



Horses



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Fascinating North Iceland

8 Day Ride through beautiful North Iceland
Ride with a herd of remounts
on the track of Elves and Vikings!
8 Day/6 Riding
...2016

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:

The day starts after breakfast with a little tour -a trip to Godafoss, the waterfall of the Gods. In the year 1000, according to the Sagas, Þorgeir of Ljósavatn, known as Þorgeir the Lawgiver, made a decision and converted Iceland to Christianity when he threw his statues of his Gods over the falls. Then it's just a short drive to Fremstafell farmhouse, where the horses are waiting! Riders will help catch them, and learn about Icelandic tack as you help saddle up. You'll ride to the Bardardalur valley, following the Skjálfandafljót river to the Hotel Kiðagil, where you'll have dinner and spend the night. The Skjálfandafljót flows through the valley over the Bárðardalshraun lava field that probably came all over the way from Trölladyngja in Óðaðahraun north of Vatnajökull more than 7,000 years ago. The first days ride will be 5 to 6 hours in the saddle.

This tour highlights one of our favorite areas - northern Iceland - and goes all the way to Lake Myvatn, an area with so many interesting things going on, it's astounding that you can take it all in! This tour has some real riding, so we recommend it to experienced and fit travelers - but it's worth the effort!

Day 3:

After a good Icelandic breakfast, you'll leave Kiðagil and ride over the bridge at Stóruvellir to the other side of the valley to the old farmhouse Stóratunga. Here you are very close to the entrance of Óðaðahraun, the enormous lava field, believed in the old days to be the home of outlaws, elves and trolls. You'll leave the herd at Stóratunga and walk to the impressive waterfall Aldeyarfoss, a great spot to appreciate Iceland's unique and lovely landscape. Then it's back to Stóratunga for 2 nights. Today you'll ride for 4-5 hours.

Day 4:

Today you'll take in the breathtaking surroundings of Stóratunga. In the morning you'll head Northeast, along Skjálfandafljót river over to the old lava of Tunguhraun. Continue to Tunguhamri and south along Svartá river back to Stóratunga farmhouse. Here you'll have lunch. In the afternoon continue towards the highland and south along Suðurá river to the Réttartorfur area and up to

the Hrafnabjörg waterfalls, riding over lava and sand. In the morning you'll ride about 12km, in the afternoon about 16km, a total of about 5 1/2 hours

Day 5:

You'll say goodbye to Stóratunga and ride over Landsmelat at Viðiker into the Myvatn region, riding over sandy hills and moorland. A tremendous view awaits you as you reach the summit. If lucky you might see Herdubreið, the queen of Iceland's mountains. After dinner you'll visit the Pearls of the North by bus: the pseudocraters of Skutustaðir, the bizarre lava formations at Dimmuborgir and the bubbling mud pools at Namaskarð. Overnight at the community center in the Reykjadalur valley. 3 to 4 hours of riding.



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Day 6:

Ride south from Stöng close to the old Hörgadalur farmhouse and then along Myvatnsheiði to the valley of smoke, Reykjadalur. You'll have a day of adventurous tracks and smooth trails, over lots of different landscapes, seeing the mountain Kinnarfjöll to the west side and mountain Gaesafjöll in the east, if the weather allows. Spend the night at Breiðimyri, close to the little village Laugar, after 6 hours of riding.

Day 7:

There are wonderful woods to ride along in Vatnshlid and a great view over the valley Reykjadalur and the lake Vestmannsvatn. You'll ride past the hill Fljótshéiði where a lovely trail takes you along the river Skjálfafljót and through the forest Fellskógur, past the waterfalls Ullarfoss and Barnafoss. You'll need to bid the horses goodbye as they stay at Fremstafell farm while riders are driven back to the farmhouse at Grytubakki. This last day will have you in the saddle for about 6 hours.

Day 8:

You'll have one last breakfast to share stories before saying goodbye to your friends and guides. Then you'll be taken back to the airport at Akureyri for your flight south, followed by a bus from the domestic to the international airport. Then you'll be back home before you know it!

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Accommodations on this Fascinating North Iceland tour are traditionally Icelandic. You'll need to bring towels, soap and shampoo. A sleeping bag and 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.

Travel Dates 2016

The Fascinating North Iceland tour runs 4 times in 2016. 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.

Lv N America	Return N America
Sun July 3	Mon July 11
Thurs July 14	Fri July 22
Wed Aug 3	Thurs Aug 11
Sat Aug 13	Sun Aug 21

*Price

The price for this 8 day tour is **\$3603** per person.

Please note that late bookings may cost more -- if our contract air seats are sold! Book now!!

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