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ICELAND BATHHOUSE

WELCOME

WAC, organizing company of Architecture Ideas Contests, is pleased to welcome all architects and architecture students from around the world to the International Architecture Competition "**ICELAND BATHHOUSE**", to be held from June and until September 2026.

This document includes the information to register as well as the necessary procedures to participate in the contest. This will conclude in an exhibition of the best works presented, on the WAC website (www.worldarchitecturecompetitions.com), as well as a sample in various important architecture sites worldwide.

As main organizers of the contest, we are pleased to ask you to direct any questions or queries regarding the contest, via email to questions@worldarchitecturecompetitions.com, regarding registration or payment to registration@worldarchitecturecompetitions.com. On behalf of WAC "we welcome you and wish you good luck to all the participating architects."

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ICELAND AND ITS THERMAL BATHS

Iceland is one of the world's most fascinating tourist destinations, renowned for its extraordinary landscapes and intense geological activity. Volcanoes, glaciers, waterfalls, lava fields, geysers, and rugged coastlines make up a unique territory where the forces of nature manifest themselves spectacularly.

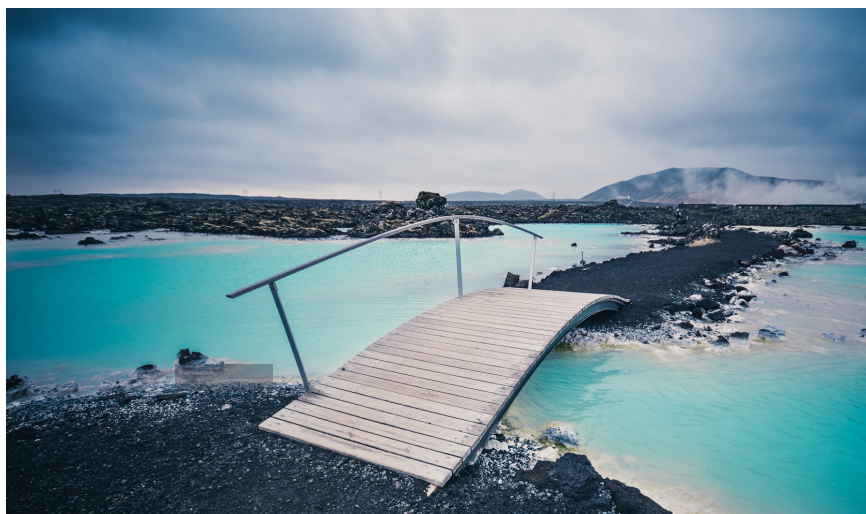
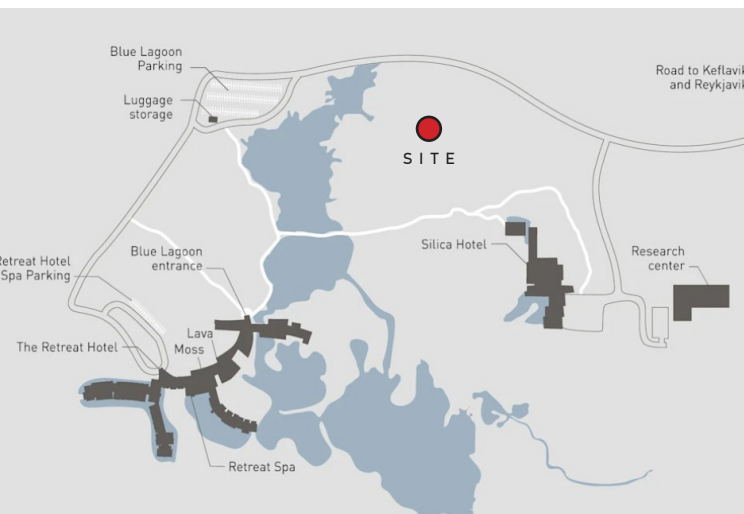
The Icelandic climate is influenced by the North Atlantic and the Gulf Stream, resulting in more moderate temperatures than might be expected for its latitude. Winters are cold, with few hours of daylight and frequent snowfall, while summers offer mild temperatures and long days illuminated by the midnight sun. These seasonal variations continually transform the perception of the landscape, offering completely different experiences throughout the year.

Hot springs are an integral part of the country's culture and identity, offering spaces for well-being and relaxation in close connection with the natural landscape. The opportunity to immerse oneself in warm waters surrounded by volcanic rock, steam, and open views of nature makes the hot springs one of the most iconic experiences of Icelandic tourism.

