

# PRIVATE GUIDED FOUR WHEEL DRIVE DAY TOURS

## THE GOLDEN CIRCLE + HORSE RIDE AT ELDHESTAR

### - FROM REYKJAVÍK

- Pick up at your hotel.
- Driving distance ca. 300 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 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 Power Plant we drive to the horse farm Eldhestar where we will join a ride of 1 1/2 - 2 hours on Icelandic horses. 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 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 Brattholt. 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 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. This is an exciting day tour for adults and children where you can learn about the Icelandic horses and the horsefarming in Iceland.



Horse ride at Eldhestar. Photo: Eldhestar.



At Eldhestar. Photo: Almar Sigurðsson.



The Golden Falls. Photo: Páll Bjarnason.



Geysir at Haukadalur. Photo: Páll Bjarnason.



Þingvellir. Photo: Einar Eliasson.

### The tour setup and schedule:

- 09:00 From Reykjavík.
- 09:20 Arrival at Hellisheiði Power Plant.
- 10:00 Departure from Hellisheiði Power Plant.
- 10:15 Arrival at Eldhestar for horse ride.
- 12:00 Departure from Eldhestar.
- 12:45 Arrival at Skálholt.
- 13:15 Departure to Geysir.
- 13:30 Arrival at Geysir, lunch.
- 14:50 Departure from Geysir.
- 15:05 Arrival at The Golden Falls.
- 15:50 Departure from The Golden Falls.
- 16:50 Arrival at Þingvellir.
- 17:50 Departure from Þingvellir.
- 18:20 Arrival at Reykjavík.

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

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.



Prices the Golden Circle + horse ride from Reykjavík:

- 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.