



Horses



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Thórsmörk Riding Tour

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

Riding with the Herd
5 Day tour, 4 riding days
...2017

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! 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 traveling 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 - Torfastadir

After breakfast, riders are taken south to the outfitters farm, Torfastadir in Fljotshlid 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) riding on the old river banks to the Dimon cleft, which is well known to Icelanders from the old Njals Saga. You'll end the day's ride after crossing the old bridge over the Markarfljot river. Spending the night at Stóru-Mörk / Ásgarður, with showers and shared bathrooms. 22-25 km, 4 hours

Day 3:

Stora-Mork - Thórsmörk

Today you'll ride from the farm Stóra-Mörk towards the valley of Thórsmörk. Following the river Markarfljót (known from the Saga of Njáll) along the slopes of the famous glacier and volcano

Eyjafjallajökull, riding on soft ground covered by the ash of the volcano's eruption in 2010, which has changed the landscape in this area considerably. During the ride into the valley you'll cross several rivers and ride along the banks of the torrential glacial river Krossá, before reaching the beautiful nature reserve Thórsmörk, which is named after the old Nordic god Thór. The picturesque valley is framed by glaciers on three sides, Eyjafjallajökull, Tindafjallajökull and Mýrdalsjökull. You'll stay overnight at the mountain hut Básar in Thórsmörk. In the long evening there's the opportunity to take in the spectacular landscape of the broad valley with its surprisingly rich vegetation, birch woods, canyons and lava formations shaped by Iceland's rivers and volcanos. 25 km, 5-6 hours.



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Day 4:

Thórsmörk - Stora-Mörk

The day begins with a visit of the “Elves Church”, a distinctive volcanic formation, followed by a visit to the enormous anyon Stakkholtsgjá, an unforgettable experience. You follow the riding trail of the day before out of the valley, ride over the green heathlands Hamragarðaheiði and then back to the path again through the valley of the river Markarfljót until reaching the farm Stóra-Mörk / Ásgarður, where you'll stay overnight. 30 km, 6 hours, 6 hrs

Day 5:

Rauðaskirður – Torfastaðir

The last day you'll ride over the fine trails in the Markarfljots area. following an old road that makes it possible to see the beautiful area of the Fljotshlid hills. On the way back you'll pass Hlíðarendi farm where one of the most well known vikings in Iceland, where Gunnar á Hlíðarendi, lived out his life in the Tenth century.

. At about 3 pm, you'll be driven back to Vellir, and after a short stop, continue on to Reykjavik, were you'll be dropped at your hotel. Horses North clients are upgraded her to a little bit more upscale hotel. 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!

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).



Dates:

The Thórsmörk Riding Tour runs 4 times in 2017. 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. Below are travel dates for the tour and prices per person, double occupancy.

Price is **\$3067** pe person double occupancy With single supplement for pre and post ide nights **\$3259**

Travel Dates

<i>Depart N Amer</i>		<i>Return N Amer</i>
Sat May 27	-	Fri Jun 2
Sat June 10	-	Fri Jun 16
Sun July 9	-	Sat July 15
Mon Aug 7	-	Sun Aug 13

Accommodations and Meals: Fist night, pre ride will be in comfortable rooms at the Hotel Eldhestar with private bath, TV, wifi and access to a hot tub. During the ride itself you'll be in sleeping bag accommodations in guesthouses and mountain huts. After the ride you'll spend a night in Reykjavik in a 3 star hotel with private bath. Most meals are included -an Icelandic breakfast buffet, a packed lunch on the trail and dinner with a starter, entree and lots of vegetables. Desert and drinks can be purchased at the hotel.

***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 any Icelandair's gateways such as: Minneapolis, Chicago, 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.

***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 and dinner on the day of departure and the cost of any additional travel. **Finest print.** Please note that our tour prices are subject to revision until you book your tour by making a deposit. The prices listed on print material may not be the latest available price.

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