The combination of geothermal energy, unique landscapes, and a deep-rooted tradition linked to the use of hot springs makes Iceland an ideal location for developing architectural projects focused on contemplation and well-being in harmony with nature. In this exceptional environment, architecture has the opportunity to create memorable experiences where visitors can connect with the natural forces that have shaped the island for thousands of years.



Blue Lagoon, main thermal baths in Iceland.



Blue Lagoon, Grindavík, Iceland.

THE SITE

The project will be located in the northern part of the Blue Lagoon, within the Reykjanes Peninsula, one of Iceland’s most geologically unique regions. This area is part of an active volcanic landscape shaped over thousands of years by eruptions and geothermal activity.

It is located approximately 20 minutes by car from Keflavik International Airport and about 45 minutes from Reykjavik, the country’s capital. The main access is via the road that connects the Blue Lagoon to the regional road network, allowing easy access from the main entry points to the country.

The site offers an interesting condition for the project’s development. It will be part of the existing thermal complex, in an area of approximately **6,400 m²**; this portion of the territory retains a greater sense of tranquility and direct contact with nature, making it a destination that combines scenic isolation with a well-established tourist infrastructure. The landscape feels open, quiet, and free of built elements, allowing the architecture to engage directly with the volcanic terrain without competing with other visual references.

GENERAL PURPOSE

A contemporary thermal retreat will be conceptualized in the lava fields north of the Blue Lagoon, one of Iceland’s most iconic geothermal landscapes.

Iceland Bathhouse should be conceived as a tourist attraction of restrained scale, respectfully integrated into the environment and focused on offering an immersive experience among water, rock, steam, and landscape. The program will include a main thermal pool, a cold plunge pool, spaces for relaxation and contemplation, as well as six exclusive suites for guests who wish to extend their stay and enjoy the Icelandic landscape in an intimate and serene setting. Access to the project will utilize the existing infrastructure of the Blue Lagoon, eliminating the need for parking and allowing the proposal to concentrate on the architectural experience and its relationship with the land.

The competition seeks innovative ideas capable of responding to Iceland’s unique climate, geology, and atmosphere, creating a sanctuary where architecture becomes a link between the visitor and the natural forces that have shaped this extraordinary landscape.



Natural thermal pool in Iceland.

ARCHITECTONIC PROGRAM

“ICELAND BATHHOUSE”

Contemporary Thermal Retreat

MAIN THERMAL AREA

Natural Thermal Pool	Visual connection with the landscape, which can extend from the natural territory. Establish contemplation platforms.
Cold Pool	Smaller than the hot one, it can be found on volcanic fissures
Outdoor jacuzzi	A contained space for relaxation and contemplation. Controlled views.

CONTEMPLATION AREA

Viewpoint Terrace	Public space for contemplation. It can be independent or linked to other activities.
Coffee/Tea Lounge	Area for rest, reading, and observation. Space for eating. Social interactions (intimate).
Private Suites	Private accommodation spaces, maximum one night. Views will be prioritized. 6 exclusive suites. 35–45 m ² per unit.

SERVICES

Showers and changing rooms	Men and women. Communal spaces for personal hygiene. Locker area and basic storage.
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OUTDOOR AREAS

Pedestrian Pathways	Pedestrian walkways over lava. Observation platforms.
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CONDITIONING

The maximum land occupancy will be 40%. Does not include swimming pools

Special free organization. The surface areas of the spaces are at the discretion of the participant.

The architecture should adapt to the terrain, prioritizing views and natural ventilation.

PARTICIPANTS

The contest is aimed at all qualified architects and architecture students of the world, as long as **English** is maintained as the official language.

In the case of constituting professional or student teams, a member of the latter must be designated as the only representative and valid interlocutor before the organizers of the contest in the event that a prize is obtained.

Said representative will be the one who receives the corresponding prize, and it will not be the responsibility of the organizers how it is distributed within each team.

The designation of the representative of the work team must be accredited by simple power, and may be an architect or architecture student. At no time should be more than 5 members per team.

PRIZES

1^o PRIZE US \$ 9,000

- + Exhibition and diffusion in the main architecture sites worldwide.
- + Virtual booklet of the best proposals.

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RATES

Pre - Registration:

- From June 01 until June 07 : **US \$ 47.00**

Special Register:

- From June 08 until June 30: **US \$ 68.00**

Early Registration:

- From July 01 until July 25: **US \$ 79.00**

Late Registration:

- From July 26 until August 09: **US \$ 97.00**

REGISTRY

1. ON LINE PAYMENT METHOD

Those interested can pay for their registration and registration fee by credit or debit card (VISA, MASTERCARD and AMERICAN EXPRESS) using the security platform of our Web (Paypal - Stripe).

