



SCANDINAVIA

NORDIC CAPITALS & FABULOUS FJORDS (TOUR CODE: 12616)

STARTS AND ENDS

Copenhagen to
Helsinki

TRAVEL PERIODS

08 Jun 23 - 07 Sep 23

EXPERIENCE

Escorted

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Be amazed by the contrasts of Copenhagen, Oslo and Helsinki and the nature of the wild Fjords. Experience the essence of the North!

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Explore the majestic **Lysefjord and its Pulpit Rock** on an electric boat that sails from the center of Stavanger to the Lysefjord and the Preikestolen
- **Porterage Service is included** for the entire tour
- **Scandinavian buses** have a positive impact on the quality of the itinerary since they adapt perfectly to the routes. It is notorious that the Fjords are very narrow and complicated.
- Small Group Tour up to **25 passengers**
- **Welcome Cocktail on arrival** where the Tour Director will go through the whole program

All starts in the city of fairy tales, **Copenhagen**. Continue accross Denmark to Aarhus and from Denmark by sea to Stavanger. **Bergen** and the fjords awaits you, **Oslo** before reaching the lovely and elegant capital of sweden, **Stockholm**.

Enjoy the privileged natural beauty of the magnificent norwegian fjords and the fascinating northern capitals, with their cobbled streets, palaces and canals. Experience the most notable sights of this complete journey through Scandinavia and **Helsinki**.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 11 nights in 4* hotels centrally located
- 2 nights in Hemsedal at Fyri Resort - 4* with spa facilities
- 1 night on board the Tallink Silja Line Ferry Seaside Cabin
- Ferry crossing from Denmark – Norway
- Transport by private coach, with air-condition & Wi-fi
- 14 Breakfasts – Scandinavian Buffet style
- Meals: 1 welcome cocktail, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Fjord Cruise in Lysefjord and Pulpit Rock
- Fjord Cruise with panoramic E-boat in Naeroy Fjord
- Visit to Flaam
- Walking city tours in Stavanger, Oslo & Stockholm
- Guided tours with local guides in the cities of Copenhagen, Bergen, Oslo, Stockholm
- Guided visits to Roskilde Cathedral in, Den Gamle By in Aarhus, the Munch Museum in Oslo, the City Hall in Stockholm
- English Speaking Resident Tour Director throughout

ITINERARY

Day

1

Copenhagen

Arrival to Copenhagen Airport, meet & greet a representative will escort you your hotel.

At 18:30 hours we invite you to join the **welcome cocktail** by where you will meet your fellow travelers and your Tour Director.

Overnight stay in Copenaghen at **Skt Petri Hotel** or similar.



Day **2**

Copenhagen

Breakfast at the hotel. Meet your local guide for a **panoramic sightseeing tour of Copenhagen**.

The perfect introduction to "Wonderful Copenhagen". Admire the City Hall Square where the famous pedestrian street "Strøget" begins. Tivoli Gardens, the New Carlsberg Glyptothek and the National Museum. Drive by the Old Stock Exchange and the Naval Church. The Kings New Square, the home of the Royal Danish Theatre with the world-famous ballet, and the old canal area, **Nyhavn**, with its picturesque houses and boats. Continue to the impressive Gefion Fountain and the Royal residence, Amalienborg Palace. Finally, meet 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.

Overnight stay in Copenhagen at **Skt Petri Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Copenhagen Odense Aarhus

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart around 09:00am from Copenhagen towards **Roskilde** the former capital of Denmark between 1200 and 1300. Roskilde has a long history, dating from the pre-Christian Viking Age. Its UNESCO-listed Gothic Cathedral now housing 39 tombs of the Danish monarchs, was completed in 1275, becoming a focus of religious influence until the Reformation in the 13th century. After visiting **Roskilde Cathedral** continue to Aarhus via Odense, birthplace of the famous Danish writer Hans Christian Andersen.

In **Odense** you will have some free time to enjoy the charming 3rd largest city in Denmark. Before check-in to your hotel, enjoy a **guided visit to Den Gamle By** (The Old City) **an open-air town museum** located in the at the cities Botanical Garden in central Aarhus. In 1914, the museum opened as the world's first open-air museum of its kind, concentrating on town culture rather than village culture, and to this day it remains one of just a few top-rated Danish museums outside Copenhagen, serving more than 400,000 visitors per year. Today the museum consists of 75 historical buildings collected from 20 townships in all parts of the country.

