



# Fabulous Scandinavia & Dur; Helsinki Tour

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Visit: Copenhagen - Oslo - Eidfjord - Bergen - Stalheim - Flaam - Fagernes - Oslo - Stockholm - Helsinki

# **Detailed Itinerary**

#### Day 01: DAY 1 THURSDAY - Arrival to Copenhagen

Arrival to Copenhagen Airport, meet & greet by English-speaking representative, for Regular Arrival Transfer Service to the hotel\* for check-in (Please see notes below for this service). Please consult the welcome letter, which you will receive upon check-in at your hotel, and kindly note where and when to meet your tour leader. A short welcome meeting will be held in the evening, where you will receive information on the upcoming tour program. The rest of the day is at leisure.



#### Day 02: DAY 2 FRIDAY - Copenhagen - Oslo (overnight ferry)

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we depart by private coach with our guide for a panoramic sightseeing tour of Copenhagen. This tour will be the perfect introduction to "Wonderful Copenhagen". We begin with a drive towards the City Hall Square where the famous pedestrian street "Stroeget" begins. Passing by Tivoli Gardens and onwards past the New Carlsberg Glyptotheque and the National Museum. Next, it is the Old Stock Exchange and the Naval Church. We drive past the Kings New Square, the home of the Royal Danish Theatre with the world famous ballet, then through the old canal area, Nyhavn, with its picturesque houses and boats. We continue on to the impressive Gefion Fountain and the Royal residence, Amalienborg Palace. Finally, we stop by the landmark of Copenhagen, the statue of the Little Mermaid. During the tour, you can also delight in Christiansborg Palace from the outside, as well as Rosenborg Castle, which houses the Crown Jewels. The tour ends at the hotel. In the afternoon transfer to the pier by private coach to embark on the DFDS Seaways overnight ferry. At approximately 16:30, departure to Oslo. Buffet dinner will be served on board. NOTE: Passports must be shown when travelling between Denmark and Norway on the DFDS ferry. Clients travelling with E.U. identification cards only may not be allowed on-board.

## Day 03: DAY 3 SATURDAY Oslo - Eidfjord

Breakfast on board. Arrival to Oslo at 09:45, after disembarking we will board our private coach. We drive across Hoenefoss, Nesbyen surrounded by a landscape, which alternates between forests of pines and lakes to arrive in the beautiful Hallingdal Valley. Proceed through Gol followed by Geilo, a small town surrounded by mountains. We continue to Hardangervidda and visit the Voringfossen waterfall, and continue to Eidfjord, where our hotel is located. Check-in and dinner at the hotel is included.

#### Day 04: DAY 4 SUNDAY Eidfjord - Bergen

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning you will cross the splendid Hardanger fjord, by travelling across Hardanger Bridge. This Bridge has one of the longest suspension bridge spans in the world. After reaching the other side, we will continue along the fjord, passing by Nordheimsund and crossing birch forests until we arrive in Bergen – known as the capital of the fjords. In the afternoon, a panoramic sightseeing tour is included during which we will delight in St. Marys Church, Haakon's Hall, the colourful and picturesque fish market and the old Bryggen area (No entrances included). The evening is at your leisure. Optional: Floeibanen – View Bergen from the peak of Mt. Floeyen Duration: the journey takes 5-8 minutes The Floeibanen funicular in Bergen in the heart of Bergen is one of Norway's best-known attractions. The journey up to the peak of Mount Floeyen (320 m above sea level) takes 5–8 minutes. The journey is an experience in itself, cutting through the steep mountain side and forests revealing more of the city below. At the top you can enjoy fantastic views over Bergen and Norwegian coast line.



### Day 05: DAY 5 MONDAY Bergen – Stalheim

Breakfast at the hotel. The morning is at your leisure to further explore the stunning fjord capital of Bergen. Early afternoon departure from Bergen and travel to the historic town of Voss, with a stunning background of snow clad mountains. After a short break, the journey continues towards Naeroy valley where our hotel is situated. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the breath-taking views down the Stalheim Gorge. Dinner is included at the hotel.

## Day 06: DAY 6 TUESDAY Stalheim – Flaam - Fagernes

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, the coach continues down the Naeroy valley to Gudvangen where we embark on a ferry along the Naeroyfjord, one of the narrowest and most popular fjord journeys in Norway. Disembark in the stunning village of Flaam where you will have some free time if you do not choose to join the optional tour with the famous panoramic train ride Flaamsbana Optional: Flamsbana (Available only by pre-booking) Duration: approximately 2 hours Flamsbana is one of the steepest train lines in the world on normal tracks. The 2-hour train journey runs through fantastic nature, past the Rallar road, steep mountains, breathtaking waterfalls, 20 tunnels and offers a multitude of views. In the span of a single hour, the train takes you from the ocean level at the Sognefjord in Flam, to the mountaintop at Myrdal mountain station on Hardangervidda, 863 meters over the ocean. Optional: Stegastein Viewpoint Duration: approximately 2 hours Minimum 6 persons An unmissable sightseeing trip for any visitor to Flaam. The Stegastein Viewpoint is part of the Norwegian Scenic Route that runs from Aurland to Laerdal. This structure, which juts out 30 meters from the mountainside, 650 meters about the fjord, offers and unparalleled panorama. A more amazing view of the fjord, mountains and surrounding is hard to imagine. In the afternoon, the coach journey continues along the Aurlandfjord, via Aurland and Laerdal. A photo stop is made at the popular Borgund Stave church (entrance not included) before continuing the last part of the journey to Fagernes. Check-in and later, dinner at the hotel.

