

## IH-21 Riding and the Northern Lights



**Category:** Intermediate riders

**Duration:** 2 nights – 2 riding days – Approx. 35 km

**Dates 2018:** Thursday – Saturday

Mar 15 – 17 • Mar 22 – 24 • Sep 20 – 22 • Oct 4 – 6 • Oct 11 – 13

**Accommodation:** 2 - 3 bed units at guesthouse for two nights, beds with bed linen.

**Meeting place:** Reykjavík.

**Reservation code:** IH – 21

Autumn in Iceland means a countryside ablaze with colour and the Northern Lights dancing in the Arctic night sky. Enjoy visiting the best-known sights in Iceland, riding the Icelandic Horse along fine bridle paths and viewing a dazzling Northern Lights display after a great day in the saddle.

We start the tour with a visit to the Secret Lagoon where you can relax in the mineral rich water. We continue to a farm located near the Geysir hot spring area and Gullfoss Waterfall. During two riding days, “tölt”, the special gait of the Icelandic Horse will be introduced to you while riding to both these magnificent natural sights.

Get ready in the evenings to experience the unique tranquillity of the Icelandic countryside and gaze skywards to perhaps see green-coloured Northern Lights dancing above you (weather permitting).

### **Day-by-Day Itinerary:**

#### **Thursday: Reykjavík – Secret Lagoon**

**Pick up between 16:00 – 17:00 from pick up points in Reykjavík [www.busstop.is](http://www.busstop.is) or BSÍ bus station in Reykjavík.** The tour starts with taking a refreshing bath at the Secret Lagoon (entrance fee included, please bring your own bathing suit and a towel). After one hour in the mineral rich water the transfer continues to the farm Myrkholt where Gústi and his family lives. Meet your hosts and enjoy a hearty dinner at the farm. After dinner step outside and look up into the sky for dazzling Northern Lights.

#### **Friday: Haukadalur – Geysir**

Our guide will introduce the Icelandic horse and its special gaits before we start our ride along pleasant trails of the beautiful birch forest at Haukadalur valley. A perfect first riding day where we get to know the Icelandic horse and the way of riding in a relaxed atmosphere. While on our ride we enjoy the great view of mountain ranges, valleys and the glacier. Enjoy the evening with your guide and hosts and take an evening stroll to look again for Northern Lights. (Approx. 15 km)

**Saturday: Gullfoss – Reykjavík**

We ride towards the majestic canyon Brúarhlöð where milky, glacier fed water passes through bizarre rock formations. We follow the ever deepening canyon to the impressive Golden Waterfall Gullfoss. After having spent some time there we saddle up again we head back to the farm. In the afternoon we say good bye to our hosts and horses and drive back to your accommodation Reykjavík. On the way we stop at Geysir hot spring area. (Approx. 20 km)

**- We reserve the right to alter the itinerary if necessary -**