

PRIVATE GUIDED FOUR WHEEL DRIVE DAY TOURS

THE GOLDEN CIRCLE - FROM HOTEL RANGÁ

- Pick up at Hotel Rangá.
- Driving distance ca. 300 km.
- Duration ca. 8 – 9 hours.

The Golden Circle is one of Iceland's most popular day tours. You can observe the beauty of Iceland's nature and learn about the country's history, dating back to the settlement era. We begin the day by driving to Skalholt where the first bishop, Isleifur Gissurarson, was ordained in



1056. Skalholt was the bishopric of South Iceland and a cultural and educational centre for 700 years. From Skalholt we drive to one of the world's most active geothermal fields, the Geothermal field at Haukadalur, where plenty of boiling springs and hot mud pots are to be found. The Great Geysir is what this geological phenomenon is named by. Strokkur, another famous geyser nearby, erupts every few minutes, shooting a tower of water and steam 30 meters into the air. Following, we will visit the Golden Falls, one of the most impressive cascades in Europe.

There we can view the history of Sigríður Tomasdóttir from Brattiholt. It is suspected that Sigríður managed to prevent the harnessing of the waterfall, which had been planned for electricity generating purposes. From the Golden Falls we drive to Thingvellir, where we will review the nation's history. At Thingvellir, Althingi - the national parliament - was founded around 930, and continued to convene there until 1798. Many major historical events in the Icelandic history have taken place at Thingvellir. Today, Thingvellir is a national park, which is meant to remain in public ownership and be protected by Althingi forever. At last we drive to Hellisheidi Power Plant. There we will receive information about the country's unique geology and how Icelanders harness geothermal energy in an environmentally friendly way. From Hellisheidi Power Plant we return to Hotel Rangá over Hellisheidi.

The tour setup and schedule:

- 09:00 From Hotel Rangá.
- 09:45 Arrival at Skalholt.
- 10:15 Departure from Skalholt.
- 10:45 Arrival at Geysir.
- 11:45 Departure from Geysir.
- 12:00 Arrival at The Golden Falls, lunch.
- 13:15 Departure from The Golden Falls.
- 14:15 Arrival at Thingvellir.
- 15:15 Departure from Thingvellir.
- 16:00 Arrival at Hellisheidi Power Plant.
- 16:45 Departure from Hellisheidi Power Plant.
- 17:45 Arrival at Hotel Rangá.

This schedule is only a suggestion which can be changed according to your ideas and interests.



The Golden Falls. Photo: Páll Bjarnason.



Hellisheidi Power Plant. Photo: Almar Sigurðsson.



Thingvellir. Photo: Einar Elíasson.



Geysir at Haukadalur. Photo: Páll Bjarnason.



Thingvellir. Photo: Renate Hannemann.

The tourist guides that are guiding for Iceland South Coast Travel are members at the Iceland Tourist Guide Association.

The vehicles are comfortable and well equipped where the driver is also the guide (driver-guide).

We recommend group sizes of 2-5 persons per tour.



Prices the Golden Circle from Hotel Ranga:

- 6 pax = 21.900 ISK = ca. 143 € per person.
- 5 pax = 23.000 ISK = ca. 150 € per person.
- 4 pax = 25.500 ISK = ca. 166 € per person.
- 3 pax = 28.900 ISK = ca. 188 € per person.

Children 0 - 12 = 50% discount.
Refreshments not included.