ICELAND - HIGHLAND TRAILS - WINTER RIDING AND NORTHERN LIGHTS

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Day 1

Return transfers are included from Reykjavik BSI central bus station at 18:00 on the first day of the ride, dropping off in Reykjavik city on the last day at about 18:00.

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 flights, you may need to make your own accommodation arrangements in Reykjavik for the nights before and after 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.

Arrive in time for a light supper where you meet your hosts, Gestur, Margrét and their son Hannes. After supper, you may be able to get your first glimpse of the dazzling Northern Lights.

Accommodation at Kálfhóll farm is two to four person rooms, with made up beds. Bathrooms are shared.





Northern Lights display over Kálfhóll cabin



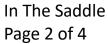
Bunks in the guest cabin at Kálfhóll

Day 2

Please remember the Northern Lights require special conditions and can never be guaranteed.

After breakfast your guide will introduce the Icelandic horse and its special gaits before you start the ride along the mighty river Þjórsá.







A perfect day getting to know the Icelandic horse and the way of riding in a relaxed atmosphere.

On the ride you can enjoy views of mountain ranges and Hekla volcano.



After your ride you visit the Secret Lagoon, where you can relax in the naturally heated mineral rich waters. Later, enjoy dinner at the farm and if you wish, take an evening stroll to look again for Northern Lights.

Day 3

The morning starts with a short ride over the fields around the farm before lunch. Later you ride to Hvítá glacier river, where the water travels from the glacier in the highlands to the ocean. Ride through lava fields before taking a break by the river.

After spending some time there, saddle up again and head back to the farm for dinner.



Relax in the hot tub hoping for the northern lights to show.



Day 4

In the morning you ride along the Þjórsá river and winter pastures for one last time.

After a light lunch it is time to say goodbye to the horses and your hosts as you leave to visit the Golden Circle, the three most impressive natural sights in South Iceland: Geysir geothermal area, the golden waterfall Gullfoss and Thingvellir National Park.



Geothermal activity at Geysir



Gulfoss waterfall