

// SHEEP ROUND UP – INFORMATION

To take part in a traditional sheep round up in Iceland is something you will never forget. It is difficult to find an adventure to compare with it. You will be among Icelandic farmers and experience the old tradition of collecting sheep in the highlands. Sheep round up can involve riding with a couple of horses over rough terrain in not very comfortable weather conditions. On the main round up day you will sit many hours in the saddle but also walk with your horses. That's why you should have a proper and healthy condition. Beside the hard work you will begin to feel and understand the farmers joy when hundreds of sheep stream down the mountains.....You will also experience the strength and patience of the Icelandic horse!

INCLUDED

- Accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir
- Riding tour and transfers as outlined above.
- Full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Transfers from/to the nearest bus station (Varmahlíð) to Lýtingsstaðir

PLEASE BRING

- Riding helmet, windbreaker and rainwear, riding and walking boots
- Warm clothes such as woolen pullovers and socks, long johns, cap and ear band, 2-3 pairs of gloves
- Energy bars or chocolate for the round up day

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 welcome our guests at the bus station in Varmahlíð and transfer them to Lýtingsstaðir. 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 / WEDNESDAY:

We will go for several rides and practice riding with a hand horse (we will pony our second horse during the round up) and try to learn the “sheep round up science”. Boarding and accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir.



THURSDAY:

We leave the farm and ride through the beautiful valley Gillhagidalur into the highlands. The interior of Iceland will welcome us with a great view. Every guest is riding with two horses. While riding one the other horse has to be lead as a hand horse. We meet other farmers in the highlands and leave the horses at the lake Aðalmansvatn. We drive back to Lýtingsstaðir for dinner and accommodation.

FRIDAY:

We leave the farm very early in the morning, drive to our horses and saddle up. Everyone will be given a place in the chain of farmers. We will round up sheep on a wide area until noon. The sheep are collected in a fence and driven down the valley Mælifellsdalur afterwards. This will take several hours. We bring the herd of ca. 800-1.500 sheep into the corral Mælifellsrétt. It is a great experience to see the sheep streaming down the valley like a flood. We will be exhausted at the end of the day and happy to come back to the farm at night time. The round up has often last for 10-12 hours! Dinner and accommodation on Lýtingsstaðir.



SATURDAY:

We will drive early in the morning to the main corral Stafnsrétt located in the next valley. Here we can watch and even help to sort hundreds of sheep. We will meet the farmers we have been helping the day before and maybe exchange some news like the locals. When we return to the farm in the afternoon we will go for a last ride and spend the evening together with sharing the experiences and happenings of the past days. 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.