



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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Icelandic Winter Experience - Iceland, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ICRT-E8
6 days / 5 nights ~\$1,975.00
Dates: Jan-Apr & Sep-Nov

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

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

Airport: Keflavik Airport



Introduction

East and South, Iceland

On this tour we combine riding with visiting some of the most popular highlights in South Iceland and activities such as hiking, bathing and whale watching. We ride 6 half-day tours, enjoy a relaxing bath in the hotel's hot tubs or even in a natural warm river and visit the beautiful Golden Circle (Gullfoss waterfall, the hot springs at Geysir and Thingvellir national park).

At night, when the sky is clear and the Aurora Borealis forecast promising, you can just walk outside to observe the stunning phenomena or we drive where the chances to watch the Northern Lights are the best.

Accommodation



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This is a stationary ride so all nights are spent at the same location.

Description

You are accommodated at a guesthouse. However, it is possible to ask for an upgrade to a hotel accommodation (extra fee applies).



Guesthouse

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 nearby hotel, including the hot tub and restaurant.

The guesthouse offers private twin, triple and quadruple rooms. Each room has washbasins and soap, bed linens, towels and Wi-Fi access.





Hotel (upgraded option)

You will sleep in a cozy countryside hotel that features 37 spacious rooms (all with private facilities), a warm, light-filled restaurant and traditional hot tubs to relax in at the end of the day. The hotel's interior is inspired by the colors and materials found in Icelandic nature, genuine craftsmanship and age-old traditions. It was built in accordance with ecological guidelines and is the first lodging in Iceland to be awarded the Nordic Swan Ecolabel. The rooms have double or twin beds and some of them are available as triple rooms. All rooms are outfitted with the luxurious Hästens beds, unrivalled sleep comfort handcrafted from sustainable, natural materials, such as genuine hypoallergenic horsehair, cotton, wool, flax and Swedish pinewood. Each room has a door to the garden, allowing you to step outside and observe the northern lights, weather and season permitting. Wi-Fi access is available in all rooms.

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.

The food we serve is inspired by traditional Icelandic cuisine and revolves around typical Icelandic ingredients. Wherever possible, we source our food locally and much of our produce is grown in the town of Hveragerði, less than 2 km from our farm. Meat and fish are supplied by farmers and fishermen in our area. Specialities include fish, kjötsúpa (an Icelandic soup, with meat, vegetable and rice) and BBQ.

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.

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

NOTE: Please, note that this tour is dependent on weather and Northern Lights sightings are not guaranteed.

Day 1 (Monday): Arrival

The tour starts in the evening. Tour members who arrive the same day in Iceland should take the "Flybus" (operated by Reykjavik Excursions) from the airport to the final bus station BSI in Reykjavik (not included in package). We will greet you at the bus station or at your hotel / guesthouse in Reykjavik for 17:30-18:00 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 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 (Tuesday): Riding through meadows and mountains

After breakfast, your guide meets you for a short introduction in the stable. The guide will provide the necessary riding equipment (riding helmet, warm overall or rain gear) and start with a short riding demonstration before you get to know the horses during a few rounds in the paddock. Today we ride on soft trails along the meadows surrounding our farm, a good opportunity to get familiar with the special gait of the Icelandic horse, the "tölt". We then follow the river Gljúfurá, head towards the volcanic mountains and ride on an old route along the slopes of the mountain Reykjafjall. Our reliable horses take you up and down the trail, while you enjoy nice views of the diverse landscape between the ocean and the volcano Hengill.

Back at the farm, we warm up with light lunch before we choose horses for the afternoon program. We spend another hour on horseback before driving to the thermal swimming pool in Hveragerði to soften up in soothing, warm geothermal water, relax in the steam sauna or take a swim in the comfortably warm outdoor pool. Imagine sitting in a steamy hot tub as a light snowfall turns the grass around you white. Afterwards, coffee and home baked cake will be served in the cozy environment of your accommodation. We check the Northern Lights forecast and get some useful information about this natural phenomena. If the forecast is favorable, and the sky is clear, we look out for the lights at the farm or go on a hunt!

