



Iceland's unique horse .. and unique horse culture

Experience them in this strangely beautiful land

Iceland is one of the few places on earth where the horse was shaped by the land and it's people were shaped by the horse.

Horse Trekking in Iceland is an ancient tradition full of new experiences. Horse touring has been a staple part of horse and sheep farmers lives for many, many years. It was not invented for the tourist trade. Making it available to visiting riders has opened up a new world for many of us, a world that lives on in our minds long after we're back to real life.

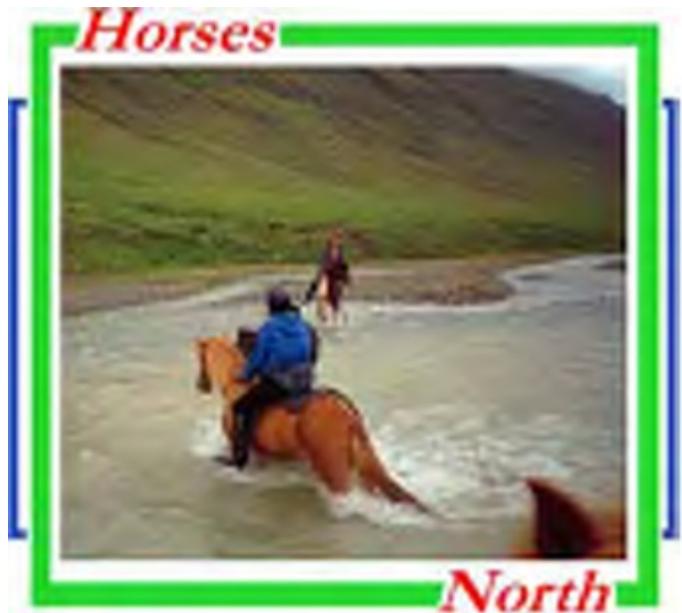
The first thing to discover is the gaits of Icelandic horses. Those gaits - oh, those gaits, are just the beginning. It's where they take you, how you seem to fly over the ruggedly beautiful landscape. It's their urge to keep going, after covering miles that would wind bigger horses. It's their sense of teamwork, with the other horses and their riders, too - you'll soon realize you've become part of their herd.

On longer rides you'll get a fresh horse a couple of times a day, and continue on with a herd of remounts running freely along with you. Riding with the herd is not easily forgotten - the herds hoofbeats may sound in your dreams for weeks afterwards. The land, the horses, the people - whether you're new to riding or a life long equestrian, going on one of these tours will send you home with indelible memories.

Let us show you Iceland -
and its special horses!

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Level 1 Rides



Volcano Contrasts: 2 day intro to Iceland and its horses. Across moors, soak in natural hot springs, bird sanctuary. Comfy country hotel and hot tub. **2 days; year round;**

Around the Volcano: Let Iceland's horses show you around -- up volcanic mountains in the south, through glacial streams with marvelous vistas. Nights at the comfortable Hotel Eldhestar.
4 Days;

Nature's Treasures : Flexible -Day rides from a comfy hotel. Across high lava fields, soak in natural hot springs, along the river Olfusa Starts any day.
8a/5 day/3 riding; o
8b/6 days/4 riding;

Countryside Riding Adventure: A short sample of south Iceland's well known sights -- from a comfortable farm in the south! **3 days;**

Level 2 Rides



Best of Eldhestar: Four different landscapes in South Iceland, nights at Valley of Horses and Thingvellir. Ride through Iceland's best. **6 days/4riding;**

Geysir - Gullfoss Special: 4 day version of the Golden Circle tour. South Iceland's famous sights on horse back. Made-up beds farm guesthouses, hot tubs. Fun, comfortable. **5 days/4riding;**

Ring Around the Midnight Sun: **NEW** Icelandic horses and midnight sun, whale watching & sightseeing, one horse per rider, farm house, meals, and overnight. **7 days/5 riding days;**

Level 3 Rides



Hekla Deluxe: Grass-covered, sandy trails, through geologic history. Hekla has shaped Iceland's landscape for centuries - ride it and see it! **8 days/6 riding days**

Golden Circle: Visit the famous sights of southern Iceland on horseback! Fascinating landscape by day, nights of comfort, in 2 farm guesthouses with hot pots. Relaxed pace, fun! **8 Days/6 riding days**

Around the Lake: You'll ride over lava fields, volcanoes, valleys and mountains around Thingvallavatn - Iceland's most famous lake. Nice pace, good views and real riding! **7 days/5 riding days**

Riding with Elves: Head north for a ride through the hills and waterfalls around Lake Myvatn and Godafoss. Remote valleys, great northern views and fun horses.

