

ICELAND - ROUND UP - HORSE ROUND UP - SKRAPATUNGURÉTT

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Day 1

The meeting point is at Reykjavik BSI central bus station at 09:30 for a transfer by bus to the north. You arrive back to Reykjavik on the last day at about 13:00.

You will need to make your own accommodation arrangements in Reykjavik for the night before the ride.

There is a regular Flybus service (<http://www.re.is/flybus>) between Keflavik airport and Reykjavik BSI central bus station. To allow sufficient time to transfer by Flybus, we recommend your return flight departs Keflavik after 17:00 on the last day.

Depending on the time of your return flight, you may also need accommodation at the end of the ride. Please check with us if you are unsure of the timings.

It may be possible to arrange drop off on the last day for some hotels in Reykjavik, except those in the very centre. For these hotels you will be dropped off at the nearest designated bus stop. You will find a map of the bus stop locations and further information at www.busstop.is.

We start our ride in Vatnsdalur valley. This beautiful valley is the setting of the Vatnsdæla-Saga. We ride on the eastern side of Vatnsdalur valley, past Hvammsfoss waterfall, surrounded by impressive basalt columns. The horses rest close to Stóra – Giljá Farm and we return to Hvammur Farm, home of our host Haukur, for our overnight stay. (Approx. 20 km)



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 has a hot tub in the garden with a view over the river. There are six rooms with 2 - 4 beds in each, two showers and two toilets.



Day 2

After re-joining our horses we start our ride along the shore of Lake Húnavatn, follow the expensive salmon fishing river Laxá á Ásum and continue to Blönduós village.

Here we cross the glacier fed river Blanda on a 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. Overnight stay at Hvammur Farm.



Day 3

We meet up with our horses again at Farm Strjúgsstaðir. Today we meet the farmers coming down from the mountains where they already spent some time gathering the horses in their summer pastures. Hundreds of horses are coming down from the highlands and we participate in herding them to the roundup place Skrapatungurétt. Join in the singing of the farmers, celebrating this great event of the fall during this long riding day.

This evening there is an optional dance if you wish to join (payable locally). "Stóðréttardansleikur" dance at Blönduós, where everybody relaxes after the excitement of the day and celebrates yet another successful roundup.



Day 4

Our day starts at the roundup place Skrapatungurétt where horses are sorted out. Experience the excitement and view beautiful horses while joining in this great event. When the horses are sorted we participate in returning some of them to their meadows at their home farms. Dinner at Hvammur Farm and

time to share our personal experience on this riding adventure with our fellow riders

