



Ultimate Scandinavia

Featuring 7 Night Norwegian Fjords Cruise and A 4 Day Land tour of Sweden Includes Amazing Stockholm and a pre cruise night in Beautiful Copenhagen!!

A 13 Day - 11 Night Cruise/Tour

Join TRIPS as we cruise the stunning Norwegian Fjords! The coastline of Norway is one of the starkest and most beautiful landscapes in the world and with more than 67,000 islands, the Norwegian coastline provides seemingly endless vistas waiting to be photographed!

This once-in-a-lifetime destination is truly one of the most beautiful on earth. With impossibly steep-sided fjords of extraordinary beauty, you'll also find a land of glaciers, mountains and rocky coastal islands. But your Norwegian Fjords cruise/tour isn't just about fjords! You'll experience Norway's charming villages and learn about her Viking heritage and have opportunities to sample Norwegian delicacies! Your cruise/tour starts in the beautiful city of Copenhagen for an overnight and tour before boarding the Norwegian Star. After your seven night cruise, you explore Sweden for four days! See historic Kalmar Castle and see artisans create beautiful works at the Kosta Boda Glass Factory. Enjoy two days in 700 year old Stockholm exploring narrow cobblestone streets and historic squares. Truly, the Ultimate Scandinavian cruise/tour!

Day 1 - Your Journey Begins!

Today, you board your international flight bound for Copenhagen!

Day 2 - Stunning Copenhagen!

After arriving in Copenhagen, you'll be assisted with your luggage and hotel transfer. You'll have the remainder of the day at your leisure to relax and enjoy dinner on your own.

Overnight: Copenhagen

Day 3 - Come Sail Away!

After breakfast, you'll set out on a TRIPS included city tour of Copenhagen. You'll see Amalienborg Palace, the winter home of the Danish Royal family as well as Nyhavn the colorful 17th century waterfront where Hans Christian Anderson lived. Naturally you will see the small statue of the Little Mermaid. Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale about a mermaid who gives up everything to be united with a young, handsome prince on land, she has been greeting travelers to Copenhagen's harbor for over 100 years. After your city tour, you'll be transferred to the Norwegian Star in time for a late lunch onboard. Settle in and enjoy the sights as you sail at 5pm. (B/L/D)

Day 4 - At Sea

Enjoy your day onboard the Star as you sail through the Norwegian Sea. There is plenty to keep you busy - or relax and do nothing at all! With Norwegian's Freestyle Cruising, you are free to spend the day as you wish. You might opt to enjoy the Star Club Casino or immerse yourself in one of six hot tubs. The Mandara Spa is the place for a mani/pedi or hot stone massage. This evening, enjoy a relaxing cocktail before dinner in one of the many restaurants onboard. For a special evening, you might choose steak or lobster in Cagney's, Norwegian's signature steakhouse (surcharge applies). Then, make your way to the Stardust Theater for an evening of first-class entertainment! (B/L/D)

Day 5 - Canals, Fjords and Green all Around!

You dock in Ålesund, Norway this morning at 7am. With canals, bridges and stunning Art Nouveau architecture, this town literally rose from the ashes of a 1904 fire that destroyed the city. Now known as one of Europe's most beautiful cities, you'll love exploring this charming town! You might choose to visit Atlanterhavsparken, one of the largest aquariums in Europe, more a park than a traditional aquarium. You'll find fantastic marine life and wonderful outdoor hiking trails. While exploring, the more adventurous might want to try some of the local delicacies! From smalahove, or boiled sheep's head, to herring and reindeer, you're sure to find a perfect outdoor cafe with stunning mountains as the beautiful backdrop. We set sail today at 5pm. (B/L/D)

Day 6 - The Beauty of Waterfalls and Mountains!

Today brings you to magnificent Geiranger, the crown jewel of the Norwegian fjords! This is a fairytale landscape with majestic, snow-covered mountain tops, wild and beautiful waterfalls, lush green vegetation and the deep, blue fjord. This is the place to enjoy a fjord excursion and experience it all! And if you've got time, be sure and visit the Norwegian Fjord Centre to learn about this UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll be docked here from 7am to 5pm. (B/L/D)

Day 7 - Railway Adventure to Knute Rockne!

