

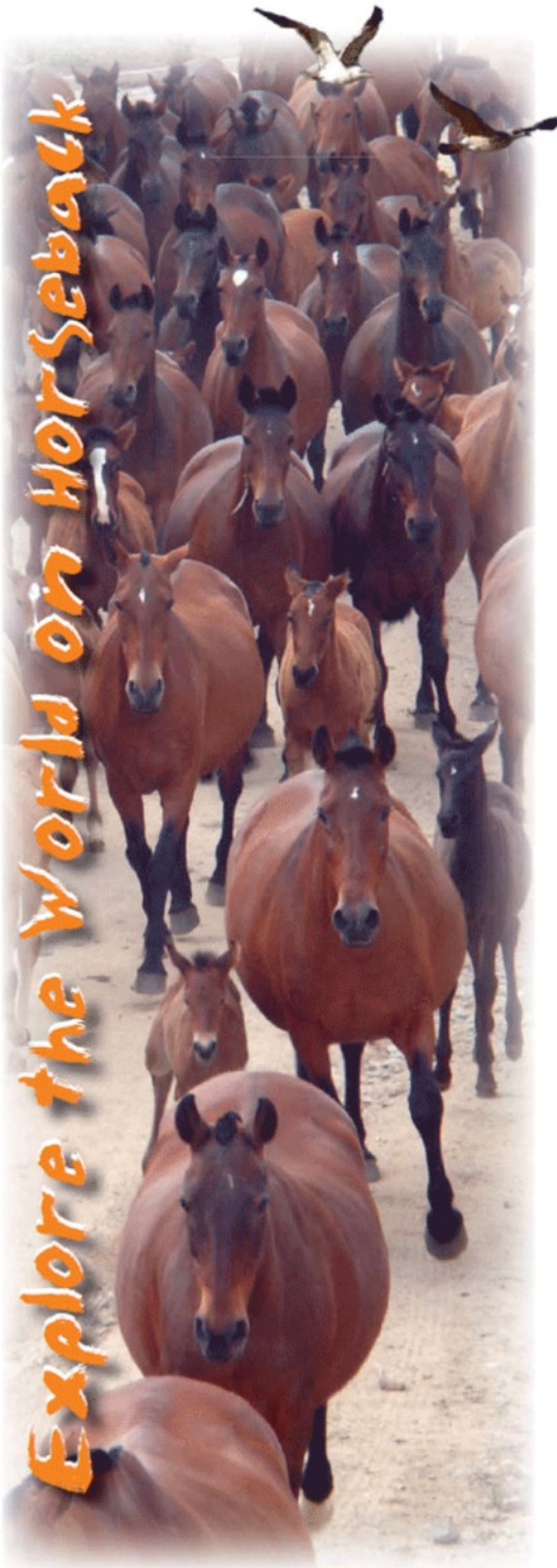
# Hidden Trails

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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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# Krýsuvík and the Blue Lagoon - Iceland, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ICRT-E11  
5 days / 4 nights ~\$1,970.00  
Dates: June & August

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

Tack: Icelandic  
Horses: Icelandic Horses  
Pace: Daily rides are between 4-7 hours (20 ...

Airport: Keflavik Airport



## Introduction

West, Iceland

This tour offers magnificent views, first over South Iceland and glaciers, then over Reykjanes, Reykjavik, and all the way to Snæfellsnes. We begin at Vellir and follow one of Iceland's largest rivers, Ölfusá, down to the coast, before we return to the farm Vellir. The following day we start from the beautiful and mythic Strandarkirkja Church. From Strandarkirkja the tour continues on the beach on our way to Krýsuvík, a colourful hot spring area, which contrasts sharply with the sand and the lava fields of the area. One evening we visit the Blue Lagoon, where we have the opportunity to relax in the soothing geothermal waters.

## Accommodation



### Accommodation

This is a progressive ride so you will be staying in different locations each night.

### Description

Accommodation during the tour is at farms, guesthouses, community centers and simple mountain huts (sometimes dormitory style accommodation). Please, bring your own sleeping bag and pillow.

Wi-Fi access is only available at the accommodations in Vellir. There are no laundry facilities available during this trip.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Nights 1 & 2: Guesthouse in Vellir

Nights 3 & 4: Farmhouse in Isólfsskáli



### Guesthouse in Vellir

You will sleep in made-up beds at the riding farm's guesthouse (2-4 bed rooms, shared facilities - no double beds). The guesthouse offers a comfortable living room, shared bathroom facilities, tea kettle that can also be used to make instant coffee, and small refrigerator. Guests that stay at the guesthouse are welcome to use all facilities and services of our Hotel, including the hot tub.

An upgrade to our hotel is possible for a supplement (if rooms available).

### Room Occupancy

If we are unable to find another rider to share the room with you, a single supplement fee applied. Single room accommodations are subject to availability.





#### Meals

All meals are included from dinner on Day 1 to lunch on Day 5.

The chefs try and provide a nice variety of foods. Specialties include fish, kjötsúpa (an Icelandic soup, with meat, vegetable and rice) and BBQ.

Alcohol is not included in the price. However, we do bring wine, beer and soda on tour for those who would like to buy it at a discounted price.

We do not allow the consumption of alcohol while people are riding – for instance at lunchtime.

#### Dietary Restrictions

We are able to cater to most dietary needs with prior notice. However, we are unable to meet the needs of those who have food allergies which cause anaphylaxis.

### Riding



#### Riding Experience

This ride is suitable for intermediate riders, with a secure, balanced seat and a good physical condition. We ride up to 45 km per day mostly in the gait tölt and take a herd of free-running horses with us part of the tour, which requires a certain speed.

#### Pace

We cover about 100km total over 4 riding days. On average, we ride between 4-7 hours every day, covering approx. 20 - 40 km.

