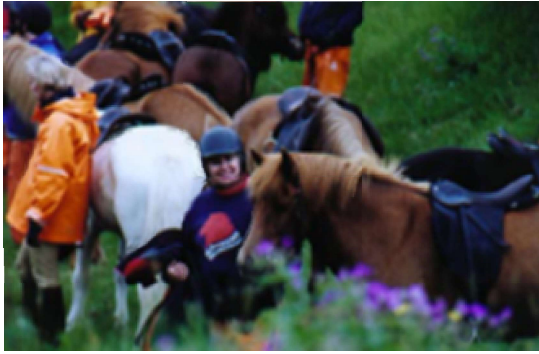




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# Thórsmörk Riding Tour

*Amazing variety on a short tour -  
glaciers, woods, canyons, rivers*

**Riding with the Herd**  
**5 Day tour, 4 riding days**  
...2018

*The broad valleys, steep canyons and raging rivers of Thórsmörk are marvelous places to enjoy the Icelandic horse in Iceland's nature. Always a popular with Horses North it takes riders through one of the loveliest spots in a beautiful country - a large wooded valley dedicated to the God Thor since ancient times. Worth a visit by anyone traveling to Iceland, it's particularly fascinating to ride into this area on horseback. This tour is unusual in that it is a short tour that brings along a herd of loose horses as remounts.*

### Day 0:

#### Iceland here we come!

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

### Day 1:

#### Welcome to Iceland!

Riders will arrive at Keflavik International Airport and then take the Flybus shuttle to the BSI bus terminal in Reykjavik. You can check your bags, grab some breakfast, and then set out explore a bit of Iceland's capital city. Around 5:30 PM, the outfitter will pick you up at the BSI bus terminal, and take you to their farm, about an hour outside the capital. The tour group meets over dinner and is given details of the tour ahead. Horses North clients are upgraded to a night in the comfortable Hotel Eldhestar.

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### Day 2:

#### Hveragerði - Torfastadir

After breakfast, riders are taken south to the outfitters farm, Torfastadir in Fljotshlid to meet the horses and begin riding. The first day's ride goes to the delta of the Markarfljót river, (where seals are often seen) riding on the old river banks to the Dimon cleft, which is well known to Icelanders from the old Njals Saga. You'll end the day's ride after crossing the old bridge over the Markarfljot river. Spending the night at Stóru-Mörk / Ásgarður, with showers and shared bathrooms. 22-25 km, 4 hours

### Day 3:

#### Stora-Mork - Thórsmörk

You'll travel by car, passing the beautiful Seljalandsfoss, with a short stop there. The ride starts from Stóra-Mörk farm, heading towards Þórsmörk. You'll follow the Markarfljót river, known from the Saga of Burning Njál, going under the sides of Eyjafjallajökull Glacier and its now well known volcano, and continue crossing some small rivers, riding along the Krossa glacial torrent. You reach Thórsmörk, a wild and beautiful valley

that was dedicated to the old god Thór. Three glaciers surround the valley, Eyjafjallajökull, Tindfjallajökull and Mýrdalsjökull. On the way you'll visit an Elfins Church before continuing to Básar where you spend the night in a mountain hut. In the evening you'll enjoy unforgettable scenery, the broad birch wood valley, plenty of canyons, caves and powerful waterfalls. 25 km, 6-7 hrs

### Day 4:

#### Thórsmörk - Stora-Mork

The day begins with a visit of the "Elves Church", a distinctive volcanic formation, followed by a visit to the enormous canyon Stakkholtsgjá, an unforgettable experience. You follow the riding trail of the day before out of the valley, ride over the green heathlands Hamragarðaheiði and then back to the path again through the valley of the river Markarfljót until wings reach the farm Stóra-Mörk / Ásgarður, where you'll stay overnight. 30 km, 6 hours, 6 hrs



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## Day 5:

### Rauðaskirður – Torfastaðir

The last day you'll ride over the fine trails in the Markarfljots area, following an old road that makes it possible to see the beautiful area of the Fljotshlid hills. On the way back you'll pass Hlíðarendi farm where one of the most well known vikings in Iceland, Gunnar á Hlíðarendi, lived and ended his life

At about 3 pm, you'll be driven back to Eldhestar and after a short stop, continue on to Reykjavik, where you'll be dropped at your hotel. Often riders all go out to one of Reykjavik's many good restaurants for a last dinner together, (but it's not included in the price!). 25 km 5 hrs

## Day 6:

### Home again!

You can continue exploring Iceland or, if your trip is over you can take the Flybus shuttle out to the airport later in the day. (You could take a bus that will give you a few hours visit to the Blue Lagoon on the trip to the airport).

**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 5 nights accommodations, with all meals, 4 days of riding, helmet, and rain gear. First and last nights (back in Reykjavik after the ride) are in double rooms with private bath, others are in farm guesthouses and cottages, in sleeping bags on good mattresses, with shared facilities.

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Riders in Thórmörk

## Price

price per person

**\$3326** DBL

**\$3559** SNG

## Dates:

The Thórmörk Riding Tour runs 6 times in 2018. 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 first 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.

## Travel Dates

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Sat May 26	Fri June 1
Mon June 4	Sun Jun 10
Sat June 23	Fri June 29
Sat July 7	Fri July 13
Sat July 14	Fri July 20
Mon Aug 13	Sun Aug 19

**Meals** on riding tours will be family style with lots of typical Icelandic cuisine which features fish, dairy products, lamb, and potatoes. Vegetarians can be accommodated with advance notice. We'll send you a gear list that provides tips for packing, as well as info on converting money and electricity, weather advice (no guarantees, though) and other useful stuff.

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**\*Flights Price includes** round trip airfare, including fuel surcharge and US departure taxes to Iceland, from Icelandair's east coast gateways - BOS, JFK, Newark, PHL Washington Dulles and Orlando. We can also book flights from Icelandair's other gateways, 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, dinner on your last night back in Reykjavik, lunch on your arrival and departure day, and any additional travel or services needed.

**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.

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