

// MIDSUMMER NIGHTS – INFORMATION

This tour is one of the highlights in our program. Once you have experienced Icelandic summer nights you will never forget them! Spend some unforgettable days and nights in Skagafjörður during the best time of the year! This tour offers a variety of sightseeing and riding while the midnight sun is shining....

INCLUDED

- 5 x accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir, 1x accommodation in mountain cabin
- Riding tour and sightseeing as outlined in the program.
- Full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Transfers from/to the nearest bus station (Varmahlíð) to Lýtingsstaðir

Unforeseen things and extremely bad weather conditions force us every now and then to change itineraries. We reserve the right to do this for your safety and maximum enjoyment of your holiday.

PLEASE BRING

- Riding helmet, riding-/walking boots
- Windbreaker and rainwear, cap or ear band, gloves
- Bathing suit and slippers

PLEASE NOTE

- It is advisable to have your own personal insurance when joining the riding tour.
This tour is undertaken at the participant's own risk.
- Riders must wear riding helmets.
- Your riding clothes and boots must be new or disinfected before you arrive.
- For this riding tour it is necessary to have good riding experience.
- This tour requires a minimum of 4 participants.

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MONDAY:

We pick up guests around 02:30 pm at the bus station in Varmahlíð. Followed by a first meeting, a cup of coffee and a short ride where the guides introduce you to the Icelandic way of riding. Dinner and accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir.

TUESDAY:

We saddle up after breakfast and go for an approximately 5 hour riding tour. We follow an old path, which was forgotten for many years and has been discovered again a few years ago. The path was once used by the farmers to join the community parliament. We will have a marvelous view over Skagafjörður while riding on the soft track and stop in the Millenniums forest to have a lunch break. We will continue and ride back to the farm. Dinner and accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir.



WEDNESDAY:

We go for a ride through the beautiful surroundings of the farm, find a nice place for a lunch break and relax a little bit on the farm after we return. In the evening we drive to the seaside, along the western coast shore of Skagafjörður and walk to the beautiful bay Glerhallavík. Afterwards we will take a bath in the natural hot pool Grettislaug while listening to the old saga of Grettir, the famous outlaw. We hope for good weather to enjoy the unforgettable midsummer night hours. We drive back to Lýtingsstaðir.

THURSDAY:

We leave for a two-day ride into the highlands. We ride up the mountain Goðdalafjall. It is like entering the top of the world when the view over the glaciers opens just in front of us. We cross a various landscape with rocks, stones, lava and heather (ca. 6 hours). We arrive at the cozy

mountain cabin Hraunlækur where we spend the evening with a tasty dinner and a walk down to the canyon of the glacial river Vestari Jökulsá. On our way back to the cabin we will follow a clear spring river with pretty small waterfalls where the water streams down moss covered cascades. We will end the evening with some singing or storytelling and will have a good sleep.

FRIDAY:

After a rich breakfast we pack our luggage, saddle the horses and ride back to Lýtingsstaðir. We will have a marvelous view over Skagafjörður when we ride down from the “top of the world” into our valley. The horses head home in a fast tölt. Dinner and accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir.

**SATURDAY:**

The day today will be blended with stories of Icelandic history. We will take the bus to the valley Austurdalur. After passing through the last inhabited farm we go along the deep and wood covered canyon of the river Jökulsá Austari. We stop on a deserted farm and go for a walk while listening to stories about the people and their life in this valley a long time ago. We relax with a cup of coffee when we return back to the farm, have time to take a walk around the farm or for taking pictures and prepare our barbecue. Afterwards we saddle the horses and go for a midnight ride which will complete the great day and a fantastic week. Accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir.

SUNDAY:

The tour ends after breakfast. We drive all guests back to the bus station in Varmahlíð.