



# Fabulous Scandinavia & Imperial Russia

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**Visit:** Copenhagen - Oslo - Eidfjord - Bergen - Stalheim – Flaam - Fagernes - –Oslo – Stockholm - –Helsinki - St. Petersburg - Moscow

## Detailed Itinerary

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

Arrival to Copenhagen Airport, meet & greet by a 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 Glyptothek 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 Hønefoss, 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 coastline.

**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.

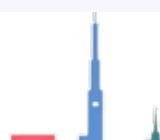
**Day 06: DAY 6 TUESDAY Stalheim – Flaam - Fagernes**

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 for pre-booking) Duration: approximately 2 hours Minimum 10 persons 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 an 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 on 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 P 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 your 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**

Breakfast is served on board before arrival to Helsinki. Private transfer to the hotel followed by a panoramic sightseeing tour. Meet with your local guide for a city sightseeing of the capital of Finland, also known as “The Daughter of the Baltic Sea”. The tour includes the Senate Square, the University and Lutheran Cathedral – all displaying neoclassical architecture of the 1840's, the colourful Market Square by the sea in the South Harbour, Kaivopuisto Park and diplomatic residences, the imposing statue of Marshal Mannerheim, the Parliament Building, Finlandia Hall, the Orthodox Russian Church Uspenski and the Sibelius Monument. A visit is also made to Temppeliaukio Church – 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).

**Day 12: DAY 12 MONDAY →Helsinki - St. Petersburg**



Breakfast at the hotel. The morning is at leisure. In the afternoon depart Helsinki (By private coach or by train. To be confirmed in situ) and travel to St. Petersburg, founded in 1703 by Tzar Peter the Great and one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. Also known to the world as the "Northern Capital of Russia" and "the Venice of the North", St. Petersburg was virtually unharmed by the 1930-50s Stalinist reconstruction, and its downtown dazzles the eye of the visitor with splendid palaces, stylish monuments, straight avenues, beautiful bridges and other attractions. St. Petersburg is filled with history and mystery. Arrival at St. Petersburg and transfer to the hotel for check-in.

**Day 13: DAY 13 TUESDAY →St. Petersburg**

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, we will be met by a local guide for a panoramic city sightseeing tour, which will cover some of the many highlights of the city. We will drive along the Nevsky Prospect - the heart of the city, and make picture stops at the Spit of Vasilievsky Island, the Senate Square, The Peter and Paul Fortress, St. Isaac's Cathedral, the Art's Square and the Russian Museum as well as at the two magnificent churches, the "Spilled Blood" and the Nikolsky Cathedral. The city tour ends at the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to further explore this magnificent city and its treasures. Your tour escort will provide you with suggestions for tours. Optional: Peterhof Palace Duration: approximately 4 hours Includes: private transportation to hotel, entrance to Peterhof w/guided tour, private tour guide Available by pre-booking & in situ Min 10 persons Take the opportunity to visit the Peterhof Palace, also known as the palace of the Sea God. Here the fountains are not mere accessories: they are the essence of the place. They are the symbolic expression of the sea's dominion, the mist that rises from the waves as they surge against its shores. The world-famous palace, fountain and park ensemble of Peterhof, is an outstanding landmark of Russian artistic culture from the 18-19th Centuries. Founded in the very beginning of the eighteenth Century by Emperor Peter the Great, not far from his new northern capital St. Petersburg, Peterhof was intended to become the most splendid official royal summer residence. Credit for its creation should go to a great number of eminent architects, artists, and anonymous folk craftsmen. Its wonderful parks, 176 fountains of various forms and styles, and four cascades, majestic palaces, numerous gilded statues of ancient gods and heroes, remarkable collections of sculpture, painting and works of the minor arts make Peterhof a veritable gem of art unique in the world, often called "Capital of Fountains". After 1917 the Peterhof ensemble was taken into state custody and turned into architecture and art museum. Nowadays, due to the unforgettable beauty of its fountains, parks and palaces, Peterhof has become the most attractive suburban royal park and palace ensemble of northern Russia's capital for numerous Russian and foreign visitors.

**Day 14: DAY 14 WEDNESDAY →St. Petersburg**

Breakfast at the hotel. We meet our local guide to continue our adventure in this charming city. You will visit The State Hermitage Museum, which occupies six magnificent buildings situated along the embankment of the River Neva, right in the heart of St. Petersburg. The leading role in this unique architectural ensemble is played by the Winter Palace, the residence of the Russian Tsars that was built to the design of Francesco

Bartolomeo Rastrelli in 1754-62. This ensemble, formed in the 18th and 19th Centuries, is extended by the eastern wing of the General Staff building, the Menshikov Palace and the recently constructed Repository. Put together throughout two centuries and a half, the Hermitage collections of works of art (over 3,000,000 items) presents the development of world culture and art from the Stone Age to the 20th Century. Today the Museum is creating a digital self-portrait to be displayed around the world. The tour ends at the hotel. The evening is at leisure.

**Day 15: DAY 15 THURSDAY →St. Petersburg - Moscow**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer with local guide from your hotel to the Railway station, where we will board the Sapsan Train bound for Moscow. This train ride takes you through endless Russian landscapes and along the Volga River. Afternoon arrival in Moscow and transfer to your hotel Intercontinental Moscow Tverskaya, located on the main avenue of the city, Tverskaya. The evening is at leisure.

