

BEST OF SCANDINAVIA & NORWAY

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DAY 1: WELCOME TO SWEDEN

When you arrive at Stockholm-Arlanda Airport, make your way to **Stockholm** city centre. Many travellers opt to take the express train to Stockholm Central Station, but we also offer direct private transfers. After settling in at your hotel, spend the day exploring the beautiful city. Stroll the well-known street Drottninggatan where you can shop and feel the vibe of the capital city. Go for a walk in the surrounding area of **Östermalm**, where you will find interesting shops, cafés, and restaurants for a perfect introduction to Scandinavian culture. It could be fun to pick a cafe and experience Swedish „fika“, an afternoon tea or coffee.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

HIGHLIGHTS: Drottninggatan - Stockholm - Sweden - Östermalm

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DAY 2: THE CHARMS OF SWEDISH CULTURE

Today you will explore the heart of scenic Stockholm. We recommend exploring the capital by foot, visiting attractions such as the **Old Town (Gamla Stan)**, where you will find the **Royal Palace**, the parliament, old churches, beautiful cobble stone streets and medieval houses.

After some time at Gamla Stan, you can take a short ferry ride to the nearby island **Djurgården**, a cultural oasis with something for everyone. Here you will find the kitschy **Abba Museum**, the **Nordic Museum**, the **Gröna Lund** amusement park, and the **Skansen** open-air museum. It is ideal to spend the afternoon here, exploring the grounds and many attractions.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

HIGHLIGHTS: ABBA The Museum - Djurgården - Gamla Stan (Old town of Stockholm) - Gröna Lund amusement park - Royal Palace of Stockholm - Stockholm City Hall - Södermalm

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DAY 3: TRAVEL FROM STOCKHOLM TO LOVELY COPENHAGEN

Today you will take a short flight to **Copenhagen**. After settling in at your hotel, go for a walk along the enchanting old harbour area of **Nyhavn**, where you will see colourful houses and lively restaurants among the docked boats. Walk the narrow side streets, visit some shops and try out the traditional Danish open-faced sandwich, Smørrebrød. In the evening, visit the amusement park **Tivoli Gardens**, which has something for everyone. It's a lovely place to admire the architecture and gardens and to enjoy some carnival rides.

Spend the night in Copenhagen.

**For those interested, we offer the option of travelling by train instead of flight between Stockholm and Denmark. For more details click the optional activities.*

HIGHLIGHTS: Copenhagen - Denmark - Nyhavn - Tivoli Gardens

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DAY 4: A DAY IN CAPTIVATING COPENHAGEN

You have the whole day to explore **Copenhagen**. We recommend seeing the city by foot, visiting landmarks including **Amalienborg Palace**, **Christiansborg Palace**, and the famous **Little Mermaid** statue. An optional cruise from the harbour is also highly recommended as you can appreciate the architecture and beauty of the city by water. Next, stroll **Strøget** street for some shopping and grab something to eat at Torvehallerne food hall.

Spend the night in Copenhagen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Amalienborg Palace - Christiansborg Palace - Little Mermaid - Nyhavn - Strøget shopping street

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DAY 5: SET SAIL FOR NORWAY

Spend the morning touring Copenhagen. Some interesting attractions include the observatory of **The Round Tower**, the most famous church in Copenhagen, **Church of Our Saviour**, as well as the impeccable King's Garden, and the regal **Rosenborg Castle**. In the late afternoon, it's time to board your cruise to Oslo, which sails gently up the **Kattegat Sund** on its way to Norway's capital city. You can enjoy dinner in one of the restaurants, check out the entertainment on board or just relax and watch the sunset from the deck.

Spend the night on the cruise.

HIGHLIGHTS: Church of Our Saviour - Kattegat Sund - Rosenborg Castle - The Round Tower

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DAY 6: ENJOY ENCHANTING OSLO

After the cruise ship docks, get ready to see the best of Oslo. The city is quite walkable and recommend exploring by foot and the convenience of public transport. Notable attractions include the beautiful **Vigeland Sculpture Park**, **Viking Ship Museum**, **Fram Polar Ship Museum** and spending some time along the beautiful harbour area. Other interesting stops include the **Munch Museum**, **Royal Palace**, **Akershus Fortress**, and **Oslo City Hall**.