Rest of the evening at leisure or join your Tour Director on a walking tour of center of **Aarhus**. Denmark's second largest city has a vibrant and cozy vibe due to its many students living in Aarhus.

Overnight stay in Aarhus at **Scandic City Aarhus** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **4**

Aarhus Hirtshals Kristiansand Stavanger

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Aarhus towards the **Hirtshals** located in the very north of the Peninsula of Jutland. Noon (11:45) departure by ferry to Kristiansand in Norway.

Upon early afternoon arrival (14:00) in Kristiansand continue to **Stavanger**, Norway's 4th largest city. The city's rapid population growth in the late 20th century was primarily a result of Norway's booming offshore oil industry. Today the oil industry is a key industry in the Stavanger region and the city is widely referred to as the Oil Capital of Norway. Your hotel is in the very center of Stavanger from which you can join your Tour Director on this evening pre-dinner walk in charming Stavanger. Dinner is included.

Rest of the evening at leisure.

Overnight stay in Stavanger at the **Radisson Blu Atlantic** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **5**

Stavanger Lysefjord Bergen

Breakfast at hotel. Departure from the hotel at 10:00 hours.

This morning will be dedicated to exploring the majestic **Lysefjord and its Pulpit Rock**. Enjoy the fresh summer breeze while sailing through the beauty of the magnificent Lysefjord. Board an electric boat at 11:00am sail from downtown Stavanger to Lysefjord and Preikestolen. the 3/3,5 hours Lysefjord cruise will take you to **Fantahålå** (Vagabond's Cave) you see where the "vagrants" hid from the sheriff in the old days. Not long after, you arrive at **Preikestolen**, where Tom Cruise climbed the sheer mountain face in the movie Mission Impossible 6. Continue to the towering **Hengjanefossen waterfall**, where the crew brings the bow so close to the falls that you risk getting your face doused with delightful spray! Along the way, we stop to feed our goats at summer pasture in Lysefjord. They love your visit! With luck, you might see the occasional seal sunbathing on a rock.

Depart Stavanger early afternoon around 02:30pm towards **Bergen**. Driver along the Norwegian coast where the fjords and archipelago are connected by bridges and ferry crossings. Arrival to Bergen and check-in to your hotel at the end of the afternoon 06:30pm. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Bergen at **Bergen Børs** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 6

Bergen

Breakfast at hotel.

This morning (09:00) will be dedicated to exploring beautiful Bergen, capital of the Norwegian fjords. Bergen is Norway's second largest city and one of the three university cities in the country. Experience the ambience of the Hanseatic port Bryggen a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy the ride with the Funicular to the top of Mount Floien and admire the beauty of Bergen, located between seven Mountains. Pass by Mary St. Marys Church, Haakon's Hall (no entrances) and the colorful and picturesque fish markets where you will **enjoy a fish platter with local delicacies**.

The **Floibanen funicular in Bergen** in the heart of Bergen is one of Norway's best-known attractions. The journey up to the peak of Mount Floyen (320 m above sea level) takes 5–8 minutes. The journey is an experience, 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. *We strongly recommend joining the optional Edvard Grieg Experience commencing right after the lunch at the Fish market (extra cost).*

Overnight stay in Bergen at **Bergen Børs** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Breakfast at the hotel.

Early morning departure from Bergen and travel to the **Naeroy Valley** with a stunning background of snow-clad mountains. Enjoy a break with Norwegian waffles and the breath-taking views down the valley from the Stalheim Hotel. Continue down the Naeroy valley to Gugen for a **beautiful fjord cruise along the Naeroyfjord**, one the narrowest and most impacting journeys in fjord Norway. The western Norwegian fjord landscape with the Naeroyfjorden and Geirangerfjorden at the head was listed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2005. According to UNESCO, the two fjords are considered archetypal fjord landscapes, almost untouched in modern times, and among the most scenic in existence. Your fjord experience has been designed with vessels especially designed to maximize the sightseeing experience. They are fully electrical with no noise or emissions disrupting the atmosphere of peace and tranquility. Here you will get the feeling of gliding through the fjord, very different from what you experience on the more traditional passenger vessels. Tall panoramic windows give a full view to the marvelous landscape of the calm fjord, tall mountains, and beautiful waterfalls when sitting inside the lounges.

