

# 11 Day Classic Scandinavia

May – September 2021

From \$3209\* Air & Land

\*Call for specific dates and rates and departure points



## **DAY 1, Monday - Depart for Denmark**

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## **DAY 2, Tuesday - Arrive in Copenhagen**

Arrive in the lively Danish capital of Copenhagen; transfer to your hotel. Time to rest and relax, or begin your independent discovery of this sophisticated city. Your tour begins at 6 PM when you join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a Welcome Drink and orientation meeting on the wonderful journey that awaits you in Scandinavia. We recommend that you select flights which arrive in Copenhagen no later than 4 PM on day 2 of the itinerary, or earlier if possible

**Overnight:** Copenhagen



### **DAY 3, Wednesday - Copenhagen City Tour, Tivoli Gardens, Welcome Dinner**

Today, join your Tour Manager for a sightseeing tour of Copenhagen. Begin with a visit to the Royal Reception rooms in Christiansborg Palace\*, the seat of the Danish Parliament, Prime Minister's Office, and Supreme Court. View the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek Museum and the National Museum, the colorful 17th-century harbor district of Nyhavn, and Amalienborg Palace, the winter residence of the Danish Royal Family and the site of the changing of the Guard. Visit the Gefion Fountain, the largest monument in the city, designed and erected in 1908 by Danish artist Anders Bundgård, and the iconic Little Mermaid statue. Spend the remainder of the afternoon at leisure exploring the city on your own, or join the *optional* North Zealand Castle Tour to the Danish countryside and Riviera. This evening, visit Tivoli Gardens, \* the most popular theme park in Scandinavia and the second oldest amusement park in the world. Then, savor a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant

*\*In the event Christiansborg Palace is closed due to local events, Rosenborg Castle will be visited instead*

*\*September departures may not visit Tivoli Gardens, due to seasonal closure*

**Optional:** North Zealand Castle Tour (PM)

**Overnight:** Copenhagen

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner



### **DAY 4, Thursday - Travel to Gothenburg, Sweden**

This morning, bid farewell to Denmark as you travel to Sweden via the mighty 5-mile-long Öresund Bridge. Upon arrival in Gothenburg, take an orientation tour of the city. Founded in the 17th-century, this lively university town is known for its parks, sporting events and modern opera house. Enjoy a Scandinavian lunch with your group at a local restaurant, then spend the rest of the day at your leisure. You may choose to take a cruise on the canals and harbor, or opt for a trip to the Liseberg amusement park, one of the most popular in Europe

**Overnight:** Gothenburg

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch



### **DAY 5, Friday - Travel to Oslo, Norway**

This morning, travel to Oslo, the capital of Norway. The rest of the day is at leisure. Stroll the shopping streets, linger at a café or visit one or more of Oslo's world-class museums. Tonight, savor dinner together at your hotel

**Overnight:** Oslo

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner



### **DAY 6, Saturday - Full Day in Oslo, Oslo City Tour**

This morning, enjoy a city tour of Oslo. Start with a visit to the modern City Hall. \* Then, pass the National Theater and the 19th Century Royal Palace. Next, visit the Vigeland Sculpture Park, designed by Gustav Vigeland, containing over 200 sculptures with more than 600 figures. Its most popular attraction is the Monolith column, measuring 46 feet high with 121 human figure reliefs and carved from a single block of granite, which took three stone sculptors 14 years (1929-43) to complete. In the afternoon, perhaps join a local guide for the *optional* Treasures of Oslo tour. Admire the highlights of Norway's great seafaring tradition as you view three 1,200-year-old ornamented Viking ships, the best preserved in existence, followed by a visit to the Kon-Tiki Museum

*\*In the event that the Oslo City Hall is closed due to local events, an alternate activity will be determined locally by your guide*

**Optional:** Treasures of Oslo (PM)

**Overnight:** Oslo

**Meals:** Breakfast



### **DAY 7, Sunday - Travel to Lillehammer**

This morning, travel to Lillehammer. Situated at the northern end of Lake Mjøsa, the town is most famous for hosting the 1994 Winter Olympic Games. On arrival, enjoy free time to get a feeling for small town life in Norway before visiting the impressive ski jump. Then check in to your hotel and take some time to settle in before dinner together

**Overnight:** Lillehammer

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner



### **DAY 8, Monday - Lom Stave Church, Travel to Sogndal**

This morning drive to the village of Lom to visit one of the largest and best-preserved stave churches in Norway. \* Built around 1150 AD, the church's unique facade appears to have been plucked from a medieval fairytale. Next, drive via Sognefjellet (weather permitting), the highest mountain pass in Northern Europe known as the "roof of Norway", through the dramatic Norwegian countryside. Pass glaciers, pine forests and perhaps moose, as well as Galdhøpiggen, Norway's highest mountain in Jotunheimen National Park. Overnight in the heart of the fjords

*\*Entry to Lom Stave Church is available when church services are not in session*

**Overnight:** Sogndal

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner





### **DAY 9, Tuesday - Sognefjord Cruise, Flam Railway, Travel to Bergen**

Today, take a leisurely cruise on the breathtaking still waters of the Sognefjord, the longest and deepest of all the Norwegian Fjords. Then, board the world-famous Flam Railway and ascend 3,000 feet within 12 miles into Norway's high glacial regions. View pastures, waterfalls and snow-clad peaks, all nestled beautifully into the surrounding mountainside -a real highlight and one of the most scenic views of Norway. Continue to your hotel in Bergen, Norway's second-largest city, a major distributor of the wealthy trading guilds of the Hanseatic League, where many residents of this 11th-century city still earn their livelihoods from the sea

