

# SOUTHERN COMFORT

## DAY 1 - ARRIVAL - TRANSFER TO GUESTHOUSE ÁLFTRÖÐ

Pick up at 6 pm at *BSÍ bus terminal* in Reykjavík. When arriving in Iceland on the same day, please make sure that your estimated arrival time at Keflavík International Airport is no later than 4:30 pm! An airport bus [www.flybus.is](http://www.flybus.is) offers a convenient shuttle directly from *Keflavík Airport* to the *BSÍ bus terminal*. The city center with cafés, shops and museums is within easy walking distance from the BSÍ. Luggage can be safely stored for a small fee at the BSÍ bus terminal.

At 6 pm private transfer to the *Fákasel Horse Park* where you will enjoy the *Legends of Sleipnir* - Horse Theater Performance. It employs large-scale multimedia and special effects to weave together history, old Norse mythology and exhibition riding to demonstrate the Icelandic horse's beauty and uniqueness. The result is a magical theatrical experience that emphasizes the Icelandic horse's special features and pays tribute to its historical relationship with humans throughout Iceland's history. After the show we invite you to a 3 course menu in the rustic *Fákasel Restaurant*. After dinner our drive takes us through lovely countryside to the cozy *Icelandair Hotel Flúðir*, situated in a small village in beautiful farming countryside of *Hrunamannahreppur* district, perfectly situated for long walks, visits to the local pool with Jacuzzi and sauna and the natural hot springs of the *Secret Lagoon*.



## DAY 2 - DAY RIDE FROM THE FARM SYÐRA-LANGHOLT TO THE SECRET LAGOON

After a plentiful breakfast buffet at the hotel transfer to the farm *Syðra-Langholt* for your first ride. After an introduction into the safety issues, tack and gaits of the Icelandic horse we set off for a lovely gentle ride over good tölting tracks. Our route takes you through rolling hills and idyllic farmland with young horses, sheep and cattle grazing on endless green fields. If you think of typical Icelandic farm life – here it is!

We stop at the natural hot springs of the *Secret Lagoon*. The pool's steam rising into the air gives the place a magical feeling. The warm water keeps a temperature of 38-40° Celsius all year round. Close by there is even a little Geysir which erupts every 5 minutes, showing off for the guests relaxing in the hot spring. Changing rooms with showers are on site. After a long and relaxing bath we saddle up again and ride back to the farm for a coffee and a last hug for your new four-legged furry friend! During the ride we find a beautiful spot for our alfresco pick nick lunch. Transfer back to the hotel and evening for individual programme. Please check our list of optional additions below.

**Approximate Riding distance: 18–20 km.**

### DAY 3 - COUNTRYSIDE RIDE WITH LUNCH AT COZY CAFÉ AND CERAMIC STUDIO BRAGGINN

After breakfast we return to farm *Syðra-Langholt* for another day ride from the farm grounds. Today we ride over the mighty *Langholtsfjall* mountain with wonderful views to the infamous volcano *Hekla* and its even more dramatic neighbouring glacier *Eyjafjallajökull* who managed to ground all of Europe's air traffic in 2010! We ride underneath the green slopes of *Miðfell* mountain and stop for a lovely Lunch at *Bragginn café* and ceramic Studio housed in the families old potato storage. The menu is based on the Slow Food concept, using mostly locally grown and sourced ingredients from neighboring farmers as the area is a vibrant production area of fresh and delicious food. We continue along the banks of the great salmon river *Stóra-Laxá* back to the farm. Transfer back to the hotel and evening for individual programme Please check our list of optional additions below.