Fascination of the North: Explore a range of landscapes from broad Eyjafjordur to the unique Lake Myvatn and back. Ride with the herd past snow-capped ridges, long glacial valleys, geothermal action, farm house nights. **8 days/ 6 riding days**

Thorsmork: *BestSeller* Ride along the Markaflojt river, into an ancient valley between 3 glaciers dedicated to Thor. Canyons, forests, fresh lava, all on a great short ride with the herd! **6 days/4 riding days**

Beaches & Mountains Ride: This features the big highlight of any ride along Snaefellsnes – the golden sands and black lava beaches of this mysterious peninsula. **7 days/4 riding days**

Northern Odyssey: To Skagafjordur and then south into the highlands, on ancient trails where the summer horses roam, then back around via beautiful deserted valley. History, horses and hot springs. **9 days /6 riding days**

Trail of Hope: *Best Seller* Up north, then ride with the herd across the sands of Lake Hop. Nights at a comfortable farm house, then come back south via the highland route. **5 days/4 riding days**

Level 4 Rides



Kjolur: The classic Icelandic riding tour! Ride ancient trails through lush green fields, between glaciers, waterfalls and mountains in the deserted highlands, with a soak in a wild hot springs. For fit experienced riders!! **8 days/6 riding days**

Snaefellsnes: Few places in Iceland have the remarkable diversity of landscape as the Snaefellsnes peninsula. Ride over the river, through the mountains, past the volcano, and along the beach, with a great view of the glacier. **8 days/6 riding days**

Golden Highlights of the South: A ride through and to some of southern Iceland's most vivid scenery - the Valley of Horses, Thingvellir, Gullfoss, Geysir, heather meadows and lava fields. It's lots of fun and lots of riding - 20 to 50 km daily! **9 days/7 riding days**



Autumn

When winter comes knocking, Icelanders have one more task before letting their horses rest for the winter - bring the sheep and horses home from the mountains for the winter. The round-ups and other fall rides are different from summer rides. Prices are a bit lower, days aren't so long, it's a bit cooler and you may see the Aurora Borealis!



Autumn Colors and Northern Lights: An end of Summer light display! Ride hills and valleys, stay with a lovely farm family on a northern farm. Help bring home the sheep, and perhaps see the northern lights. **7 days;**

Sheep Roundup: Sheep are as ancient as the people of Iceland and just as good at not being told what to do. Help bring them to home fields, and join the party afterwards. **8 Days**

Horse Roundup : This ancient tradition still prevails in a modern land. Ride up to gather horses from high meadows and bring them down to the *riett* to be sorted and herded back to their home farms for winter. **7 days;**
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The fine print

The PDFs for individual tours spell out the contractual elements for each tour and should be consulted for specifics. Email or a phone call will also get any explanation you desire.



When you book a tour with Iceland Adventure you get our attention and service and the benefit of our years of traveling in Iceland

Our prices aim to be comprehensive and clear- and include nearly everything you need for your trip. They start with flights (with fuel surcharges and taxes) from the Icelandic gateways in Boston, New York, Denver, Minneapolis, and Washington Dulles International Airport; ask about Seattle, Toronto, Halifax or Europe. Also included are airport transfers, the tour itself and any additional accommodations with breakfast you'll need before or after your main tour, which come with most meals. **NOT included are travel insurance**, and often meals on arrival and departure days, and some rides have optional excursions. Tour prices are per person double occupancy, but most tours offer a single supplement for the nights before or after the ride, while a few tours have single rooms available during the ride. During your ride accommodations range from very nice hotels to remote mountain huts without hot water. We pamper our clients when possible -- we upgrade you on the nights before or after a ride in hotel rooms with TV, internet, private bath and breakfast. We list travel dates on specific itineraries - and it's usually easy to add a few days before or after your tour. The itinerary lists

When you book your tour we'll send you a gear list- and info about Iceland's strict rules about disinfecting any riding gear that's been on horses outside of Iceland. For the good of Iceland's horses, you can't bring used leather gear or clothes with you!



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