

# JEEP DAY TOURS WITH LOCAL GUIDES

## THE SOUTH COAST, THAKGIL

**Season:** During summer, from 1st of June

**Days of week:** Every day up on request

**Departure:** 9:00am

**Duration:** 9 to 11 hours

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

**Pick up service:** Free pick-up service from your hotel in South Iceland.

This is a long day tour where we can combine driving and hiking together. We can hike up to Rjúpnagilsbrúnnir, close to the volcano Katla.



We begin the day by driving to the waterfall Urriðafoss. Urriðafoss is a waterfall located in the river Thjorsa in southwest Iceland and is the watermost waterfall in Iceland. This route may vary according to your stay. From there we drive towards east and throughout the historical area Rangarvallasysla, the setting of the medieval saga Njalssaga. We will drive to Seljalandsfoss, a beautiful, high waterfall we can walk behind. Now we will continue the trip to the eruption visitor centre below the volcano Eyjafjallajökull. The Þorvaldseyri Visitor Centre is divided into two exhibit rooms. From your first step inside, you see clear, colorful graphics and dramatic photos that both explain the volcanic and geologic forces and summarize major volcanic and historical events. This room also has a small souvenir section with a wide variety of local items. We can watch film about the volcano eruption and how the family at Thorvaldseyri coped with it. When the film is not showing, this room is a second exhibit hall, with huge, exciting photos of the eruption on display. The short film portrays the spectacular natural event, and the hectic times and incredible challenges met by the family farm of Thorvaldseyri. It's a dramatic 20-minute film, showing the power of Nature and how the farm "rose from the ashes." The Þorvaldseyri Visitor Centre is only open during summer. From there we continue the trip to Skogar, where there is another big waterfall, Skógafoss. From the waterfall we drive to Vik in Myrdal where we rest for a while. At Vik we can drive or walk by the coastline and visit a souvenir shop, which specializes in woolen clothes. After resting we keep on and turn to north off road nr. 1 and drive to Thakgil. The name can be translated as "the canyon with a roof". As we get there we can hike two or three hours on one of the many walk paths. On the way back to Reykjavik we will visit Reynisfjara beach, a beautiful black sand beach under Reynisfjall mountain where there is a large vaulted cavern called Hálsanefshellir. The cave is not deep, but it's really beautiful surrounded with amazing basalt columns.

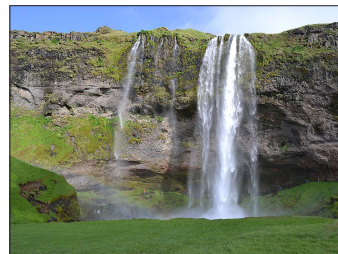
## The highlights of the tour:

- Urriðafoss water fall (not in all tours)
- Skógafoss water fall
- Seljalandsfoss waterfall
- Eyjafjallajökull volcano visitor centre
- Eyjafjallajökull volcano glacier sights
- DC-3 airplane on the black beach
- Thakgil, "the canyon with a roof".
- Reynisfjara black beach

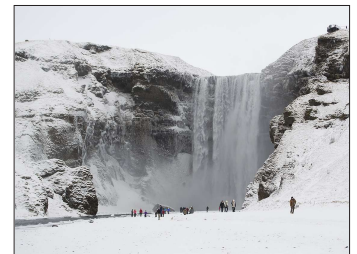
We do not offer this tour from Reykjavik due to long driving.



Rjúpnagilsbrúnnir, close to volcano Katla.



Seljalandsfoss waterfall.



Skógafoss waterfall.



DC-3 airplane on the black beach.



Near Thakgil.



The South Coast black beach.



On the way to Thakgil.



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.