

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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Geysir Gullfoss Hot Springs and Waterfalls - Iceland, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ICRT13
6 days / 5 nights ~\$2,070.00
Dates: May to August

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

Tack: Icelandic
Horses: Icelandic
Pace: Daily rides are 5 - 6 hours -
Approx. 8...

Airport: Reykjavik Airport



Introduction

Iceland Shorts, Iceland

This tour is a short version of the popular Golden Circle Tour taking in the hot spring area of Geysir and Gullfoss Waterfall. We also visit Thingvellir National Park on our transfer day. Enjoy accommodation at cozy holiday farms during this ride!

Participants on this tour join the longer Golden Circle Tour for four days, but return to Reykjavik on the fifth day while those on the longer ride continue.

Accommodation

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This is a progressive ride so nights will be spent in different accommodations.

Description

You will sleep in simple accommodation with 2-4 beds per room and shared facilities.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Nights 1 & 2: Kálfhóll Farm

Nights 3, 4 & 5: Myrkholt Farm

Kálfhóll Farm

The farm is located in the beautiful Skeiða and Hrunamannahreppi shire. All around the farm you can see gorgeous countryside.

Myrkholt Farm

Myrkholt is located just between Gullfoss waterfall and the hot spring Geysir. This lovely farm has 8 dormitory style rooms (32 beds total) with 4 showers and 4 toilets (shared). There is cellphone coverage and Wi-Fi access.

Room Occupancy

Single rooms are not available on this trip.

Meals

During the ride full board is provided.

The menu consists of a large breakfast and traditional Icelandic meals (fish or lamb). All riders make their own packed lunch from the breakfast table.

Dietary Restrictions

Vegetarian meals are available if requested in advance.

Riding



Riding Experience

This tour is a great riding experience that is suitable for intermediate riders. You need to be comfortable and in control at the walk, moderate length trots (tölt) and short canters. Riding days can be as long as up to 35 km in the saddle so you should be in good physical condition and have a basic knowledge of horsemanship. You will get a thorough introduction into the gaits of the Icelandic horse and feel the Tölt, the extremely soft traveling gait of the Icelandic horse.

Riding Gear – Disinfect!

Riding gear (riding trousers, jackets, etc.) needs to be washed (40°C) or dry cleaned. Items which cannot be washed or dry cleaned (riding boots, riding hats) need to be disinfected at least 5 days prior to arriving in Iceland. The Icelandic Veterinary Authority recommends the broad-spectrum disinfectant Virkon S for disinfection. Used riding gloves, whips, saddles, bridles, chaps and other used leather gear may not be brought into the country.

Please understand that these precautions are necessary because there are no contagious animal diseases in Iceland. Horses are not vaccinated and are therefore susceptible to infectious agents from abroad. Please help



us to protect Iceland's fragile nature!
We provide saddle bags, rain wear and safety helmet.

Tack & Riding Style

The tack used for Icelandic horses is slightly different than the tack ordinarily used for other breeds. The saddle is built close to a dressage saddle and has a relatively flat seat. Saddles come with plain or quilted seats. On longer rides, a crupper helps keeping the saddle in place. Riding style used on Icelandic horses is close to English riding style, but stirrups are worn long. Bits used are mostly simple snaffles. Bridles have a detachable noseband and clip on reins.

The Farmers

The real connoisseurs of the local terrain and history. We make sure that each tour has its own charm and is organized by the local expert, the farmer, and his family. They use their own horses and ride through the part of the country they know so well.

Our farmers have over 30 years of experience in leading riding groups through Iceland.

Herd of Horses

On this ride, you will be riding several days (except for two days) with a free running herd of horses. Herding along free running horses is the traditional way of travelling in Iceland, since horses are changed at least once a day on longer tours. You get to ride a variety of horses.

Horses

The Icelandic horse is best known for its four-beat smooth gait, the "tölt", which is very comfortable for the rider, especially on a longer tour. Riding an Icelandic horse in its native habitat land is an authentic riding experience. The horses are especially chosen for this trip and are suited even for riders who have not had much riding experience.

Itinerary



This is the short version of the [Golden Circle Ride](#).

Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival

Pick up at BSÍ Bus station in Reykjavik around 6:00pm. Our bus will transfer you and your fellow riders to Kálfhóll Farm, where horses and staff are waiting for us. After a lovely introductory meal where we get to know each other we relax and rest so we are well prepared for the adventure ahead of us.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at Kálfhóll Farm

Day 2 (Sunday): Ride along Thjórsá River to Sandlækjarmýri Field

After an introduction to the Icelandic horse and its special gaits, we start our ride along the pleasant trail at Thjórsá glacier fed river. We leave the horses at Sandlækjarmýri field and drive to the Farm. This day is the perfect start to get to know your horse and the Icelandic way of trail riding in a relaxed atmosphere. Enjoy the outdoor hot tub at Kálfhóll Farm before a hearty dinner.

