

Northern Lights comfort tour

For Horse Lovers and Others



Category: Intermediate riders

Duration: 2 nights – 2 riding days – Approx. 30 km

Dates 2018: Thursday – Saturday

March 29 – 31 • Apr 5 – 7 • Oct 18 – 20 • Oct 25 – 27 • Nov 1 – 3

Accommodation: 3 star hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities

Meeting place: Reykjavík.

Extra included: Entrance to Secret Lagoon and museums, special Icelandic evening

Reservation code: IH – 27

For all those who want to travel with a bit more comfort we are pleased to offer for a first time a two day autumn and winter tour with hotel accommodation during the whole tour. All rooms with shower/wc and the little bit of extra privacy requested by many of our guests. This tour is equally suited for riders and non-riders since there is always the option of taking part in non-riding activities.

Riding, hiking and relaxing in geothermal water underneath the Icelandic winter sky ablaze with dazzling stars and the dancing Aurora Borealis. Bonfire, Traditional Stories and great Icelandic food combined with visits to the Secret Lagoon and a Northern Lights hunt in the saddle in the dark are fascinating features of this tour! On the way to Reykjavik we stop and visit Gullfoss and the Geysir Hot Spring Area.

Itinerary

Thursday: Reykjavík – Secret Lagoon – Kálfhóll farm

Pick up between 16:00 – 17:00 from pick up points in Reykjavik www.busstop.is or BSÍ bus station in Reykjavik. The tour starts with taking a refreshing bath at the Secret Lagoon (entrance fee and towel included, please bring your own bathing suit). After one hour in the mineral rich water the transfer continues to Kálfhóll farm where we meet the farmers for a "baðstofukvöld" with Icelandic traditional dinner, Icelandic songs, stories from the countryside and some "specialty treats" (dried fish, hákarl, brennivín). Late at night look out for the Northern Lights. Transfer and overnight at Fosshótel Hekla .

Friday: Riding in the morning – Þjóárdalur – Northern lights hunt from horse back!

After breakfast we drive to the farm Kálfhóll. After a short instruction we go for a ride along the banks of the mighty glacial river Þjórsá. (Alternative for non-riders: Individual walk along the river). After a good and warming Icelandic soup we take the bus for a trip to Þjórsárdalur valley where we visit the spectacular waterfall Hjálp and the Open Air Museumsfarm Þjóðveldisbær (Þjóðveldisbær not included in all departures). A short hike in the Skriðudalur forest takes us to the hidden grave of a Mountain King and his beloved horse Blesi. At the farm we feast on a typical Icelandic Buffet. While warming hands and souls at a bonfire outside we look for the Aurora Borealis – the Northern Lights!

As soon as we spot them we take to the saddles and go for a short ride in the dark beneath the Northern Lights! (1 hour). Alternative for Non-riders: Northern Lights spotting from the HotPot at Kálfhóll. After the ride: Return to Fosshótel Hekla for the night.

Saturday: Kálfhóll farm – Reykjavík

After breakfast, transfer to Kálfhóll farm. We go for another 2-3 hours ride through the lovely countryside (Alternative for Non-riders: Visit to the small Countryside Samansafnið Museum at Sólheimar) before we have lunch at the farm and head back to Reykjavík.

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