

PRIVATE GUIDED FOUR WHEEL DRIVE DAY TOURS THE GOLDEN CIRCLE + HORSE RIDE AT HERRIDARHOLL - FROM HOTEL RANGÁ

- Pick up at Hotel Rangá.
- Driving distance ca. 330 km.
- Duration ca. 9 – 10 hours.

This day tour is the same as the Golden Circle tour, but in addition we will join a ride of 1 1/2 - 2 hours on Icelandic horses. You need little or no riding experience and during this comfortable ride you will experience easy and beautiful riding tracks. 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 an Icelandic German family that are running a farm in the south of Iceland, the farm at Herridarholl. This family has around 100 Icelandic horses, 280 sheep and about 25 - 30 milking cows and about 70 younger calves and cows. At Herridarholl we will join a ride of 1 1/2 - 2 hours on Icelandic horses. From Herridarholl we drive to Skálholt where the first bishop, Ísleifur Gissurarson, was ordained in 1056. Skálholt was the bishopric of South Iceland and a cultural and educational centre for 700 years. From Skálholt 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 Geyser 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. Next destination on this trip is Thingvellir, where we will review the nation's history. At Thingvellir, Alþingi - 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 Alþingi forever. The last destination is Hellisheiði Geothermal 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 Hellisheiði Geothermal Power Plant we return to Hotel Rangá over Hellisheiði. This is an exciting day tour for adults and children alike to meet the actual inhabitants of the countryside and to learn more about Icelandic farming and agriculture.



Horse ride at Herridarholl. Photo: Renate Hannemann.



At Herridarholl. Photo: Renate Hannemann.



The Golden Falls. Photo: Páll Bjarnason.



Geysir at Haukadalur. Photo: Páll Bjarnason.



Thingvellir. Photo: Einar Eliasson.

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 - 6 persons per tour.

The tour setup and schedule:

- 09:00 From Hotel Rangá.
- 09:30 Arrival at Herridarholl horse farm.
- 11:30 Departure from Herridarholl.
- 12:00 Arrival at Skálholt.
- 12:30 Departure from Skálholt.
- 13:00 Arrival at Geysir, lunch.
- 14:00 Departure from Geysir.
- 14:20 Arrival at The Golden Falls.
- 15:00 Departure from The Golden Falls.
- 16:00 Arrival at Thingvellir.
- 16:30 Departure from Thingvellir.
- 17:30 Arrival at Hellisheiði Power Plant.
- 18:15 Departure from Hellisheiði Power Plant.
- 19:00 Arrival at Hotel Rangá.

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

Prices the Golden Circle + horse ride from Hotel Ranga:

- 6 pax = 27.600 ISK = ca. 180 € per person.
- 5 pax = 28.900 ISK = ca. 188 € per person.
- 4 pax = 31.000 ISK = ca. 202 € per person.
- 3 pax = 33.400 ISK = ca. 218 € per person.

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