

AKUREYRI, ICELAND

Akureyri: Horseback Riding In Akureyri

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

There is an old Icelandic law that forbids the import of horses and any horse that leaves Iceland is barred from returning. **Icelandic horses** have been nicknamed, “the most useful servants” and they were bred to withstand the harsh elements. You will depart from the pier and drive the short distance to the stables where you will be saddled up with a gentle horse and head out for a **1-hour easy riding** tour through the **lush countryside** near Akureyri.

Please note: The age limit for this tour is 12. No prior riding experience is required and all necessary equipment will be provided. Wear comfortable clothing.

PRICE\$95

Akureyri: Jewels of the North

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

This popular tour encompasses the highlights of Northern Iceland. You will begin with a drive along the picturesque coastline of **Eyjafjordur Fjord** to beautiful **Godafoss Waterfall**. You will continue through fertile farmlands to reach **Lake Myvatn**, one of Iceland’s natural treasures. This lake is home to thousands of birds. Your next stop will be **Namaskard**, a striking geothermal field full of mud-pots, steam vents, sulphur deposits, boiling springs and fumaroles. Close by is **Dimmuborgir**, a dramatic lava landscape with strange formations, columns and arches that have been the source of many Icelandic folktales. A short drive away you will find **Skutustadir** pseudo-craters, formed by gas explosions when boiling lava flowed over the wetlands near the lake. You will have **lunch at a local restaurant** before returning to your waiting yacht.

Please note: The order of sites visited may vary.

PRICE\$135

Akureyri: Leisurely Akureyri & Godfoss Waterfall

ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY

Take a leisurely journey around Akureyri and its nearby surroundings. You will depart from the pier and head along the coastline through lush and fertile farmlands to reach **Godafoss**, known as the "Waterfall of the Gods." Then you will return to Akureyri, colorfully framed by the sea and the mountains. Take a short sightseeing tour of **Akureyri's old quarter** with architecture that bears a strong Danish influence, before driving to the **Akureyri Botanical Gardens**, founded in 1912, and presenting examples of every species indigenous to Iceland as well as an extensive collection of high-altitude, high-latitude plants from around the world.

Please note: The order of sites seen may be reversed.

PRICE\$69

Akureyri: Myvatn Nature Baths

ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY

There is hardly a better way to enjoy Iceland's plentiful geothermal power and beautiful vistas of lava and moss than a visit to one of the best nature baths. You will depart from the pier for the 1.5-hour drive to **Myvatn Nature Baths**. The tastefully designed complex will offer you a relaxing dip in clouds of steam rising from below the earth's surface. These warm and soothing waters benefit both your skin and your spirit. You will have 1.5 hours to enjoy the baths before your 1-hour drive to **Godafoss Waterfall** where you will have time to take photos and appreciate the beauty of the falls. Re-board your motor coach for the 40-minute drive back to your waiting yacht.

Please note: Bring your camera and wear comfortable walking shoes.

PRICE\$129

Akureyri: Off the Beaten Track

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

This is a tour for those who want to venture off-the-beaten-track looking for treasures off the common routes in 4x4 Super Trucks. You will depart from the pier and head to over an old mountain road to the **Vaglaskogur Forest** for a brief photo stop. You will continue to **Skjafandafliot River**, a white glacial river that originates from the **Vatnajokull Glacier**, the

largest ice cap in Iceland. You will drive along the river until you reach **Bardardalur Valley**, where you will stop at a local guesthouse to meet the locals and explore a small exhibition dedicated to the outlaws that once lived in the lava fields. Nearby you will see **Aldeyjarfoss Waterfall**, then drive along a mountain road that leads to the magical **Lake Myvatn** where you will see an incredible view before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. On your return trip you will stop at **Godafoss Waterfall**, the “Waterfall of the Gods.”

Please note: The order of sites visited may vary. This tour is not for those with back or neck problems.

PRICE^{\$}429

Akureyri: Polar Flight to Grimsey Island

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

North of mainland Iceland lies **Grimsey Island**, a lovely green oasis that straddles the Arctic Circle. You will be driven to the Akureyri airport to board your plane for the short flight to Grimsey Island. If the weather is clear you will see **amazing views** over the tall mountains that line both sides of **Eyjafjordur Fjord**. You will land on Grimsey Island and be greeted by a local guide who will take you on a walk around the island, while acquainting you with the history, culture, and nature of the island. Grimsey has **extensive bird colonies**, said to accommodate at least 60 different species like kittiwakes, puffins, arctic terns, fulmars, and guillemots. You will return to Akureyri via airplane and driven back to your waiting yacht.

Please note: Sightings of birds are dependent on the weather and cannot be guaranteed. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

PRICE^{\$}399
