

Geysir - Gullfoss Special, Iceland

Itinerary

Saturday

You are transferred to Réttarholt Guesthouse, to meet the horses and your guides. Settle into your room and then an introductory meal with your fellow riders.

Sunday

Please note that the following itinerary may be subject to change due to local conditions.

After an introduction to the Icelandic horse and its special gaits, start your ride along pleasant trails with views of deep green mountains and valleys and the mighty glacial river Thjórsá. Leave the horses at Sandlækjarmýri field and drive to Réttarholt Guesthouse where you can relax in the outdoor hot tub before a hearty dinner. (c.15 km)



Monday

Leave Réttarholt and return to the horses. From Sandlækjarmýri field you head off to the fertile farmlands of neighbouring community Hrunamannahreppur. Your spare horses are driven ahead of you in a free running herd, allowing you to change horses regularly and travel at a brisk pace.

Cross the salmon river Stóra-Laxá and stop for lunch at Hrunaréttir, a corral for the annual sheep round-up in the autumn. Continue riding to Hvítárdalur Farm where you spend the next three nights. (c.30 km)



Tuesday

Today's ride takes you on soft trails towards the majestic canyon Brúarhlöð where milky green water passes through bizarre rock formations. Alongside Hvítá River you follow the ever deepening canyon to Gullfoss waterfall, before continuing to Geysir hot spring area. (c.20 km)



Wednesday

Ride through Haukadalur valley with its beautiful birch forest. Cross clear little streams on the way and enjoy the rich vegetation of wild mountain flowers that bloom during high summer. While you ascend to a highland plateau you will notice the changes in nature as you reach higher ground. A breathtaking view of the mountain ranges and glaciers of the highland around awaits you when you reach the top of Haukadalsheiði. (c.15 km)

The rest of the day is spent in the Geysir area and there is plenty of time to explore.

There is also the option today to join a snowmobiling trip on the white ice field of Langjökull glacier. Two people share a snowmobile during the one hour drive. Please note that a valid driving licence is necessary in order to drive a snowmobile. This excursion is payable locally by cash only (ISK26,200 per person).



Thursday

After breakfast, say goodbye to your guides and riding companions who are continuing on the longer tour.



Accommodation

You stay in two different farmhouse accommodations in two and four bed rooms, with made up beds. Bathrooms are shared. Single rooms (with shared facilities) may be available on certain dates at a supplement.

A support vehicle goes ahead carrying personal gear.

Réttarholt Guesthouse is located on the edge of the highlands in the small village of Árnes. There are five rooms comprising of a total 24 beds. The guesthouse has four toilets and three showers (which are in a separate building). There is no Wifi available.



Close to the river Hvítá, **Hvítárdalur Farm** is on two floors with good views over the farm and the herd of horses.



There are 24 beds in twin or four person rooms, two toilets and two showers.



WiFi is available.