

5 Days Golden Circle and the North

Product Details

Brand: Multi-day tours,

In our multiday tours we stay out in the countryside and have the opportunity to enjoy more beautiful sights because we don't spend time driving to Reykjavik in the evening. We carefully pick our hotels, where there is good food and atmosphere. The accommodation, breakfast, and two-course gourmet dinners are included at the hotels. For Northern Lights hunters staying in the countryside away from the light pollution, we often have a good opportunity to see them. On our tours you will get to know everything about the nature, locals, their interesting food, and folklore.

Tour highlights:

Day one—Golden Circle sites

- Driving east and stopping by a great bakery in Hveragerði.
- **Kerið**, an ancient volcanic crater.
- **Gullfoss** is one of Iceland's most iconic tourist attractions.
- Geysir hot spring area, with the erupting geyser **Strokkur**.
- **Þingvellir**, the Fields of Parliament, was founded in 930 AD and is at the boundaries of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates.
- **Þórufoss**: hidden gem waterfall.
- Drive to our hotel in Borgarfjörður for dinner and a good night's sleep.

Day two—Driving north to Akureyri

- **Hraunfossar** and **Barnafoss** waterfalls are not the typical waterfalls you see. The beauty is just stunning!
- **Deildartunguhver**, the largest hot spring in Europe, is the source of hot water for two towns 45 miles away.
- We hike up the **Grábrók** crater for the great view over the area.
- The gorge of the troll Kola, **Kolugljúfur**, with its beautiful waterfall.
- **Þrístapar** is a monument of the last beheading in Iceland.
- We stay and dine in Akureyri or Húsavík if whale watching is selected.

Day three—Mývatn lake

- **Goðafoss** waterfall is one of the pearls of the so-called Silver Circle of the North.
- A one-hour hike in **Jökulsárgljúfur**. The basalt columns and rock formations are stunning!
- **Dettifoss** waterfall is Iceland's largest waterfall by power and was featured in the film Prometheus, a prequel to the Alien movies.
- A half-hour hike around **Leirhnjúkur** in the lava field from 1983 to 1986.
- **Hverir** is a colorful geothermal area with bubbling clay and steam vents.
- **Víti** (Hell) is a crater by the volcano **Krafla** formed in one single blast in 1724.
- The strange lava formations at **Dimmuborgir** are viewed on an hour's hike through the area.
- It is nice to end the day by enjoying **The Nature Baths** by Mývatn.
- We stay and dine in the area.

Day four—Mývatn and The Troll Peninsula

- We start the day by hiking up to the rim of **Hverfell** Crater.
- The pseudocraters **Skútustaðagígar** were formed when the molten lava flowed over a moist or wet area. We enjoy the area and the view for a few minutes.
- We visit the **Christmas** village in Eyjafjörður and the farmers market on our way to **Akureyri** town.
- Have lunch and walk around the town before driving around the **Troll Peninsula**.
- On the Troll Peninsula we visit the towns Dalvík, Ólafsfjörður, and Siglufjörður, driving through some tunnels on the way.
- At Hofsóss we see the basalt columns in **Staðabjargarvík**.
- We stay and dine in Skagafjörður.

Day five—Driving south

- To see how people used to live in Iceland in the past centuries, we visit **Glaumbær**, a turf house complex where people lived until 1946.
- **Borgarvirki** is a fortress, like a castle, built by nature.
- At **Hvítserkur** we see a rock in the ocean that resembles a dinosaur. We often see seals there relaxing on the beach.
- **Glanni** waterfall is our last stop on the way to Reykjavík.
- **Borgarnes** is the town of the famous poet and crazy Viking **Egill Skallagrímsson**. We visit a Viking grave and other historical places.

We are usually back in Reykjavík between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. the evening

Depending on weather and season, we may change the order of places visited. Dettifoss and Víti can sometimes not be visited in winter because of road closures. It is possible to add a day or two to this tour to visit Snæfellsnes and/or Borgarfjörður.

Possible add-ons:

Whale watching from Akureyri or Húsavík.
Horseback riding at Skútustaðir by Mývatn.
Cave exploring at Víðgelmir lava tube cave.



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I booked 2 tours - the South Coast / Golden Circle 3D2N tour and the Akureyri / Myvatn 4D3N tour. The main reason for choosing Season Tours was the positive reviews from everyone (literally everyone!) on tripadvisor. Our guide was Gunnsi. He went over and above what we asked for and was unfailingly optimistic and professional throughout. He was flexible, humourous, very kind and overall looked after us extremely well. He had a broad knowledge of Iceland and was a wonderful story / saga teller. He made us feel very welcome.

If you would consider a tour, this is the company to choose. Thank you for a wonderful experience!

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We usually recommend our guests visit the sites of the Golden Circle because of the diversity in geology and because it has so much history it makes it easier to explain other things we see on our tours. The northern part of Iceland is very different from the south. Often warmer in summer and colder in winter. Here we enjoy beautiful lava structures, hike on volcanic craters, and bathe in the nature baths by Mývatn. Beautiful waterfalls and gorges are on our way along with historical places. The places we stay are perfect for Northern Lights viewing in winter and enjoying the midnight sun in summer.

Depending on the months visited, in snowy months, the road to Dettifoss and Víti may be closed. Not to worry, there are always other places to visit.