Spend the night in Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Aker Brygge - Akershus Fortress - Fram Museum - Munch Museum - Norway - Oslo - The Viking Ship Museum - Vigeland Sculpture Park

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DAY 7: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL - THE FLÅM RAILWAY

Get ready for the spectacular Norway in a Nutshell® railway journey towards Bergen, with an overnight stop in **Flåm**. This train ride takes you over Norway's "mountainous rooftops", through charming villages like Gol and **Geilo**, before reaching Myrdal, where you'll switch trains to the famous **Flåm Railway** (Flåmsbana) for an incredible ride to the beautiful village of Flåm. Enjoy a relaxing day in Flåm, where you can follow one of the many hiking trails in the mountains around the village, or participate in an optional activity, such as kayaking, fjord sightseeing or visiting the Stegastein platform.

Spend the night in Flåm.

We recommend booking luggage transfer for the travel between Oslo and Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Flåm - Flåm Railway (Flåmsbana) - Geilo - NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL®

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DAY 8: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL TO BERGEN

Spend the morning at leisure, either relaxing at the hotel or taking a walk along the fjord. Around noon, you'll board a boat to sail through **Aurlandsfjord** into the World Heritage-listed Nærøyfjord, the narrowest fjord in all of Europe. This is perhaps the most beautiful arm of **Sognefjord**, with its mighty waterfalls and small farms clinging to the steep mountainsides. The boat docks in Gudvangen, from where you'll be transported by bus up **Stalheimskleiva**, Northern Europe's steepest stretch of road. After a thrilling ride around 13 hairpin bends and a brief pause to enjoy the view, you will continue to **Voss** to board the train for the last stretch of the journey to **Bergen**.

Spend the night in Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Aurlandsfjord - Bergen - Fjords in Norway - Flåm - Nærøyfjord - Sognefjord - Stalheimskleiva

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DAY 9: THE CAPITAL OF THE FJORDS

Despite being an international city, Bergen, "The Capital of the Fjords", has all the charms of a small town. Here you'll find **Bryggen**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, along with remarkably preserved old houses, a lively fish and flower market, cable cars offering stunning views, great museums and more. We recommend riding the **Fløibanen** Funicular to Mount Fløyen to enjoy the panoramic views over the city or a cable car up Mt. Ulriken. Bergen is also known for its museums dedicated to history about trade and fisheries, architecture, music and contemporary art.

Spend another night in Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Bergen - Bryggen - Fishmarket - Fløibanen Funicular (Funicular Railway) - King Håkon's Hall - Rosenkrantz Tower - St. Mary's Church

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DAY 10: HURTIGRUTEN COASTAL VOYAGE

Enjoy the early part of the day exploring Bergen. In the evening, you'll enter the next stage of your journey as you embark on the Norwegian Coastal Voyage with **Hurtigruten**. Norway's dramatic 2,000-kilometre west coast is one of Europe's great attractions, and for more than 100 years, this popular journey has been offering travellers a unique combination of history, culture and incredible views.

After your fjord cruise sets sail, you will enjoy a tasty Norwegian dinner buffet consisting of the best ingredients from the coast and you can spend the rest of your evening at leisure. Onboard you'll stay in a comfortable outside cabin with private facilities.

Spend the night on board **Hurtigruten**.

HIGHLIGHTS: Hurtigruten Coastal Voyage

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DAY 11: ÅLESUND & GEIRANGERFJORD

You will continue your scenic coastal voyage today from **Flørø** to **Molde**. This morning, you can enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the Nordfjord, followed by a delicious breakfast. As the ship sails past the West Cape, you will enter the open ocean before reaching **Ålesund**, which is known for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture.

