

# Sagnaslóð 2012

*4 wonderful and adventurous days for the whole family*



***New Exiting Concept!*** We now launch a new kind of holiday for the whole family - including those members that may not find horse riding that much fun.

Iceland is for *everyone* - just ask the [Lonely Planet](#) readers who recently voted **Iceland** best in Travel Readers' Choice Award. You can read more about the award [HERE](#). Congratulations Iceland! And Reykjavik - the winner of Best City.

For the family members interested in experiencing the best of Iceland from atop Iceland's best (that would be the horses), we have a glorious 4-day horse riding experience in the spectacular Westfjords planned.

And for those not into horses, we offer a variety of other activities including (but not limited to) sightseeing, sea kayaking, sea angling, hiking, etc. in collaboration with Guesthouse Grænhöfði situated in Flateyri.

# Itinerary for riders

*We accomodate in Grænhöfði guesthouse in Flateyri with rooms of 3-4. Arrival the day before and we sleep there all five nights. We will be riding through some of the areas in Gísli Saga Súrssonar and the story will be told bit by bit, as the tour progresses, both on the road and at night in the guesthouse.*

## **Day 1 Kot – Þórustaðir (20 km)**

The first day we ride without the herd, which gives us good opportunity to get our balance and confidence in the saddle. We also get to know our horses in quiet surroundings. When we have made sure our cameras are within reach, we start riding from Flateyri village into the valley on quite decent paths in the mountainslopes towards Mount Hestur which rules in its majestic kingdom at the bottom of the valley. We change horses at deserted farm Kot head to the mountainvalleys Hestdalur and Korpudalur on great paths along the banks of river Hestá. Visiting a small waterfall in Hestdalur where we dismount and enjoy the sandwiches and the scenery and maybe capture it on film, before we explore Korpudalur valley. The main purpose here is like mentioned before, to get a feel for the horses and a good step in the stirrups and the guide needs to see how his guests sit the horses. We then descend to Kot farm again. Bus to Flateyri.



## **Day 2 Þórustaðir – Gil (25 km)**

We start without the herd and ride out to sea again and IF the tides are in our favour we go for the golden-beach-ride. After enjoying ourselves on the beach for a good while we head to Bjarnardalsrétt paddock, where we meet with the free running herd. We are on our way over Gemlufallsheiði-highland. We change horses just before we start climbing the steep hills. When we are up we soon get a fantastic view over Dýrafjörður Fjord. Riding historic old saga paths we descend the highland and weave our way through the partly unpathed sheepland and down to Gil-farm. We leave the horses and take the bus to Haukadalur where Gísli Súrsson lived. After an informative stop we ride the bus back to the guesthouse.

### **Day 3 Gil – Ingjaldssandur (25 km)**

We start the day with the herd of horses and they take us to Núpsdalur-valley and once again we go uphill, up on the Sandsheiði-highland. Up there we change horses and leave the loose herd which the staff takes to Ingjaldssandur, while we ride down to Nesdalur valley, a unique nature formation. Back up to Sandsheiði and then down to Ingjaldssandur, a now nearly deserted countryside – once densely populated. Bus back to the guesthouse.



### **Day 4 Ingjaldssandur – Kot (25 km)**

Today is adventure-day. We ride from Ingjaldssandur over the rocky Klúka-highland and down into Valþjófsdalur-valley. It is a narrow path and boy is it steep!! No worries though we walk with our horses through the most difficult parts. We will descend approximately 500 meters in a relatively short span of time and distance down to Tunga farm where we attack our lunch-packs. From Tunga we ride to the beach again and then back to Kot, where we started our tour. There we say our goodbyes to the horses and drive back to the guesthouse for the goodbye dinner party.



# Sounds like a plan?



## Available dates

This calendar shows which dates we have planned a 4 day tour

<http://sagnaslod.is/gfx/calendar2012.jpg>



## Before you decide

Read this information about riding in Iceland with Sagnaslóð

<http://sagnaslod.is/info.html>



## More about the Gísli saga

<http://www.cam.ac.uk/research/video-and-audio/cambridge-ideas-memories-of-old-awake/>



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