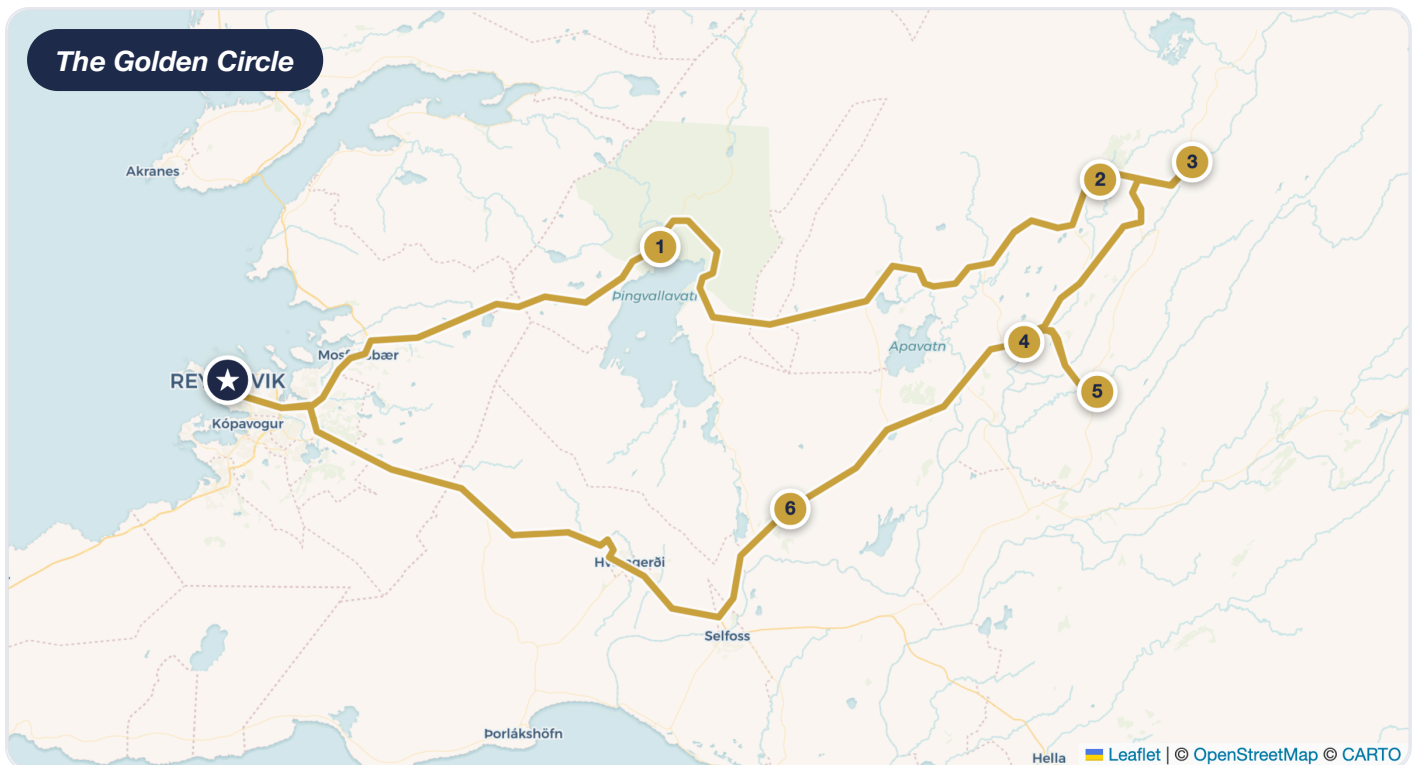




The Golden Circle

Self-drive route map & attractions · Iceland



Route: Reykjavík → Þingvellir → Geysir → Gullfoss → Friðheimar → Secret Lagoon → Kerið → Reykjavík · about **265 km** / a full day.

Main Attractions

- ★ **Reykjavík** — Iceland's capital — the start and end of the loop and your tour pickup point.
- 1 **Þingvellir National Park** — UNESCO rift valley between two continents; site of the ancient parliament.
- 2 **Geysir Geothermal Area** — Steaming springs where Strokkur erupts every few minutes.
- 3 **Gullfoss Waterfall** — The thundering two-tier “Golden Falls” that name the route.

Detour Attractions & Geothermal Baths

- 1 **Kerið Crater** — Vivid red volcanic crater with an aquamarine lake.
- 2 **Secret Lagoon** 🌋 **geothermal bath** — Iceland's oldest natural hot-spring pool, in Flúðir.
- 3 **Laugarvatn Fontana** 🌋 **geothermal bath** — Lakeside geothermal spa & hot-spring rye bread.
- 4 **Friðheimar** — Greenhouse restaurant — lunch among the tomato plants.
- 5 **Faxi (Vatnsleysufoss)** — Wide, gentle waterfall with a salmon ladder.
- 6 **Silfra Fissure** — Snorkel or dive in glacial water between tectonic plates.
- 7 **Skálholt Cathedral** — One of Iceland's most important historic sites.
- 8 **Brúarfoss** — The famously vivid “bluest” waterfall in Iceland.
- 9 **Öxarárfoss** — Picturesque waterfall inside Þingvellir.
- 10 **Sólheimar Eco-Village** — Pioneering sustainable community & arts centre.
- 11 **Sky Lagoon** 🌋 **geothermal bath** — Modern oceanfront geothermal spa near Reykjavík.
- 12 **Blue Lagoon** 🌋 **geothermal bath** — Iconic milky-blue geothermal spa on the Reykjanes peninsula.

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