast from Trondheim city center. It is serviced by direct flights from many cities in Europe. Most delegates are likely to arrive either via Copenhagen (SAS or Norwegian) or Amsterdam (KLM). It is recommended to take a direct flight from either of these two cities (i.e. avoiding Oslo).

#### **Bus:**

Transfer from the airport to Trondheim city center is easy by coach, with departures every 10 or 15 minutes and the journey taking approx. 30 minutes. Please mention the name of your hotel to the driver to ensure that you board the correct coach. Single tickets cost NOK 150 and a return ticket is NOK 250/person (student discounts apply).

#### > Taxi:

Pre-booked taxis will give a more economical price, which should not exceed NOK 400/person (and cheaper if you are two). Payment is usually with debit or credit card (requires the use of a pin code). There are two recommended companies that can take pre-bookings: Trøndertaxi tel. +47 93 00 73 73, email: <a href="mailto:salg@trondertaxi.no">salg@trondertaxi.no</a> or Norgestaxi tel. +47 91 00 80 00, email: <a href="mailto:trondheim@norgestaxi.no">trondheim@norgestaxi.no</a>. To secure the reduced price, taxis must be booked no later than the day before arrival. The taxi-stand is located to the right as you leave the terminal – look for your pre-booked taxi company and confirm that it is the correct one before boarding as there are many companies to choose from.

#### ACCOMMODATION AND RESERVATION

Hotels in Trondheim can be found and booked through different online services such as Booking.com, Tripadvisor, HotelsCombined, Lonely Planet, Hotels.com.

Please find contact details below on recommended hotels:

## Hotel Gildevangen

Søndre gate 22b

7010 Trondheim, Norway

Tel: +47 73 87 01 30 Email: gildevangen@thonhotels.no

Website: (https://www.thonhotels.no/hoteller/norge/trondheim/thon-hotel-

gildevangen/?utm\_source=bing&utm\_medium=cpc&utm\_campaign=NO\_Trondheim&utm\_term=gildevangen%20

hotell%20trondheim&utm\_content=Thon%20Hotel%20Gildevangen)

P-Hotels Brattøra

Fosenkaia 7

7010 Trondheim, Norway

Tel: +47 73 60 40 05

Email: <a href="mailto:brattora@p-hotels.no">brattora@p-hotels.no</a> Website: <a href="mailto:http://p-hotels.no/">http://p-hotels.no/</a>

Hotel Clarion Hotel and Congress

Brattørkaia 1

7010 Trondheim, Norway

Tel: +47 73 92 55 00 Email: groups.cl.trondheim@choice.no

Website: https://www.nordicchoicehotels.no/clarion/clarion-hotel-trondheim/

## FIELD TRIP

A field trip will be organised p on the second day.

First, a visit to Sveberg salamander park, with ponds and 'salamander-hotel', to look for larvae, while it is too late for adults.



Then the field trip will continue to the island of Tautra. More information will be provided to the participants at the meeting



A warm lunch will be organised there.

On the return the bus will pass by the airport in time for those who have flights from 3pm and onwards.

No need for sturdy boots, but weather/wind proof clothing is well advised.