

October Horse Round Up (1) – Iceland

2nd to 6th October 2019

Itinerary

Wednesday

Please note that the following itinerary may be subject to change due to local conditions. In exceptional circumstances the itinerary could change to a Sheep Round Up. If this is the case, we will endeavour to inform you in advance.



Transfer to the north of Iceland and meet your guides and horses at Hvammur Farm. The ride starts through the beautiful Vatnsdalur valley, the setting of the Vatnsdæla-Saga. Follow the banks of River Vatnsdalsá before crossing over to the western side of the valley and Sveinsstaðir Farm. Return to Hvammur Farm for the night. (c. 25 km)



Thursday

A long and exciting riding day takes you alongside the Hóp and across the Gljúfurá River, through the countryside of Vestur-Hóp and into the beautiful valley Víðidalur. Follow Víðidalsá River to Dæli Farm where you leave the horses. Return to Hvammur Farm where the outdoor hot tub is waiting, as well as a hearty dinner. (c.40 km)



Friday

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On this long riding day, you ascend towards the highland plateau Víðidalstunguheiði and meet the horses coming down from their pastures in the highlands. Stop for a warm lunch before following the farmers as they drive the herd down from the mountains. Before ending the ride at Dæli Farm, stop at Kolugili Farm for refreshments. Return to Hvamner Farm for the night. (c.32 km 8-9 hours)



Saturday

Today starts at the round up place Víðidalstungurétt, where the horses are sorted out. An auction is held on the spot and you can join the farmers in their singing, celebrating the return of their horses.

In the afternoon return to the horses close to Borgarvirki and ride towards Lake Hóp. Feel the excitement of the horses as they reach the open plain. The trail leads you right across Lake Hóp, Iceland's fifth biggest lake, on a safe track across the water, and past Thingeyrar, a place of great historic importance and into Vatnsdalur valley. It is time to say goodbye to the horses and return to Hvammur Farm. (approx. 30 km)

This evening you may wish to join the local farmers at the "Stóðréttardansleikur" dance at Víðihlíð, where everybody relaxes after the excitement of the day (payable locally).



Sunday

After breakfast, say goodbye to your guides.



Accommodation

Hvammur farm is situated in the beautiful Vatnsdalur Valley which is full of the old Sagas and has the famous salmon fishing river Vatnsdalsá running down the middle.

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The farmhouse was renovated four years ago and has a hot tub in the garden with a view over the river.



The farmhouse accommodation has six rooms (two to four beds per room) sleeping up to 19 guests. There are two showers and two toilets, and an outdoor hot tub.



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