

PRIVATE GUIDED FOUR WHEEL DRIVE DAY TOURS

FROM REYKJAVÍK



THE GOLDEN CIRCLE



THE GOLDEN CIRCLE EXTRA

THE SOUTH COAST

PÓRSMÖRK

LANDMANNALAUGAR

VESTMANNAEYJAR



IN THIS BROCHURE WE GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF TOURS IN SOUTH ICELAND, BUT WE CAN TAKE YOU WHEREVER YOU WANT YOUR IDEAS AND INTERESTS TO CARRY YOU!



THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

Distance: 300 km
Duration: 8 - 9 hours



Photo: P.B.

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 Hellisheiði Power Plant. There we will receive information about



Photo: A.S.

the country's unique geology and how Icelanders harness geothermal energy in an environmentally friendly way. Then, 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



Photo: P.B.

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 Tómasdóttir from Bratttholt. It is suspected that Sigríður managed to prevent the harnessing of the waterfall, which had been planned for electricity generating purposes. The last destination on this trip is Þingvellir, where we will review the nation's history. At Þingvellir, 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 Þingvellir. Today, Þingvellir



Photo: E.E.

is a national park, which is meant to remain in public ownership and be protected by Alþingi forever. From Þingvellir we return to Reykjavík over Mosfellsheiði.

EXTRA THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

Distance: 300 km

Duration: 9 - 10 hours



Photo: Fríðheimar.



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This day tour is the same as the Golden Circle tour described before, but in addition there are visits to local farmers. We will visit a dairy farm, which produces milk for domestic markets. After, we will visit a modern horse farmer, who also runs a greenhouse that is heated up with natural hot water from a nearby well. The farmer will take us to the horses and serve guests liqueur in tomatoes. 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.



Photo: Hrosshugi.

EVENING TOURS

We can offer short distance, 4 - 6 hours evening tours.

1. Drive by the south coast and visit small towns, Eyrarbakki and Stokkseyri. From there to the National Park at Þingvellir and then back to Reykjavík.
2. A quick Golden Circle tour.
3. Go to the Hengill area, a volcano where we can see boiling mud pots and craters from old eruptions. In this tour you can hike and bathe in a hot natural pool and then drive to the National Park at Þingvellir.

Or take you wherever you want your ideas and interests to carry you!

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THE SOUTH COAST

Distance: 350 km
Duration: 9 - 10 hours



Photo: E.E.

A popular day tour in Iceland, which offers a magnificent and diverse experience of Icelandic nature, is the South Coast tour. The black sand beaches, the ocean and the coastline, the glaciers, the birdlife and the nation's history are just examples of what you will experience during



Photo: P.B.

this tour. We begin the day by driving to Hellisheiði 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 there we drive towards east and

throughout the historical area Rangárvallasýsla, the setting of the medieval saga Njálssaga. We will stop at Hvalsvellur for a while and then drive to Seljalandsfoss, a beautiful, high waterfall we can walk behind. From there we continue the trip to Skógar, where there is another big waterfall, Skógafoss, and there we will also visit the Museum of transport and an old historical museum, where we will have



Photo: R.H.



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the possibility to see traditional sod farmhouses and other reconstructed buildings. There is also a museum shop and a café. We drive to Dyrhólaey, a promontory reaching out into the ocean, displaying magnificent birdlife. From Dyrhólaey we drive to Vík í Mýrdal where we rest for a while. At Vík í Mýrdal we can drive or walk by the coastline and visit a souvenir shop, which specializes in woolen clothes. From there, we return to Reykjavík via the same route.



Photo: P.B.



Photo: p.T.