The process will end when the success of your transaction has been confirmed, and immediately afterwards you will receive in an email the copy of the transaction made.

Second, registrants must complete the registration form added to the end of these RULES.

The members of the team will be filled correctly, as well as the owner thereof, in any case, the teams may not be greater than 5 members. It is recommended that in each team there is at least one certified architect among the participants. The registration form will be sent to the mail registration@worldarchitecturecompetitions.com

2. CASH PAYMENT METHOD

If you require cash payments, you must request your payment order from registration@worldarchitecturecompetitions.com and you can make payments at convenience stores or Wester Union.

In both cases they will receive after their payment the final registration number that will be their KEY OF PARTICIPATION.

SCHEDULE

01 june | Call to announcement

01 june - 07 june | Pre registry

08 june | Start of inscriptions

30 june | End of the first stage of registration

20 july | Ad members of the Evaluation Committee

24 july | End of consultation period

25 july | Second stage of registration ends

09 august | End of registration period

24 august | Deadline for submission of proposals

07 september | Judgment of the Evaluation Committee

09 september | Dissemination of results

09 september | Awards

DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

The delivery will consist of **2 digital images**: (A and B) in **horizontal** format, only identifying with the **Registration KEY**.

The presentation technique will be absolutely free, at the discretion of the designer. However, it is recommended to include the following information:

IMAGE A

CONCEPT: Sketches, diagrams or graphics explaining the concept of the project.

FLOOR OR FLOORS: Showing the entire project and its location.

SECTION: Section of the architectural element.

IMAGE B

PERSPECTIVES: Exterior and interior views of the design.

CONSTRUCTION: Explanatory development of the construction system.

SUSTAINABILITY: Sustainable proposal of the project.

The digital images must comply with the following characteristics:

Format of the digital image: JPG.

Name: The name of the file must match the Registration Number for example: 01234.jpg

Weight: 8 Megabytes maximum per image.

Dimensions: rectangular format horizontal position (488mm x 336mm)

*Participants must send us the IMAGES via Internet in a ZIP or RAR file whose name must coincide with the Registration Number (for example: 01234.zip) to the email architecturecompetitions@hotmail.com no later than **august 24, 2026**.*



NOTES:

The official language of the contest is in English.

Competitors may submit as many projects as they make payments, if they wish, since each proposal will carry a different REGISTRATION NUMBER.

EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The Evaluation Committee will be announced on July 20 directly on the official page of the contest (www.worldarchitecturecompetitions.com):

The criteria for the evaluation of the proposals will be given by:

- *Integration with the landscape and natural context.*
- *Quality of the architectural experience.*
- *Innovation and resolution of the proposal.*

AWARD

The teams that occupy the first places of the contest will be communicated via email or telephone, in such a way that they are informed as quickly and as effectively as possible.

Each member of the teams that receive awards or honorable mentions will receive a certificate of participation from WAC.

Participants who have not been winners and want a participation certificate could request it via email.

WAC will make an exhibition of the best works presented, on the official website (www.worldarchitecturecompetitions.com).

CONSULTATIONS

Queries related to the project must be formulated in writing via email: questions@worldarchitecturecompetitions.com

The deadline for making inquiries is that indicated in the Contest schedule.

The answers will be published on the website in the special section. The queries and their answers will become part of the Bases, as complementary information for the review and qualification of the projects that the Evaluation Committee of the Contest will make.



ORGANIZATION

For all legal purposes (civil or criminal) WAC works only as Organizer of the Contest "ICELAND BATHHOUSE", and is therefore exempt from any possible demand in case any participant or team of participants does not agree with the final decision of the Evaluation Committee.

WAC reserves the right to make any improvement in the bases (dates, deadlines or requirements); provided they benefit the majority of participants and the best development of the present contest.

The Evaluation Committee, by majority vote, is the only one authorized and responsible for the election of winners of this contest.

Those who have worked in the preparation of these bases or advised the executive team on the technical aspects from the same. At the same time, natural persons are excluded who have a direct relationship, or relationship, with the representatives of the Committee competition evaluation.

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BLUE LAGOON, GRINDAVÍK, ICELAND. 2026



Registration Form

Team Coordinator Name	
Dirección	
City	
Country	
Correo Electrónico	
Telephone (country and city code)	

Names Members:	
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Send registration form and queries to email
registration@worldarchitecturecompetitions.com