

// MOUNTAIN VIEW – INFORMATION

This new tour will give you a glimpse into the interiors of Iceland. After a nice day tour on horse-back in the surroundings of the farm we'll start our ride into the highlands the next day. The tour follows a part of the ancient trade route across the highlands. In the past this trail was used by commoners and statesmen for travelling to the Alþing at Þingvellir, Europe's first parliament. We will cross wide fields of heath and areas full of stones and rocks. The glaciers seem to be closed enough to touch. Every guest rides with 2 horses. While one horse is ridden the second one is lead beside. The daily time of riding will be between 5-7 hours. Guests need to have very good riding skills to take part on this tour. We stay in a simple equipped mountain cabin for two nights. Enjoy this adventure on back of our fascinating Icelandic horse.

INCLUDED

- Riding tour and transfers as per the above program, luggage is carried in a van
 - 2 x Sleeping bag accommodation in bunk beds in simple equipped mountain cabins,
4 x farmhouse accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir
 - Full board starting with dinner on Monday evening, ending with breakfast on Sunday morning
 - Transfers from/to the nearest bus station (Varmahlíð) from/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

- Sleeping bag and towels
- Waterproofed riding boots, slippers
- Gloves, warm underwear, woollen socks, bathing suit
- Riding helmet, windbreaker and rainwear
- Chocolate or energy bars for the long riding days are recommended
- We recommend to bring a backpack for the luggage you need in the highlands.

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 10 participants

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MONDAY

We pick up guests around 02.30 pm at the bus station in Varmahlíð and drive to Lýtingsstaðir. We will have a cup of coffee or tea while talking about the coming days followed by a short ride where the guides introduce 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 will cross wide grazing land, ride speedful tölt along gravelled tracks and find a nice place for a picnic. We will have a marvellous view over Skagafjörður, the delta, the majestic mountains and the canyon of the glacial river. We ride back to the farm and enjoy new baked pastry. Dinner and accommodation at Lýtingsstaðir.



WEDNESDAY

We start after breakfast, saddle our horses and leave for our adventure. We ride through the beautiful valley Gilhagadalur and reach the mountain plateau Eyvindastaðaheiði. In clear weather conditions we will have a spectacular view over the highlands with the glaciers Hofsjökull and Langjökull in front. We ride around the beautiful lake Aðalmannsvatn and enjoy the splendid view over the highland mountains around us. We will reach the mountain cabin Galtará, a peaceful place in the middle of the interiors, where we spend the night.

THURSDAY

After a relaxing night and a good breakfast we saddle our horses and start today's ride. The glaciers right in front of us, majestic mountains with eternal ice, seem close enough to touch. We explore the area and follow old paths through the wide heath and rocky desert. After the day's ride we will take the evening easy and listen to the silence of the interiors that is just interrupted by the wind and the snorting horses.

FRIDAY

We pack our stuff and saddle up for the ride back home. We follow an ancient path, marked by cairns that are supposed to be around 200 years old and have shown the way through the highlands for centuries. We take a last look over the highlands and leave them through the fertile valley Mælifellsdalur. We will have a spectacular view over Skagafjörður when we get out of the valley and come down the steep mountains.



The horses feel that they are close to their home and speed up. We will speed up with them and head home in a last fast tölt.

SATURDAY

After breakfast we will visit the handcraft gallery Rúnalist on the next farm and go to the swimming pool in Varmahlíð to relax our muscles in the spa. After having lunch we'll saddle up again and go for a last ride on our eager horses. We will have a great "Good bye" barbeque at Lýtingsstaðir and review the days we spent together.

SUNDAY:

The tour ends after breakfast. We have to say good buy to our guides and new friends. Transfer to the bus station in Varmahlíð.