



## Horses



## North

# The Volcano Hekla Riding Tour

*Around the Glaciers  
through lava shaped lands*

Ride with the Herd  
Cottages and summer houses  
5 days riding  
...2018

*Ride with a herd of Icelandic horses between the volcano Hekla and Tindafjallajökull Glacier. This area is known for its nice, soft riding paths and very unusual and beautiful nature. The sandy, grass-covered trails show you some of the lava formations from Hekla's numerous eruptions through the centuries. Iceland's settlers have made many valiant attempts to live in this area shaped by glaciers and volcanos -- you'll visit the farm Keldur, one of the oldest and perhaps related to the action in Njál's saga. Between Hekla, and the old sagas, you'll experience some of the powerful natural and cultural forces that have shaped Iceland - there's no better way to take this all in than in the traditional way -- on the back of an Icelandic horse!*

### Day 0:

#### Leave the US

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

On arrival at Keflavik Airport in Iceland you'll collect your bags and get on the Flybus shuttle into Reykjavik, and on to your hotel). You'll have the day to explore Iceland's capital city - we'll provide some ideas. Late afternoon you'll meet up with the folks from Eldhestar who will take you to their farm Vellir in Hveragerði. The first evening all the riders have dinner together and Eldhestar provides details about the next few days. Horses North clients stay in the Hotel Eldhestar.

### Day 2:

#### Vellir - Hrólfsstaðahellir

You'll get to know the horses in the morning and .after an early lunch you'll take a van to Fellsmúli, a farm in the Landssveit, on the foot of Volcano Hekla. From there we first ride northwards to the farm Leirubakki, and then on nice trails eastwards to the Vestri-Rangá River. The tour continues southward along the river to the farm Hrólfsstaðahellir, to spend the night in a cottage and have the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing bath in a hot tub. 23 km, 4 hrs.

### Day 3:

#### Hrólfsstaðahelli – Foss

Start your morning by crossing the river Vestri-Rangá and over the moss-covered lava field Botnahraun, created several hundreds of years ago in one of

Hekla's many eruptions. There's an ancient riding path over the lava fields and grasslands, leading to Axarhraun, another vast lava field, and then you'll reach the mountain hut Foss. It's just south of the volcano Hekla well-known from the great Saga of Njáll. 35 km, 7 hrs.

### Day 4:

#### Foss - Foss

Much of the herd will get to spend the day at Foss as you ride with the best tölter to experience the beautiful scenic valleys and special cleft in the area.. From the farm Foss ride on nice, soft trails mainly through grassland towards an impressive cave, and past the abandoned farms Þorleifsstaði and Reynistaði on the way back to Foss for a relaxing lunch break. In the afternoon you'll follow a scenic path in the very special area next to the volcanic mountain Hafrafell. The night is spent at Foss. 20 km, 5 hrs.



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## Day 5:

### Foss - Rjúpnaveilir

You'll get to experience the lava field Axarhraun again as you explore the area west of the volcano Hekla, and spend the lunch break in a beautiful area next to the farm Kot. Afterwards you'll ride past the Farms of Hekla which are closest to the volcano. The area is covered with soft black lava sand with a nice view of the vast landscape and mountains, until reaching the mighty river Vestri-Rangá. The night is spent at the cottage Rjúpnaveilir, very close to Hekla. In this area the landscape is imprinted by natural forces such as wind and volcanic eruptions. 40 km, 8 hrs.

## Day 6:

### Rjúpnaveilir - Þjófafoss - Fellsmúli

Ride on towards the glacial river Þjórsá where you can see the Waterfall of the Thieves, Þjófafoss. The soft sandy trails take you through a low birch forest to the old farm Skarfan. The horses know that they are on their way home so there's no problem moving right along. Soon you'll be back at Fellsmúli where refreshments await. In the afternoon you will be driven back to Reykjavík, where the group may choose to spend the evening together. You'll have a last night in a comfortable hotel room (an upgrade for Horses North clients). Often riders all go out for dinner together, but it's not included in the price. 45 km, 7 hrs.

## Day 7:

### Farewell to Iceland

You'll have a long morning to relax, explore Iceland's capital city, visit geothermal swimming pools, cafes, museums and shops, before taking the Flybus shuttle to Keflavik Airport in time for your flight back home.

### Travel dates 2018:

**The Hekla Deluxe tour runs twice once during the summer of 2018**

Below are travel dates. 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.

**Lv N Amer - Return N Amer**

**Thu June 14 -Thu June 21**

**Tues July 10 -Tue July 17**

In 2018 the fully inclusive price for the 8 day Hekla Deluxe tour is **\$3787** per person/double occupancy. (pp/do), and **\$3973** for a single room for pre and post ride nights..

**Finer Print: Price includes** round trip airfare from the \*US east coast, airport transfers, 7 nights accommodations, 6 days of riding, most meals, riding helmet and rain gear. Pre and post ride nights are in double rooms with private bath, others are in mountain huts and cabins, most w/hot tubs or natural warm water showers, in sleeping bags on good mattresses, with shared facilities. While not fancy, the accommodations are warm, and clean in a lovely location.

**\*Flights: Price includes** round trip airfare, including fuel surcharge and US departure taxes, 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 flights, 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, lunches on your pre and post ride days and any additional expenses or travel you may choose.

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