



Reykjavik (Iceland)

ISREY-02 - The Golden Circle

Duration : 9h00

Price: 135 €

This classic excursion encompasses the “Big Three” - **Gullfoss**, **Geysir** and **Thingvellir**. They are collectively known as the Golden Circle, and provide a look at some of the scenic wonders for which Iceland is justly renowned.

On departing the pier, your journey begins with a drive inland to Thingvellir national park, about 48 km (30 miles) from Reykjavik. Your visit to this national park allows you to experience one of the most outstanding sceneries in the country. Thingvellir ranks at the top of Iceland's tourist attractions. In 2004 the site of Thingvellir was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List. The area is surrounded by mountains and encompasses a vast lava plain of green moss and wild flowers. It has been regarded by the Icelanders as a sacred place since the presumed oldest legislative body in History, the Althing, first convened here in 930. Of special note are the Law Speaker's rock and the remains of the turf shelters. These shelters were once used as dwellings during the two-week assemblies of the Althing which were held in the height of summer every other year.

Leaving Thingvellir your tour continues to the Gullfoss waterfall. The “Golden Waterfall” is the most famous of the country's many waterfalls. Here the river Hvita drops 96 feet (30 meters) in two falls, creating an awesome spectacle.

During your next stop at the geyser area, you will be able to see hissing springs and other geothermal phenomena. The active geyser “Strokkur” projects water every few minutes. Here, amongst these scenic surroundings lunch will be served in the Geysir-area. After lunch, and on your way back to the capital, a comfort stop will be made at Hveragerdi. Back in Reykjavik, a short panoramic city tour will be made in the city center before getting back to the pier.

- For this moderate excursion with lunch, we recommend you wear comfortable shoes, a wind and waterproof jacket, a hat and sunglasses and you take a warm pullover. Please be aware that the order of the visits may be reversed.