From 2 June - 1 September, the ship sails to the UNESCO World Heritage site of **Geirangerfjord**, where you will see 800-metre high mountains and wondrous waterfalls like the Seven Sisters and the Bridal Veil. In this season, travellers can choose to stay in Ålesund for a few hours or join a cruise to Geiranger, which we highly recommend.

Spend the night on board the ship.

HIGHLIGHTS: Ålesund - Geirangerfjord - Nordfjorden

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DAY 12: HISTORIC TOWN OF TRONDHEIM

Early in the morning, the ship pulls in to the historic city of **Trondheim**. Here you will have about 3.5 hours to explore the city on your own or take an optional sightseeing tour. Trondheim is the original capital of Norway, and until the 16th century, the city was known as Nidaros. Here you will find **Nidaros Cathedral**, which is one of Scandinavia's largest buildings from the Middle Ages, along with tiny, picturesque old wooden houses. From Trondheim, the ship sails on to Rorvik, where the southbound and northbound coastal ships meet.

Spend another night on board the ship.

HIGHLIGHTS: Nidaros Cathedral/Nidarosdomen - Trondheim

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DAY 13: OVER THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

Today you will cross the **Arctic Circle** while enjoying spectacular sights, including islands and skerries with interesting rock formations jutting out of the deep waters. The ship will dock in **Bodo** for 2.5 hours, which is a lovely place to wander, catching glimpses of sea birds and rolling nature.

In the evening, the ship will make a 1-hour stop in Svolvær, **Lofoten**, a small, picturesque fishing village with a charming Scandinavian atmosphere. You can take a stroll between stockfish racks and traditional fishermen huts called 'rorbuer', and for people that wish to spend more time in Lofoten, optional shore excursions are available.

Spend another night on board the ship.

HIGHLIGHTS: Bodø - Lofoten Islands & Svolvær

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DAY 14: TROMSØ, "PARIS OF THE NORTH"

In the morning, you'll pass Risøyhamn, Harstad, and Finnsnes before sailing across the Vagsfjord to a magnificent archipelago in the north. Later today, the ship stops in **Tromsø**, the main event of the day, where you will explore the lively town in northern Norway. Nicknamed "the Paris of the North", this city was a major port of call for Arctic expedition and hunting ships in the 19th century—a part of history that is still evident here. Throughout the year, you can join guided hikes and discover more of Tromsø and its surroundings. After an exhilarating day in Tromsø, you will board the ship and continue your northbound journey.

Spend another night on board the ship.

HIGHLIGHTS: Tromsø

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DAY 15: THE BEAUTY OF THE NORTH CAPE

Finnmark's landscape and wildlife is not to be missed. Scores of puffins and gannets along the cliffs and pods of Orca hunting for herring make for a unique experience. The ship stops at **Honningsvåg** today, and we recommend that you board a bus for a short optional excursion to the famous North Cape. In the summer, you may see herds of grazing reindeer and small camps belonging to the indigenous Sámi people. After this shore stop, the ship navigates east toward the pretty fishing villages.

Spend another night on board the ship.

HIGHLIGHTS: Honningsvåg

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DAY 16: KIRKENES - LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN

Enjoy one last breakfast at sea before the ship docks in **Kirkenes** around 9:00 this morning. This Arctic town lies on the borders of Russia and Finland and is home to some 3,300 inhabitants, including the Sámi, the native people of Lapland. For such a small town, Kirkenes offers an impressive range of things to see and do, and the rest of the day is free for you to try out an optional excursion or just relax in the town. It is here that your cruise up north comes to an end.

Spend the night in Kirkenes.

HIGHLIGHTS: Kirkenes

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DAY 17: RETURN TO OSLO & DEPARTURE

After an incredible time in the north, it's time to head home today. Your tour ends at Kirkenes Airport, where you will fly to Oslo-Gardermoen Airport at noon, connecting to your flight back home.

Note: If you do not have enough time between flights, or you would like more time to explore the capital, an additional night in Oslo can be added to your package. Please contact your travel consultant for details.

Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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