



## Power of Creation

*Fjallabak and Lakagigar Craters - ride through spectacular landscapes as volcanic aftermath!*

**Experience the many ways nature has shaped the land  
5 Days of riding in the Fjallabak  
Glaciers, desert sands. Lakagigar craters  
...2015**

This fascinating tour features the varied nature of Iceland, geological highlights with great riding tracks that please riders and horses alike. Riding alongside Markarfljót River and through ash from Mt. Hekla you'll be close to Mýrdalsjökull Glacier. While crossing the sand desert Mælifellssandur, you'll be surrounded by the dramatic beauty created by the devastating Lakagigar eruption in 1783, thought to be the deadliest eruption in modern times! Whether you join this tour from west to east or east to west, riding through the amazing Fjallabak landscape is an unforgettable experience

**This is the West to East itinerary - the East to West ride is reversed**

### **Sunday**

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

### **Monday:**

#### **Welcome to Iceland**

Riders will arrive at Keflavik International Airport and then take the Flybus shuttle to your hotel in Reykjavik. There's a bit of free time before heading to the outfitters riding center later afternoon to meet the other riders, get some details about the ride and have a light supper.

### **Tuesday:**

#### **Reykjavik – Geysir – Gullfoss – Eyvindarmúli – Einhyrningur**

You'll have an **08:00 am departure from your hotel and should be ready to ride**. You'll visit the Geysir hot spring area and Gullfoss double waterfall on the way to Eyvindarmúli Farm in the historical Fljótshlíð area. Here you'll meet horses and guides, get helmets and rain gear, and set out

alongside the Markarfljót River. The highland mountains greet you with great view of Eyjafjallajökull Glacier and Thórsmörk Nature Park. You'll spend the night at the Einhyrningur Mountain Cabin (25 km)

### **Wednesday:**

#### **Einhyrningur – Emstrur Mountain Cabin**

You'll ride on a bridge across the mighty Markarfljót River and through the scenic Emstrur area. The horses are happy for the lovely grazing to be found at the Emstrur Mountain Cabin where you will spend the night. The herd is left there to munch, while riders get to explore the area on individual horses. There's the beautiful Botnar valley with its cave that was used in earlier times as a shelter for farmers when gathering the sheep. Surrounded by beautiful landscape, you can stop to do your own gazing, and enjoy the great view of Mýrdalsjökull Glacier and the notorious Katla crater, before heading back to the cabin for overnight. (30 km)

### **Thursday:**

#### **Emstrur – Glacier Mýrdalsjökull – Lambaskarðshólar**

You'll follow the Fjallabak Trail across Mælifellssandur, a black sand desert north of Mýrdalsjökull Glacier. Through Áltavatnskrökur grazing area and past Lake Áltavatn you'll cross several small glacial rivers the way to the Lambaskarðshólar. This longest riding day features an ever changing landscape. The day's ride ends close to River Skaftá at the Lambaskarðshólar cabin. The hot showers will feel heavenly! (55 km)

### **Friday:**

#### **Lambaskarðshólar – Skaftárdalur Farm**

The horses rest in the morning while riders enjoy the beautiful nature at Lambaskarðshólar. It is only a short walk to Silfurfoss waterfall, also called "little Gullfoss". After lunch you'll mount up and follow the Skaftá River down to Skaftárdalur Farm and then spend the next two nights in summer houses. This area that was most affected by the Skaftáreldar eruption in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, when lava filled the river canyons, causing the water to cascade on top of the lava field (25 km)

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## Saturday:

Skaftárdalur – Leiðólfsvellir –  
Lakagigar Lavafields - Skaftárdalur

Following the old trails towards Mt. Leiðólfsvellir, high above fertile grassland, you will experience the huge lava fields from the devastating Laki eruption. About 135 craters erupted on a huge fissure which covered the area with lava and the whole country with ashes for about two years. There were climate impacts felt around the world for the gasses released. But now it's quiet drama makes riders feel fortunate to see the resulting landscapes. There is another old trail to be followed back to Skaftárdalur for another night's stay and the farewell dinner. (45 km)

## Sunday:

Skaftárdalur – Reykjavík

You'll leave the remote Fjallabak and return to the Capital area for the last night stay in a Reykjavik hotel, arriving there about 3 PM. It might be a night to enjoy one of Reykjavik's many great restaurants. Even a small city like this may look a bit different after the wilderness you've been taken through by Iceland's horses!!



## Monday :

Home again!.. Or...

For those returning home, the Flybus will take you back to Keflavik Airport. Or you can start further explorations of Iceland - we'll be happy to help plan those travel.

## Travel Dates and Prices

The Power of Creation runs 4 times in 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. For the last night in Iceland we upgrade accommodations to a nice hotel near Reykjavik center..

## Travel Dates for 2015

Leave N America - Return N America

Tues. July 21 - Mon. July 20  
Sun. July 19 - Mon, July 27  
Sun, Aug 9 - Mon, Aug 17  
Sun, Aug 16 - Mon, Aug 24

The price for this tour is **\$3629 p/p, d/o, and \$3814 for a single room on the pre and post ride nights..**

**Finer Print: Price includes** international airfare from the US east coast\*, airport transfers and any pre and post ride accommodations needed. The ride itself includes 8 days/ 7 nights and 5 riding days, helmet, rain gear and transfers to and from the ride sight in the north.

**Accommodations and meals:** during the ride you'll stay in farm houses, mountain huts and summer houses, with shared baths. The outfitter provides a sleeping bag and sheet, and a good mattress to put them in. Nights before and after the ride you'll be in a hotel in Reykjavik with private bath and breakfast. Meals will be traditionally Icelandic - with a breakfast buffet, packed lunch on the trail and a hearty home cooked dinner featuring fish and lamb.

**\*Flights 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 pre-and post-tour days and any additional expenses or travel you may choose.

**Finest print.** Please note that our tour prices are subject to revision until you book your tour by making a deposit.

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