

Spectacular Scandinavia and its Fjords

15 days from €234 (Lm 100) per day Prices quoted are per person in Euro and may vary without notice. Conditions apply

Tour Pace - This evenly paced tour has two-night stays in Copenhagen, Stockholm, Geiranger, Bergen and Oslo. Most of the travelling days pass through wonderful scenery, and offer frequent stops both for refreshments and photo opportunities. Scenic cruises and rail journeys also help punctuate the itinerary.

Hotels - Modern city hotels like the Radisson Scandinavia in Copenhagen and the Radisson SAS Royal in Bergen; and the scenically located hotels like the Union in Geiranger, with its fjord setting, recently granted World Heritage status by UNESCO.

Fellow Passengers - This tour appeals to both seasoned and the first-time travellers who are attracted by the unique scenery and lifestyle of Scandinavia. Some passengers may also be searching for their roots in this magnificent region, or are simply drawn to the beauty of Scandinavia.

Highlights - Visitors will be spoiled for choice. Revel in the outstanding Scandinavian scenery; soak up the seafaring history at the Wasa Galleon and the Long Ships Museum; cruise the glassy waters of the fjords and bring home wonderful memories from your spectacular ride on the Flam Railway.



Take a highlight visit to the Viking Long Ship Museum in Oslo

Day 1 – Malta - Copenhagen.

Meet the tour leader at Malta International Airport where we check in for our Lufthansa flight to Copenhagen where upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel. Tonight enjoy a Welcome drink and dinner at hotel, followed by a visit to the glittering lights and enchanting atmosphere of the world famous Tivoli Gardens. **Hotel: Radisson SAS Scandinavia. (D)**

Day 2 – Copenhagen Sightseeing.

Meet Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid, gazing wistfully across the harbour this morning. Then visit the Christiansborg (the Danish Parliament Building) to marvel at the opulent interior. See the Rosenborg and Amalienborg Palaces, and the Renaissance Stock Exchange. Later, perhaps join a tour through the Danish countryside? **(BB)**

Day 3 – Copenhagen – Frederikshavn.

Cross over to the Island of Fyn, to visit the home of Hans Christian Andersen in Odense. The museum was completely refurbished in 2005, marking the 200th anniversary of his birth. Then head to your hotel at Frederikshavn, on the Jutland peninsula, before enjoying a highlight dinner at a local restaurant. **Hotel: Scandic Stena Line. (BB,HD)**

Day 4 – Frederikshavn – Stockholm.

Bid farewell to Denmark as you cross the waters of the Kattegat to Gothenburg. Continue through fertile farmland and along the shores of Lake Vattern, to Stockholm, known as 'the city that floats on the water'. **Hotel: First Hotel Amaranthen. (BB)**

Day 5 – Stockholm Sightseeing.

The charms of Sweden's capital are revealed on your morning sightseeing tour. With your local guide, visit the City Hall's 'Gold Room' where the Nobel Prize banquets are held. Then continue into the medieval island heart of the city to view the cathedral, walk through the Old Town and see the Royal Palace. Now a highlight visit to one of Europe's greatest attractions, the unique Wasa Galleon - a marvellous impression of life on board a 17C naval vessel. **(BB)**

Day 6 – Stockholm – Falun.

Travel via Lake Malaren to tiny Sigtuna, once the Viking capital and now boasting Sweden's smallest City Hall. Then to historic Uppsala, seat of Scandinavia's oldest university. Visit the Cathedral where the Swedish kings were crowned and the botanist Linnaeus is buried. Later, travel through rural Dalecarlia to the ski resort of

Falun. **Hotel: First Hotel Grand. (BB,D)**

Day 7 – Falun – Lillehammer.

A scenic drive along the shores of Lake Siljan in the Dalarna region, brings you to Nusnas, to witness colourful wooden horses being made. Continue deep into the forested heart of Sweden, passing Salen, the starting point for the annual cross country skiing marathon. Cross into Norway and pass the Olympic ice skating rink called the 'Viking Ship' at Hamar, on your way to Lillehammer. **Hotel: Rica Victoria. (BB)**

Day 8 – Lillehammer – Geiranger.

This morning enjoy a visit to the Maihaugen open-air museum to see old Norway's rural life come alive. Now continue to the Norwegian Fjordland - a wonderful world of soaring mountains, icy glaciers and rivers which cascade thousands of feet into green valleys below. Follow Peer Gynt's valley enjoying vistas of waterfalls, lakes and snow-capped peaks to reach Lom with its 12th century Stave Church. Now its on to the remote village of Geiranger, a superb setting overlooking fjords & mountains. **Hotel: Union. (BB,D)**

Day 9 – Geiranger at Leisure.

A day for relaxation amidst the most breath taking scenery, which has been granted World Heritage status by UNESCO. Later maybe take an excursion along the Trolls' Road with outstanding photo opportunities at the Seven Sisters waterfall! **(BB,D)**

Day 10 – Geiranger – Fjordland.

