

# JEEP DAY TOURS WITH LOCAL GUIDES

## The Golden Circle

*Season:* All year round

*Days of week:* Every day up on request

*Departure:* 9:00am

*Duration:* 8 to 10 hours

*What to bring:* Clothes and shoes according to weather

*Pick up service:* Free pick-up service from your hotel in the capital area and in South Iceland.

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 Skálholt where the first bishop, Isleifur Gissurarson, was ordained in 1056.



This route may vary according to your stay.

Skálholt was the bishopric of South Iceland and a cultural and educational centre for 700 years. From Skálholt we drive to the waterfall Faxi and then 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 Brattahlíð. 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 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. From Thingvellir we go to the eruption crater Kerid. The crater Kerid was formed about 6,500 years ago and lies at the northern end of a row of craters known as Tjarnarhólar. It is oval, about 270 m long, 170 m wide and 55 m deep: the depth of the water at the bottom varies between 7 and 14 m. From there we return back to your hotel.

### The highlights of the tour:

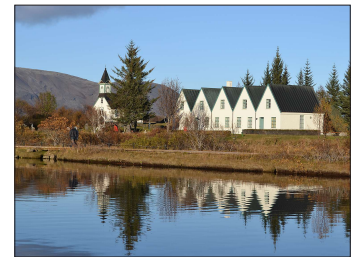
- Skálholt church.
- Faxi waterfall.
- Thingvellir National Park.  
The fissure between continents.  
The viking parliament.
- The Geothermal area at Haukadalur.  
The Great Geysir.  
Strokkur, erupting every 5 - 10 min.
- Gullfoss waterfall.
- Kerid eruption crater.



The Golden Falls.



Skálholt church.



Thingvellir National Park.



Strokkur at Haukadalur.



Kerid eruption crater.



Faxi water fall.



The Golden Falls.



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.