Þórsmörk is, from a natural perspective, one of Iceland's highlights, and therefore a very popular hiking area. It's not easy to get there due to hardly existing roads and unbridged rivers. Therefore, a four wheel drive vehicle is an absolute necessity. We begin the day by driving



to Hellisheiði 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 there, we drive towards east throughout

the historical area Rangárvallasýsla, where the medieval saga Nálssaga took place. We will stop at Hvolsvöllur for a while and then drive to Seljalandsfoss, a beautiful, high waterfall we can walk behind. From there, we will be driving over



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small rivers and creeks towards our next destination, which is the glacier lagoon at Gígjökull. When we arrive at Þórsmörk we can hike through the diverse landscape at the glacier's roots. From Þórsmörk we head back the

same road and stop at Stakkholtsgjá for a short while. This is an exciting and unforgettable day tour, bringing you good memories of Iceland's nature.

Iceland Tourist Guide Association

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STARTS 20TH OF JUNE

LANDMANNALAUGAR

Distance: 350 km

Duration: 10 - 11 hours



Photo: P.T.

This pearl of the interior is situated in a valley between colorful mountains at the dark edge of the rhyolite lava field Laugahraun. Many hot and cold springs create a warm bathing brook, in the middle of this spectacular setting. We begin driving to Hellisheiði Power Plant. There we will



Photo: R.H.

obtain information about the geology of Iceland and how Icelanders harness geothermal energy in an environmentally friendly way. From there, we drive east to the rock ledge Gaukshöfði. There, we have a good view towards

the active volcano Mt. Hekla and also over the valley Þjórsárdalur which once became deserted following one of Hekla's eruptions. From there we drive to the waterfall Hjálp. Our next destination is Þjóðveldisbær, a farm museum reconstructed according to the



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medieval farm Stöng, which is located a little further up in the valley Þjórsárdalur. From there, we drive up to the highland towards Ljótípollur, a crater formed in a 15th century eruption. As we will be ready at this point for

bathing in a hot natural pool or wanting to go hiking, which ever you feel like doing, we now drive to Landmannalaugar. Once we feel energized enough to move on, we drive down Dómadalur, a luscious valley just north of the volcano Hekla, and back to Reykjavik. This is a long day tour where you can expect to see colorful and unusual landscapes. The road to Landmannalaugar is only open during the summer months.



Photo: R.H.

STARTS 1ST OF JULY

VESTMANNAEYJAR

Distance: 270 km
Duration: 10 - 11 hours



Photo: E.E.

South Iceland's new harbour creates new possibilities for travelers. A day tour from Reykjavik to Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Islands) includes a boat trip around the islands. We begin the day by driving to Hellisheiði Power Plant.



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From there, we drive to the harbour at Bakki and take the ferry Herjólfur to Vestmannaeyjar. At the islands, we observe the new mountain Eldfell, that formed in an eruption in 1973, the buzzing birdlife, and the busy fishermen's life at the harbour.



Photo: E.E.

We will have a look at the Scandinavian Church at Skansinn and small shops located at the main island centre that sell handmade souvenirs. We can take a walk along Iceland's most recent lava field, which is located high above the street level. There are also signposts indicating the former locations of buildings that used to be and to aid your imagination. After this, we will sail around the island Heimaey, a roundtrip which takes about 90 minutes. Accompanying us is a local guide who might be up for playing the trumpet or saxophone inside one of the caves. You will be able to observe the birdlife up close and personal and if we are lucky, we might see whales playing a variety of games. At last, we will take the ferry back to the harbour in South Iceland and drive the same route back to Reykjavik.



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SOUTH COAST TRAVEL



Iceland South Coast Travel is a young family company specialized in organizing guided day tours in South Iceland on four wheel drive vehicles. 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. In this brochure we give you an idea of tours in South Iceland but we can take you wherever you want your ideas and interests to carry you! The most popular day tours in Iceland are the Golden circle and the South coast but if you would like to visit the highland we recommend Landmannalaugar. A new and exciting tour is available in July when the ferry Herjólfur begins sailing from the harbour at Bakki to the Westman Islands. Additionally to the Golden circle tour is the possibility to visit genuine Icelandic farmers.

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