



Horses



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Thórsmörk Riding Tour

Amazing variety on a short tour - glaciers, woods, canyons, rivers

**Riding with the Herd
6 Day tour, 4 riding days
2010**

Whether you've ridden for years or are just learning your way around horses, the broad valleys, steep canyons and raging rivers of Thórsmörk are marvelous places to enjoy the Icelandic horse in Iceland's nature. The Thórsmörk tour has always been popular with Horses North riders. It takes riders through one of the loveliest spots in a beautiful country - a large wooded valley, sacred, considered the "woods of Thor," which has been dedicated to this God since ancient times. Worth a visit by anyone travelling to Iceland, it's particularly fascinating to ride into this area on horseback. This tour is unusual in that it is a short tour that brings along a herd of loose horses as remounts.

Day 0:

Iceland here we come!

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!

Riders will arrive at Keflavik International Airport and then take the Flybus shuttle to the BSI bus terminal in Reykjavik. You can check your bags, grab some breakfast, and then set out explore a bit of Iceland's capital city. Around 5:30 PM, the outfitter will pick you up at the BSI bus terminal, and take you to their farm, about an hour outside the capital. The tour group meets over dinner and is given details of the tour ahead. Horses North clients are upgraded to a night in the comfortable Hotel Eldhestar.

Day 2:

Hveragerði - Skálakot

After breakfast, riders are taken south to the outfitters farm, Skálakot to meet the horses and begin riding. The first day's ride goes to the delta of the Markarfljót river, where seals are often seen, and then the route turns inland, where the view of mountains and glaciers await. You'll spend the night in the guesthouse on the outfitters farm, with showers and shared bathrooms. 22 km, 4 hours

Day 3:

Skálakot - Thórsmörk

It's a day for great sights starting with Paradise Cave, famous during outlaw times. Then there is a walk behind the waterfall at Seljalandsfoss which rises some 70 meters high. Next, a ride up the valley along the river Markarfljót, known from Njals saga. The first glacier in sight

is Eyjafjallajökull, which produces many little rivers, and culminates in the glacial torrent called Krossa. Now, you've arrived at Thórsmörk national park, wild and beautiful, and held dear by Icelanders. The next two nights are spent in a mountain hut here, with a sauna showers and a small hot pool. 40 km - 6-7 hrs

Day 4:

Thórsmörk

The whole day is spent riding through this huge national park. Thórsmörk offers unforgettable scenery, with its broad valleys, real forests, plenty of canyons, caves and waterfalls. The highlight is a ride into the deep green canyon Stakkholtsgja, which feels like the heart of Thórsmörk. Where else can you ride in the shadow of three glaciers - Eyjafjallajökull, Tindafjallajökull and Mydalsjökull 25 km 5 hrs



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Day 5:

Thórsmörk - Heimaland

The last day gets started with more riding through Thórsmörk. Then it's time to ride back through the fine broad valleys approaching Thórsmörk and over the moors of Hamragardaheidi. Around 2 PM you'll leave the horses, go back to the farm. After saying good-bye to the horses, riders head back to Reykjavik where you'll be dropped at your hotel (another upgrade for Horses North clients). Often riders all go out to one of Reykjavik's many good restaurants for a last dinner together, (but it's not included in the price!). 25 km 5 hrs

Day 6:

Home again!

The tour officially ends this morning after breakfast. You can continue exploring Iceland or, if your trip is over you can take the Flybus shuttle out to the airport later in the day. (You could take a bus that will give you a few hours visit to the Blue Lagoon on the trip to the airport).

Meals on riding tours 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.

Decisions, Decisions!

Trying to pick out a tour? Click to our Tour Tree at <http://www.icelandadventure.com/tree.html> to see some of the differences between the various kinds of tours we offer in Iceland. Send us an e-mail or call with questions!

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Dates:

The Thórsmörk Riding Tour runs 9 times in 2010. The first day 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. Below are travel dates for the tour and prices per person, double occupancy. Single supplement prices available upon request..

| Travel Dates | Price |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Thurs, June 10-Wed, Jun 16 | \$2727 |
| Sat, June 19-Fri, June 25 | |
| Sat, Jul 3-Fri, July 9 | |
| Tues, July 27-Mon, Aug 2 | |
| Sat, Aug 14-Fri, Aug 20 | |
| Wed, Aug 25-Tues, Aug 21 | |
| Sun, May 30-Sat, June 5 | \$2585 |
| Mon, Sept 6-Sun, Sept 12 | |
| Tues, Sept 14-Mon, Sept 20 | |

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.

Price

The price 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, hotel accommodations with private bath, tv, internet connection for pre- and post-ride nights, breakfast on departure day, sleeping bag accommodations during the ride in mountain huts and guest houses with shared facilities, all meals during the ride, as well as safety helmets and rain gear.

Not included in the price are travel insurance, breakfast and lunch on your arrival day, dinner on your last riding day back in Reykjavik, lunch on the day of departure and the cost of any additional travel.

On your first night you are upgraded to a double room at the comfortable Hotel Eldhestar. Accommodations during the ride are traditionally Icelandic. You'll need a sleeping bag, for which the outfitter will provide a good mattress, and you'll stay in farm guesthouses, mountain huts and cabins, which are all warm and clean. Typically there are several beds per room, and in huts there may be one big sleeping room. Most will have shared bathroom facilities, many will have showers. What they lack in creature comforts they make up for in impressive scenery. On your last night in Reykjavik you'll be upgraded to a hotel for a bit of post-ride comfort. You'll be provided with rain gear and approved safety helmets.

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