Begin your day with a spectacular highlight cruise on the mirror-smooth waters of Geirangerfjord, with its towering cliffs and cascading waterfalls. Continue through glacier country for a scenic drive along the Sognefjord, before your ferry crossing to Laerdal, at the head of the magnificent fjord. **Hotel: Lindstrom. (BB,D)**

Day 11 – Fjordland – Bergen.

Majestic Sognefjord is Norway's longest and deepest fjord, and you cruise upon its magnificent waters today. Now embark on a spectacular journey on the Flam Railway, ascending from sea level to 3,000 feet, with views of mountain scenery and roaring waterfalls. Your destination tonight is the historic port of Bergen, Norway's most naturally beautiful city, with its brightly painted houses. **Hotel: Radisson SAS Royal. (BB)**

Day 12 – Bergen Sightseeing.

The ancient Hanseatic port of Bergen still largely looks to the sea for its living, as evidenced by the colourful fish market, the largest in Scandinavia. Today is yours to explore all that this exciting town has to offer, such as the 13C Haakon's Hall. Or perhaps you might like to visit the home of composer Edward Grieg before ascending Mount Ulriken by cable car? **(BB)**

Day 13 – Bergen – Oslo.

This morning travel east through the rugged landscape of the Hardangervidda, over scenic mountains and through ski-resorts on your way to the Norwegian capital Oslo. **Hotel: Radisson SAS Scandinavia. (BB)**

Day 14 – Oslo Sightseeing.

A guided sightseeing tour today passes the Royal Palace, as well as the spires and ramparts of Akerhus Castle, the 14th century fortress guarding the harbour. At Frogner Park view the controversial Vigeland Sculptures, before a special Highlight visit to the Viking Long Ship Museum. Tonight, why not enjoy a celebration dinner at a traditional restaurant? **(BB)**

Day 15 – Oslo - Malta.

Your day comes to an end today. Transfer to Oslo airport for our flight to Malta.

Flam Railway's great train journey affords some of Norway's wildest and most magnificent scenery



Totally enclosed by steep mountains and snow-capped peaks, the splendour of the Geirangerfjord can really only be appreciated on your highlight cruise!
 Enjoy a visit to the Maihaugen open-air museum

Ship burials were common practice in Viking times and three superb examples are on display here at the Viking Longship Museum
 Locally Guided Sightseeing Tour

See Oslo's Royal Palace, surrounded by parkland, on your city tour



Enjoy a Danish Dinner of typical cuisine in a local restaurant

Visit the Wasa Galleon, the grand warship, sunk on its maiden voyage in Stockholm harbour in 1628
 Locally Guided Sightseeing Tour



Visit Tivoli Gardens, the world-famous entertainment park
 Locally Guided Sightseeing Tour

★ CENTRAL HOTELS & NIGHTS
 ★ SCENIC HOTELS & NIGHTS

Enjoy Your Included Tour Features

Premium Highlights

- Visit Copenhagen's world-famous Tivoli Gardens
- See the Swedish galleon Vasa, tragically sunk on its maiden voyage in 1628
- Take in the spectacular scenery of Geirangerfjord on your highlight cruise
- Ride the Flam Railway, Europe's most exciting rail trip, affording spectacular scenery
- Visit Oslo's Viking Long Ship Museum housing three Viking ships from the ninth century

Personal Insights

A visit to Maihaugen open-air museum to discover a complete recreation of traditional rural society in Norway

Additional Excursions & Sights

- Admire the opulent interior of Copenhagen's Christiansborg, (Danish Parliament Building)
- See Copenhagen's wistful Little Mermaid and Stock Exchange

- See the Rosenborg & Amalienborg Palaces
- Visit Hans Christian Andersen's Museum in the old district of Odense
- Visit the Gold Room in Stockholm's City Hall and see the Royal Palace and Cathedral
- See the tiny City Hall in the old Viking capital of Sigtuna
- Visit Uppsala's Gothic Cathedral, for 300 years Sweden's coronation church
- Visit Nusnas in the beautiful Dalarna region to see wooden horse making
- Visit the attractive Maihaugen open air museum in Lillehammer
- Follow Peer Gynt's valley to see the 12C Stave Church in Lom
- Tour Norwegian Fjordland including a scenic cruise on the Sognefjord
- See Haakon's Hall and Fish Market in the 'wooden city' of Bergen
- See the impressive Akershus Castle and Royal Palace in Oslo

- Visit the controversial Vigeland sculptures in Oslo's Frogner Park
- Scenic Drives – Peer Gynt valley and Fjordland, Lake Vattern

First Class Services

- Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with onboard toilet
- Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- Airline Taxes, Fuel Surcharge and Service Charge
- Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack
- Airport arrival and departure transfers

More Included Meals

- Highlight Dinner in a local restaurant in Frederikshavn (HD)
- 13 Buffet Breakfasts (BB) and 5 three-course table d'hôte Dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

Triple	€ 3519	Lm 1511
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