

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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Black Lava and White Sand - Iceland, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ICRT-E14
7 days / 6 nights ~\$3,185.00
Dates: August

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

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

Airport: Keflavik Airport



Introduction

West, Iceland

The Snæfellsnes peninsula in West Iceland is often referred to as "Iceland in a nutshell" because of the diversity in landscape and wide range of colours. We experience the wide range of Iceland's colors on our ride through green valleys, across black lava fields, along the blue sea and on the golden sandy beach. We begin outside the village Borgarnes, cross a river on our way to the old farm Grímsstaðir and proceed into the fascinating wilderness with lava fields and craters. After hiking up the nicely shaped crater Eldborg á Mýrum we reach one of the longest beaches in Iceland, Löngufjörur, where the riding has to be adjusted to the tides. The view is panoramic, with the ocean on one side, mountains on the other and the magical Snæfellsjökull Glacier, well known from Jules Verne's novel "Journey to the Center of the Earth", before us. We will ride some time on the beach on four days and take a herd of free running horses with us part of the tour.

Accommodation



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

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, 3, 4, 5 & 6: Farmhouse in Snorrastaðir



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 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 190km total over 6 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.

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 participants arriving on the same day to Iceland should take the Flybus from the airport to BSÍ main bus station 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 new 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

Day 2: Borgarnes to Grímsstaðir

A bus takes us over the highlands from Hveragerði to the town Borgarnes, in the west part of Iceland, where the ride starts. The riding tour begins from the stable area just outside Borgarnes and into the area of Snæfellsnes. On the way, we cross the Langá River, one of Iceland's best salmon rivers. The riding ends at the old farm Grímsstaðir, where we spend the night.

Riding 20 km (approx. 4 hrs.)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Grímsstaðir

Day 3: Grímsstaðir to Snorrastaðir

From Litlu-Gróf we ride along the Grímsstadamúli Mountains. We continue west, and near the opening of the Hitárdalur Valley, we pass through lava on narrow paths. We cross the Hitará River near the palagonite mountain Grettisbæli, and continue riding along Mt. Fagraskógarfjall, with a view over the Mýrar District and Löngufjörur. We stay overnight at the farm Snorrastaðir close to the picturesque crater Elborg á Mýrum.

Riding 36 km (approx. 5-6 hrs.)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Snorrastaðir

Day 4: Snorrastaðir to Skógarnes

Today's ride is mainly along the sandy beaches of Löngufjörur (riding time depends on tide). We wade across the mouth of the Haffardará River near the farm Stóra-Hraun and take a break on a small island in the delta. The route then leads inland, and the horses are left at day's end at the farm Langaholt. We go back to Snorrastaðir by bus and spend the night there.

Riding 22-25 km (approx. 5 hrs.)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Snorrastaðir

Day 5: Ride around Skógarnes

Today we take some hand horses with us and ride in the scenic surroundings of Skógarnes and on the beach. The horses stay at the farm Langaholt and we spend the night in Hótel Eldborg in Staðarsveit, where we have the possibility to take a bath in a thermal swimming pool.

Riding 20 km (approx. 4 hrs.)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hótel Eldborg

Day 6: Skógarnes to Langaholt

From Skógarnes, the sandy beaches of Löngufjörur continue all the way to the farm Stakkhamar. From there towards the Stadará River, the route proceeds near the sea, along the shore or up shore banks. The last leg of the day's journey is along the main road of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. We leave the horses at the farm Langaholt and spend the night at Hótel Eldborg again.

Riding 40-42 km (approx. 7 hrs.)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hótel Eldborg

Day 7: Ride to Búðir

We continue the ride out to Snæfellsnes, crossing the Búdarós delta at tide. Our goal for the day is Búðir. Here we leave the horses in a paddock and go for a walk to the picturesque church and then out to the rocks by the sea. After a picnic, we turn back to Langaholt along the sandy beach. In the afternoon, we take the bus back to Reykjavik. End of tour.

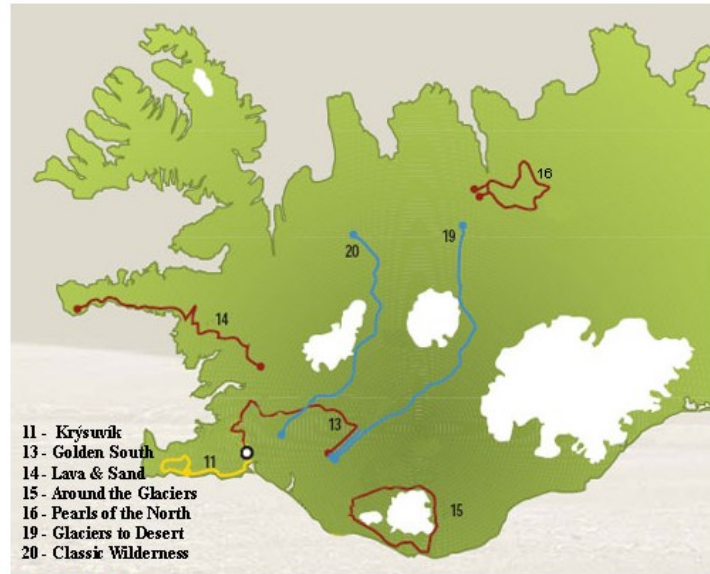
Riding 20-23 km (approx. 4 hrs.)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Please note:

The second tour goes in the opposite direction.

When riding on the beach we might have to ride very early in the morning or late evening, because of the tide.



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. 190km total.

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

Weight: 110 kg

Riders: Min 6 riders

Max 18 riders

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Rates include: Accommodations in guesthouses/farmhouses, All meals, transfers from/to Reykjavik city center & 6 riding days
Helmets & rain gear is provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	7 day trip	€2895	\$3185

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	ISK2100	\$20

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	07/25/2026 - 07/31/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	08/02/2026 - 08/08/2026	7d / 6n	7 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			
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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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