

ICELAND - HIGHLAND TRAILS - GEYSIR - GULLFOSS SPECIAL

ITINERARY

Day 1

Return transfers are included from Reykjavik BSI central bus station at 18:00 on the first day of the ride, dropping off on the last day at about 11:30.

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 need to make your own accommodation arrangements in Reykjavik for the night after 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. 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.

On arrival meet your hosts and enjoy a light evening meal.

Please note that you may be joined on this ride by other guests doing a longer itinerary.

Overnight Kálfhóll Horse Farm. 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

After an introduction to the Icelandic horse and its special gaits, start your ride along the pleasant trail at Thjórsá glacier-fed river. Later, leave the horses at Sandlækjarmýri field and drive to the farm.

This day is the perfect start to get to know your horse and the Icelandic way of trail riding in a relaxed atmosphere (approximately 15 km).



Overnight Kálfhóll Horse Farm.

Day 3

This morning, leave the farm and drive back to the horses. From there head off to the fertile farmlands of neighbouring community Hrunamannahreppur. You drive spare horses along in a free running herd, enabling you to change your mount regularly and traveling at a brisk space. You cross the well know Salmon River Stóra-Laxá and stop for a picnic lunch at Hrunaréttir, a corral used for the annual sheep round-up in autumn.

Continue the ride on good trails, towards the majestic canyon Brúarhlöð where milky green water passes through bizarre rock formations. The ride ends at Brúarhlöð and you drive to the Myrkholt Farm, where you spend the night (approximately 30 km).



Overnight Myrkholt Farm. Myrkholt Farm is a guesthouse located just between Gullfoss waterfall and the hot spring Geysir.



Day 4

Continue riding along soft trails ideal for tölting. Travel alongside Hvítá River and follow the ever deepening canyon on to the impressive Golden Waterfall Gullfoss.

Have lunch at Gullfoss before riding back to Myrkholt where you spend the night (approximately 20 km).



Overnight Myrkholt Farm.

Day 5

Today's ride takes you through Haukadalur valley with its beautiful birch forest. Cross clear little streams on the way and enjoy the rich vegetation of wild mountain flowers that bloom during high summer. While you ascend to a highland plateau you will notice the changes in nature as you reach higher ground. A breath taking view of the mountain ranges and glaciers of the highland around awaits you when you reach the top of Haukadalsheiði.

Rest of the day is spent at the Geysir area. You have plenty of time to explore this highly interesting area with its countless bubbling hot springs (approximately 18 km).



Overnight Myrkholt Farm.

Day 6

This morning, after breakfast, say goodbye to your riding companions who are on the longer ride itinerary.