

ICELAND - ROUND UP - HORSE ROUND UP - VÍÐIDALSTUNGURÉTT

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Day 1

The meeting point is Reykjavik BSI central bus station at 08:30 for a transfer by bus to the north. You arrive back to Reykjavik city on the last day at about 14:00.

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.

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.

Start the ride through Vatnsdalur valley. This beautiful valley is the setting of the Vatnsdæla-Saga. Ride along the banks of River Vatnsdalsá before crossing over to the western side of the valley. Today ends at Sveinsstaðir Farm and you return to Hvammur Farm for your overnight stay.



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.



Day 2

This long and exciting riding day takes you alongside the Hóp and across the Gljúfurá River. Through the friendly countryside of Vestur-Hóp and into the beautiful valley Víðidalur. Follow Víðidalsá River to Dæli Farm where you will leave the horses before returning to Hvammur farm.



Day 3

Today ascend towards the highland plateau Víðidalstunguheiði and meet the horses coming down from their pastures in the highlands. Enjoy a warm lunch at a mountain shelter before joining the farmers in driving the herd down from the mountains. Today's ride ends at Dæli Farm.



Day 4

The day starts at the roundup place Víðidalstungurétt, where horses are sorted out. An auction is held right on the spot and you can join the farmers in their joyful singing, celebrating the return of their horses. In the afternoon join up with our horses close to Borgarvirki and ride towards Lake Hóp. Feel the excitement of the horses as they reach the open plain.

The trail leads right across Lake Hóp, Iceland's fifth biggest lake, on a safe track across the water. Ride 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.

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



