

## Itinerary: Golden Circle & Science

This field trip will take us along the “Golden Circle” in the south of Iceland with three primary stops on the route: the Thingvellir National Park (old Viking parliament and the rift dividing the European and North American tectonic plates), the magnificent Gullfoss waterfall, and the geothermally active valley of Haukadalur, which contains the geysers Geysir (after which all geysers are named) and Strokkur (which erupts with 3 to 7 minutes intervals).

**Note:** This trip combines both sightseeing (morning) and science (afternoon). If people find it too long, they may wish to opt for the science part only. We thus provide two bus pick-up times from the hotel (see Package-A and Package-B below). Package-A includes the itinerary of Package-B.

### ***Package-A: Golden Circle and Science Sessions***

**9:15 am** - leave from Arnarhvoll Hotel

**9:15 am – 1:30 pm** – visit the Thingvellir National Park and the magnificent Gullfoss waterfall

**1:30 – 2:30 pm** - lunch at Geysir Hotel with view of the geysers

**2:30 – 3:30 pm** - walk (5 min) to the geysers and hot pools of the Haukadalur area, the home of the great Geysir and the reliable Strokkur

**3:30 pm** - science sessions start (at the Geysir Hotel)

**7:15 pm** - science sessions end, followed by cocktail hour and dinner (at the Geysir Hotel)

**9:00 pm** - bus ride back to Reykjavik, always on the lookout for the aurora

**10:30 pm** - approximate arrival at hotel

### ***Package-B: Geysers and Science Sessions***

**12:00 pm** - leave from Arnarhvoll Hotel and drive directly to the Geysir Hotel

**1:30 – 2:30 pm** - lunch at Geysir Hotel with view of the geysers

**2:30 – 3:30 pm** - walk (5 min) to the geysers and hot pools of the Haukadalur area, the home of the great Geysir and the reliable Strokkur

**3:30 pm** - science sessions start (at the Geysir hotel)

**7:15 pm** - science sessions end, followed by cocktail hour and dinner (at the Geysir hotel)

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