Riding approximately 15 km

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Kálfhóll Farm

Day 3 (Monday): Sandlækjarmýri Field to Brúarhlöð

We leave the farm and drive back to the horses. From there, we head off to the fertile farmlands of neighbouring community Hrunamannahreppur. We drive spare horses along in a free running herd, enabling us to change our mount regularly and traveling at a brisk pace. We cross the well known Salmon River Stóra-Laxá and stop for our picnic lunch at Hrunaréttir, a corral used for the annual sheep round-up in autumn. We continue our ride on good trails, towards the majestic canyon Brúarhlöð, where milky green water passes through bizarre rock formations. Our ride ends at Brúarhlöð and we drive to the Myrkholt Farm, where we spend the night.

Riding approximately 30 km

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Myrkholt Farm

Day 4 (Tuesday): Ride to Gullfoss

We continue our ride on soft trails ideal for tölt along Hvítá River. We follow the ever deepening canyon on to the impressive Golden Waterfall Gullfoss. We will have our lunch break at Gullfoss before we ride back to Myrkholt where we spend the night.

Riding approximately 20 km

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Myrkholt Farm

Day 5 (Wednesday): Ride to Haukadalur valley

Our ride takes us through Haukadalur valley with its beautiful birch forest. Cross clear little streams on the way and enjoy the rich vegetation of wild mountain flowers that bloom during the summer. While you ascend to a highland plateau, you will notice the changes in nature as you reach higher ground. A breathtaking view of the mountain ranges and glaciers of the highland around awaits you when you reach the top of Haukadalshéiði.

The rest of the day is spent at the Geysir area. You have plenty of time to explore this highly interesting area with its countless bubbling hot springs.

Riding approximately 18 km



*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Myrkholt Farm*

Optional (available at an extra charge): Snowmobile drive on Langjökull glacier

Enjoy the white ice field of Langjökull glacier up-close. A 4x4 vehicle take us to a base camp where we change into warm gear. After safety instructions we drive into the white world of ice and snow. Two people share a snowmobile during the 1 hr. drive and both get to drive the vehicle (a valid driver's license is necessary to drive a snowmobile, younger participants and children can sit in the back). Price per person ISK 26.200

Day 6 (Thursday): Departure

Today we leave our riding companions in the morning after breakfast and drive back to Reykjavik. Approx. arrival in Reykjavik for 11:30am.

Meals included: Breakfast



Other Info

Meeting: Reykjavik

Airport: Reykjavik Airport

Transfer: Reykjavik

Pick up at BSI Bus station in Reykjavik around 6:00pm on Day 1.

Tack: Icelandic

Horses: Icelandic

Pace: Daily rides are 5 - 6 hours -Approx. 86km total. 4 riding days

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 to 3.5 out of 5) Intermediate

Weight: 242 lbs / 110 kg

Riders: Min 6 riders

Max 18 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-ICRT13

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, Transfers from/to Reykjavik city center & 4 riding days
Rain wear, Water bottle, Saddle bag & Riding helmet can be provide

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2024	6 day trip (High)	€1880	\$2070
B 2024	6 day trip (Low)	€1755	\$1930

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

Transfer Option

Description

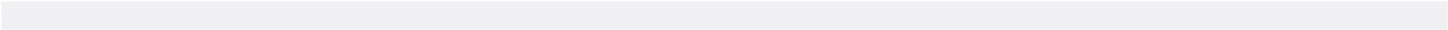
2024	Pick up at BSÍ Bus station around 6pm on Day 1
2024	Children's discount (under 12) - 25% off

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
B 2024	06/01/2024 - 06/06/2024	6d / 5n	6 day trip (Low)
B 2024	06/08/2024 - 06/13/2024	6d / 5n	6 day trip (Low)
B 2024	06/15/2024 - 06/20/2024	6d / 5n	6 day trip (Low)
A 2024	07/27/2024 - 08/01/2024	6d / 5n	6 day trip (High)
B 2024	08/24/2024 - 08/29/2024	6d / 5n	6 day trip (Low)
B 2024	08/31/2024 - 09/05/2024	6d / 5n	6 day trip (Low)

Min/Max: 6/18
Saturday- Thursday

Rates do not include:Alcoholic beverages (can be bought at Duty Free ahead of time), Snowmobile drive on Langjökull glacier (26.200 ISK pp paid in cash locally - no credit cards accepted) & 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				
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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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