

13 DAYS - HIGHLIGHTS OF SCANDINAVIA

Experience the highlights of all three Scandinavian countries, including Copenhagen, Oslo, the Norwegian fjords and Stockholm

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DAY 1: Arrive in Copenhagen

Welcome to the start of your Scandinavian adventure! Your tour leader will be waiting for you at our hotel during the afternoon. After everyone's checked in, we'll enjoy an included dinner where you can get to know your fellow travellers and learn a bit more from your tour leader about what incredible experiences the next 12 days will bring! Dinner. Overnight accommodation

DAY 2: Explore Copenhagen

Enjoy a free day to explore Copenhagen at your own pace. Options include the Tivoli Gardens, a famous amusement park and pleasure garden, and the Rundetaarn, an astronomical observatory that offers fantastic views of the city, and is known worldwide for its unique equestrian staircase leading to the top. You could also return to Nyhavn and enjoy a drink on the canal side, and visit Freetown Christiania, a commune in the east of the city that was established by squatters in 1971 and attracts nonconformists from around the world. Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 3: Odense - Skagen - Frederikshavn

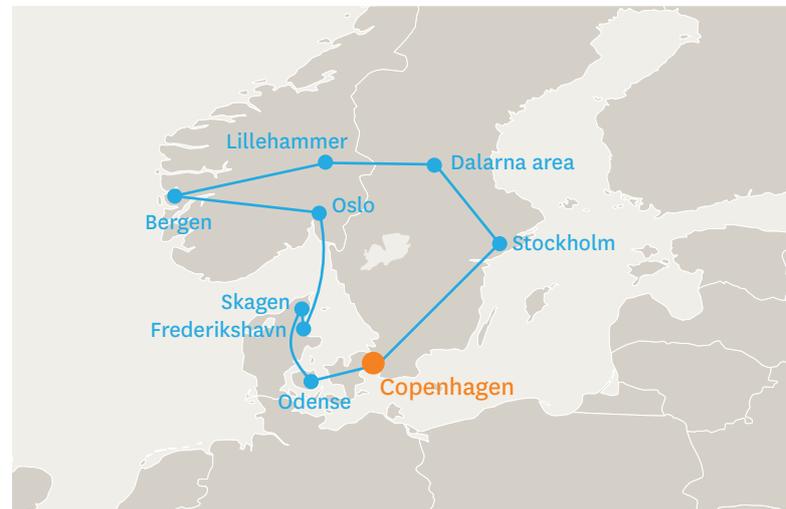
Make sure you prepare your camera this morning, because you'll be witnessing some absolutely stunning Danish countryside! Our first stop today is Odense, where we'll enjoy an orientation tour of the home town of prolific author and fairy tale writer Hans Christian Andersen. We'll then make our way to the town of Skagen, where you'll have the chance to walk to the tip of the Grenen sandbar peninsular, the northmost point of Denmark. After a full day of exploring we'll head to Frederikshavn for a relaxing dinner at our hotel! Breakfast. Dinner. Overnight accommodation

DAY 4: Frederikshavn - Oslo

Three countries in one day! This morning we'll take a ferry across to Gothenburg before driving on to Oslo (don't worry, we'll come back to Sweden later on in the tour!). On arrival in the Norwegian capital we'll enjoy a walking tour with an expert local guide, who will show you sights including Akershus Castle, Oslo Opera House, the Parliament building and the Royal Palace. Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 5: Oslo - Bergen

As we travel from Oslo to the west coast we'll journey through the heart of Norway, witnessing the incredible scenery changing from emerald green landscapes to cobalt blue fjords to white snow-clad mountains. This evening we'll arrive in Bergen, Norway's second-largest city and known as "the city among the seven mountains". The beautiful Unesco World Heritage-listed Bryggen quay is the highlight, while Norway's famous fjords are just a short journey away. Upon arrival, your tour leader will take you on an orientation walking tour of Bergen, introducing you to the highlights of Norway's first capital and former seat of royalty, including the old Hanseatic wharf Bryggen, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Bergen Fortress. Breakfast. Overnight accommodation



