

## Tour schedule, Tour Vopnafjörður– August, 22 to 31, 2024



This 10-day riding tour with free-range herd takes us on a varied route directly from our farm Geirastaðir in the fascinating mountains of the Icelandic Eastern fjords, this time to the northwest to Vopnafjörður. On old postal routes along the glacial river Jökulsá, many hours on the lonely plain Smjörvatnsheiði, through numerous small rivers to the beautiful turf house museum Bustarfell, on horseback along the Þverágil gorge with colorful mountain formations, along the sea past the fascinating waterfall Gljúfurárfoss and finally over the Helligheiði mountain pass in several stages back to Geirastaðir

**1<sup>st</sup> day / August 22:** Meeting in Egilsstaðir at the domestic airport at 15:35 o'clock, drive to Geirastaðir (about 40 min), short riding tour to get to know the horses, *overnight on Geirastaðir*

**2<sup>nd</sup> day / August 23: Geirastaðir-Fossvellir,** a longer beautiful route on the old postal road along the glacial river Jökulsá, *overnight on Geirastaðir*

**3<sup>rd</sup> day / August 24: Fossvellir-Sunnudal,** very long ride (about 9 hours) over the Smjörvatnsheiði plateau, the horses stay on Háteigur, *overnight in a spacious holiday house incl hotpot near Vopnafjörður*

**4<sup>th</sup> day / August 25: Háteigur-Bustarfell,** (without free-running herd) shorter beautiful ride with several small river crossings in the Hofsá river valley to the turf house museum Bustarfell, *overnight stay in the holiday house*

**5<sup>th</sup> day / August 26: Háteigur-Þverágil,** shorter ride (without free-roaming herd) to the Þverágil gorge with colorful rocks, then visit of the swimming pool in the quaint Selárdalslaug, *overnight stay in the holiday house*

**6<sup>th</sup> day / August 27: Háteigur-Vindfell,** now again with the whole herd: longer distance along the sea to Vindfell, later photo stop at the impressive waterfall Gljúfurárfoss, *Last overnight stay in the holiday house*

**7<sup>th</sup> day/ August 28: Vindfell- Bakkagerði**, longer, partially steep route over the mountain Hellisheiði, partly with a view of the sea to the farm Hliðarhús, where the herd remains.  
*Overnight on Geirastaðir*

**8<sup>th</sup> day/ August 29: Bakkagerði- riding to the sea**, today we will make a ride to the sea and the beach with black lava sand. After that we still have time to go on a trip for example to the Studlagil canyon or to the thermalbath Vök.  
*Overnight on Geirastaðir.*

**9<sup>th</sup> day/ August 30: Bakkagerði-Fossvellir** we will continue with the herd some hours to Fossvellir on a flat, paved path, perfect for tölting ☺. In the evening we celebrate the successful tour with roast lamb. *Overnight on Geirastaðir*  
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**10<sup>th</sup> day/ August 31: Fossvellir- Geirastaðir**, the last part of the tour, back on the beautiful old postal road along the river Jökulsá back to Geirastaðir. After a last coffeetime transfer to Egilsstaðir for the domestic flight at 19.45 o'clock.

**Inclusive:**

- 10 riding days (about 20-47 km per day) mainly with free-roaming herd, 2-3 riding horses per person, 1 departure day
- 5 nights in single, twin or triple bed rooms on our farm Geirastaðir
- 4 nights in shared rooms or mattress rooms in a spacious apartment near Vopnafjörður incl hot pot
- Transfer from / to domestic airport Egilsstaðir. Luggage transport to the respective accommodations
- Full board from afternoon arrival day (August 22) to lunch departure day (August 18) (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, entrance to swimming pools, Museum and coffee buffet at Bustarfell

**Price 2024: 2 900 € for 10 riding days / nights**

**Number of participants: 6-11 persons**

**Difficulty level: experienced riders**