



Project Travel

The Norway Specialist

ESCORTED GROUP TOUR:

Scandinavia Tour and Baltic Cruise

Guaranteed Tour Departures 2019: Saturdays

June: 15, 22 & 29

July: 6, 13, 20 & 27

August: 3* & 10* (*10 night tours only)

10 nights Copenhagen-Oslo €3380 pp sharing (plus flights) (SP10CO)

12 nights Copenhagen-Stockholm €3805 pp sharing (plus flights) (SP12CS)

14 nights Copenhagen-Helsinki-Stockholm €4440 pp sharing (plus flights) (SP14CS)

Day 1: ARRIVE COPENHAGEN (D)

Transfer* from Copenhagen Kastrup Airport to hotel in connection with your flight arrival. **Dinner and accommodation at the Admiral Hotel.** Your tour escort will meet you at 19:45 hrs (before dinner) in the hotel lobby.

(*if arriving on first day of tour only. Flight schedules/availability from Ireland may require you to travel to Denmark the day before in which case an extra hotel night and airport transfers will be required and added to the price).

Day 2: COPENHAGEN (B)

The day starts with a 3-hour guided panoramic tour of the city. Famous sights include the Royal Amalienborg Palace, Christiansborg Palace (Danish Parliament Buildings), Gefion Fountain, the old harbour of Nyhavn and the famous *Little Mermaid*. Afternoon free for exploring this fairytale city. Your tour escort will provide you with entrance tickets for the famous Tivoli Gardens. **Accommodation at Admiral Hotel.**

Day 3: COPENHAGEN – OSLO (B, D)

Morning free in Copenhagen. Afternoon transfer by coach from hotel to DFDS Seaways terminal for your overnight cruise by ferry to Oslo, departing at 16:30 hrs. Enjoy your first **Scandinavian smörgåsbord dinner** as you cruise gently up the Kattegat. **Accommodation in 2-berth outside cabins with shower/WC.** We recommend you to bring an overnight bag for this cruise, to avoid having to carry suitcases to and from your cabin.

Day 4: OSLO (B, D)

A delicious buffet breakfast is served as you cruise along the enchanting Oslo Fjord. Arrival in Oslo at 09:45 hrs, followed by 3 hour guided tour of the Norwegian capital, including the impressive Vigeland Sculpture Park. Afternoon free in Oslo. We can recommend a visit to the National Gallery or a stroll along the Karl Johan shopping boulevard. **Dinner and accommodation at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel.**

Day 5: OSLO – ULVIK (B, L, D)

After breakfast you will visit the world-famous Viking Ships. Departure from Oslo, driving via Hønefoss along the charming Halling Valley to the tourist resort town of Gol. **Buffet lunch at a local restaurant.** After lunch cross the wild Hardanger Mountain Plateau to Fossli, stopping to view the thundering Vøringsfoss Waterfall with a vertical drop of 180 m. **Dinner and accommodation in fjord view rooms at the Brakanes Hotel,** ideally located on the banks of the Hardangerfjord.

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Day 6: ULVIK – BERGEN (B, L)

After buffet breakfast start a scenic tour along the beautiful Hardanger Fjord, famous for its many fruit orchards, via the towns of Øystese and Norheimsund, arriving in Bergen around midday. **Lunch at a local restaurant.** Afternoon 2-hour tour of Bergen, including a visit to the popular Fish and Flower Market, the famous Bryggen Harbour with its gabled packhouses, and the old Hanseatic Quarter. You will also ride on the funicular to Mt. Fløien, for the best views of the city and fjords way below. **Accommodation at First Hotel Marin**, centrally located close to the old Bryggen harbour and within walking distance of the pedestrian shopping streets.

