



Horses



North

Golden Circle Tour

Ride through beautiful southern Iceland
Farmhouses, hotels with hot tubs!
made up beds
8 days/6 riding
2010

Riding Iceland's famous horses to visit Iceland's major sights

This popular ride is ideal for families and new riders or those who want a less strenuous pace than the longer countryside tours. You see a lot of Iceland, but at a pace that allows you to enjoy the luscious scenery. Accommodations are simple but comfortable, in made up beds in farmhouses and guesthouse, and the hot tubs will be very pleasant after a day's ride! There's also a shorter version - the Geysir Gullfoss Special available!

Friday:

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

Saturday:

**Welcome to Iceland -
Keflavik Airport - Reykjavik**

You'll be met at the airport on your arrival and taken into your guesthouse in Reykjavik. You'll have a bit of time to explore Iceland's capital, then in the late afternoon, you can go to the outfitters Riding Center, where you can meet other riders in the late afternoon, and have a traditional Icelandic soup supper.

Sunday:

**Reykjavik - Fossnes Farm - Gnúpver-
jahreppur**

You'll head out from Reykjavik, have a stop at Thingvellir National Park, and then on to Fossnes farm to meet horses and guides then ride along pleasant riding tracks and explore the beautiful Gnúpverja-hreppur countryside. Enjoy mountains and valleys and the view of

mighty Thjórsá River. Relax in a hot pool before a hearty dinner at the farm. (4 - 5 hours in the saddle)

Monday:

Fossnes Farm - Hvítárdalur -

You'll head into the fertile farming lands of Hrunamannahreppur, crossing the Stóra-Laxá River to Hvítárdalur Farm. There will be a lunch stop at Hrunaréttir where farmers gather their sheep in the autumn. A few extra horses will be ponied along so it might be possible to change mounts during the day. Overnight back at Fossnes. (6 - 7 hours)

Tuesday:

**Fossnes - Hvítárdalur - Gullfoss -
Geysir Guesthouse**

The ride continues to the gigantic canyon Brúarhlöð where white water passes through unusual rock formations. Then on to mighty Gullfoss Waterfall, one of the most beautiful waterfalls in the country, and continue to the famous

Geysir hot spring area where everyone will stay for the next two nights. (6 - 7 hours)

Wednesday:

Geysir - Haukadalur - Haukadalsheið

The ride ascends through Haukadalur valley and along forested hillsides towards the highland moors. Witness the changes in nature as higher ground is reached. Breathtaking views of the mountains and highlands are revealed while riding Haukadalsheiði heath. (4 - 5 hours of riding today).

You'll have plenty of time to explore the many interesting aspects of the geothermal areas in Haukadalur as well. It's the home of the original boiling water spout-Geysir, which is now silent, but you'll hear it's little brother Stokkur as it erupts several times an hour!

Our Prices include flight, taxes, fuel charges and a number of "extras". Details inside

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Thursday:

Geysir - Tungufellsdalur- Fossnes

You'll leave the Geysir area, and ride back along the Brúarhlöo canyon, across the Hvita. You'll head towards the interior as you follow the beautiful Tungufellsdalur valley onto Hrunaheidar heath. The horses will then spend their night at Kaldbakur farm, while riders will return to Fossnes, for a hot soak and dinner. (6 - 7 hours).

Friday:

Fossnes-Hrunakrokur - Reykjavik

A last day of great scenery! Cross the Stóra Laxa River at Laxargljufur canyon at Hunakrokur. You'll ride through vast green meadows through the Laxardalur valley, and wind back to Fossnes farm. Here it's time to say goodbye to the guides, staff and horses and return to Reykjavik where you'll be dropped at your hotel for your last night! Often riders get together for dinner, too! (6 - 7 hours).

Saturday:

Farewell to Iceland

You'll have a long morning to relax, explore Iceland's capital city, visit geothermal swimming pools, cafes, museums and shops, before taking the bus to Keflavik Airport in time for your flight back home.

Prices

Prices includes round trip airfare, including fuel surcharge and departure taxes from Boston, New York, Minneapolis. Add \$110 per person from Seattle. Ask about prices from Toronto, Halifax and Europe. Price also includes all transfers while in Iceland, all nights in made up beds in guest and farm farmhouses with shared facilities, two nights in a country hotel with private baths, all meals, tack and equipment while on the tour, and a last night upgrade to a hotel in Reykjavik, with private bath, tv, internet connection, and breakfast.

NOT included are breakfast and lunch on the day of arrival in Iceland, dinner on your last riding day back in Reykjavik, lunch the day of departure and the cost of any extra and additional travels.

The price is **\$3414 pp/do, \$3499 single.**

Travel Dates:

The Golden Circle Tour will run 11 times in 2010. The dates listed are travel dates.

Dates for Golden Circle Tour.

June 11 to 19
June 18 to 26
June 25 to July 3
July 2 to 10
July 9 to 17
July 16 to 24
July 23 to 31
July 30 to August 7
August 6 to 14
August 13 to 21
August 20 to 28

Please note that the price is subject to revision until you book your tour by making 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 PDFs up to the minute. We welcome phone inquiries about prices and any other details.

What's the difference between the this ride and the Geysir Gullfoss Special?

The main difference is length - as the Golden Circle offers 6 days of riding, while the Geysir Gullfoss special is only 4. Both are suitable for riders with less riding experience, but also work very well for those who just want a relaxing pace. The shorter tour starts with a night in a hotel, in Reykjavik with meals on your own, with private baths, while the longer one offers rooms in a guesthouse with shared facilities. The shorter tour is probably more convenient for those who want an additional tour in Iceland, but of course, either one is great fun!

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