



Horses



North

- Autumn Colors Northern Lights

Striking stark beauty in a corner of this planet that has been experienced by only a lucky few. Riding in different directions and into different landscapes with the added excitement of a chance of seeing the Aurora Borealis.

**Mountain huts and farm houses
8 days/6 riding**

2010

This tour highlights one of our favorite areas - northern Iceland - and it's based on a lovely northern farm, where you can watch and take part in some of autumn traditions as well as riding out for a last look at the mountainous landscape before winter really settles in.

Tuesday:

Travelers from North America leave for Iceland on an overnight flight with an early morning arrival at Keflavik Airport in Iceland.

Wednesday:

After arriving at Keflavik International Airport the Flybus shuttle will take riders into the Reykjavik airport, for a dramatic 45 minute flight to Akureyri, the "capital" of northern Iceland. Here the folks from Polar Hestar will pick up riders for a short drive to their farmhouse Grytubakki for dinner and a good night's sleep.

Thursday:

After breakfast, riders will meet the horses for a little introductory ride. You'll head towards the river Gljufura, around the mountain Höfði. There are views up and down and across the fjord called Eyjafjordur - snow capped mountains, deep valleys far across the fjord, the little city of Akureyri and the island of Hrisey. After about three hours in the saddle, you'll be back to Grytubakki for dinner and overnight.

Friday:

After breakfast, riders will saddle up and ride down to the coast to check out the little fishing village of Grenivik. Then it's north to explore the edge of the Fjord with its abandoned farms, broad meadows, deep valleys and clear rushing streams.

Saturday:

Off for a two day trip up the Fnjoska River from Eyjafjordur, through a pass that slips between 3000 foot high ridges. A few miles further and the river and the trail both turn south into a gentler and broader valley to the night's accommodation - the farm Hjardaholt.

Sunday:

Today the ride back to Grytubakki takes the high ground! There's great views over Eyjafjordur and a touch of folklore. The Holy Hill, Helguholl, sits on a ship filled with gold left by the old Vikings. The story is that if the gold is unearthed it will cause all of the churches that can be seen from the hilltop to burn down.

Monday:

Another two day trip. This one goes inland through the Troll's valley and ends at the height of land between Eyjafjordur and the ocean that stretches to the North Pole. Gil, the shepherd's hut is home for the night. Since the nearest electric light is 15 or so kilometers behind the chances are pretty good for Northern Lights. This night also may mark the furthest you will ever get from civilization!

Tuesday:

The last day of riding: from the isolation of the hut Gil to the warm cheeriness of Grytubakki. Along the way, you may find some of the hundreds of sheep that have spent the summer on these hills. Supper and reminiscences at Grytubakki.

Wednesday:

After breakfast riders will be taken back to Akureyri, for flights to Reykjavik, and on to Keflavik to fly back home, or... on to further explorations in Iceland.



Autumn Colors - Northern Lights

Northern valleys and changing seasons

Mountain huts and farm guesthouses
Dramatic Northern Beauty
8 days/6 riding
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Travel Dates for Autumn Colors, 2010

Autumn Colors runs two times in 2010. You'll be able to return home on the last day of the ride.

Tues, Sept 7 - Wed, Sept 15

Tues, Sept 14 - Wed, Sept 22

Maximum of 8 riders Minimum of 4 Riders

The first day in Iceland is always a transfer day, which allows you to rest from the short night of sleep on the flight, before you start riding on the second day.

Please note that prices are subject to change until you've booked your tour with a deposit! The prices listed on print material may not be the latest price. We will make every effort to keep prices on our webpages and their PDF's up to the minute. We welcome phone inquiries about latest prices and any other details.

Accommodations on the Autumn Colors Tour are traditionally Icelandic. You'll need to bring a sleeping bag and towels, soap and shampoos. A mattress will be provided. The farmhouses, mountain huts and cabins where you'll sleep are all warm and clean. Typically there are several beds per room, and in huts there may be one big room. Most will have shared bathroom facilities.

Meals will be family style with lots of typical Icelandic cuisine which features fish, dairy products, lamb, and potatoes. Vegetarians can be accommodated with advance notice. We'll send you a gear list that provides tips for packing, as well as info on converting money and electricity, weather advice (no guarantees, though) and other useful stuff.

Decisions, Decisions!

Trying to pick out a tour?

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Price*

The price for this 8 day ride is ~~\$2828~~ per person. The price includes round trip airfare, with US departure taxes, fuel surcharge, from NYC, Boston, Minneapolis (ask for prices from Toronto, Halifax, and Europe). Add \$110 per person from Seattle. Flights to and from northern Iceland, most transfers, accommodations in guest and farm houses with shared baths, all meals, as well as rain gear, and safety helmets are also included. You'll need to bring a sleeping bag. **Not** included in the price are travel insurance, breakfast and lunch on arrival day, lunch on departure day, and any additional travel you choose while in Iceland.

Dates don't work? Because we work with several different outfitters, we can often suggest similar tours; if the one you've chosen occurs at a time that doesn't quite fit your travel schedule. Give us a call to discuss alternatives.

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