Day 7: BERGEN - FLÅM – BALESTRAND (B, D)

After breakfast departure from Bergen and drive via Dale to the town of Voss. Board the train in Voss for a ride on the beautiful Bergen Railway to the mountain station of Myrdal. From Myrdal ride on the amazing Flåm Railway, a masterpiece of engineering descending 2838 feet in less than one hour. The descent to the fjord side village of Flåm offers opportunities for photo shots of exciting waterfalls and mountain scenery. After a short rest in Flåm,



take an approx. 2-hour cruise by boat along the narrow Aurlands and Nærøy Fjords, both branches of the Sogn Fjord, the longest and deepest fjord in the world. Enjoy the spectacular scenery of cascading waterfalls, sheer mountain cliffs, snow-clad peaks, and a variety of wildlife. After disembarking in Gudvangen at the head of the Nærøy Fjord, continue by coach through the amazing Stalheim Canyon and Nærøy Valley, across the Vika Mountains to Vangsnes, for the short ferry crossing to the beautiful resort of Balestrand. **Dinner and accommodation in fjord view rooms at the Kviknes**

Hotel, superbly located on the banks of the fjord and surrounded by mountains.

Day 8: BALESTRAND – A DAY IN THE FJORDS (B, D)

Day free in Balestrand, giving you the opportunity to enjoy the outstanding beauty and nature of the fjords. You may want to spend the morning relaxing on the hotel terrace, breathing in the fresh mountain air and enjoying the spectacular views. We can also recommend a visit to the local aquarium and art gallery, or you may prefer to rent a bike or rowing boat from the hotel, or even go on foot to the nearest mountains. A walking tour of the village of Balestrand, with its historic buildings and other noteworthy sites can also be arranged. **Dinner and accommodation at Kviknes Hotel.**

Day 9: BALESTRAND – GEIRANGER (B, L, D)

After breakfast departure from your hotel by ferry from Dragsvik to Hella, followed by a scenic tour along the northern side of the Sogn Fjord to Sogndal. The tour continues by road to Fjærland, passing under the Jostedal Glacier, the largest in Europe, to the village of Skei at the northern end of beautiful Lake Jølster. Descend to the Nord Fjord, making a detour at Olden to visit the world-famous Briksdal Glacier. The journey up to the glacier will be made in open cars to give you the best views. **Lunch** will be served in a nearby mountain restaurant facing the glacier. After lunch the tour continues around the Nord Fjord via Loen and Stryn, to the picturesque village of Hellesylt. From here you board the ferry for the one hour's cruise along the spectacular Geiranger Fjord, possibly the most impressive of all the Norwegian fjords. During the cruise you will pass close by some magnificent waterfalls, such as the Bridal Veil and the Seven Sisters. **Dinner and accommodation at the excellent Union Hotel**, overlooking the Geiranger Fjord.

Day 10: GEIRANGER - OSLO (B, L, D)

Leave Geiranger after breakfast. From the top of one of the serpentine roads, you have the opportunity to digest some amazing views of the fjord, before crossing the rugged Grotli Mountains to Lom, well known for its 14th century stave church. The tour continues via Lake Vågå, before descending the magnificent Gudbrands Valley to the popular tourist town of Lillehammer. **Stop for lunch in Lillehammer.** After lunch the journey continues alongside Lake Mjøsa, Norway's largest lake, back to Oslo. **Dinner and accommodation at Radisson Blu Plaza.**

Day 11: OSLO – STOCKHOLM (B, L, D)

For guests on 10 night tour Copenhagen - Oslo, this ends after breakfast, with transfers to Oslo Gardermoen Airport to connect with individual flight departures.

Guests on the longer tours depart by coach after breakfast towards the Swedish border. Cross into the attractive province of Värmland to arrive in the city of Karlstad on Lake Vänern, the largest in Sweden. **Lunch in Karlstad.** After lunch the tour continues through a landscape of forests and sparkling lakes to reach the Swedish capital in the late afternoon. **Dinner and accommodation at the Clarion Hotel Sign,** a first class, centrally located hotel.



Day 12: STOCKHOLM (B)

The day starts with a 4-hour guided tour of the city. Famous sights include the Royal Palace, Parliament Buildings, the Cathedral, Royal Theatre, etc. You will also visit the enchanting Old Town (Gamla Stan) with its narrow, cobbled streets and numerous antique shops. Highlight of the tour is a visit to City Hall with its famous Blue and Golden Halls, where the Nobel Prize banquet is held each year. Afternoon free in Stockholm, with the possibility of visiting the famous Vasa Museum (pictured left) or take one of the popular canal tours. **Accommodation at the Clarion Hotel Sign.** Please note that dinner today is not included in the programme, as our experience shows that whilst in Stockholm guests prefer to eat out at a restaurant of their own choice. Your tour escort will gladly advise and help make table reservations for you.