**Overnight:** Bergen

**Meals:** Breakfast



### **DAY 10, Wednesday - Bryggen Walking Tour, Farewell Dinner**

Begin the day with a short walking tour of Bergen's Bryggen quarter. Stroll through the narrow lanes of the wooden Hanseatic pier and adjacent quarters dating back to the Middle Ages, with its UNESCO-listed buildings. Then, spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure, or join the *optional* tour to Troidhaugen, the former home of Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg. Attend a piano concert followed by a tour of the home. Tonight, join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner at the hotel

**Optional:** Grieg's Troidhaugen: An Afternoon Concert & Tour (PM)

**Overnight:** Bergen

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner



### **DAY 11, Thursday - Depart Norway**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **Escorted Package Includes**

- Flights New York-Copenhagen, Bergen-New York  
Other departure cities available. Click on date of departure for selection and prices
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 9 nights accommodations
  - 2 nights Copenhagen
  - 1 night Gothenburg
  - 2 nights Oslo
  - 1 night Lillehammer
  - 1 night Sogndal
  - 2 nights Bergen
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates†
- 15 meals: 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners with wine
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Services of local guides in Copenhagen, Oslo, and Bergen
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

### **Special Features**

- Take a city sightseeing tour of the Danish capital of Copenhagen
- Visit Vigeland Sculpture Park, designed by Gustav Vigeland. The park contains 192 sculptures with more than 600 figures

- See Lom Stave Church, one of the largest and best-preserved stave churches in Norway built in 12th century
- Cruise on the breathtaking still waters of the Sognefjord, the longest and deepest of all the Norwegian fjords
- Board the famous Flam Railway for a mountain train ride into Norway's high glacial regions
- Walk through Bergen's UNESCO-listed Bryggen, the old Hanseatic pier and wharf area

†Transfers are available for purchase for land only or on alternative flight dates

## Is This Trip Right for You?

This moderately active trip covers a good amount of ground each day. Expect to spend two to three hours on your feet during tours where you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. This tour is not recommended for people who have difficulty walking. Please be aware that Scandinavia is an expensive destination. Scandinavian hotels are typically sparsely designed, yet functional, reflecting the understated Nordic lifestyle. Guest room amenities are similarly minimalistic often lacking items one might expect in European hotels such as bath mats, elaborate toiletry selections, luggage racks, in-room safe and air-conditioning. This is a Classic program.

### Featured Hotels

#### Imperial, Copenhagen



This first class hotel is located in the heart of Copenhagen near the town hall square.

### Scandic Europa, Gothenburg



This first class hotel is located in the heart of Gothenburg.

### Scandic Solli, Oslo



This first class hotel is situated a short walk away from Solli Plass square.

### Scandic Lillehammer Hotel, Lillehammer



This first class hotel is located in its own private park close to the Olympic Park.



### Quality Hotel Sogndal, Sogndal



This superior tourist class hotel is located in the heart of Sogndal, only minutes from Sognefjord, the world's largest fjord with magnificent natural beauty.

### First Hotel Bergen Marin, Bergen



This first class hotel is situated very centrally in Bergen.

**Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.**

- Tours purchased while travelling may cost an extra 10% or more
- Tours often sell out. Avoid disappointment
- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally
- Travel insurance only covers services purchased prior to departure
- Book Online or call to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure
- The day the optionals operate varies by the day of the week

### North Zealand Castle Tour

Begin your North Zealand castle tour with a drive along the coast, often called the Danish Riviera to Elsinore for a photo stop at the outer walls and towers of the impressive Kronborg castle, the setting of Shakespeare's play Hamlet. Continue to Frederiksborg Castle, located in the magnificent surroundings of Hillerod. While at the castle, view the National Museum, Chapel and Knight's Hall.

Approximate tour duration is 5 hours.

Day #3

01 Apr 2021 - 31 Oct 2022

\$65.00



### Treasures of Oslo

Admire the highlights of Norway's great seafaring tradition as you enjoy a guided visit to two of Oslo's most intriguing museums, the Viking Ship Museum and Kon-Tiki Museum. On your first stop, you will see three 1,200-year-old ornamented Viking ships, which are the best preserved in existence. These incredible artifacts were uncovered from historic burial mounds together with contemporary 9th-century artifacts. The museum is most famous for its wholly complete Oseberg ship and the unique insight into life during the Viking era it offers. Continue to the Kon-Tiki Museum where you will see the fantastic vessels the *Ra* and *Kon-Tiki*. Thor Heyerdahl gained worldwide fame when in 1947 when he crossed the Pacific Ocean on the balsawood raft, the *Kon-Tiki*. This expedition, along with subsequent voyages on the reed boats the *Ra* and *Tigris* showed how early man had mastered sailing before the saddle and wheel were invented.

Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

Day #6

01 May 2021 - 31 Oct 2022

\$55.00



### Grieg's Trolldhaugen: an Afternoon Concert & Tour

Experience an afternoon of music and history. Enjoy a visit to Trolldhaugen, home of the famous Norwegian composer, Edvard Grieg. Grieg's home stands majestically overlooking the fjords and was a great inspiration for his music. Here you will settle into the music during a 30 minute piano concert featuring Grieg's most notable pieces. Afterward, tour the famed grounds, from the villa where the composer lived to the hut where he would go for quieted work.

Approximate tour duration is 2.5 hours.

Day #10

01 Apr 2021 - 31 Oct 2021

\$29.00