Disembark in the stunning village of **Flaam** where you will have some time at leisure, before or after joining one of the must dos of Fjord Norway. As the possibilities are various you can design your afternoon as per your preference in our Optional Tours. The guests that choose not to join an experience will have a couple of hours to enjoy the village of Flaam.

Continue through the mountains to Borgund where you will have the opportunity to admire from the outside the beauty of one of the remaining Norwegian stave churches from dating back to the 12th century. Continue to Hemsdal and check in at Fyri Resort where you will overnight the next two nights.

Overnight stay in Hemsdal at **Fyri Resort** or similar.

Breakfast



Breakfast at the hotel.

Day at leisure for relaxation and enjoyment of the surroundings and the spa facilities.

At the evening meet your fellow travelers and **enjoy a dinner with local delicacies**. The Pool Club offers treatments, always a good idea to reserve prior to the arrival to the hotel.

Overnight stay in Hemsdal at **Fyri Resort** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



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Day 9

Hemsedal Oslo

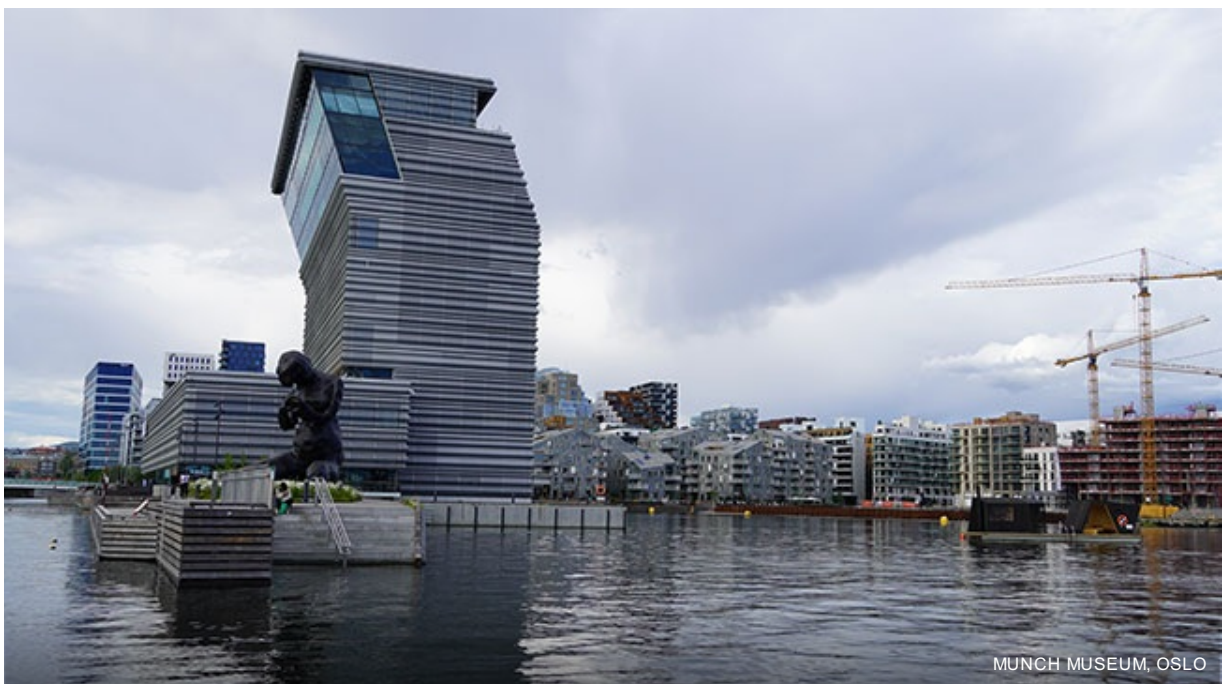
After breakfast, travel towards **Oslo**, leaving the mountains behind. Arrival to Oslo and visit to the famous and impressive Munch Museum where you can admire Munch's masterpiece, The Scream. Guiding is not allowed inside the museum. Visit the museum at your own pace or enjoy a platter of seafood and Munch Deli & Café.

