

A Custom Designed Itinerary to

Denmark, Sweden & Norway

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DAY 1: COPENHAGEN. Upon arrival in Copenhagen, guests will be greeted and transferred to the **Scandic Copenhagen Hotel** to check into superior view room/s on the 17th floor for a three-night stay. This afternoon we suggest you relax and enjoy the accommodations of your hotel.

DAY 2 - 3: COPENHAGEN. On Day 2 we include a private half-day city tour and on Day 3 a full day private tour focusing on North Zealand – pick up on both days will be at 9:00 AM. During your tours you will be taken to Christiansborg, Frederiksborg, Karen Blixen Museum, Nyhaven and Tivoli plus a harbor cruise. (Full details will be provided by your tour guide each day). Around 900 years ago, a footpath was formed down what is now the heart of the city: the pedestrians-only street, Stroget, with its centuries-old architecture, fountains and busy shops.



Climb Christian IV's 17th-century observatory for a view of the city. Visit Our Lady's Cathedral, located between the walking street and the Norreport Station, a masterpiece of neoclassical architecture with colossal marble statues by Denmark's famous sculptor, Thorvaldsen. Foot, train or bus conveniently clusters the sights of Copenhagen in an area that is easily accessible. Radhus (the City Hall) has noble statues standing at its entry, on its roof and inside, where, among others, the writer Hans Christian Andersen and the Nobel Prize-winning physicist Niels Bohr are honored. You can visit Jens Olsen's World Clock with its exact calibration, in the lower portion of the City Hall Tower. Rosenborg Palace, built by King Christian IV in the 17th century, displays three centuries of royal furnishings, as well as the crown jewels. Rundetårn, the Round Tower; where you can get an impressive panoramic view, and Amalienborg Palace, winter home to the Royal family since 1794, are well worth visits. Amalienborg Palace Square, with the magnificent equestrian statue of Frederik V, is one of the most beautiful squares in Europe. Every day at noon there is the ceremonial changing of the guard. The Little Mermaid, signature statue of



the city, inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's famous tale, is a must-see. The pensive maiden sits on rocks just a few feet into the picturesque harbor of Nyhavn. Christiansborg Palace, the granite and copper structure was built early this century on an ancient site. You can take a guided tour through the ornate royal reception rooms used by the Queen when she receives foreign dignitaries. And, of course there are the famous Tivoli Gardens, the amusement park and garden said to have inspired Walt Disney. It's a park of

fantasy, filled with flowers and colorful lights offering rides, a pantomime theater, bands, a concert hall and fine restaurants serving everything from hot dogs (polser) to gourmet foods.

Although Tivoli is fun during the day, the atmosphere takes on an especially magical glow at night.

DAY 4: COPENHAGEN / STOCKHOLM. Today you will be picked up at your hotel by private minivan and transferred to the airport for a departure flight to Stockholm (flight not included). Upon arrival in Stockholm you will be greeted and transferred privately to the **First Hotel Reisen**. Three nights included here in deluxe room/s with water views.



DAY 5: STOCKHOLM. Today you will have a private half-day city tour. Stockholm is a vibrant place. There are adventures to be had at every corner, in a palace, on the stages, at the museums and in the parks. In Stockholm you can enjoy both the cosmopolitan lifestyle and the peaceful countryside.



Visit the Vasa Museum to see this remarkably preserved warship, which sank on its maiden voyage in 1628 and lay at the bottom of the bay for 333 years. The Skansen is Europe's original and best open-air folk museum with over 150 historic buildings from all over Sweden. Gamla Stan, Stockholm's Old Town, is full of antique shops and historic buildings. You can tour the Royal Palace and see the crown jewels and lavish baroque and rococo style apartments.

The impressively decorated City Hall is the site of the annual Nobel Prize dinner.

DAY 6: STOCKHOLM. Free day to explore Stockholm on your own.

DAY 7: STOCKHOLM / GOETEBORG. Today you will be transferred by private minivan to the train station to board the train for Goeteborg. Here you will check in for one night at the **Scandic Europa**.

DAY 8: GOETEBORG / OSLO. This morning you will have a private half-day tour of Goeteborg. The Swedish King Gustav II Adolf founded the city in 1621, but largely city planners and canal experts from the Netherlands and Germany developed it. To this day the city owes much to the influence of people from abroad. Goeteborg has everything a modern city should be able to offer, combined with a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.



Early this afternoon take the train to Oslo and then check into deluxe rooms for two nights at the **Grand Hotel**. This first class hotel is located in the heart of the city next to the Royal Palace, main shopping & business areas.

DAY 9: OSLO. Today we include a half-day of private sightseeing. We suggest Karl Johans Gate, the Royal Palace and surrounding park, Akershus Castle, the new Harbor side Aker Brygge Festival Market and the Holmenkollen ski jump. The Bygdoy peninsula can be reached by boat and is the home of the Norwegian Folk Museum with its 140 historical buildings, the Viking Ships museum with its three graceful ninth century Viking ships, and the Kon Tiki Museum, as well as other ships of interest. Frogner Park with its hundreds of sculptures by Vigeland is not to be missed.

DAY 10: OLSO / FLAM. Today you will take the ‘Norway in a Nutshell’ tour to Flam. This is a combination of spectacular train rides and equally impressive trips by boat and bus. One of the most famous tours in Norway! The tour is based on public transportation and *does not include portage*. *Guests need to carry their own bags on/off each conveyance*. You will board a train to Myrdal, and on to Flam. *Please be sure to exchange your voucher for the actual tickets at the Customer Service desk at the Oslo Central Rail Station at least 30 minutes prior to travel and you will need to make reservations locally as this could not be done in advance*. Upon arrival make your way to **Furukroa**, a small traditional style property situated on the banks of the lake, with a beautiful mountain backdrop. One night here.

DAY 11: FLAM / BERGEN. A morning to enjoy the spectacular area around Flam. Then take the boat from Flam to Gudvangen, followed by a bus to Voss and then on to the train station to take the train to Bergen. Upon arrival, make your own way to the **Radisson Norge** to check in for a three-night stay.

DAY 12: BERGEN. Today you will take a private half-day tour of the city. Some of the things you should see in Bergen include: Edvard Grieg's home, Troldhaugen; Bryggen, the medieval Hanseatic Wharf with characteristic gabled wooden buildings facing the harbor; the recently rebuilt Fantoft Stave Church; the 13th century royal residence of Haakon's Hall; and, several museums of Bergen and maritime history. Take a cable car ride to the top of Mount Ulriken for spectacular views over Bergen.

DAY 13: BERGEN. Today spend the day at your leisure while in Bergen. If you prefer to do some more sightseeing we suggest the Bergen Aquarium. It is located on the outermost point of Nordnes, with a delightful view over the approach to the port of Bergen. Seals and penguins playing in the large pools welcome you to the Aquarium that has as one of Europe's largest collections of fish and invertebrates. Or you may wish to visit the Arboretum, which was founded in 1971, occupies an area of 125 acres, and is planted with a variety of foreign trees and shrubs. Arboretum Milde is the most beautiful place to visit when the rhododendron comes to flower - at its best in July / August. The area is very attractive with hills, rocky gorges, a small lake and a shoreline of several kilometers.



DAY 14: DEPARTURE. Today you will be transferred from the hotel by private minivan to the Bergen airport for your departure flight arranged by your travel agent. This ends our services.

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