DAY 6: Bergen - Free day

Enjoy a free day to explore the beautiful Norwegian city of Bergen and the surrounding area. You could take the Fløibanen, the Bergen funicular railway which will hoist you one thousand feet up Floyen mountain for amazing views of the city, or return to Bryggen to spend some more time exploring the classic medieval architecture, markets and warehouses. You can also choose to take our optional seafood buffet cruise around Bergen harbour. Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 7: Norwegian Fjords - Lillehammer

There are more than a thousand fjords in Norway, with most concentrated on the west coast, so we'll be perfectly located today as we explore the scenic heartland of Norway on our way to Lillehammer. We'll take a stop off along the way in Gudvangen, a village located at the end of Nærøfjord, arguably Norway's most famous fjord. You'll have the option to visit a viking village, and then take a cruise along the Nærøfjord and Aurlandsfjorden fjords to Flam - still blue water is framed by towering cliffs and dramatic waterfalls - the easiest picture-postcard photo's you will ever take. Late evening we'll arrive in Lillehammer, a ski resort town in southern Norway, where we'll enjoy an included dinner. Breakfast. Dinner. Overnight accommodation

DAY 8: Lillehammer - Dalarna area

Today we'll continue on our journey and cross into Sweden, where the stunning natural landscapes keep coming as we take a scenic drive through the mountains and deep forests to the Dalarna area in central Sweden - keep an eye out for elk and moose! Dalarna is famous for the Dalecarlian horse, a traditional Swedish hand-painted wooden horse statuette painted in bright colours. We'll visit a workshop that produces these iconic ornaments, which uses wood from the slow-growing pine forests around the nearby Lake Siljan. Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 9: Dalarna – Stockholm

As we make our way through the Swedish countryside, we'll take a lunch stop in Uppsala. Sweden's fourth largest city is the seat of the Archbishop of the Church of Sweden, and home to Scandinavia's largest cathedral - the striking Uppsala Cathedral. On arrival in Stockholm we'll enjoy a walking tour with an expert local guide. You'll be introduced to the highlights of Sweden's capital including the Royal Palace, Gamla Stan (the old town and heart of the city) and the



AF Chapman ship. This evening enjoy an included dinner. Breakfast. Dinner. Overnight accommodation

DAY 10: Stockholm - Free day

Enjoy the day exploring the city of Stockholm! Gamla Stan is the old town, comprised of red, orange and terracotta-coloured buildings overlooking narrow cobblestone streets. The numerous islands that make up the town offer fascinating walks, especially through the Djurgården, where you can visit Skansen, the open-air Swedish history museum. Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 11: Stockholm - Copenhagen

Today you are on the final leg of your Scandinavian tour, look out for lakes, forests and rolling fields as we drive

through the Swedish countryside. Just before we get to Copenhagen, we will stop at the town of Helsingør. This town is home to Kronborg Castle, known to many as 'Elsinore' and the setting for Shakespeare's 'Hamlet'. We'll see the castle from the water as we take a short ferry from Sweden back to Denmark.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 12: Free day in Copenhagen

Today you will have a free day in Copenhagen. You can enjoy the whole day shopping or you could also take one of our optional tours.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 13: End of tour

After breakfast, our tour concludes and it's time to say goodbyes. Private transfer will take you from your hotel to the airport. In case you have an afternoon or late evening flight you can continue with your last-minute shopping.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 12 nights' accommodation in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities. Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room.
- 12 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- Return private airport transfer on the first and the last day.
- All taxes and fees
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)
- Modern air conditioned coach with reclining seats, TV for showing DVDs, and toilet.
- 11 Experiences (including guided walking tours, orientation walks, driving tours of cities plus other exciting experiences)
- A complimentary memorable gift of your once in a lifetime trip.

ACCOMMODATION:**Copenhagen**

Park Inn Copenhagen Airport

Frederikshavn

Hotel Frederikshavn Sømandshjem

Oslo

Park Inn by Radisson Oslo

Bergen

Thon Hotel Bergen Brygge

Lillehammer

Hafjell Resort AS - Hotel & Apartments

Dalarna

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Stockholm

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