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Great day Rides

**A full day of riding through amazing geothermal country
...2016 - 17**

Great Add- On adventures!

Magnificent views of the valley and out to sea to the Westmann Islands, off the coast, meadows, mountains, beaches, these tours offer riders a wide cross-section of Iceland's history and landscapes. Between 18 and 21 km long, lasts 5-6 hours, and good for those with some riding experience and/or good physical conditioning and a taste for adventure!

Be ready to be picked up at your Reykjavik hotel at 8:15 AM by Eldhestar, and taken to their farm in Hveragerdi, about 40 minutes from the capital. Here you'll meet the horses and guides, get set up with helmets and rain gear and learn a bit about the special qualities of the Icelandic horse. Riding starts at 9:30 AM. Wear sturdy footwear and remember to bring your bathing suit!

Hot Spring Hunt - Summer only

This day-long tour gives you a unique opportunity to experience all the variety of Icelandic nature. Riding across the valley, then up into the mountains, you then descend into the valley Reykjadalur, where riders take a break and have a chance to soak in its hot stream. (You'll need to go behind a hillock to get into your bathing suit!) Even in a land of hot springs this is a treat - and quite pleasant to sit in. You control the temperature by moving up or down the stream! On the way back to the farm, you'll enjoy spectacular views over the Djúpagilsfoss waterfall, all the way down to the coastline, where you can see the Westman Islands if it's a clear day.

5-6 hours riding - 21 km. Bring your swimsuit and towel. Hotel pick-up in Reykjavik every day between 8:20-8:45. You'll be back in Reykjavik about 5 PM. Helmets, rain gear, and a box lunch is provided. **\$235** per person.

Below the Mountains - all year

This tour shows off the beautiful landscape between mountains and sea in southern Iceland. The tour starts in the meadows where many birds are nesting. Ride along the Ölfusá stream and down to an island in the river delta. Head up towards the mountains, continuing along Reykjafjall mountain, where both sheep and horses graze in summertime. From the foot of the mountain There's a beautiful view of the river delta and Ölfus area.

5-6 hours riding - 18 km. Box lunch included. Hotel pick-up in Reykjavik every day between 8:20-8:45. Return to Reykjavik about 5 pm. **\$208** per person

The Beach Ride Tour - all year

Riders head down to the little seaside village of Thorlakshofn, where they meet the horses and saddle up. You'll follow the beach to where the Ölfusá river meets the sea and then Continue on the soft river banks back to Eldhestars farm at Vellir.

5 hours of riding - about 18 km. Box lunch included. Minimum of 4 people for tour departure, (can be from different groups). Pick-up in Reykjavik at 8:20-8:45. Return to Reykjavik around 5 pm. **\$225** per person

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Volcano Contrasts

Three day tour with two days of riding
comfortable country hotel

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A short time with a lot to experience! You'll stay in a comfortable Eco-Hotel at the horse farm and experience pleasant riding through scenery formed from past volcanic activity and today's bubbling hot springs. This 55 km tour departs every day, and riders can join on any day. It's a good introduction to horse touring - most travelers use this as a part of a longer stay in Iceland for other activities and explorations - and we can set up a variety of other things to do and see.

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 to 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. Horses North clients are upgraded to a night in the comfortable Hotel Eldhestar.

Day 2:

Hveragerdi - Kolvidarholl

Riding starts after breakfast. Following the old route to Hellisheidi, riding across the moor to the volcano Hengill and over the lava field Kristnitokuhraun, the agility and comfortable gaits of the Icelandic

Horse is at its best. You'll ride over lava which came from the eruption of Hengill during the year 1000; the same year Iceland officially became Christian. Legend calls these eruptions the revenge of the old gods Thor, Odin and Freya. Riding along the many paths that crisscross Hengill, you'll ride to a steep path of lava down to the valley Reykjadalur - or Valley of Steam. Your reward for all this riding is a dip in the warm stream running through this valley - you control the temperature by moving up or down the stream! A nice soak in this warm rivulet is quite unforgettable! Then it's back to the Hotel for a nice dinner and good nights sleep! 5 - 6 hours on horseback.

Day 3:

The Mountain Ingolfsfjall and the river Olfusa

Leaving the farm, an old route is taken along Ingolfsfjall, the mountain named after the first Norwegian Viking who settled in Iceland. The Olfusa river is

followed to the old Arnarboeli Cemetery over fields and meadows. From there we have a view over the river and to the famous volcano Hekla. The Olfusforir Bird Sanctuary is visited before the return to Vellir with a total of 20 km riding for the day.

Riders are returned to Reykjavik around 5:30 PM and dropped at their hotel (another upgrade for Horses North clients).

Day 4:

Home again..or???

After breakfast you can continue exploring Iceland or, if your trip is over you can 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.)

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The Volcano Contrasts tour runs all year round, starting every day that there is room at the farm. This is an ideal tour to combine with some other exploration of this fascinating country. During the winter - when snow or mud may keep horses out of high valleys, more riding may be done in the delta around the farm. Or one day may be used for a riding course at farm. A talk about the Icelandic horse - in history and contemporary life - will be presented. *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.*

Dates	Price*
Double , per person	
April, May, September, October	\$1985
June, July, August	\$2115
November, December	\$1915
Single , per person	
April, May, September, October	\$2184
June, July, August	\$2350
November, December	\$2114

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 two days of riding, 2 nights at the farm hotel and one night in a hotel in Reykjavik.

Accommodations and Meals: all nights during the ride will be in comfortable rooms at the Hotel Eldhestar with private bath, TV, wifi and access to a hot tub. For your Reykjavik night you will be in 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 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.

Not included in the price 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.

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