## Day 07: DAY 7 WEDNESDAY Fagernes – Oslo

After breakfast, we travel towards Oslo, leaving the mountains behind us. Early afternoon arrival in Oslo and check-in to the hotel. Experience a panoramic sightseeing tour of the Norwegian capital, beautifully situated by a fjord. We will enjoy the view from the Opera house, visit The Vigeland Park and pass the Royal Palace and the main street, Karl Johan. The tour ends at your hotel from where you will have the evening to further explore the Viking capital at your own pace.

#### Day 08: DAY 8 THURSDAY ¬Oslo – Stockholm

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Oslo and travel (by private coach or by train) to Stockholm, passing through Norwegian and Swedish forests and the region of Varmland, home of many Nordic legends. Late afternoon



arrival to Stockholm, capital of Sweden, for check-in to the hotel. The evening is at your leisure.

## Day 09: DAY 9 FRIDAY ¬Stockholm

Breakfast at the hotel. Meet your guide and depart by private coach for a 3-hour city sightseeing tour of Stockholm. The city, built on 14 islands, connected by 57 bridges, embraces the unique character of 13th century Old Town with modern high-tech architecture. Stockholm is proudly called "Beauty on Water". The sightseeing tour includes the chance for an outside view of the historically significant City Hall, the place of the Nobel festivities. Feel the medieval atmosphere of the Old Town "Gamla Stan", with its Cathedral and Stortorget, where the Stockholm Blood Bath took place. The tour also includes a drive to Fjallgatan where you will enjoy picturesque views of Stockholm. The tour ends at the hotel. The afternoon is at leisure. Optional: VASA Museum following regular sightseeing Duration: approximately 2 hours Includes: entrance to Vasa Museum w/guided tour, private tour guide Min 10 persons Following the city tour visit the Swedish warship, Vasa, considered as one of the world's largest and the pride of the mighty Swedish navy. The Museum was built around the 17th century warship, which sank in Stockholm's inner harbor on her maiden voyage in 1628; its discovery in 1956 and subsequent salvage in 1961 is one of the most important events in marine archaeology. Painstakingly restored to its original magnificence, the Vasa represents an authentic piece of living history.

#### Day 10: DAY 10 SATURDAY Stockholm – Helsinki (overnight ferry)

Breakfast at the hotel. The morning is at leisure. In the afternoon, transfer to the pier by private coach to board one of the comfortable overnight ferries of the Tallink Silja Line, sailing along the Baltic Sea, bound for Helsinki.

#### Day 11: DAY 11 SUNDAY ¬Helsinki

Arrival to Helsinki. Experience a 2-hour sightseeing tour of the capital of Finland, also known as "The Daughter of the Baltic Sea". The tour includes the Senate Square, the University and the Lutheran Cathedral. We will also see the colourful Market Square, Kaivopuisto Park, diplomatic residences, the imposing statue of Marshall Mannerheim, the Parliament Building, Finlandia Hall, the Orthodox Russian Church Uspenski and the Sibelius Monument. A visit is also made to Temppeliaukio Church – also called the "Rock Church" as it is carved into solid rock (the church reserves the right not to allow the entry of visitors in case of ceremonies). End of the tour at the hotel. The afternoon is at your leisure.

### Day 12: DAY 12 MONDAY Helsinki-Departure

Breakfast at the hotel. A English-speaking representative will meet you for the Regular Transfer Service to Helsinki Airport\*(Please see notes below for this service).

#### **Inclusion**

# GLOBAL GROUP TRAVEL SERVICES

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• 9 nights at hotels in standard double/twin rooms with private facilities • 1 night on board DFDS Seaways Ferry (Exterior Cabin) • 1 night on board Tallink Silja Line Ferry (Exterior Cabin) • 11 Breakfasts - buffet style • 4 dinners (as per program) • English speaking tour escort from Day 1 to Day 11 • All touring by private coach, including all the sightseeing mentioned in the program • The long-distance bus from day 2 - 9 offers WIFI • Guided tours in the cities of Copenhagen, Bergen, Oslo, Stockholm & Helsinki as per program • Regular Arrival Transfer, from Copenhagen Airport\* • Regular Departure Transfer, to Helsinki Airport\* • Porter Service at DFDS Seaways, Tallink Silja Ferry, & all hotels and railway stations during the program (Excl. Day 1 & Day 12) • Luggage allowance is 1 suitcase & 1 piece of hand luggage per person MONOLINGUAL \* ESCORTED IN ENGLISH

#### **Exclusion**

Beverages & extras All services not mentioned in the Inclusions

#### Note

HOTELS Scandic Copenhagen Outside cabin on DFDS Seaways ferry Quality Voringfoss Scandic Ornen Hotel Stalheim Hotel Scandic Valdres Thon Hotel Opera Scandic Grand Central Hotel Exterior Cabin on board Tallink Silja Line ferry Scandic Simonkentta Maximum 2 children per room, sharing with parents. Due to the nature of the tour and the destination, we are unfortunately not able to accept children younger than 7 years old on these tours. Children accepted between ages between 7 – 12 years, cost is available on request. Regular Arrival Transfer Services included in the program are only available for transfers from the Airport in Copenhagen & to the Airport in Helsinki and only on the published official date of beginning & end of the tour. The transfers are escorted by an English-speaking representative and are shared with other fellow passengers; therefore, minor waiting time at the airport may occur. This transfer service is not valid for passengers with pre/post nights or passengers who require private transfers – for a supplement, private transfers can be reserved for these passengers. Cost for Optional activities is available on request.

# **Tour Dates & Pricing**