



The Volcano Hekla Riding Tour

*Around the Glaciers
through lava formed lands*

Ride with the Herd
Cottages and summer houses
5 days riding
..2017

Ride with a herd of Icelandic horses between the volcano Hekla and Tindafjallajökull Glacier. This area is known for its nice, soft riding paths and very unusual and beautiful nature. The sandy, grass-covered trails show you some of the lava formations from Hekla's numerous eruptions through the centuries. Iceland's settlers have made many valiant attempts to live in this area shaped by glaciers and volcanos --you'll visit the farm Keldur, one of the oldest and perhaps related to the action in Njál's saga. Between Hekla, and the old sagas, you'll experience some of the powerful natural and cultural forces that have shaped Iceland - there's no better way to take this all in than in the traditional way -- on the back of an Icelandic horse!

Day 0:

Leave the US

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

Day 1:

Welcome to Iceland !

On arrival at Keflavik Airport in Iceland you'll collect your bags and get on the Flybus shuttle into Reykjavik, and on to your hotel). You'll have the day to explore Iceland's capital city - we'll provide some ideas. Late afternoon you'll meet up with the folks from Eldhestar who will take you to their farm Vellir in Hveragerði. The first evening all the riders have dinner together and Eldhestar provides details about the next few days. Horses North clients stay in the Hotel Eldhestar.

Day 2:

Vellir -

Hrólfstaðahelli

This morning you'll get to know the horses and guides as you take a short ride around the farm. After an early lunch you'll go by van to Fells múli a farm in the beautiful area Landssveit, at the foot of Volcano Hekla. Now you'll ride northwards to the farm Leirubakki, then eastwards to the Vestri-Rangá River. You'll follow the river banks southward to the farm Hrólfstaðahelli, where riders will spend the night in a cottage and be able to soak off the day's ride in a hot tub. 23 km, 4 hrs.

Day 3:

Hrólfstaðahelli -

Foss (Ásgarður)

You'll start today's ride by crossing the Vestri-Rangá River and then over the

moss covered lava field Botnahraun, which was created hundreds of years ago in one of Hekla's many eruptions. The riding path goes over several large lava fields, including one called Axarhraun, to the mountain hut at the farm called Foss. This hut is located in the area south of the volcano Hekla which is well known from Iceland's famous Saga of Njáll. 35 km, 7 hrs.

Day 4:

Foss - Foss

Today, some of the herd will get the day off to eat happily in the fields, while riders will take the best trotters and ride on soft paths through beautiful valleys and cleft formations where you will visit an impressive cave. You'll ride past old farms, Þorleifsstaði and Reynistaði, and then winding back to farm Foss. The afternoon's ride is on a scenic path near the volcanic mountain Hafrafell. 20 km. 5 hrs.



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Day 5:

Foss - Rjúpnaveilir

Today's ride will take you through landscapes imprinted by the natural forces of hard wind and volcanic eruptions and again through. Axarhraun -today, passing the old farms of Hekla, as you head around the west side of the volcano on soft black lava sand, ultimately crossing the mighty Vestri-Rangá River, before getting to the comfy cottage at Rjúpnaveilir - your home for two nights. 40 km and 8 hrs .

Day 6:

Rjúpnaveilir - Þjófafoss - Fellsmúli

Ride on towards the glacial river Þjórsá where you can see the Waterfall of the Thieves, Þjófafoss. The soft sandy trails riding take you through a low birch forest to the old farm Skarfanés. The horses know that they are on their way home so there's no problem moving right along. Soon you'll be back at Fellsmúli where you started. In the afternoon you will be driven back to Reykjavík, where the group may choose to spend the evening together. You'll have a last night in a comfortable hotel room (another upgrade for Horses North clients). Often riders all go out for dinner together, but it's not included in the price. 24 km, 7 hrs .

Day 7:

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 Flybus shuttle to Keflavik Airport in time for your flight back home.

Travel dates 2016:

The Hekla Deluxe tour runs three times during the summer of 2016. Below are travel dates-- and it's easy to add a couple days on either end, if you want to see a bit more Iceland. Your 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.

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Friday June 16 - Saturday, June 24
Thursday June 22 - Friday, June 30
Monday July 10 - Tuesday, July 18

Prices

In 2017 the fully inclusive price for the 8 day Hekla Deluxe tour is **\$3519*** per person/double occupancy. (pp/do), and **\$3719** for a single room for pre and post ride nights..

Finer Print: Price includes round trip airfare from the US east coast * airport transfers, 7 nights accommodations, 6 days of riding, most meals, riding helmet and rain gear. First and last nights (back in Reykjavik after the ride) are in double rooms with private bath, others are in mountain huts and cabins, most w/hot tubs or natural warm water showers, in sleeping bags on good mattresses, with shared facilities. While not fancy, the accommodations are a bit more comfy than many used on other wilderness tours.

***Flights: Price includes** round trip airfare, including fuel surcharge and US departure taxes, from Icelandair's east coast gateways: Boston, New York, Newark and Washington Dulles International Airport. 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 flights, but we can arrange additional nights accommodations before or after your tour.

***Not included** are travel insurance, dinner on your last night back in Reykjavik, lunches on your pre and post ride days and any additional expenses or travel you may choose.

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