**Approximate Riding distance: 18–20 km.**

### DAY 4 - RIDE TOWARDS THE HIGHLAND ALONG THE STÓRA-LAXÁ CANYON

After breakfast return to the farm and start for our highland adventure. Today we ride underneath the basalt columns of *Hrepphólar* along the canyon of the *Stóra-Laxá* river. We stop for an outdoor lunch at the romantic Hrunaréttir sheep paddock, used for separating the sheep in autumn when returning from the highland. We continue our ride over the mountains to *Hvítárdalur* farm where we leave the horses for the night. The riders return after a short drive back to cozy hotel beds and open air jacuzzi at *Hotel Flúðir*. Please check our list of optional additions below.

**Approximate Riding distance: 25–30 km.**

### DAY 5 - HIGHLANDRIDE OVER HRUNAHEIÐI PLATEAU TO ABANDONED FARM KLUFTIR

Today is going to be a wonderful ride into the uninhabited wilderness north of the romantic valley of *Tungufellsdalur*. We climb on a high mountain plateau and follow the narrow tracks made only by sheep and horses. We enjoy wonderful views of the wild green mountainside, follow little creeks with spring water and surely get a wonderful feeling of mountain freedom! We pass the abandoned farm of *Kluftir* and leave our horses at *Kaldbak* farm. Short transfer back to the hotel after a truly adventurous ride! Evening for individual programme. Please check our list of optional additions below.

**Approximate Riding distance: 30 km.**



## DAY 6 - RETURN TO THE FARM ALONG SALMON RIVER LAXÁ

After breakfast and check-out at the hotel return to the horses for a last day's ride along the river *Stóra-Laxá*. We stop at the little local museum *Samansafnið* along the way and take a peek into the old days of farming life in Iceland. We continue our ride until we return again to *Bragginn café* for a sumptuous goodbye coffee and cake treat by our wonderful local hosts. Return to the farm and transfer back to *Reykjavík*.

**Approximate Riding distance: 25 km.**

**Exploring Iceland** reserves the right to alter routes, itineraries or timetables should the necessity arise. The estimated duration of tours as indicated by km or timing can change according to road or weather conditions.

### INCLUDED:

- Transfer from International Airport Keflavík/Reykjavík to Icelandair Hotel Flúðir on 1st day.
- Transfer from farm Syðra-Langholt to Reykjavík on the 6th day.
- 1x Horse Show Fákasel and 3-course Menu at Restaurant Fákasel
- 5x nights in double/twin or single rooms with private facilities at ICELANDAIR Hotel Flúðir incl. breakfast
- 5x picknick Lunch during the tour.
- 5x riding days according to programme.
- 1x goodbye coffee & cake treat and museum on 6th day.
- 1x visit to Secret Lagoon incl. towel on the 2nd day.
- English speaking guide. Other languages upon request.

**Price per Person: 2.750 EUR per person in double/twin room.**

**Single supplement: 580 EUR per person in single room.**

### OPTIONAL ADD-ONS FOR THE EVENINGS AND EXTRA DAYS AT HÓTEL FLÚÐIR:

- River Jet Abenteuer [www.icelandriverjet.com](http://www.icelandriverjet.com)
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- Fontana SPA [www.fontana.is](http://www.fontana.is)
- Fontana SPA [www.fontana.is](http://www.fontana.is) & Gourmet dinner at Restaurant Lindin
- Rafting on glacial river Hvítá [www.arcticrafting.com/Iceland/Rafting/RiverFun](http://www.arcticrafting.com/Iceland/Rafting/RiverFun)
- Sightseeing tours to Gullfoss-Geysir -Thingvellir from the hotel
- Visit to a Mountain Rescue Team (ICE-SAR).

### OPTIONAL SERVICE IN REYKJAVÍK:

- We are more than happy to assist you in arranging additional nights in Reykjavík and any further explorations of Iceland.
- Flybus transfer to and from BSÍ/accommodation in Capital area 2.800 ISK
- Flybus transfer to and from BSÍ/accommodation including Blue Lagoon from 9.500 ISK
- Double room with private facilities including breakfast in Reykjavík from 12.000 ISK per person/night
- Double room with shared facilities including breakfast in Reykjavík from 10.000 ISK per person/night

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