**Day 16: DAY 16 FRIDAY →Moscow**

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning starts with a full day privately guided panoramic sightseeing tour of Moscow. We will see many ancient churches and cathedrals, some of them dating as far back as the 15th century, many of them having been restored or even built again; beautiful theatres and palaces; modern business complexes and hotels; buildings of late Soviet architecture such as the Moscow State University and the Central Stadium in Luzhniki, which hosted the 1980 Olympic Games. Moscow, with its some 10 million inhabitants, is vast and at times chaotic. We will visit the historic centre of the city, which includes the Red Square, Sofiiskaya Embankment, St. Sophia Cathedral, and the panorama of the Kremlin walls. We will also see the modern part of the city which includes the Vorobievy (Lenin Hills) – the highest place in Moscow, providing a beautiful view of the city and Poklonnaya Hill where there is a monument commemorating defenders of the city during World War Two. During this visit we will also experience a tour of one of Moscow's beautiful Metro stations, a highlight in itself and a must do when visiting Moscow. After the Metro visit, free time for lunch before we continue our visit of the city. The rest of the afternoon and evening are at leisure. Optional: National Russian Dance show "Kostroma" Duration: approximately 4 hours including transportation Includes: private transportation to /from hotel, 2 hours show private local tour guide. 18.00 – 22.00 hours Min 6 persons Available by pre-booking & in situ Subject to availability "The Russian National Dance Show "Kostroma" is the program that reveals the history of Rus and the life of its peoples where the infinite of time and horizons broaden the boundless means of the art of dance. Vital historical milestones, traditions and customs of the multinational Russia expose originality of the hundreds of cultures of the united people of Russia plunging the audience in the times of christening of Rus, tsar's Russia and USSR, revealing the life of the people living in the Far North, in the southern steppes, in the mountains of the Caucasus and in the Central Russia. The Russian National Dance Show "Kostroma" cleverly and with great prowess unites lyrical sketches with elements of folklore and ancient Russian epic. It uncovers the Russian culture through the nature of its people, social status and national coloring. You can witness the temporal, urban, village,

military culture of Russia. The accurately created images of mother, wife, daughter, son, husband and warrior reflect the heritage of the many generations and the unique spirit of the Russian nation. 50 dancers on stage, masterly technique, outstanding acting, 15 reincarnations, 10 tons of freight, 600 unique costumes, 300 items of props, 8 sets changes – this is the fabulous reality of “The Russian National Dance Show “Kostroma” that captivates the audience of all ages and nationalities.

### **Day 17: DAY 17 SATURDAY → Moscow**

Breakfast at the hotel. We meet our local guide for a half day excursion, which includes a privately guided tour of Kremlin Territory with Armoury Chamber. During this tour we will walk through the Kremlin grounds and visit the Armoury Chamber with its famous collection of Faberge eggs, jewels and royal thrones. The word Kremlin (Kreml) means a fortress or walled town; Moscow's is the biggest and most famous. The earliest ramparts were of earth and wood, but successive rulers raised and strengthened the defences after every attack. The present brick walls date from the 1490s, though they have been frequently restored. End of the tour at the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Optional: River cruise on the Moscow river Duration: approximately 3-3,5 hours including transportation Includes: private transportation to /from hotel, 2 hours cruise private local tour guide. 16.00 –19.30 hours Min 6 persons Available by pre-booking only Subject to availability The Radisson Royal Flotilla yachts are state-of-the-art river yachts-restaurants meant for excursion and entertainment cruises along the Moskva River for citizens and visitors of Moscow. The flotilla consists of 10 white-beauty-yachts designed for year-round entertaining excursion cruises on the Moscow River. Flotilla offers all year around navigation - 365 days a year: daily cruises with fixed schedule along with touristic rides with audio excursion about attractions along the route in 2 languages on mp3 players or free iPhone application; free internet access (Wi-Fi). Once aboard the custom designed yachts, passengers enjoy the beauty and comfort possessed by these exceptional vessels. State-of-the-art technology ensures safety and reliability, allowing guests to fully relax and enjoy the splendid two-hour cruise. Two promenade decks offer panoramic visibility of picturesque Moscow.

### **Day 18: DAY 18 SUNDAY → Moscow - Departure**

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

### **Inclusion**

- 15 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) • 17 Breakfasts - buffet style • 4 dinners (as per program) • English speaking tour escort from Day 1 to Day 18 • In Russia arrival & departure transfers shared with 2nd language • Train ticket for journey Helsinki – St. Petersburg, Train Allegro - unless transfer is made by private coach (to be confirmed in situ). • Train ticket for journey St. Petersburg- Moscow, Train Sapsan • All touring by private coach, including all the sightseeing mentioned in the program • The long-distance bus from day 3 - 8 offers WIFI • Guided tours in the cities of Copenhagen, Bergen, Oslo, Stockholm, Helsinki, St Petersburg & Moscow as per program • Regular Arrival Transfer,

from Copenhagen Airport\* • Regular Departure Transfer, to Moscow Airport\* • Porter Service at DFDS Seaways, Tallink Silja Ferry, and all hotels and railway stations during the program (Excl. Day 1 & Day 18).  
• Luggage allowance is 1 suitcase & 1 piece of hand luggage per person MONOLINGUAL \* ESCORTED IN ENGLISH

### **Exclusion**

Beverages & extras Visa to Russia All services not mentioned in the Inclusions

### **Note**

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## **Tour Dates & Pricing**