Day 13: STOCKHOLM – HELSINKI (B, D)

For guests on 12 night tour Copenhagen - Stockholm, this ends after breakfast, with transfers to Stockholm Arlanda Airport to connect with individual flight departures.

The remaining guests have the morning free in Stockholm. In the afternoon transfer from hotel to pier, for embarkation on a delightful overnight cruise from Stockholm. Sailing slowly through the glorious archipelago past numerous small islands. **Dinner on board. Accommodation is in 2-berth outside cabins with shower/WC.** We recommend bringing an overnight bag for this cruise, to avoid having to carry suitcases to and from the cabin.



Day 14: HELSINKI (B, D)

Enjoy your **buffet breakfast** as you sail into Helsinki. Spend a whole day in this exciting city on the Baltic, retaining your cabin on the ship. After disembarkation in the morning, a 3-hour guided tour of Helsinki. Famous sights include the Senate Square, Uspenski Cathedral, Parliament House, Finlandia Hall, Sibelius Park & Monument, Underground Temple, and much more. During the afternoon you can explore the busy market place or the many souvenir shops close to the harbour. Finnish crystal and leather goods are excellent buys. In the late afternoon depart on the return cruise to Stockholm. **Dinner and accommodation on board.**

Day 15 STOCKHOLM – DEPARTURE (B)

After a tasty **buffet breakfast**, arrive back in Stockholm and transfer to Stockholm Arlanda Airport for flight home. *To allow time for disembarkation, transfer to airport (situated 60 km. from Stockholm), security controls and possible delays, we advise clients not to book flights departing before 13:00 hrs. Depending on the flight schedules to Ireland this may require an extra overnight in Stockholm which will be added to the cost.*

Price Includes:

10 nights Copenhagen - Oslo

- * English speaking Robinson Scandinavia tour manager throughout.
- * 9 nights' accommodation incl. daily 3-course or buffet dinner (except on 2nd night in Copenhagen, night in Bergen and 2nd night in Stockholm) and Scandinavian buffet breakfast, in centrally located first class hotels
- * 4 lunches on days 5, 6, 9 & 10.
- * Overnight cruise Copenhagen - Oslo, including accommodation in 2-berth outside cabin with shower/WC, buffet dinner and breakfast on board.
- * Entrance to Tivoli Gardens.
- * 3 hour guided tours of Copenhagen and Oslo.
- * Visit to the Viking Museum in Oslo.
- * Panorama tour of Bergen including ride on the Bergen Funicular to Mt. Fløyen.
- * Ride on the Bergen and Flåm Railways, Voss-Myrdal-Flåm.
- * Approximately 2-hour cruise on the Sogn and Nærøy Fjords, and 1-hour cruise on the Geiranger Fjord.
- * Excursion in open car to the Briksdal Glacier.
- * All ferry crossings.
- * Luggage assistance at all hotels while with the group.
- * Transportation by modern deluxe coach with reclining seats and seatbelts.
- * Transfers airport/hotel on first and last days (*subject to flight schedules to/from Ireland*). Transfers to/from a different airport than the one mentioned in the tour programme may incur a supplement.

12 nights Copenhagen - Stockholm - All above mentioned services plus

- * 2 nights' accommodation in Stockholm including 3-course dinner first evening and Scandinavian buffet breakfast each day.
- * Lunch in Karlstad on day 11.
- * 4 hour guided tour of Stockholm, including entrance to City Hall.

14 nights Copenhagen - Helsinki – Stockholm - All above mentioned services plus

- * Cruise Stockholm - Helsinki - Stockholm, in 2-berth outside cabin with shower/WC, including 2 dinners and 2 buffet breakfasts on board.
- * 3 hour guided tour of Helsinki.

Not Included:

- * International flights from Ireland (including tax and one 20kg checked bag per person):
 - o 10 nights (Copenhagen-Oslo) from €240 per person.
 - o 12/14 nights (Copenhagen-Stockholm) from €275 per person.
- * Single supplement:
 - o 10 nights = €925
 - o 12 nights = €1059
 - o 14 nights = €1330
- * Personal Expenses.
- * Any additional hotel nights required to fit with flight schedules to Copenhagen or from Oslo / Stockholm.
- * [Travel Insurance](#).
- * Gratuities.

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