



Horses



Countryside Riding Adventure

The Real Thing in a short time

Real Beds in a comfy guesthouse
3 Days - lots of time for more Iceland!
...2015

If you are not ready for many long days in the saddle, yet you're an outdoor person with a basic knowledge of riding and good stamina, this tour might be what you are looking for. During three riding days your guide leads you to magnificent sights of Iceland, Geysir Hot Spring area and Gullfoss Waterfall.

Enjoy the view of glaciers in front of you while riding through a lovely birch forest and green meadows with grazing horses. You'll travel at a comfortable pace -- enjoying "Tölt", the special gait of the Icelandic horse as well as walk and trot. On the way to Kjóstaðir Farm you'll visit Thingvellir National Park, a lovely spot full of both historic and geological importance.

You'll be based at Kjóstaðir Farm in south Iceland, the home of hosts Hjalti and Ása. They and their capable staff take very good care of their guests and will find a horse that will suit each rider. Two nights are spent in cozy summer cottages, 2 – 3 rooms in each with shared facilities.

Here's what's in store:

Wednesday night:

Travelers from North America leave for Iceland on an overnight flight with an early morning arrival at Keflavik Airport in Iceland.

Thursday:

You will arrive at Keflavik International Airport and use your voucher to take the Flybus shuttle to the BSI Bus Terminal in Reykjavik, (about a 40 minute ride). You'll have the day to explore Iceland's capital city. An overnight in Reykjavik is included to give you a chance to catch up after your short overnight flight.

Friday:

Reykjavik – Thingvellir – Geysir –
Kjóstaðir Farm

Your outfitter will pick you up after breakfast for a pleasant bus ride, to Kjóstaðir Farm, visiting the historical site Thingvellir on your way. Once at the farm, you'll check into your room, meet your guides and have a relaxing lunch. Your guides will tell you a bit about the Icelandic horse and its special gaits. Then you'll get helmets and rain gear and set off for a ride along pleasant trails of the Bláskógarbyggð district towards Geysir hot spring area. You'll get to know the Icelandic horse and the way of riding in a relaxed atmosphere, through classic Iceland countryside. It's a perfect first day! (15 km)

Saturday:

Tungufljót – Kjarnholt –
Kjóstaðir

More beautiful South Iceland today! You'll start with a ride through a beautiful birch forest at Haukadalur valley and cross small sparkling brooks and enjoy the summer wildflowers and vegetation. Those plants will change as you As you ride up to Haukadalshéiði heath where you'll have a great view of mountains and glaciers in the interior! (20 km)



Level 1 ride - good for new riders, families, those wanting a relaxed ride.

Our Prices include taxes, fuel charges and a number of "extras". Details inside

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Sunday:

Kjóastaðir – Gullfoss – Kjölur Trail – Reykjavík

You'll leave the farm and head off towards the majestic canyon Brúarhlöð where milky, glacier fed water passes through bizarre rock formations. You'll follow the ever deepening canyon to the impressive Golden Waterfall Gullfoss. After having spent some time there you'll saddle up again and follow the famous Kjölur highland trail for a while before you head back to the farm. (25 km). After coffee and refreshments it's time to bid farewell to horses and guides and you'll head back to Reykjavík, arriving there about 7 PM. You'll be dropped at your hotel for a last night.

Monday:

Farewell Iceland

If you fly out today you'll have the morning to explore Reykjavik and then leave for the international airport at Keflavik on the shuttle bus in the early afternoon.

Travel Dates

The Countryside Riding Adventure tour runs 4 times during the summer of 2015. Below are travel dates--and it's easy to add a couple days on either end, if you want to see a bit more Iceland. Your arrival day in Iceland is always a transfer day, which allows you to rest from the short night of sleep on the flight, before you start riding on the second day.

Wed, June 24 to Mon, June 29

Wed, July 8 to Mon, July 13

Wed, July 22 to Mon, July 27

Wed, Aug 19 to Mon, Aug 24

*Price

The price for the Countryside Riding Adventure is **\$2883** per person, double occupancy (pp/do), **\$3103** single.

We can arrange your travel dates to give you any extra time you might want, either before or after a riding tour, so that you can explore Iceland. We can even extend your trip to mainland Europe easily and inexpensively. At Horses North, we've traveled all over Iceland, and can advise and book everything you will need to see more of this spectacular island.

Finer Print: The price includes

international airfare from the US east coast*, airport transfers and any pre and post ride accommodations needed. The ride itself includes all transfers while in Iceland, made up beds in guest and farmhouses with shared facilities, all meals, tack and equipment while on the ride, and a pre and post tour night in a hotel in Reykjavik, with private bath, tv, internet connection, and breakfast on departure day.

***Flights Price includes** round trip airfare, including fuel surcharge and US departure taxes to Iceland, from Icelandair's east coast gateways - Boston, New York, Newark and Washington Dulles International. We can also book flights from Icelandair's other gateways: Minneapolis, Denver, Seattle, Portland, Anchorage, Toronto Edmonton, and Halifax, which may add to the price. Not all gateways have daily departures but we can arrange additional nights accommodations before or after your tour.

***Not included** are Travel Insurance, meals on the day of arrival in Iceland, dinner on the last riding day after you're returned to Reykjavik, lunch and dinner the day of departure and the cost of any extra and additional travels.

Finest print. Please note that our tour prices are subject to revision until you book your tour by making a deposit. The prices listed on print material may not be the latest available price.

Our contract rates for air aren't always available as we get close to travel dates. While we make every effort to keep prices on our webpages and their PDFs up to the minute, things can change quickly. We welcome phone calls or email about prices and any other details.

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