

// HORSE ROUND UP LAUFSKÁLARÉTT – INFORMATION

This tour gives you the chance to take part on the horse round up and sorting event at Laufskálarétt. We will be in the middle of the event, follow the horse round up in Kolbeinsdalur valley and the sorting in the corral. At this time of the year the weather can be quite cold already and the horses have started to put on a thick winter coat. That's why we have chosen a program that comprises short riding days combined with a variety of activities.

INCLUDED

- 6x accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir
- Riding tour and activities as outlined above
- Full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Transfers from/to the nearest bus station (Varmahlöð) 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
- 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 3 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. Back on the farm we will have a light lunch. Afterwards we'll go on a guided tour by bus to discover the inner part of our valley which is full of stories about farms and people in old times and nowadays. Dinner and accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir.



WEDNESDAY:

Today we practice to round up horses by gathering the Lýtingsstaðir stud. We will ride over the wide grazing land and experience how strong and surefooted the horses are. We enjoy the panoramic view and look out for the stud. We will drive them home and it will be an unforgettable experience to see the herd running in front of us. We will have time to look at the horses down at the farm after lunch. After the horses have gone up again to their highland pasture we'll enjoy coffee and home made pastry and take a short bus trip to the waterfall Reykjafoss. Dinner and accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir.

THURSDAY:

We will go for another ride through the beautiful surroundings of the farm and enjoy our eager horses and their comfortable tölt. If the weather is good enough we might take our lunch with us in saddlebags. In the afternoon we get an interesting guided tour through Lýtingsstaðirs turf houses under the motto Horses&Heritage. Dinner and accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir.

FRIDAY:

After breakfast we go for a ride along the Svartá river banks on our superb horses to get more experience for the following day. Our horses will be picked up after lunch and transferred to next days meeting point. We spent a relaxing afternoon on the farm and have an early dinner. After dinner we'll drive you to Sauðárkrókur where we join an exciting riding show in the local riding hall Svaðastaðir. It is a tradition that awards are given this night and fast shows and flying pace shows take place. Enjoy the horsey atmosphere in the hall! Transfer back at the end of the show to Lýtingsstaðir.



SATURDAY:

We have an early breakfast and drive to our horses. We get ready and ride to the official meeting point. Together with the farmers we ride into the valley Kolbeinsdalur and round up about 500-600 horses. This is an unforgettable adventure and we will have a great time and a fast ride in a breathtaking landscape. At noon the horses will be driven from Kolbeinsdalur down the mountains into Hjaltadalur to the corral Laufskálarétt. The farmers will sort their horses here during the next hours. These hours are full of Icelandic passion, music and festive atmosphere and we are right in the middle of this fantastic event. Our riding horses will be picked up with a trailer and transferred back home and we go back to Lýtingsstaðir with lasting impressions of horses, people and the Icelandic way of life. Farewell dinner and accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir.

SUNDAY:

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