



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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Around the Glaciers - Iceland, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ICRT-E15
6 days / 5 nights ~\$2,550.00
Dates: June to August

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

Tack: Icelandic
Horses: Icelandic Horses
Pace: Moderate with long trots. Daily rides...

Airport: Keflavik Airport



Introduction

East and South, Iceland
This tour takes us to the colorful landscape between the famous volcano Hekla and Tindafjallajökull glacier. This area is known for amazing nature shaped by the forces of volcanoes and glaciers. We ride with a herd of free running horses on nice, soft riding paths on black sandy ground covered by green grass and through lava fields in a mystic scenery of volcanic formations created by many eruptions of the volcano Hekla through the centuries. Some of the eruptions destroyed the habitation in certain areas. We can feel the presence of the natural force and the mystique surrounding Hekla, together with elements from the old Sagas. Our riding path follows an old Viking trail that the Viking Gunnar from Hliðarendi in Njál's Saga was riding when he ended up in one of his many battles. On our way we enjoy hidden valleys, wide green pastures and mighty rivers. The combination of beautiful nature, great horses and fantastic riding paths makes this tour a memory for life!

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: Farmhouse in Hrólfstaðahellir
- Night 3 & 4: Mountain Hut in Foss
- Night 5: Cottage in Rjúpnaveilir



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 160 km total over 5 riding days. On average, we ride between 4-8 hours every day, covering approx. 23 - 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 members who arrive the same day in Iceland should take the "Flybus" from the airport to the final bus station BSÍ in Reykjavík. We will greet you at the bus station or at your hotel / guesthouse in Reykjavík for 17:30 and drive you to our farm Vellir near Hveragerði. There you will be lodged at the farm's guesthouse. We will get to know each other during dinner. The day will end with a detailed description of the tour (might be the following morning).

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at the Guesthouse

Day 2: Vellir – Hrófsstaðahellir

In the morning we get to know the horses during a short ride. After an early lunch we go by bus to the farm Fellsmúli in the beautiful area Landssveit, on the foot of Volcano Hekla. From there we first ride northwards to the farm Leirubakki, and then on nice trails eastwards to the Vestri-Rangá River. The tour continues southward along the river to the farm Hrófsstaðahellir, where we spend the night in a cottage and have the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing bath in a hot tub.

Riding 23 km (approx. 4 hours)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Guesthouse

Day 3: Hrófsstaðahelli – Foss

We start the day by crossing the river Vestri-Rangá and continue over the moss-covered lava field Botnahraun, which was created several hundreds of years ago in one of Hekla's many eruptions. We follow an ancient riding path over the lava field and across wide plains of grassland, and later on we continue over another lava field, called Axarhraun, until we reach the mountain hut Foss. This hut is located in the area south of the volcano Hekla which is well known from the great Saga of Njáll.

Riding 35 km (approx. 7 hours)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Foss hut

Day 4: Foss

Today we leave the herd at the hut Foss and ride with our best tölters to experience the beautiful surroundings with scenic valleys and special formations of clefts. From the farm Foss we ride on nice, soft trails mainly through grassland towards an impressing cave. After visiting the cave we will pass the abandoned farms Þorleifsstaði and Reynistaði on our way back to Foss for a relaxing lunch break. In the afternoon we follow a scenic path in the very special area next to the volcanic mountain Hafrafell. We spend the night in Foss.

Riding 20 km (approx. 5 hours)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Foss hut

Day 5: Foss – Rjúpnaveilir

Today we yet again ride over the lava field Axarhraun to see the area west of the volcano Hekla, and spend the lunch break in beautiful nature next to the farm Köt. Afterwards, we will pass the so-called farms of Hekla which are the farms closest to the volcano. We continue through an area covered with soft black lava sand and enjoy a nice view of the wide landscape and mountains, weather permitting, until we reach and cross the mighty river Vestri-Rangá. We spend the night at the cottage Rjúpnaveilir, a nice cottage situated close to Hekla. In these area the landscape is imprinted by natural forces such as wind and volcanic eruptions.

Riding 40 km (approx. 8 hours)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Rjúpnaveilir

Day 6: Rjúpnaveilir – Þjófafoss – Fellsmúli

We ride with the herd of horses on towards the glacial river Þjórsá, the longest river in Iceland, where we will reach the Waterfall of the Thieves, Þjófafoss. We continue in brisk tölt on soft sandy paths through a beautifully green forest of birches to the old farm Skarfanæs. The horses are on their way home now, and it is usually going fast on these paths. We end the tour where it started, at the farm Fellsmúli, where refreshments are waiting for us. In the afternoon we will be driven back to Reykjavík. End of tour.

Riding 24 km (approx. 5 hours)

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 trots. Daily rides are between 4-8 hours (23 - 40 km). Approx. 160km total. 5 riding days

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

Weight: 110 kg

Riders: Min 8 riders

Max 16 riders

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Rates include: Accommodations in guesthouses/farmhouses, All meals, transfers from/to Reykjavik city center & 5 riding days
Helmets & rain gear is provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	6 day trip	€2320	\$2550

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	ISK1400	\$10

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	06/13/2026 - 06/18/2026	6d / 5n	6 day trip
A 2026	07/12/2026 - 07/17/2026	6d / 5n	6 day trip
A 2026	08/10/2026 - 08/15/2026	6d / 5n	6 day trip

Min/Max: 8/16

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												
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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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