

## Riding tour to Breiðavík, September 02. – 11. 2022



This 9-day riding tour with free-running herd takes us directly from our farm Geirastadir into the fascinating mountains of Iceland's eastern fjords. The route is very varied and attractive: on old postal route, over wide sandy areas and steep mountain passes to the small village Bakkagerdi in Borgarfjörður eystri, whose region is known for its magical nature with rhyolite-colored high mountain ranges. We will ride through the imposing mountains to the secluded fjord Breidavik with overnight stay in a cozy hiking hut and the possibility for an additional evening ride through the black lava sand. The next days we turn back to Geirastaðir. Maybe we are lucky and will see northern lights in the autumn nights....

### **Inclusive:**

- 9 riding days (about 20-40 km per day) mainly with free-roaming herd, 2-3 riding horses per person, 1 departure day
  - 6 nights in twin or triple bed rooms on our farm Geirastaðir
  - 1 night in shared rooms or mattress rooms in the cosy mountain huts from Víknaslóðir
  - 2 "luxus" nights in the hotel Blábjörg with hot pot / spa directly by the sea
- Transfer from / to domestic airport Egilsstaðir. Luggage transport to the respective accommodations
- Full board from afternoon arrival day (September 2.) to breakfast departure day (September 11): consisting of an extensive breakfast, lunch package on the way as lunch, coffee with pastries and a warm dinner, partly traditional Icelandic. Preferences of participants (e.g. vegetarian) are gladly considered.

**Not included:** alcoholic drinks

**Price 2022:** 2 500 € for 9 riding days / nights

**Number of participants:** 5-10 persons

**Difficulty level:** experienced riders

### **Informations about the region :**

<https://www.borgarfjordureystri.is/home>

<https://www.east.is>



## Detailed tour description September tour:

1<sup>st</sup> day (September 6)

### **Arrival at Geirastaðir, ride to the seals - overnight Geirastadir**

We meet at noon in the small town Egilsstaðir at the domestic airport (arrival domestic flight 15.20). Short stay in Egilsstaðir for private purchases, if desired. Then we drive "out into the country", about 40 km to our farm Geirastaðir. Cozy coffee, then getting to know the horses and ride along the river Jökulsá. Overnight on Geirastaðir.

2<sup>nd</sup> day (September 7)

### **Departure for the riding tour: Geirastaðir-Hóll- overnight Geirastadir**

Now it starts with the whole herd on our tour. On the old postal tour over the vast land of the Hróarstunga, first to the beautiful old wooden church at Kirkjubær. Enjoy a hearty lunch break at the sheep farm before continuing along the Lagarfljót river towards the mountains. The horses stay at the abandoned farm Hóll in the pasture, we drive back and stay overnight on Geirastaðir

3<sup>rd</sup> day (September 8)

### **Hóll - Unaós – overnight Geirastadir**

A scenic and varied route. First we ride along the open grass and sand plain of the Héraðsandi to the farm Unaósi at the foot of the mountains, where we take a long break and leave the herd behind. Then we ride with our favourite horse towards the sea near Stapavík, where we take a ride on the black lava sand. Then we drive home to Geirastaðir. Today we go with the herd again to Stapavík but then on a narrow path steeply uphill over the mountain pass Gönguskarð. During the descent, we lead the horses in parts. The view of the mountains of Borgarfjörður eystri in front of us is breathtakingly beautiful. We spend the night directly at the horses in the cozy guest house Borg / Njarðvík



4<sup>th</sup> day (September 9)

**Unaós - Borgarfjörður eystri - accommodation Hotel Blábjörg, Borgarfj.eystri**  
*Overnight mountain hut Breiðavík*

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5<sup>th</sup> day (September 10)

**Borgarfjörður eystri - Breiðavík - overnight mountain hut Breiðavík**

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6<sup>th</sup> day (September 11)

**Breiðavík – Njarðvík - overnight guesthouse Borg / Njarðvík**

We ride through the fascinating mountain landscape, past the mountain lake Gæsavatn and then downhill again towards Borgarfjörður and forwards to the next fjord. We spend the night directly with the horses in the cozy guest house Borg / Njarðvík

7<sup>th</sup> day (September 12)

**Njarðvík – Unaós - Hóll – overnight Geirastaðir**

After the breakfast we ride / lead over the steep, scenic mountain pass Gönguskarð with sea views over the last mountain of our tour. On the other side we make on a long rest at the farm Unaós. At Unaós the wide Herað plain opens. We ride across sand dunes and open uneven meadow areas and all need to work well together to keep the horses together as a herd. In the evening we drive and stay overnight at our farm Geirastaðir.

8<sup>th</sup> day (September 13)

**Holl – Geirastaðir – overnight Geirastaðir**

Last route of the riding tour along the large river Lagarfljót to the old church Kirkjubær, from where an old postal tour leads directly to our farm Geirastaðir. There, the horses are finally allowed on their native pastures and we ourselves celebrate the successful tour with roast lamb

(September 14). After breakfast, we drive the participants to the domestic airport (departure 9.00 ) in Egilsstaðir and wish a good home journey or onward journey in Iceland.