

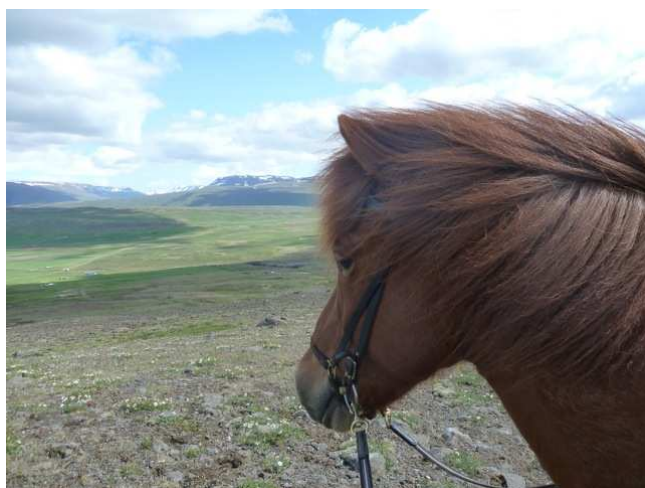
Home at Hestasport, self-catering - Iceland

Location

If you prefer not to be moving on each night but would still like to experience the Icelandic horses, Hestasport also offer a centre based ride. You stay in a private cottage or house and enjoy riding out from the centre each day. You will also have time to explore the local area and take part in other activities.

Itinerary

Depending on your time of arrival, there should be time to settle into your cottage before an afternoon ride.



Your second day at Hestasport usually begins with a three hour ride in the morning followed by an afternoon of activities in the local area, which your guides are happy to assist you with. Skagafjörður is an historically famous and beautiful area of Iceland. The area caters for all interests, and activities available include river rafting, golf, hiking trails, fishing and a collection of small museums. The district of Skagafjörður is especially well known for its horsemanship across Iceland and the rest of the world.



The following riding days are planned as full day rides, often leading your spare horse. However, if you don't feel comfortable leading a second horse then alternative arrangements can be made.



The daily rides will be between five and ten kilometers, with your own picnic lunch packed in your saddle bag. You should be fit enough to spend between one and five hours in the saddle a day, but the rides can be adjusted to suit your ability and skill.

On some days, the ride may be split into two shorter rides in the morning and afternoon.



The rides from Hestasport will take you through green meadows, tölting on smooth riding trails and across numerous rivers in the river delta Héradsvötn. You will ride past the beautiful waterfall Reykjafoss and admire panoramic mountain views of Skagafjörður.



After your last ride it is time to say goodbye to your horses and guides before returning to your cottage for one more dip in the hot tub.



Accommodation

Hestasport Cottages

Hestasport's comfortable cottages are about 1km from Varmahlíð. Two people booking will have a cottage to themselves. Single cottages may be available at a supplement. Each cottage has a kitchen and bathroom with shower. The beds are "made-up" and towels are provided. There is a hot tub right outside the front door!



These stays are on a self-catering basis. There is a shop in Varmahlíð, although you may wish to bring some of the essentials (coffee, tea, cereal) with you. You may also wish to treat yourself to a meal or two at the Varmahlíð Hotel, which is within easy walking distance. The stables are about 8km away and, if you do not have your own car, your guide will transfer you each day.



Háabrekka Country House

Háabrekka Country House is situated 12km from Varmahlíð at the base of Mælifellshnjúkur mountain. The stables are 6km away.



It features two bedrooms, a large living room and lounge area, spacious kitchen and bathroom.



Outside there is a terrace with seating area, barbecue and a natural stone hot tub. The house can accommodate up to six guests.



These stays are on a self-catering basis. There is a shop in Varmahlíð, although you may wish to bring some of the essentials (coffee, tea, cereal) with you. The nearest restaurant is about 2km away. You will need a hire car when staying at Háabrekka Country House.