Early afternoon your local guide will share the many beautiful spots of the Norwegian Capital beautifully located by the fjord. Admire the view from the Opera house. The Vigeland Park, one of the major Scandinavian cultural treasures, will delight you with sculptures by Gustav Vigeland, who dedicated his life to his artistic works. Pass also pass by the Royal Palace and the main street, Karl Johan. The tour ends at your hotel at 16:00 hours with the check-in.

At 18:30 hours join your Tour Director for an **walking tour to Akker Brygge**. Enjoy the local vibe of the capital and try a local shrimp salad at one of the many cafés and restaurants.

Overnight stay in Oslo at **Grand Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



MUNCH MUSEUM, OSLO

Day 10 Oslo Stockholm

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Oslo and heading to **Stockholm**, passing Norwegian and Swedish forests through the region of Varmland, the home of many legends.

A lunch will be served in Karlstad located by the Lake Vänern. Arrival to Stockholm by the end of the afternoon and check-in. Join your Tour Director for a walking tour of the Swedish Capital.

The evening is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Stockholm at **The Sparrow** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 11 Stockholm

Breakfast at the hotel.

Meet your local for a **city sightseeing of the Swedish capital**. The city is built on 14 islands and connected by 57 bridges often called the “Beauty on Water”. Stockholm embraces the unique character of the 13th century Old Town and modern high-tech architecture. Its islands are bordered by

Lake Mälaren in the west and the Baltic Sea in the east where the archipelago, with its 30.000 islands awaits exploration.

The capital is a big city with a small-town personality. Go back 750 years in time and feel the medieval atmosphere of the Old Town "Gamla Stan" as you wander through its narrow streets. The seven-hundred-year-old cathedral of Stockholm, seat of the archbishop, will be seen during your stroll through Old Town, where you will have the opportunity see **Stortorget**, the place where the Stockholm Blood Bath took place. An inside visit is paid to one of the city's best-known symbols, the City Hall with

its Blue and Golden Halls, where the great Nobel banquet is celebrated every December. The tour ends at the hotel.

The afternoon is at leisure to explore Stockholm by your own hand or join today's experience.

Overnight stay in Stockholm at **The Sparrow** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 12 Stockholm Helsinki

After breakfast at the hotel, the morning is at leisure.

Departure around 13:00 hours from the hotel to visit one of Stockholm's hidden gems. To be revealed on spot, but it is a piece of heaven on earth. A different lunch experience will be offered.

After your secret experience continue to the pier to board the comfortable overnight ferry of **TallinkSilja** sailing along the Baltic Sea, bound for Helsinki. Dinner will be served on board.

Overnight stay onboard the Ferry of **TallinkSilja** in an exterior cabin.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 13 Helsinki

Breakfast buffet on board.

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 Marshall Mannerheim, the Parliament Building, Finlandia Hall, the Orthodox Russian Church Uspenski and the Sibelius Monument. A visit is also made to **Tempeliaukio 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).

After the city tour your tour director will invite to **enjoy a degustation of Finnish delicacies at the food Market Hall**. During the evening enjoy the vibe of Helsinki and take a stroll through Esplanade Square and enjoy the many cosy cafés and restaurants.

Overnight stay in Helsinki at **Hotel Haven** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 14 Helsinki Tallin Helsinki

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Early morning transfer to the pier of Helsinki and board the two hours **cruise to Tallin**.

Meet your local Tallin guide for a city tour where you will discover the secrets of Tallinn's fairytale-like Old Town, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The walking part of the tour includes **Toompea Hill**, where you'll see the ancient Toompea Castle, the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, the Cathedral of Saint Mary, also known as the Dome Church.

Stop at one of the panoramic platforms to admire the wonderful view of the old centre's red roofs with the dark blue Tallinn Bay in the background. Continue to the lower part of the city, walking among beautiful historic buildings until we reach the Town Hall Square. Tallinn's Gothic-style Town Hall, built in the 15th century, is the oldest surviving town hall in the Baltic countries. Just a few steps away, you'll find the famous Town Hall Pharmacy, which has been operating in the same premises since early 15th century.

