



Horses



North

Beach & Mountain Ride

...2015

Mountains
Lava Fields
Hillsides
Beaches, beaches, beaches
7 days/6 nights

The Snæfellsnes Peninsula stretches out into the west of Iceland. You can find many features of the Icelandic nature in this part of the country. From Stóri-Kálfalækur Farm you ride into the mountains and enjoy the colors of nature in Hítardalur valley. Through lava fields and along hillsides ride down to the shore, continuing along the beach. This traditional trail, only revealed by the tide, offers horses and riders great opportunities to perform the smooth gait “tölt” over long distances. Participants on this tour join the longer Snæfellsnes tour for four days, but return back to Reykjavík on the fifth day while those on the longer ride continue.

Your hosts, Siggí and Ólöf have been training horses and riding on Snæfellsnes for over 20 years, and they convey the sense that the ride goes through their big back yard. Their farmhouse - Stóri-Kálfalækur - will be your base for much of the ride, with a couple of nights in other guesthouses along the trail. Hot pots provide a nice ending to most days rides!! Most tours run Riday to Thursday, with the first departur being Tuesday - Monday.

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:

Welcome to Iceland

You will arrive at Keflavik International Airport and use your voucher to take the Flybus shuttle on a 40 minute ride to the BSI Bus Terminal in Reykjavik, and then on to your hotel. You'll have the day to explore Iceland's capital city. An overnight in Reykjavik is included to give you a chance to catch up after your short overnight flight.

Day 2:

Stóri-Kálfalækur – Grímsstaðir

After breakfast, the outfitter will take you north and west to Stóri-Kálfalækur Farm, where you'll meet your guides and horses. You'll get a helmet, raingear and saddle, and have an introduction to the special qualities of the Icelandic horse. You'll put this into action, with a ride through green

valleys, and over mountains to Grímsstaðir Farm with its proud history dating back to medieval times. The horses will stay here, while riders return to Stóri-Kálfalækur where a hot tub beckons! (30 km)

Day 3:

Grímsstaðir – Hítarhólmur

You'll ride through multicolored mountains to the geologic paradise Hítardalur. Here you'll go on riding trails through a lunar landscape of vast lava fields, with volcanic ashes which has a lot of saga history in it as well. The horses will spend the night at Hítarhólmur mountain while riders return to Stóri-Kálfalækur, (30 km)

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Beaches & Mountains

Seven day tour with four days of riding

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Day 4:

Hítarhólmur – Kolviðarnes – Laugagerði Schoolhouse

The morning continues through the mystical volcanic valley with a stop at the sheep round up corral Hítardalsrétt - where you may also glimpse Hít, the troll woman who was turned into stone returning late from a date. (it's a long story!) Then you'll cross the Hítará River and through an area known as a shelter for out of Iceland's most famous outlaw, Grettir, before arriving at Kolviðarnes Farm. The horses stay here, and riders have sleeping bag accommodations at Laugagerði Schoolhouse, which has a warm geothermal swimming pool! (45 km)

Day 5:

Laugagerði – Traðir – Hof Farm

Today's the day -- hit the beach! You'll start your ride on Lönguförur, the famous horse trail on the golden sands of Snæfellsnes peninsula. Under the watchful eye of Snæfellsjökull Glacier, you'll be able to feel the horses' excitement as they carry you swiftly along this extraordinary trail!! The horses spend the night at Traðir Farm while riders stay at Hof Farm with a geothermal hot tub on site. (40 km)

In the evening there's an optional excursion to Arnastapi and Hellnar, which are at the base of Mt Snæfellsjökull. You can learn more about the natural, supernatural and cultural history of this special area at the Visitors Center for Snæfellsnes National Park. Cost per person for this outing is ISK 3500. (About \$30)

Day 6:

Hof - Reykjavik

Today you leave your riding companions behind and drive back to Reykjavik. The arrival time in Reykjavik depends on the tide and whether it is possible to operate the optional tour on Wednesday afternoon or on Thursday morning. Detailed information on the timing for each departure is available upon request. You'll have a last night in a hotel in Reykjavik.

Day 5:

Home again..

After breakfast you can continue exploring Iceland and then take the Flybus shuttle out to the airport for return flights. You can also take a bus that will give you a few hours to soak in the Blue Lagoon on your way to the airport..

Rates and Dates:

The Beaches and Mountains tour has only 6 departure for 2015. The price for this tour is **\$3268 per person double occupancy, \$3488 if you want a single room for pre and post ride nights.** *The 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.*

Travel Dates for 2015 Including travel time from N. America

Lv N America - Return N America

Tues, June 2 - Tues June 9

Fri June 12 - Fri June 19

Fri June 19 - Fri June 26

Fri July 10- Fri, July 17

Tues July 21 - Tues July 28

Fri, Aug 21 - Fri, Aug 28

Finer Print: Price includes international airfare from the US east coast*, airport transfers and any pre and post ride accommodations needed. The ride itself includes 4 nights accommodations and 4 riding days, and rain gear and 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.

Accommodations and Meals: Pre and post rights are in double rooms with private bath, and during the ride you'll have shared rooms, made up beds for two nights, sleeping bags (which are provided) for two nights **Meals:** breakfast on Reykjavik days, and all meals during the ride: an Icelandic breakfast buffet, a packed lunch on the trail, and a hearty home cooked dinner, usually featuring lamb and fish.

***Not included** are Travel Insurance, breakfast and lunch on your arrival day, lunch or dinner on the day of departure and the cost of any additional travel you may choose.

Finest print. Please note that our tour prices are subject to revision until you book your tour by making a deposit. Our contract rates for air aren't always available as we get close to travel dates. While we make every effort to keep prices on our webpages and their PDFs up to the minute, things can change quickly.

