



# Hidden Trails

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*Equestrian Vacations  
- on & with Hidden Trails*

## About Hidden Trails



Hidden Trails is owned and operated by nature enthusiasts who love horses and adventure activities. We have been involved with riding and other outdoor vacations for over 20 years.

With our partners Voyage du Cheval (France), Pegasus (Germany) as well as Equitour (Switzerland and France) we have collected the best riding destinations all over the world in some hidden places we would like to share with you.

These rides are about galloping on endless beaches, forging rivers, cantering through forests, trotting along age-old trails, gazing at beautiful vistas and encountering foreign cultures. But most of all, these trips are about getting away from the cycle of too much work and never enough free time.

Escape from the rituals, which long ago froze our nights and days into little more than routine and away from the worries of our new tense times. It is so satisfying when we take the plunge of adventure - it's unfortunate that we invent so many reasons to put aside living our dreams of adventure. It is sometimes a tangled web that we weave through life. Some of the threads reveal a work-a-day world of commitments, duties and obligations. Other threads are of a quiet fabric of hope, responsibility and refreshment.

On our adventures you see the real country, its back country and meet the locals. The love for horses has no boundaries but possesses a common language we all speak and understand. The majority of the overseas rides are from inn to inn, some from castle to castle and a few are camping rides.

You will experience new countries and their customs and make new friends. The Hidden Trails trips are the best you can find.

They have been tested by our staff or associates and received our stamp of approval. If you are considering a special riding vacation anywhere in the world, call us first and let our experienced consultants match the perfect trip with your dream.

We will listen to you and give you objective advice to help you choose the best destination and adventure.

Your vacation is the most precious time of the year and we are committed to making it the most memorable time of your life. Wherever you go, have a great time and bring back some peace of mind.

Thank you for your continued support.

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# Borgarnes Beach & Valleys - Iceland, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ICEIL4  
5 days / 4 nights ~\$0.00  
Dates: August

Trip Rating : ●●●●●  
Difficulty : ●●●●●  
Lodging : ●●●

**Tack:** Icelandic tack with saddle bags  
**Horses:** Icelandic Horses  
**Pace:** Riding 15-25 km per day (3-6 hours in ...  
Walk,Trot,Canter,

**Airport:** Keflavik Airport



## Introduction

West, Iceland

This tour includes 5 exciting riding days along the beach and up the mountains of Western Iceland. It takes you to some of the most exhilarating routes and views in Borgarfjörður.

Our daily rides on excellent Icelandic horses take us along the beach with views to the beautiful fjord Borgarfjörður on one side and to the high mountains of Hafnarfjall and Skarðsheiði on the other side. We will ride for two days along the beach and for three days in green valleys, on a riverbank and over the heathland. As a special treat we also visit Krauma, a lovely geothermal SPA at the mighty Deildartunguhver hot spring!

## Accommodation

### Accommodations

This is a stationary ride so all nights will be spent at the same accommodation.

### Description

You will stay at a modern Hotel in Borgarnes. The rooms feature an Icelandic design and come equipped with a TV, free Wi-Fi and private facilities.

Note that your guide will not be staying at the hotel during the tour.

### Room Occupancy

Triple rooms might be available on request (please inquire).  
The single supplement fee is mandatory for single travelers.

### Meals

During the ride half board is provided with breakfast and lunch.  
Dinners are not included on this tour (except for dinner on day 4).

Lunch is usually eaten on the trail and features a variety of dishes including: sandwiches, hot dogs, lobster soup, lamb BBQ...

We also provide coffee and cakes at the end of the day, usually home baked or assorted Icelandic cheese etc.

### Dietary Restrictions

It is possible to cater to special diets with advance notice.

## Riding



We usually ride with some spare horses as we ride at least 2 horses every day. We mostly ride at a tött but also walk, trot and canter.

We operate our horse riding tours in Iceland in cooperation with local partners that are horse people through and through.

They breed their own horses and train them themselves. They operate their tours in their home region where they know each and every mountain, creek and canyon.

### Riding Gear

Our tack is very similar to the one used by English style riding. But don't worry if you come from a Western Riding background, we will assist you and you will get used to the tack in no time. We use safety stirrups on all our saddles and will ask you to wear a helmet at all times. You can bring your own helmet (please disinfect your riding gear) or you can borrow one locally.

Our bridles are very practical, they have clip on reins that you can release so that your horse can have some grass while you enjoy your break! We also provide you with a saddle bag, big enough for your picnic, gloves and a small camera.

### Riding with the Herd

One of the things that makes riding tours in Iceland completely different from tours in other countries is the fact



that we take lots of spare horses along when we travel. The sight of 40 – 80 horses running free over the mountain trails with the wind in their mane is a view you will not forget – we promise! On each tour you can expect to ride different horses every day. That means that we need at least three to four horses per person. The horses we are not riding run along freely in a herd.