After the tour you will have a couple of hours at leisure to enjoy this pearl of a city before the transfer back to the pier and return ferry to Helsinki.

On board the ferry you will have the opportunity to enjoy a light dinner for an additional cost. Upon arrival in Helsinki late evening transfer to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Helsinki at **Hotel Haven** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **15** Helsinki Helsinki Airport

Breakfast at the hotel.

An English-speaking representative will meet you for your transfer to the Airport. End of the services.

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Day 2: Copenhagen like the Danes (Minimum 2 persons)

Experience the city another perspective, together with your local guide. Take the water bus to Reffen, Copenhagen's famous Street Food Market. Here you will have some free time to explore the many stalls with local foods and beverages and to enjoy the relaxed and informal atmosphere that characterizes the Danes. The aspiration is to make a meeting point with food market, innovative workshops and startups, cultural experiences and inventive activities that pulls in and inspires both local people and vacationers. Most of the stalls need to pursue the practical creeds "Decrease and Reuse": Use high quality food services, lessen the food waste, utilize natural and organic, free and nearby ingredients at every possible opportunity. They likewise need to sort their waste so it can be reused beyond what many would consider possible. From the water you will see the churches, towers, and modern architecture that blends with historical Copenhagen. Tour ends in the city center or at your hotel.

Inclusions:

- Metro Ticket, Copenhagen water bus, guide & visit to Reffen. Available by pre-booking only. Minimum 2 persons.



3 hours

Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

Day 6: Edvard Grieg Experience with Live Piano Concert at Troidhaugen

Troidhaugen was the home of Nina and Edvard Grieg, Scandinavia's greatest composer and the author of great works like Peer Gynt Suites, Piano concerti in A Minor among many. The Villa was built in 1885, and the couple lived there the last 22 summers of Edvard Grieg's life. Troidhaugen became a museum in 1928 and includes Grieg's Villa, the composer's hut and the Grieg couple's gravesite as well as a modern museum building and the concert hall Troldsalen, a chamber music hall seating 200 people. Troldsalen is the centre of the museum's extensive concert activities and has excellent acoustics. Start the visit with a 30 minute live piano concert followed by a guided visit of Edvard's Grieg's home. The tour ends at your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure to explore Bergen by your own hand.

Inclusions:

- Concert, guide & entrance to Troidhaugen. Minimum 2 persons. Available by pre-booking only



2.5 – 3 hours

From 20 June 2023 to 20 August 2023

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Day 7: Stegastein Viewpoint

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 above 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 the last part of the journey to Fagernes. Check-in. The evening is at your leisure.

Inclusions:

- Guide & ticket and seat reservation. Available by pre-booking only



1.5 hours

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Day 7: Flamsbana- Panoramic train

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 above the ocean. When back in Flaam enjoy a little free time. Continue through the mountains to Borgund where you will have the opportunity to admire from the outside the beauty of one of the remaining Norwegian stave churches from dating back to the 12th century. Continue to Hemsedal and check in at Fyri Resort where you will overnight the next two nights.

Inclusions:

- 2 x 50 minutes panoramic train ride & seat reservation. Min 10 persons. Available by pre-booking only



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Day 11: Vasa Museum following the City Tour

Scandinavia's top museum built around the only intact 17th century warship. 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.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Icelandic, and Faroese

LOCAL CURRENCY

Danish Krone (DKK)

- Please note that Departure & Arrival Transfer Services included in the program are only available for transfer upon arrival at Copenhagen Airport & departure from Helsinki Airport valid on the official end date of tour. The transfers are escorted by an English-speaking representative and can be shared with other fellow passengers. Minor waiting time at the airport may occur. A private transfers can be reserved for these passengers for an additional cost. A private transfer can be reserved for these passengers for an additional cost.
- The Itinerary may change without notice due to weather conditions. The weather in Norway, especially on fjord area, can be unpredictable during the season and road closures may be enforced by local authorities.
- Luggage allowance is one suitcase 23kg & one piece of hand luggage 10kg per person. Additional allowance is subject to a supplement.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package