



# 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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# Ice Riding in Myvatn - Iceland, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ICRT26  
4 days / 3 nights ~\$1,885.00  
Dates: March

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

Tack: Icelandic  
Horses: Icelandic  
Pace: Approx. 3-4 hours per riding day, most...  
Walk,Trot,

Airport: Keflavik Airport



## Introduction

Iceland Shorts, Iceland

Winter time is the main riding season in Iceland and is substantially different than riding during the summer time. Riding in the snow and on the ice is a magical experience and is something that every rider should try at least once in their lifetime.

We will ride spectacularly trained and sure-footed Icelandic horses and enjoy an incredible ride on the ice of lake Mývatn.

Another highlight of this program is that you get to watch the Mývatn Open, when horses and riders compete on the ice of the frozen lake.

## Accommodation

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

### Description

You will be accommodated in Bjarnastaðir Farm, the home of Halldór Olgeirsson and Elín Mariusdóttir. It is situated in the low bushy area of Kerlingaskógur, close to the glacial river Jökulsá á Fjöllum and Dettifoss Waterfall. You will enjoy great view over the Fjord Óxarfjörður and the famous Lake Skjálftavatn which suddenly appeared over night after a strong earthquake 28 years ago. Halldór and Elín, breeders of both horses and sheep will welcome you with open arms and their warmth and hospitality is indeed second to none.

- Number of beds: 23
- Made up beds: Yes
- Outdoor jacuzzi: Yes
- Number of showers: 4
- GSM connection: Yes
- WiFi: Yes

### Room Occupancy

Single rooms are not available on this trip.

### Meals

During the ride full board is provided from dinner on Day 1 to lunch on the last day.

Alcoholic beverages are not included but can be purchased in the duty-free store of Keflavik airport.

### Dietary Restrictions

Vegetarian meals are available if requested in advance.

## Riding

### 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.

Bridles 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.

### 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

Sample Itinerary - *subject to changes*

### Day 1: Arrival

Meeting is at Flugfélag Emir in Reykjavik airport on Day 1 at 4pm. You take a flight north to Húsavík (flight is

approx. 45 minutes). Our farmer, Haraldur, will pick you up at Húsavík airport and drive you to Bjarnastaðir farm for a lovely dinner.

We will then soak in the outdoor hot tub, get to know each other and chat before we get a good night rest.

*Meals included: Dinner*

*Overnight at Bjarnastaðir Farm*

#### **Day 2: Ice Ride & Nature Baths**

After breakfast, we head out to meet our horses at lake Mývatn. We will participate in a fun group ride on the frozen lake and enjoy waffles and hot drinks at Selhótel. After this venturesome day, we will visit the Mývatn Nature Baths a geothermal area with many outdoor baths.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Bjarnastaðir Farm*

#### **Day 3: Mývatn open & Northern Lights**

Today is an exciting day! We will go back to lake Mývatn to watch the Mývatn Open competition, where hundreds of riders compete in Tölt, Skeið and other categories on frozen lake Mývatn. After we have watched this stunning show, we will ride under the Northern Lights if the weather allows.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Bjarnastaðir Farm*

#### **Day 4: Final Ride**

This morning we will ride around Bjarnastaðir farm. After lunch, we will head back to Húsavík and warm up in Geosea, a geothermal bathing mecca, near Húsavík.

Then, we fly back to Reykjavík at 5:55pm. Arrival time in Reykjavík is approx. 6:45pm.

*Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch*

### **Other Info**

**Meeting:** Reykjavik Domestic Airport

**Airport:** Keflavik Airport

**Transfer:** Reykjavik Domestic Airport

Meeting is at Flugfélag Emir in Reykjavík airport on Day 1 at 4pm.

**Tack:** Icelandic

**Horses:** Icelandic

**Pace:** Approx. 3-4 hours per riding day, mostly at a walk and tölt

Walk | Trot |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (2 to 5 out of 5) Novice to Advanced

**Age:** Min 6

**Weight:** 242 lbs / 110 kg

**Riders:** Min 1 riders

Max 13 riders

## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-ICRT26

**Rates include:** Accommodations, All meals, Flight from Reykjavik to Húsavik and bus drive to the farm, Entrance to Geosea and Myvatn Nature Baths & 3 riding days  
Rain wear, Water bottle, Saddle bag & Riding helmet can be provide

## Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	4 day trip	€1570	\$1885

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.2 and subject to currency fluctuation

## Transfer Option

### Description

2026 Meeting is at Flugfélag Ernir in Reykjavik airport on Day 1 at 4pm.

### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates
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Rates do not include:Alcoholic beverages (can be bought at Duty Free ahead of time) & 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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