Our partners and their staff will take care of the herd and if you want to, you can help them with the herding. But please note that you should always follow the instructions by the staff. We will go over the safety procedures on the first day of the trip. Riding with the herd is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for every rider!

#### Riding Experience

You do not need any prior knowledge of Icelandic Horses or the special gait tölt. We will explain our way of riding and will take time and patience to teach you how to ride the tölt. However, you might get more out of a multi-day trip if you know already a little bit about tölt. This is why we offer a pre-tour for our multi-day tours in cooperation with our partners (inquire for more information). We especially recommend this pre-tour for riders that are used to Western Riding. But as already mentioned above, this pre-tour is just a service to make sure you enjoy the tour even more but it is not a requirement. We will take good care of you either way!

#### Horse Welfare

Horse Welfare is not just a slogan for us. All of our Team Members own horses and ride on a regular basis. Some of us even breed horses. We love horses - in fact they are everything to us! That is why we carefully pick and choose our partners. We visit them on a regular basis – even without prior notice - to make sure that their horses are kept in good conditions all year round. That is also the reason why you will not find many departures in a row for our tours.

We want to make sure that both horses and the human team behind each tour gets a good rest in between departures so that they can deliver 100% service once you arrive.

During a typical year our horses are kept outside 24/7 during summer on usually rather large fields with access to good grazing and fresh water. If they are close to the stable or a paddock we will keep them there for a few hours during the day when we want to ride them in order to have them nearby and dry. Also in some cases to prevent them from eating 24 hours! Obesity can be a problem in Icelandic Horses. During autumn (usually from Mid September to December) we take their shoes off (all horses in Iceland are ridden with shoes) and they are turned onto big autumn fields where they live nearly „half-wild“ in large herds. During this time they are completely „on vacation“, they are not ridden but we visit them regularly to make sure that every horse is doing well. End of December/beginning of January we take the young and competition horses into the stable for training. Then they are kept in stalls but the Icelandic Law for Horse Welfare states clear regulations regarding stall sizes, daily playtime outside, paddock fencing, food... Older fully trained horses, breeding mares, untrained youngster and horses that are not ridden during wintertime like many of our horses that we use for the tours usually stay outside on winter fields in large herds where they are fed with hay and where sufficient water and wind protection is provided, either natural or man made. From May/June all horses again are on summer fields where they stay outside 24/7 feeding on grass. A few exemptions from these rules are made regarding stallions due to their nature.

#### Travel Insurance

Individual travel insurance is not included in the tour prices. We urge our guests to purchase relevant travel insurance before visiting Iceland. Guests from Europe should bring their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

### Itinerary



#### Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

We reserve the right to alter routes, itineraries or timetables should the necessity arise. The estimated duration of tours as indicated by km can change according to road or weather conditions.

#### Day 1: Beach Ride at Melafjörur

Meet & greet at your accommodation in Reykjavik (timings vary as it depends on the tide). Please be ready in your riding clothes. Our hosts take pride in finding suitable horses for each and every rider before we set out to the beach. We tölt and canter along the famous Melafjörur beach with breathtaking views to the lovely Borgarfjörður fjord on one side and to the high mountain ridge of Hafnarfjall (844 m) to the other side. Small skerries with an abundant birdlife enrich the beautiful beach site. We ride along the lagoon Narfastaðaós to Ölver, the private summerhouse of our host where we enjoy some coffee and cake while the horses enjoy their well-deserved rest. A short drive takes us to Borganes town, a small and beautiful town set amid lava and with amazing views. We take a short tour through the town before we check in at the cosy Hamar Hotel with excellent golf facilities. Enjoy a bath in the outside hot tub with mountain views! Dinner and evening individually.

Dinner and evening on your own.

Riding approx. 15-20 km

Meals included: Lunch

Overnight at Hotel in Reykjavik

#### Day 2: Continue on the beach and on to Skorradalur valley

Enjoy the breakfast buffet at the hotel before our guides will pick you up for your next ride! We return to the horses and ride along the soft beach and lava coastline to Þjófaklettur cliff and Hafnarskógur forest with views over the fjord. From here small country tracks take us to the beautiful Skorradalur valley with its large lake and scenic mountain landscape. Here we leave the horses for the night and drive back to hotel.

Riding approx. 25 km

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Hotel in Reykjavik



#### Day 3: Riding along a mountain and river

We start our ride today where we left our horses in Skorradalur valley and ride around the mountain Hestur (a horse) and come back to our field. We stop for example at an equestrian center at Miðfossar, ride along one of the oldest power plant in Iceland and enjoy lunch at an old meeting place or crossroads. On our way back to hotel we stop at Hreppslaug, a local geothermal pool for a relaxing bath after our ride. Drive back to hotel.

