

Round Up – Iceland: 12th to 16th September 2019

Itinerary

Thursday

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 by bus to Hvammur Farm where you meet your horses and guides, visiting a factory specialising in woollen goods on the way. Start your ride in Vatnsdalur valley on the eastern side, past Hvammsfoss waterfall, surrounded by impressive basalt columns. The horses stay close to Stóra - Giljá Farm and you return to Hvammur Farm, home of your host Haukur, for the night. (c.20km)



Friday

After rejoining your horses you start your ride along the shore of Lake Húnavatn, following the salmon fishing river Laxá á Ásum and continue to Blönduós village. Here you cross the glacier fed river Blanda (by bridge) and continue to Björnsólfsstaðir Farm in Langadalur valley. This farm belongs to Haukur's grandfather who is known for his storytelling and warm personality. Return to Hvammur Farm for the night. (c.30km)



Saturday

Today you meet the farmers coming down from the mountains where they have already spent some time gathering the horses from the summer pastures. You will have a great vantage point from which to see hundreds of horses herded down from the highlands to the round up place at Skrapatungurétt. Join in the merriment of the farmers, celebrating this great event of the fall during this long riding day. (c.45km)

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

Sunday

The day starts at the round up place Skrapatungurétt where the horses are sorted out. Experience the excitement and view beautiful horses while joining in this great event. When the horses are sorted you help the farmers to return some of them to their home meadows. Farewell dinner and last night at Hvammur Farm. (c.25km)



Monday

After breakfast, say goodbye to your guides.



Accommodation

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



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

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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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