Riding 2.5-3 hrs.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Guesthouse

Day 3 (Wednesday): Ride through Gufudalur valley & Hike through Reykjadalur valley

We start the day by riding on excellent trails along the slopes of Reykjafjall Mountain and through a green forest. We pass by many hot springs in the colorful geothermal area of Gufudalur valley. This area is situated just above the village of Hveragerði and expanded dramatically during the big South Iceland earthquake in 2008. The path continues along the volcanic hills above the village, which is known for its beautiful location between the green mountains of volcano Hengill and wide plains. We stop close to the stable area for some refreshments and learn more about the Icelandic horse before riding back to our farm for lunch. We then drive about 5 minutes through Hveragerði, passing the area where we went riding in the morning and start hiking upwards into the magnificent geothermal valley of Reykjadalur. On our way up, we will see the beautiful waterfall Djúpugilsfoss and many colorful hot springs. You also have the opportunity to take a relaxing bath in a warm river, an unforgettable experience! On our way down, we can enjoy a spectacular panorama over volcanic mountains, the village Hveragerði and all the way down to the coastline, where we might see the Westman Islands, weather permitting. The tour ends with some refreshments at the accommodation. We will check the Northern Lights forecast and have a chance to watch a spectacular movie about this phenomenon.

Riding 2.5-3 hrs.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Guesthouse

Day 4 (Thursday): Ride around the farm & Whale Watching

Today you will have the chance to experience two big beautiful animals on the same day: the horse and the whale!

We start the day with a nice ride on trails crossing meadows, lava fields and a small river. On our way, we enjoy the nice scenery of volcanic mountains and farmland, passing several farms which give us an idea of how agriculture has developed in the last decades. After our ride, we warm up with a light lunch.

In the afternoon, you will be taken to the old harbor in Reykjavik for a 3 hours whale watching in Faxaflói bay, with a good chance to see whales and a nice view of Reykjavik and the mountains surrounding the capital. Our bus will take you back to your accommodation. Back at our farm coffee and home baked cake will be available and you have the possibility to relax in our hot pots before dinner.

Riding 1.5 hrs.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Guesthouse

Day 5 (Friday): Ride along the rivers

Depending on the weather and wind, we will ride for 1.5-2 hours through the surroundings of our farm. Afterwards we will have a light lunch and then go out to the stable again to prepare our horses for the afternoon ride. In the afternoon, we follow the river Gljúfurá to an old cemetery and further down to the soft river banks of the mighty glacial river Ölfusá. From there, we have a view of the river and if the weather allows the famous volcanoes Hekla and Eyjafjallajökull. Upon your return to the farm, dinner will be served.

Riding 4-5 hrs.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Guesthouse

Day 6 (Saturday): Ingólf's trail & Golden Circle Tour

The final day starts with a ride on the Ingólf's trail. You will ride in the footsteps of the first settler Ingólfur Arnarsson, who settled in Iceland in the 9th century. On our way on the ancient Viking route on the foot of the table mountain Ingólfssjall, you will learn more about Iceland's history and the interesting geology of this area. After the ride and checking out of your room we warm up with a light lunch, coffee and home baked cake. Then you will be picked up to visit the three most impressive natural sights in South Iceland (Golden Circle): The famous Geysir geothermal area, the "golden waterfall" Gullfoss and Thingvellir National Park. The Geysir geothermal area boasts spouting springs, including Strokkur, the most active geyser in Iceland. At Gullfoss you are given the opportunity to stand next to the amazing waterfall, watching enormous quantities of water tumble violently into a deep canyon. You also spend time encountering a cross-section of Iceland's natural wonders and geological phenomena at Thingvellir National Park, an area of historical and geological significance. You will be back in Reykjavik around 6:00 pm.

Riding 1.5-2 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 trots. Daily rides are between 2-5 hours. Approx. 50km total. 5 riding days.

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

Weight: 110 kg

Riders: Min 1 riders

Max 16 riders

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-ICRT-E8

Rates include: Accommodation in guesthouse (possible to upgrade to hotel with supplement), All meals (from dinner on day 1 to lunch on the last day), 5 riding days, Activities as described in the itinerary, English speaking guide & Transfers from/to Reykjavik city center
Helmets, warm overalls, rubber boots & rain gear is provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	6 day trip	€1795	\$1975

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	Children discount (14 and younger) - 20% off		
2026	Single supplement - please inquire		
2026	Upgrade to hotel accommodation, pp (double occupancy)	€475	\$520
2026	Upgrade to hotel accommodation, pp (single occupancy) - please inquire		

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates
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Rates do not include: Airport transfer (take the Flybus), Alcoholic Drinks & 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		
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"/>					
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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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