Riding approx. 22 km

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Hotel in Reykjavik

#### Day 4: Along Skorradalsvatn lake

We take the horses on a trailer and drive to abandoned farm Hagi where we start and end our ride. We ride along the lake to Fitjar on grassy trails and passing some old farm ruins. The Skorradalur lake fills up most of the valley but the lowlands in the west are wide moorlands. There is very little traditional farming practiced today but summerhouses are becoming increasingly common and forests are growing from year to year. The Hvanneyri parish is situated at Fitjar which is deep in the valley. We will have dinner all together at a nice restaurant in Borgarnes.

Riding approx. 22 km

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Hotel in Reykjavik

#### Day 5: Mountain ride over remote Skarðheiði

Our last ride will take us up high into the mountains on remote mountain tracks. Skarðheiði plateau with its beautiful peaks Skessuhorn, Skarðshyrna og Heiðarhorn (1053 m) is about 5 million years old and has been formed by huge icefields in prehistorical times. From here we enjoy extraordinary views in all directions towards the ocean and the glaciers and volcanoes inland. The small secluded tracks take us right through the peaks of Skesshorn and Rauðahnjúkafjall. We descend via Snóksfjall mountain ridge back to Ölver summerhouse where we take the horses on trailer back to Skorradalur, say good bye to the horses and drive to Reykjavik. Arrival in Reykjavik in the late afternoon. Drop off either at BSÍ bus station in Reykjavik to catch the flybus to Keflavik airport or at your accommodation in the capital area.

Riding approx. 20 km

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

#### Non Riders

If non-riding golf enthusiasts want to join you, please contact us for rates. Those who do not play golf can enjoy nature by going hiking.

#### Other Info

##### Airport: Keflavik Airport

Pick-up / drop-off for this trip is from downtown Reykjavik. Transfers can be arranged from/to your accommodation in Reykjavik or at the BSÍ bus terminal.

**Tack:** Icelandic tack with saddle bags

**Horses:** Icelandic Horses

**Pace:** Riding 15-25 km per day (3-6 hours in the saddle)

Walk | Trot | Canter |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (4 out of 5) Strong Intermediate

**Age:** Min 12

**Weight:** 210 lbs / 95 kg

**Riders:** Min 2 riders                      Max 4 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.



## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-ICEIL4

**Rates include:** Accommodation with half board (breakfast and lunch), Transfers, 5 Riding days according to program & Entrance to Krauma SPA

### Packages and Options

Season	Description	ISK	~US\$
A 2026	5 day trip -- please inquire for current rate	ISK0	\$0

The US Dollar Rate is based on a ISK Exchange Rate of 0.008 and subject to currency fluctuation

**Rates Note:** Only for private groups upon requests.

### Transfer Option

#### Description

2026	Transfer from/to downtown Reykjavik is included at set times
2026	Single supplement - please inquire

#### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	08/01/2026 - 08/31/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip -- please inquire for current rate

#### Min/Max: 2/4

Custom departures possible on request for groups of 2+ pax

Rates do not include: Dinners (except for dinner on day 4), Travel insurance (mandatory) & Gratuities

# Reservation Form

**Tour :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Code #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **from:** \_\_\_\_\_ **to :** \_\_\_\_\_

The Travelers (Last Name, First Name)	Male Female	Single room / or tent	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Height	Weight	Special diets												
						Special diets	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Intern.	Advanced	ride English	ride Western	mostly arena	mostly hacking			
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Special Diets: \_\_\_\_\_

Your fitness level: Excellent  Moderate  Poor  How long have you been riding? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you ride? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been on other riding tours? No  Yes  last trip when? \_\_\_\_\_

If Hidden Trails offers a transfer from the local airport/station: I would like the transfer to be included: YES  NO

In an emergency, name and phone number of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Attention: Please, if there is more than one participant, all have to sign the reservation form - make copies if needed

With my signature I confirm my reservation of the listed program(s) under the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions. I'm aware, and I made all participants aware of the risk involved with these outdoor adventure activities. All participants have read and agree with the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions and the Hidden Trails Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement in this brochure or as listed on the Internet.

I (we) will sign and forward the Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement at least 10 weeks before trip starting date.

Last Name and First Name (The Traveler) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (wk) \_\_\_\_\_ (hm) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature (mandatory) 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Please, charge a 25% deposit (minimum \$ 350 per person) now and full payment 10 weeks before the travel date to my credit card.

For payments by VISA  or Mastercard  (no debit cards)

Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address for Credit Card (if different than mailing address):  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a check for the deposit

Additional Signatures:

2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Travel Cancellation Insurance** Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up  initial \_\_\_\_\_

No, we will provide our own  initial \_\_\_\_\_

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