



Banks of The River

**For experienced Riders,
3 days on horseback
1 -2 horses per person per day
Partly freely running herd
Sleeping bag accommodation
2010**

A chance of a lifetime - you can experience Iceland's snow-topped mountain ridges and broad river valleys - With a herd of Icelandic horses. Distant views to the Northern seas and standing close up to the foam of the waterfall Goðafoss, with its almost mythic history. A unique near-Arctic adventure

Day 0:

Iceland here we come!

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

Day 1:

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

Day 2:

You'll be taken by bus through the picturesque valley of Fnjóskádalur to Fremstafell, where the horses await you. You'll move the herd together, saddle your horses and after a short introduction ride up to mountain Kinnafell, altitude about 200metres. From there you have a wonderful view in two directions. To the North you look out to

sea at Húsavik and to South discover the well known historic waterfall Goðafoss. Below is Skjáfandaflljót River, Iceland's fourth biggest river. After a lunch break you'll ride through thick woods of Fellskógur back to Fremstafell. Vis - á - vis the forest you can see the island of Þingey, which has been an ancient place of parliament, established around the year 963. On the island you can still find some archeologic remainders of this time.

4 - 5 hours in saddle.

You'll leave the horses on the pasture-ground at Fremstell and drive with the bus back to Grýtubakki.

Dinner and Overnight.

Day 3:

After a good breakfast, pack up and go by bus to the horses. Today's ride is with a herd of freely running horses, a special experience!

In gentle trot and tölt, ride into the valley of Bardardalur, through which flows Skjáfandaflljót river. On the right basaltic mountains rise up to 700 m high and the

whole area is covered by lava, more than 7,000 years old! The valley is one of the longest still inhabited valleys of Iceland. The difference between the southern and northern most farm is more than 40km. The goal today is the school of Kiðagil, where you will have dinner and spend the night.

4 - 5 hours in saddle.

Day 4:

After breakfast you'll gather the herd of horses on the big field close to the river. You'll also ride with a herd of freely running horses.

You'll ride on smooth paths along Skjáfandaflljót river in the direction of the valley. The wild beauty of this river and the landscape affects everybody! Soon you will see the foam of waterfall Goðafoss. Back at Fremstafell you'll say your good-byes to the horses and enjoy a short visit to waterfall Goðafoss.



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You're driven back to the farmhouse Grýtabakki, have dinner and spend the night.

Day 5:

You'll have one last breakfast together before saying goodbye to your friends and guides. Then you'll be taken back to Akureyri for your flight south as the first step to your trip home. Then you'll be back home before you know it!

Travel Dates 2010

The Banks of the River tour runs 3 times in **2010**. 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.

July 1 - July 6
July 24 - July 29
August 15 - August 20

Accommodations on the Banks of the River tour are traditionally Icelandic. You'll need to bring a sleeping bag and towels, soap and shampoo. A mattress will be provided. The farmhouses, mountain huts and cabins where you'll sleep are simple, 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.

Note - that our itinerary is reversed on some departures.

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Price

The price for this 5 day tour is **\$2735** per person. **The price includes** round trip airfare, with US taxes and fuel surcharge, from NYC, Boston, Minneapolis (ask for prices from Toronto, Halifax, and Europe). Add \$110 per person from Seattle. The flights to and from northern Iceland are included with most transfers, as are 4 nights accommodations in guest and farm houses with shared baths, all meals, as well as rain gear and safety helmets. **You'll need to bring a sleeping bag. *NOT included are travel insurance,** breakfast and lunch on arrival day, lunch on departure day, cab from the domestic airport to bus terminal after the ride, and any additional travel you choose while in Iceland.

*Please note that **prices** are subject to change until you've booked your tour with a deposit!*

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Decisions, Decisions!

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