

# Sheep Round Up - Rangárvallafréttur, Iceland

## Itinerary

### Sunday

Please note that the following itinerary may be subject to change due to local conditions. Unlike some other Round Ups, this is not a 'customized' riding tour. Expect to be treated as one of the crowd, required to fulfil your duty every day and enjoy the camaraderie of all those participating in this great adventure of the fall. There will be some walking on foot involved in this tour.

You transfer to Hungurfit where you meet the horses and guides. Today you round up the horses and drive them to Hvanngil mountain cabin. This is a short riding day which gives you time to get acquainted with the terrain and to learn about the task ahead. Overnight at Hvanngil. (c.4 – 5 hrs)



### Monday

Mælifelssandur, a large area of sand and stones north of Mýrdalsjökull Glacier, is your destination for today. This area is surrounded by mountains and glaciers, mostly barren yet covered with grass here and there. This is what attracts the sheep which graze in this remote area, far away from any human contact. Overnight at Hvanngil. (c.8 – 9 hrs)

### Tuesday

Today you cover the area Kaldaklof between the mountains Einstigsfjall and Brattháls. The area is covered with lava fields, craters and lakes and sheep can be found widely. It is therefore important to keep your place in the human chain to make sure that no sheep stays behind. Another and final night in Hvanngil. (c.8 hrs)



### Wednesday

Leave Hvanngil in the morning, pack your belongings into a transport vehicle and start gathering up the sheep at beautiful Lake Álftavatn. You cover the mountains Faxi and Sáta and stay overnight at Krókur cabin. (c.8 hrs)

### Thursday

This morning you leave Krókur and ride through the area of Sultarfit and Rangárbotnar, through Reiðskarð mountain pass and Laufahraun lavafields. Sheep can be found in sheltered valleys and you make sure that they all return home. Overnight in Hungurfit cabin. (c.9 hrs)

### Friday

Reynifellsbrú is the final destination for the flock today. Here, close by, is the round pen where the sheep will be sorted tomorrow. On your way you search the area in Austurdalur and Lambadalur valleys and alongside Valá River to make sure that no sheep stays behind. The last night is spent at Foss Farm. (c.8 hrs)



### Saturday

This is the final and well celebrated day of the round-up. At noon the sorting of the sheep starts and lasts until each sheep has been returned to its owners. Participate in sorting the sheep, and join in the singing and celebrating after a successful ride into the mountains. Once the sorting is finished it is time to say goodbye to the farmers.

## Accommodation

The sleeping bag accommodation on the Round Up is in basic mountain cabins with the farmers. In many of the cabins, the accommodation is communal, with everyone sleeping in one large room.



Showers may be available on certain nights whilst on some nights there may only be cold water available. Ablutions are shared.

A support vehicle goes ahead carrying your personal gear, cooking equipment and food.