#### Tack and Riding Style

The riding style in Iceland is similar to English riding. We use simple snaffle bits, bridles with detachable nosebands and clips on the end of the reins so they can be easily removed when grazing. Our saddles are comfortable with soft, rather flat seat, it is not necessary to bring saddle seat pads.

#### Riding Gear – Disinfect!

Used boots, riding wear, helmets, saddlebags etc. must be disinfected before arrival in Iceland. Chaps, bridles and other used leather gear must not be brought to Iceland. That is because infectious, contagious diseases can easily be brought into the country, which poses a great threat for the horses, as they are not vaccinated. Riding wear is normally washed and shoes are washed and cleaned with VirkonS, Iodine or some other fluid disinfectant.

We can lend you a riding helmet for the length of the tour.

Backpacks, large cameras, selfie sticks and other bulky items cannot be taken on horseback tours. Small waist bags are allowed.

#### Horses

Since 2007, our breeding program has followed two fundamental ideas. First, we strive to breed well-behaved and well-gaited riding horses that ought to suit most of our guests. Second, we breed horses with experienced riders in mind, suitable for riding classes and the company's horse shows. As our greatest challenge has always been combining well-behaved and reliable horses with soft and simple gaits, we invested in mares that are likely to produce the expected results. Another important factor in achieving the desired outcome is choosing the right stallion for those mares.

### Itinerary







**Sample itinerary - subject to changes**

#### **Day 1: Arrival**

The tour starts in the evening. Tour members who arrive the same day to Iceland should take the Flybus from the airport to the ending busstation BSÍ in Reykjavik. We will greet you at the bus station or at your hotel/ guesthouse in Reykjavik around 5:30 pm and drive you to our farm Vellir near Hveragerði. There, you will be lodged at our Guesthouse. We will get to know each other during the dinner. The day will end with a detailed description of the tour.

*Meals included: Dinner*

*Overnight at the Guesthouse in Vellir*

#### **Day 2: Ride to Ölfusforir**

We start the day by getting to know the horses in the paddock. After lunch, we ride from Vellir over green meadows in the bird sanctuary Ölfusforir. We ride across sand and water over part of the Ölfusá River delta. From there, we return to the farm Vellir, where both the horses and the participants will spend the night.

*Riding 17 km (approx. 4-5 hrs.)*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at the Guesthouse in Vellir*

#### **Day 3: Selvogur to Krýsuvík**

The tour starts from Strandarkirkja Church in Selvogur. The horses and our guests will be driven over there in the morning. Strandarkirkja Church, which is right by the shore, has its own special history. We continue along the beach and then up near the mountains. We ride between the contrasts of mountains, lava and the ocean. We pass the green Lake Kleifarvatn and reach Krýsuvík, with its hot springs and mountains draped in rich colors.

After leaving the horses in Krýsuvík, we will drive to Ísólfskáli, a cosy house right by the shore that will be our home for the next two nights. In the evening, we will drive you to the famous Blue Lagoon, only 20 minutes drive away.

*Riding 25 km (approx. 8 hrs.)*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Ísólfskáli*

#### **Day 4: Krýsuvík to Ísólfskáli**

We start our day by driving back to Krýsuvík, where the horses wait for us. We then start out by visiting the geothermal area Seltún with all its magnificent colours and mudpools. After walking with the horses over the mountain Sveifluháls, we come down on the other side where we meet the road to Vigdisarvellir, a green oasis between the mountains, once the land of three farms. From there, we follow the old road between lava fields down to the coast and Ísólfskáli, where we spend the night together with the horses.

*Riding 25 km (approx. 5 hrs.)*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Ísólfskáli*

#### **Day 5: Ísólfskáli to Krýsuvík via Krýsuvíkurborg**

The last day is a mixture of everything characterising the tour. We start by the shore and ride up the mountains. The old path goes between lava and green spots before we climb up the mountain and get a beautiful view over the southwest part of Iceland. We then follow the road and take a detour towards Krýsuvíkurborg, where we can enjoy our lunch on a high cliff by the shore with many seabirds around us. Afterwards, we return with our horses to Krýsuvík where the bus is waiting for us to drive back to Reykjavik. End of tour.

*Riding 20 km (approx. 4 hrs.)*

*Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch*



## **Other Info**

**Meeting:** Reykjavik

**Airport:** Keflavik Airport

**Transfer:** Reykjavik BSI central bus station on Day 1 at 5:30PM or hotels/guesthouse  
Transfers are only included from the Central Bus Station (BSI). Our representatives will greet you at 17:30 (5:30pm) at the BSI station!

**Tack:** Icelandic

**Horses:** Icelandic Horses

**Pace:** Daily rides are between 4-7 hours (20 - 40 km). Approx. 100km total.

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 out of 5) Intermediate

**Weight:** 265 lbs / 120 kg

**Riders:** Min 6 riders

Max 16 riders

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Rates include: Accommodations in guesthouses/farmhouses, All meals, transfers from/to Reykjavik city center & 4 riding days  
Helmets & rain gear is provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2024	5 day trip	€1790	\$1970

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.1 and subject to currency fluctuation

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Transfer from Reykjavik BSI bus station is included		
2024	Upgrade to hotel accommodations for first two nights, dbl, pp	€100	\$110
2024	Upgrade to hotel accommodations for first two night, single	€240	\$265
2024	Children discount (14 and younger) - 20% off		

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	06/22/2024 - 06/26/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	08/11/2024 - 08/15/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip

Min/Max: 6/16

Rates do not include: Airport transfer (take the Flybus), Alcoholic Drinks & Gratuities  
Please, bring your own sleeping bag and pillow.





# 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 Inter.	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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