



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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Golden Highlights of the South - Iceland, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ICRT-E13
8 days / 7 nights ~\$3,145.00
Dates: June to August

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

[Track:](#) Icelandic
[Horses:](#) Icelandic Horses
[Pace:](#) Moderate with long trots. 4-9 hrs (20 ...

[Airport:](#) Keflavik Airport



Introduction

West, Iceland

This tour features a variety of landscape and takes us not only to the most famous natural sights in the south of Iceland but also to remote part in the highlands. We follow narrow paths between moss-covered lava and green hills around volcano Hengill to the hidden Valley of Horses and continue through soft grass to the beautiful and shimmering Lake Thingvallavatn. We visit the ancient site at the Thingvellir gorge, where Icelanders gathered from 930 to hold their parliament, and ride through forests and across the heather towards the hot springs at Geysir. After a stop to visit the giant waterfall Gullfoss we continue into the uninhabited highlands, with Langjökull glacier in the background. On the way to the east we cross the highland desert between the glacial rivers Hvitá and Þjórsá, Iceland's longest river. We then ride through black lava fields, visit the waterfall of the Thieves and enjoy soft trails in a beautiful forest. The tour ends with a ride through the grassy hills alongside the majestic volcano Hekla. The last tour goes in the opposite direction.

Accommodation



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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. Bathrooms are shared everywhere except while staying at the accommodations in Vellir.

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

- Night 1: Guesthouse in Vellir
- Night 2: Farmhouse in Kolvidarhóll
- Night 3: Mountain Hut in Skógarhólar
- Night 4: Guesthouse Myrkholt
- Night 5: Helgaskáli Mountain Hut
- Night 6: Hólaskógar Mountain Hut
- Night 7: Community center in Brúarlundur



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 the last day.

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 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 215km total over 7 riding days. On average, we ride between 4-9 hours every day, covering approx. 20 - 45 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

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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.

Free running herd of horses

Experience the diversity of the Icelandic horse in its natural environment, far from civilization. On this trip, we travel with herd of free-running horses, as Icelanders used to travel in the old days. You may switch horses from time to time.

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 BSÍ final bus stop in Reykjavík (not included). We will greet you at the bus station or at your hotel/guesthouse in Reykjavík for 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 and the day will end with a detailed description of the tour.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at the Guesthouse

Day 2: Hveragerði to Kolvidarhóll

We start the day by getting to know the horses in the paddock. After lunch, we follow the old route from Hveragerði to Hellisheidi. When we reach the moor, we continue to the Hengill volcano along the Kristnitökuhraun lava field. This lava came from the eruption of Hengill in the year 1000, the same year Iceland officially became Christian. The old folktales say that the eruption was the revenge of the old gods Þór, Ódinn and Freyr. We continue on the track between lava and hills ("milli hrauns og hliðar"), down to Kolvidarhóll, where people have stopped to rest for hundreds of years. The night will be spent at the farm.

Riding 21 km (approx. 4 hrs.)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Kolvidarhóll

Day 3: Kolvidarhóll to Heiðarbær

We continue our ride North, below the Húsmúli and Hengill mountains. We dismount and lead the horses to Marardalur (Valley of Horses). We ride through Dyrfjöll (Door mountains) and alongside Sköflungur. When we reach the mountaintop, we have a view over Lake Thingvallavatn, the largest lake in Iceland. After arriving near Heiðarbær, we will end the day with the sightseeing at the old Althing, aka Thingvellir (Old Icelandic Parliament). From here, it is not far to Skógarhólar, where we spend the night in a mountain hut. Iceland's national horse competition Landsmót was held in Skógarhólar until 1978.

Riding 38 km (approx. 6-7 hrs.)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Heiðarbær Mountain Hut

Day 4: Skógarhólar to Laugarvatn

Today, we ride across the Thingvellir National Park. From Gjábakki we have an exceptional view over the park, lake Thingvallavatn and the stunning volcanic landscape around it. This is the area where the North American and European continental plates meet. The plates are drifting apart about 2 cm per year on average, which has created a beautiful valley.

We cross Lyngdalsheidi Moor, and stop at the Laugarvatnshellir lava caves before we finish the day's ride outside the village of Laugarvatn, named after the nearby lake. The lake is heated by underwater hot springs.

From there, we are transferred to Guesthouse Myrkholt and then we go on a sightseeing tour to the famous "golden waterfall" Gullfoss, and to the Geysir hot spring area in Haukadalur.

Riding 35 km (approx. 6-7 hrs.)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Guesthouse Myrkholt

Day 5: Myrkholt to Helgaskáli

From Myrkholt, we continue up towards the Icelandic highlands, leaving the inhabited farmlands. On our way into the desert-like landscape, we have a magnificent view over the glacial river Hvítá ("white river"), and we can see how the river, over hundreds of years, has shaped the mountain, flowing deeper and deeper into it. We spend the night in a mountain hut called Helgaskáli beside the Litla-Laxá River.

Riding 35 km (approx. 6-7 hrs.)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Helgaskáli Mountain Hut

Day 6: Helgaskáli to Hólaskógar

We continue riding through the fascinating, wide landscape in the highlands where we can actually listen to the silence until we reach Háifoss, which is the second highest waterfall in Iceland (122 meters). Our destination for today is the Hólaskógar hut, which is located in a very special and varied environment.

Riding 20 km (approx. 4 hrs.)



*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at the Hólaskógur Mountain Hut*

Day 7: Hólaskógur to Fellsmúli

The tour continues along Iceland's longest river: Thjórsá. We pass the Mt. Búrfell, which, in the old days, was the home of trolls, and Tröllkonuhlaup (the place where a troll woman jumped over the river). After some kilometres along the river, we get a magnificent view over Thjófafoss (the Waterfall of the Thieves), about which many stories are told. We can see the Mt. Hekla volcano when we leave the horses at the Fellsmúli Farm. We spend the night at the old community center of Brúarlundur.

Riding 45 km (approx. 8 hrs.)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Brúarlundur Community Center

Day 8: Ride along the Eystri-Rangá River

The whole day, we have the Hekla volcano in view. Hekla volcano is Iceland's most active volcano and was once called the entrance to hell. We ride in a loop, leaving the horses at Fellsmúli. Drop off in Reykjavik and end of tour.

Riding 24 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: Moderate with long tolt. 4-9 hrs (20 - 45 km) per day. Approx. 215km total.

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

Weight: 110 kg

Riders: Min 6 riders

Max 18 riders

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-ICRT-E13

Rates include: Accommodations in guesthouses/farmhouses, All meals, transfers from/to Reykjavik city center & 7 riding days
Helmets & rain gear is provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	8 day trip	€2860	\$3145

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

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Transfer from Reykjavik BSI bus station is included		
2026	Upgrade to hotel accommodations for first night, dbl, pp - please inquire		
2026	Upgrade to hotel accommodations for first night, single - please inquire		
2026	Children discount (14 and younger) - 20% off		
2026	Lodging tax, pp	ISK2800	\$20

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	06/05/2026 - 06/12/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	07/04/2026 - 07/11/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	08/15/2026 - 08/22/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	08/24/2026 - 08/31/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip

Min/Max: 6/18

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 Intern.	Advanced	ride English	ride Western	mostly arena	mostly hacking
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
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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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