



**Horses**



**North**

## The Fjordur Peninsula

*A SHORT RIDE TO A REMOTE VALLEY  
in the footsteps of the elves and trolls  
5 days/ 3 riding  
...2015*

Your host family has farmed at Grytubakki for many years, and Stefan knows every wrinkle in the land, which is 30 minutes north of Akureyri. Juliane's organizational skills and cooking come from her Swiss homeland, and both are nicely flavored with Icelandic ingredients! In addition to a lovely group of young Europeans to help with the horses, they're joined by their twelve year old son, Simon, who, not surprisingly, can carry on great conversations in several languages!

### Day 0:

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 a good night's sleep.

### Day 2:

Breakfast will give you the necessary power for the upcoming three-day trip to the peninsula Fjörður. Each rider gets a small saddlebag where he can put his own some extra socks, toothbrush and of course your camera.

Fjörður is a mysterious and deserted countryside. It has been closed off from

the rest of the world for 40 years. Only about 4000 sheep spend the summertime here every year, together with the trolls and elves. Names like Trölladalur, the valley of the trolls and Álfaborgir, the cities of the elves remind riders of the existence of these invisible beings.

The days ride takes you through the woody slopes of Hvalvatnsfjörður. The mountains are extremely beautiful and the cliffs are reflected in the ponds. The route to Þorgeirsfjörður is unforgettable. You'll spend the nights at Þönglabakki, which was the main farm of Fjörður in the old days. You'll be comfy during your two nights here, sleeping in the cow hut. — they'll tell you more about it!

### Day 3:

After a good breakfast it will be time to discover the surroundings of the hut. The view over the sea is extraordinary and with luck you can see the island Grimsey which

is situated right on the Arctic Circle. You'll ride over to the Hvalvatnsfjörður and from there up to Þorgeir-Höfði mountain. There is a mysterious lake on top of this mountain: Nykurtjörn. You will hear the story about it! After lunch it's time to saddle up again and ride into the valleys Holsdalur and Bakkadalur. Here the horses run are happy to run!! Fast Tölt and Gallop show you how powerful the Icelandic horse can be. This valley has a lot of secrets - it's one of the oldest regions of Iceland.

### Day 4:

It is time to leave Þönglabakki. You'll retrace your steps and reach Grýtubakki in the late afternoon. Coffee and cakes will be served. Your own bed in the guesthouse will seem luxurious!



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### Day 5:

After breakfast, it's time to bid goodbye to the horses and your hosts, and head back to Akureyri, where you'll have a short flight back to Reykjavik, and then onto the international airport for flights home- (unless you're lucky enough to be spending more time in Iceland!) Grýtubakki.

### Travel Dates for the Fjordur Penninsula Ride:

The Fjordur Penninsula ride only runs 2 times in the summer of 2015. *We can arrange for an earlier arrival or later departure. Your arrival 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.*

2015

Leave N America - Return N America

Saturday July 18 - Thursday July 23

Monday Aug 10 - Saturday Aug 15

### Price

The price for this 5day ride is **\$2730** per person.

**Accommodations** on the Fjordur Penninsula Ride are traditionally Icelandic. You'll need to bring towels, soap and shampoo. A sleeping bag & mattress will be provided. You'll spend the first and last nights in a guesthouse on the outfitters farm. Typically there are several beds per room, and a shared bathroom. You'll spend two nights in a mountain hut in Fjordur which will be very basic with shared bath, Your outfitter will also provide helmets and rain gear. **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.

**Finer Print: Price includes** international airfare from the US east coast\*, airport transfers and flights to and from northern Iceland. The ride itself includes accommodations in guest and farm houses with shared baths, all meals, as well as rain gear and safety helmets.

**\*Flights Price includes** round trip airfare, including fuel surcharge and US departure taxes to Iceland, from Icelandair's east coast gateways - Boston, New York, Newark and Washington Dulles International. We can also book flights from Icelandair's other gateways: Minneapolis, Denver, Seattle, Portland, Anchorage, Toronto, Edmonton, and Halifax, which may add to the price. Not all gateways have daily departures but we can arrange additional nights accommodations before or after your tour.

**\*Not included** are Travel Insurance, breakfast and lunch on arrival day, lunch and dinner on departure day, and any additional travel you choose while in Iceland.

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