

ICELAND - ROUND UP - SHEEP ROUND UP - RANGÁRVALLAAFRÉTTUR

ITINERARY

Day 1

The meeting point is at Reykjavik BSI central bus station at 06:00 and you arrive back to Reykjavik city on the last day at about 18:00.

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 22:00 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 for some hotels in Reykjavik, except those in the very centre. You will find a map of the bus stop locations and further information at www.busstop.is.

It is important to be dressed ready to ride this morning as on arrival at Hungurfit, you meet the horses. This day is used to gather up the horses and drive them to Hvanngil Mountain Cabin. This is a short riding day which gives us time to get acquainted with the terrain and to learn about the task which lies ahead (c. 4 - 5 hours).



Overnight Hvanngil Mountain Cabin. A cabin in the mountains.

Day 2

Mælifellssandur a large area of sand and stones north of Mýrdalsjökull Glacier, is our 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 who seek into this remote area far away from any human contact (8 - 9 hours).



Overnight Hvanngil Mountain Cabin.

Day 3

Today we cover the area Kaldaklof between the mountains Einstigsfjall and Brattháls. Even though not too far apart the area is covered with lava fields, craters and lakes and sheep can be found widely. Therefore it is 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 hours).



Overnight Hvanngil Mountain Cabin.

Day 4

We leave Hvanngil in the morning, pack our belongings into a transport vehicle and start gathering up the sheep at beautiful Lake Álftavatn and surroundings. We cover the mountains Faxi and Sáta and stay overnight at Krókur Cabin (c. 8 hours)



Day 5

We leave Krókur and ride through the area of Sultarfit and Rangárbotnar, through Reiðskarð Mountainpass and Laufahraun Lavafields.

Sheep can be found in sheltered valleys and we make sure that they all return home. Overnight in Hungurfit Cabin. (c. 9 hours).



Day 6

Reynifellsbrú is the final destination for our flock today. Here close by is the round pen where the sheep will be sorted tomorrow. On our way we search the area in Austurdalur and Lambadalur Valleys and alongside Valá River to make sure that no sheep stays behind. We spend our last night at Foss Farm (c. 8 hours).



Day 7

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, pass the flask around and join in the singing and celebrating after a successful ride into the mountains.

Once the sorting is finished in the afternoon we drive back to Reykjavík BSÍ.

