

ICELAND - HIGHLAND TRAILS - NORTHERN EXPOSURE

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Day 1

The meeting place is at the domestic airport Flugfélagið Ernir in Reykjavík at 07:30 for your flight to Húsavík.

On the last day you will return on an afternoon flight back to Reykjavík airport.

You will need to make your own accommodation arrangements in Reykjavík for the night before and after the ride. There is a regular Flybus service (<http://www.re.is/flybus>) between Keflavik airport and Reykjavik BSI central bus station.

You will take a morning flight from Reykjavik Airport to Húsavík followed by a bus transfer to Bjarnastaðir Farm, where we meet up with the guides and horses.

Please dress already in riding clothes and bring your passport or other identification for your domestic flight. At Bjarnastaðir, we have lunch and start our ride with a short introduction to the Icelandic horse and its special gaits.

This is truly a day to remember when we ride on the east side of the National Park Jökulsárgljúfur. On this day we have a sightseeing tour by bus to Europe's largest waterfall, Dettifoss, and the famous Ásbyrgi Canyon, one of the wonders of nature, a wide, horseshoe-shaped canyon with sheer cliff faces up to 100 m high (Approx. 20 km).

Overnight at Bjarnastaðir Farm.



Overnight Bjarnastaðir Farm. Bjarnastaðir Farm is the home of Halldór Olgeirsson and Elín Maríusdóttir. It is situated in the low bushy area of Kerlingaskógur, close to the glacial river Jökulsá á Fjöllum and Dettifoss Waterfall.

Day 2

After breakfast, we drive to Kelduhverfi and start our ride from there. We ride into the mountains and see a magical landscape over Öxafjörður Fjord. We ride to the geothermal area of Theistareykir (Approx. 35 km).

Overnight at Theistareykir Mountain Cabin.



Day 3

Enjoy today's ride from the Theistareykir area to Halldorstaðir in Laxárdal. Over the rough landscape and riding through the geothermal area and lave fields up to the desert area of Hólasandur. Then we ride down to Laxárdalur Valley and over the Laxá river to Halldórstaðir.

We then drive to Bjarnastaðir farm, where we stay the night (Approx. 35 km).



Overnight Bjarnastaðir Farm.

Day 4

We saddle up again and head off through a black sand desert along the colorful Laxárdalur valley with the glittering Salmon River Laxá in the middle on our side. A true day of contrasts in the ever-changing Icelandic nature.

We stop at the very special Hraunsrétt - made of lava. We ride to Skógarhlíð, where we leave the horses before we head back to Bjarnastaðir farm where we spend the night. We may enjoy a nice hot bath in Jarðböðin, an outdoor lagoon with geothermal water (Approx. 30 km).



Overnight Bjarnastaðir Farm.

Day 5

Today we set out through Geldingadalur Valley and Reykjaheiði heath. At one point we will practically cross over from one continental plate to another as we

ride over the Mid-Atlantic Ridge! It is a fascinating area with deep earthquake fissures, multi-colored mountains, and geothermal energy.

With all this volcanic activity going on here, it is easy to understand that Iceland is still under 'natural construction'. We ride into Öxarfjörður Fjord to Bjarnastaðir Farm (Approx. 40 km)



Overnight Bjarnastaðir Farm.

Day 6

In the morning return to Húsavík by bus and a whale-watching cruise for those interested. Please note that this cruise is not included in the price and is around EUR 80 per person - payable locally. If you don't wish to join the cruise, you can enjoy the town's swimming pool with its hot tubs or just go for a stroll in this beautiful town.

In the afternoon, fly back to Reykjavík Domestic Airport.