Today finds you in Flåm, a Scandinavian village straight out of your childhood dreams. Best known for its picture-perfect postcard scenery and the astonishing railroad journey, an optional adventure that is not to be missed. You'll travel through 20 tunnels as you travel up steep cliffs and pass cascading waterfalls, deep clear lakes, rocky plateaus and vivid green forests all joining together in a delightful landscape! You may choose to visit Voss a delightful town with a charming church dating to the 12th century as well as the Knute Rockne Monument paying

tribute to the football legend who was born here! You'll be in Flåm from 9am to 7pm. (B/L/D)

Day 8 - Fjords to Fortresses!

You'll dock in Bergen this morning at 7am. Nestled between seven mountains and seven fjords, you'll see why Bergen is referred to as The Gateway to the Fjords of Norway. Don't miss visiting "Troll Hill" the home of Edvard Grieg, Norway's most famous composer. Trolls have been an integral part of Norwegian folklore since the 13th century and Grieg's March of the Trolls was inspired by these mythical creatures. As you explore Bergen, you'll find larger than life sculptures and plenty of souvenir sized troll figurines to take home! Return to the Star in time for a 5pm sailing. (B/L/D)

Day 9 - At Sea

After enjoying the stunning fjords of Norway, it's time to relax and enjoy your floating hotel, the Norwegian Star! Swim in the pools, enjoy the hot tubs or simply relax and marvel at the view. Tonight why not stop by Gatsby's Champagne Bar and enjoy a glass of bubbly with friends? You'll surely agree, Freestyle Cruising has something for everyone! (B/L/D)

Day 10 - A Glass Blowers Paradise!

You arrive back in Copenhagen this morning at 7am. After disembarkation, you'll travel to Växjö in the heart of Sweden's "Kingdom of Crystal". In this 14th century city you'll find picturesque lakes and traditional red-timbered cottages. You'll visit Sweden's oldest operating glassworks, the Kosta Boda Glass Factory and see how the glowing melt is transformed into beautifully colored glassware. And of course you'll be able to do a bit of shopping! Afterwards, you'll transfer to Kalmar and your hotel. Later this evening, gather with the group to enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

Overnight: Kalmar, Sweden

(B/D)

Day 11 - Castles and Kings!

After breakfast start your day with a sightseeing tour of Kalmar. You'll find a charming town with sandy beaches, cobblestoned streets, cafes and galleries. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit legendary Kalmar Castle, "The Key to the Kingdom". Complete with a moat and drawbridge, it is one of the best preserved renaissance castles in Europe and remains largely unchanged since 1592. Later today, you'll continue to Stockholm where you'll check in to your hotel. You'll have the remainder of the evening at leisure to enjoy dinner on your own.

Overnight: Stockholm

(B/L)

Day 12 - Amazing Stockholm!

Following breakfast at your hotel set out for a half-day guided city tour of Stockholm. You'll see Millesgården, the elegant Royal Palace and Old Town with charming cobblestone streets. Beautifully preserved, but crooked buildings and gothic churches. After your morning tour the remainder of the afternoon at your leisure. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Stockholm

(B/D)

Day 13- Parting is such sweet sorrow!

After breakfast this morning, you'll be assisted with our transfer to the airport and your flight home. Memories of your Ultimate Scandinavia tour will surely last a lifetime! (B)



Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Roundtrip international airfare to Copenhagen and from Stockholm (checked baggage fees are not included)
- 1 night pre-cruise in Copenhagen with city tour INCLUDED
- 7 nights aboard the Norwegian Star in your selected stateroom
- 4 Day/3 Night land tour of Sweden INCLUDED
- Breakfast daily in Copenhagen and while touring Sweden
- 1 lunch and 2 dinners in Sweden
- All meals while onboard the Norwegian Star
- All transfers from the airport to your hotel and to the pier
- All port charges and government taxes



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