

HORSE ROUND UP



What is the horse round up actually about? The horse round up takes place every year traditionally at the last weekend of september. Laufskálarétt is one of the most famous horse round ups in Iceland and every year many foreigners and Icelanders take part in it, to do not miss this spectacle. The horses, mostly mares, foals and young horses, live during the summer time free in the mountains and will be caught before the winter begins. At the Laufskálarétt the owners of the horses take care that the horses are running to the pen and everyone is invited to enjoy the atmosphere or take part at the ride. In the pen the horses will be seperated and afterwards the owners will get their horses home. This is an unforgettable experience which is not possible to be seen somewhere else.



Day 1

We meet at Helluland in the afternoon or we will pick you up in Sauðárkrókur/Varmahlíð. After we had coffe and cake together we will show you our farm and we will start for our first riding tour. During the riding tour you can get to know the horses and we will teach you the icelandic way of riding. In the evening we are going to eat together.

Day 2

After breakfast we will start for a 2-3 hour riding tour. We will ride to a beautiful viewpoint, where we have a great view over the Skagafjörður. If we are lucky we will see the halfwild horses, which live on our peninsula.. Back home we will have lunch together and guide you to the Grettislaug. This is a natural hot pot, which is about 25km apart of us. After we visited the hot pot we will go back home and have a dinner together.

Day 3

After breakfast we will go riding to the black beach. In case of good weather we will ride to a farm which is located 20km away from us. And where we can complete our ride to the Laufskálarétt the next day. After this great ride we will have lunch at Helluland and go then to the "Gestastofa Sútarans". There you can see how coates are converted. There is also the possibility to go to their souvenirshop. Afterwards we will go home and have a dinner together.

Day 4

Today we will start a riding tour either from our farm or from the farm where we left the horses yesterday and ride then to the Laufskálarétt. Then we will drive to Hólar and visit the famous horse museum and have a look for the nice church and the university. Back home everybody who wants to go to the riding hall can have a look at the horse show after dinner.



Day 5

Today we will start approximately at 10 am from Laufskálarétt and chase the horses with their owners and other visitors to the pen, where we will have a look at the spectacle of separating the horses. After we had coffee and cake at the pen everyone has the opportunity to go to the ball in the riding hall this evening after dinner.

Day 6

After we slept long and enjoyed the breakfast after the "big day" yesterday we will go for a swim to Hofsóss. There is a really nice swimmingpool where you can look over the sea while sitting in the hot pot. Afterwards we have a last ride and end the day with good dinner.

Day 7

We will drive you to Sauðárkrókur or Varmahlíð after we had breakfast.

All inclusive 170.000ISK (ca 1320€)

The participants of this riding tour should have some experiences in riding.

For more information or booking please contact us by mail info@icelandhorsetours.com or give us a call (00354) 8478577. We are looking forward to welcome you!

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PS: In case of bad weather we reserve our rights to change the riding tour. In doing so we will take care to act in terms of our participants and animals.

