

Icelandic Horse Photography Trip 2025

7th June – 13th June Group 1

15th June - 21th June Group 2

An exclusive workshop and photography trip to the land of trolls, elves, volcanoes, glaciers, waterfalls, black beaches, fire & ice and so much more!

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Experience the unparalleled landscape shaped by volcanoes, glaciers, waterfalls, and black beaches, and let yourself be enchanted by the mystical atmosphere of this land.

For me, Iceland is one of the most beautiful countries in the world—a land of contrasts, where various forces of nature such as fire and ice collide. It's also a land of extremes, where it's important to know what you're doing. Over the past three years, I've spent more than eight months traveling the island, exploring both the coastal regions and the surreal, vast highlands. You could say that I'm quite experienced with Iceland by now.

Photographing horses in this environment is an absolute dream and a unique experience. It's something truly special! I work with a farm where we have the opportunity to step right into the herd, allowing us to spend time close to the horses and even have the chance to cuddle with them. Additionally, we'll take selected horses to stunning locations, such as volcanoes, glacial rivers, glaciers, waterfalls, black sand beaches, and lupine fields (depending on what's possible at the time). We'll also travel to the beautiful Vestmannaeyjar Islands together to visit the world's largest puffin colony.

This trip is perfect for both experienced photography professionals and beginners or photographers looking to develop their skills. During the photo sessions, I'll be happy to provide tips and tricks. In the evenings, we'll also have time to review and discuss the photos or share some Photoshop tips and tricks.

Our base will be in the south of the country, near Selfoss, just about 1.5 hours from the airport, which shortens the travel time. Additionally, some of the most beautiful and impressive sights and natural wonders are nearby. There's even a hot spring where we can relax during our free time or after a long day of photography.

This trip is meant to be an exclusive opportunity, and everyone should feel comfortable. For that reason, the group size is limited to 4-7 participants.

2. Program:

Day 1: Arrival

- I will pick you up at Keflavik Airport (KEF) at 5:00 PM or in Reykjavik around 6:00 PM and take you to the accommodation. (Alternative: you can rent a car yourself.)
- If there's enough time, we will visit a geothermal area near the airport.

Day 2:

- Photoshoot day near the farm, surrounded by the herd and close to the horses, with a view of the Hekla volcano.
- Optional activities: Waterfalls / Geysir / Geothermal area / Excursion to the highlands and/or other attractions.

Day 3:

- Photoshoot day with selected horses at a special location (volcanoes, glacier rivers, glaciers, black sand beaches, waterfalls - location will be confirmed).
- Optional image review session.

Day 4:

- Photoshoot day with selected horses at a special location (volcanoes, glacier rivers, glaciers, black sand beaches, waterfalls - location will be confirmed).
- Optional image review session.

Day 5:

- We will take a ferry to the Vestmannaeyjar Islands and photograph the puffins (home to the world's largest puffin colony).

Day 6:

- Photoshoot day with selected horses at a special location (volcanoes, glacier rivers, glaciers, black sand beaches, waterfalls - location will be confirmed).
- Optional image review session.

Day 7:

- Departure or continue your individual adventure.
- I will take you back to the airport at 7:00 AM.

Please note:

The itinerary is subject to changes due to the unpredictable and extreme weather conditions in Iceland. If necessary, adjustments will be made in the best interest of the group's safety and enjoyment.

3. Requirements & General Information

Good fitness/ stamina for multi-hour photo shoots and driving sessions (the days are long!) and be steady on your feet.

We will be staying in a beautiful, luxurious guesthouse complex in double rooms with separate bathrooms. There is a spacious lounge/living area, washing machine, modern kitchen, TV, etc. We can cook or meals together and everyone will get a chance to chip in with food preparation, cooking and cleanup.

The currency in Iceland is the Icelandic Krona. Currency exchange can be done at KEF airport, but credit cards are accepted everywhere, even for smaller amounts. You can withdraw Icelandic Krona with a debit card at any ATM.

Required documents:

- Passport or identity card
- Travel health insurance
- Iceland is not an EU country but is part of the Schengen area, so as an EU citizen, you do not need a visa!

The essential equipment for this trip includes your camera equipment as well as waterproof hiking shoes, gloves, rubber boots or better waders!, a hat and functional clothing. I can provide a more detailed packing list upon request.

Image rights:

In general, you are allowed to use all the pictures taken during the trip. If you use photos from the organized photo shoots on social media, simply include a note stating that these images were taken as part of this trip. On your website, flyers, or promotional materials, you can use the images without attribution. Any further commercial use or submission of the images to competitions is only possible after consultation with me.

4. Costs of the Trip & Accommodation

For tax reasons, I need to calculate the trip and accommodation costs separately. The trips will take place with a minimum of 4 participants, and the maximum group size is 7 participants. The accommodation costs will be divided among all participants.

Costs:

Photo tour: €1999 (including 19% German VAT)

Accommodation: Between €435 and €760 (depending on the number of participants)

A deposit of €1000 for the photo tour is due upon receipt of the invoice, and the remaining balance of €999 must be paid no later than 30 days before the trip begins.

I will calculate the accommodation cost as soon as all participant spots are filled, but no later than 3 weeks before the planned travel date.

Included in the tour price:

- Transfer from and to KEF Airport/Reykjavik
- Rental car + driver
- Ferry costs to Vestmannaeyjar
- Accommodation (luxury lakeside accommodation) in a double room with a shared kitchen (only used by us) and a cozy living area, washing machine, etc.
- Organization and planning of photoshoots and horses, as well as assistance with photography.

Not included:

- Flights
- Travel, health, baggage, or other insurances
- Meals (we usually cook ourselves; groceries will be organized and shared among participants)
- Entrance fees
- Additional costs arising from illness, accidents, flight cancellations or delays, route changes due to force majeure, etc.
- Anything not explicitly mentioned as included.

5. Booking Form

The organizer, Tim Grothe, is exempt from any liability. Each participant is responsible for their own safety and security and agrees to behave accordingly by registering/participating in the trip. Insurance is the responsibility of the participant. By registering for this trip, the participant confirms that they have read and understood this clause!

Registration for Group: _____

Participant Information:

Name / Company: _____

Billing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Website: _____

Instagram: _____

Facebook: _____

If applicable, VAT number: _____

I confirm that I have carefully read the travel description and agree to all terms.

Location, Date, Signature

Please send your registration via email to:

iceland@tim-grothe.de

Cancellation Policy:

The participant may withdraw from the workshop at any time before its commencement. The receipt of the cancellation notice by Tim Grothe Equine.Art is decisive. The cancellation must be made in writing via email. Tim Grothe will charge a flat-rate cancellation fee in relation to the travel/workshop fee according to the following scale:

Up to 42 days prior to the start.....40%

From 42 days prior to the start.....100%

Alternatively, a substitute participant can be provided.

6. Impressions:

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