



Snaefellsness Beach Adventure

**Ride down the sea, and then with the tide,
Farm accommodations with hot pot!
Four days riding - time for more Iceland!**

2010

Riding Iceland's famous horses along lava beaches

This short ride is popular with those riders who want to experience the beaches along Iceland's Snaefellsness peninsula. It's short but dramatic, with several days under the watchful eye of Mt Snæfellsjökull glacier -- known from Jules Vernes Journey to the Center of the Earth. Stay in farmhouses with hot tubs, ride with farmers who know the tidal trail like their own back yard, and experience the excitement with your horse on the beach! This is a shortened version of the 9 day Snaefellsness Ride

Your hosts, Sigurður (Siggi) and Ólöf have been training horses and riding on Snaefellsnes 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 the ride, which will offer a sense of traditional hospitality for this short ride -- comfy beds, shared bath and an outdoor geothermal hot pot, for a nice ending to a days ride.

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

Welcome to Iceland - Keflavik Airport - Reykjavik

You will arrive at Keflavik International Airport and use your voucher to take the Flybus shuttle to the BSI Bus Terminal in Reykjavik, (about a 40 minute ride). 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.

Thursday:

Stóri-Kálfalækur – Kolviðarnes – Stóri-Kálfalækur

After breakfast, you'll go north and west to Stóri-Kálfalækur Farm, and 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 to the beach, with a view of the crater in Eldborgarhraun lava field on the way to Kolviðarnes Farm, where the horses spend the night, while riders while riders return to Stóri-Kálfalækur where a hot tub beckons! (25 km)

Friday:

Kolviðarnes – Traðir – Stóri- Kálfalækur

Today's the day -- hit the beach! You'll start your ride on Löngufjörur, the famous horse trail on the golden sands of Snaefellsnes 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 (35 km)

Our Prices include flights, taxes, fuel charges and a number of "extras". See details inside!

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Saturday:

Traðir – Kolviðarnes – Stóri- Kálfalækur

You'll have another full day's ride on the beautiful yellow sands of Snaefellsness today. Then you'll turn and head back towards mighty Eldborgarhraun lava field. You'll ride with lava-fields and mountains on one side of the trail and the Atlantic Ocean on the other - a pretty unique day on horseback! (35 km)

Sunday:

Kolviðarnes – Mt.Fagraskógar- Stóri- Kálfalækur

The last riding day of riding leads past green meadows on nice riding tracks underneath Mt.Fagraskógar. This area is famous in the sagas as being the hideout of the famous outlaw Grettir. The horses turn towards the sea again and take you back to Stóri-Kálfalækur Farm. Now it is time to bid farewell to hosts and horses and drive back to Reykjavík. (35 km) You'll be dropped at your hotel for a good nights sleep in your own room! Sometimes riders go out for dinner together, (but that's not included in the price!)

Monday:

Home again!

Depending on your flights home, you may have a long morning to see a bit of Reykjavík. For all riders, the Flybus will pick you up at your hotel and have you back at Keflavik International Airport in plenty of time for your flights home. We could add a stop at the Blue Lagoon to soak off the ride, too!

Prices*:

Prices includes round trip airfare, **including fuel surcharge and departure taxes** from Boston, New York, Minneapolis - ask about prices from Toronto, Halifax and Europe. Add \$110 per person from Seattle. Price also includes all transfers while in Iceland, a first and last night in double room in a Reykjavik hotel with private bath, tv and internet connection. During the ride, you'll have three nights in a farmhouse in sleeping bags with 2-4 beds per rom, with shared facilities, showers and an outdoor hot tub, all meals, tack and equipment while on the tour. The single supplement includes single rooms only on the pre and post ride nights in Reykjavik - no single rooms available during the ride.

***NOT** included are travel insurance, meals and dinner on arrival day, dinner on your last day back in Reykjavik, lunch on your departure day, and the cost of any extra and additional travels.

The price is **\$2644** per person double occupancy (pp/do), **\$2799** with single supplement.

Travel Dates:

The Snaefellsness Beach Ride will run 3 times in **2010**. The tour starts in Iceland on Thursday morning and runs through the next Sunday, so dates listed are when the tour starts in Iceland. Riders from the US will have to leave for Iceland no later than the Tuesday night before the tour starts. However, Europeans can leave home on the Wednesday before the tour begins.

Dates for Snaefellsness Beach Ride

June 1 - June 7

August 17 - August 23

August 27 - September 2

We'll include a gear list with your registration information -- but just to let you know - this tour requires knee high rubber riding boots!

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.

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