

// TRACES OF THE PAST – INFORMATION

This tour is one of the highlights of our riding tour season, comprises some great rides and possibility to ride excellent horses through a magnificent landscape while listening to stories about Iceland and the Icelanders. The focal point is a three-day-trip deep into the valley Vesturdalur with two overnight stay in a mountain cabin.

INCLUDED

- 4 x accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir, 2 x accommodation in simple equipped mountain cabin
- Riding tour as outlined above and short bus excursion
- 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. We will spend the evening under the motto Horses&Heritage and get a guided tour through Lýtingsstaðirs turf house. Dinner and accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir.



WEDNESDAY

We start a three-day ride into the beautiful valley Vesturdalur. We ride along the glacial river Vestari Jökulsá and stop on Iceland's oldest stone corral, which is still in use. After we pass the last inhabited farm we ride along the river Fossá, in a remarkable canyon with many waterfalls. Basalt rocks and small hills where elves live are on our way after we leave the civilization. We reach the deserted farm Þórljótsstaðir where we stay for two nights in a simple equipped but cozy mountain hut. The ride lasts about 6 -7 hours. The surroundings are beautiful and invite for walks while the horses graze just around us. An old turf house is just beside the hut and tells stories from past times. We will spend an unforgettable time here. Dinner and accommodation in the mountain cabin.

THURSDAY

After breakfast we saddle the horses and ride further into the valley. We follow the deep Fossá canyon through the most remarkable landscape of Skagafjörður. At the end of the valley we will reach a place called Klaustur. The story tells that a monastery has been here about 1000 years ago. Maybe it was just a place where an eremite lived but anyway we will understand why people wanted to settled here for some time. High cliffs surround the place and give it a very special atmosphere. We will rest here for a while en enjoy the silence and peace of this place before we ride back to our hut. It is worth to go for a short walk to the canyon just below the hut and look at the pretty waterfall. Dinner and accommodation in the mountain cabin.



FRIDAY

After a relaxing night and a good breakfast we saddle our horses again and ride back to Lýtingsstaðir, enjoying the landscape and the tölt of our horses which head home in a fast speed (ca 5-6 hours). A hot shower, a comfortable bed and a big dinner welcome us back at Lýtingsstaðir.

SATURDAY

After breakfast we go for a short bus excursion to see the beautiful waterfall Reykjafoss and find a hidden natural spring which invites for a bath. We will have a picknick under the sky and drive back to the farm. We saddle our horses for a last ride on the soft riding paths along the river Svartá. When back at Lýtingsstaðir we enjoy a barbecue and spend the last evening together talking about the past days full of impressions. Accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir.

SUNDAY

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