

# BEST OF SCANDINAVIA & FINLAND CRUISE - WINTER

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### DAY 1: WELCOME TO FINLAND

When you arrive at **Helsinki** Airport, make your way to city centre. Many travellers opt to take public transportation, but we also offer direct private transfers. Take advantage of this first day on your own to discover this Nordic gem at your own pace, and eat at one of the many delicious restaurants. We recommend visiting **Senate Square**, **Uspenski Cathedral** (closed Mondays) and the **Old Market Hall** (closed Sundays) to become acquainted with Finnish history and culture.

Spend the night in Helsinki.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Finland - Helsinki - Old Market Hall - Senate Square - Uspenski Cathedral

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### DAY 2: EXPLORE HELSINKI & SAIL TO SWEDEN

Spend the early part of the day continuing to see Helsinki before boarding a cruise to **Stockholm**. Helsinki is known for its creativity and, in 2012, the city was awarded the UNESCO “City of Design” title, boasting its very own Design District and “design tram route” (Line 6). Some notable city landmarks to visit include **Sibelius Park**, **Finlandia Hall**, the **Finnish National Opera House**, and **Parliament House**. In the afternoon, you will board the cruise to **Stockholm**, Sweden’s capital. During your time at sea, take full advantage of the on-board amenities including cafes, restaurants, and shops and spend the night in one of the cruises’ comfortable cabins.

Spend the night on the cruise.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Finlandia Hall - Finnish Parliament Building - Helsinki Opera House - Sibelius Monument

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### DAY 3: SAIL TO SPLENDID STOCKHOLM

Savour the maritime scenery during breakfast as the ship navigates through Sweden’s Archipelago, a collection of over 30,000 islands and inlets. Upon your arrival in **Stockholm**, make your way to the hotel and then enjoy some time exploring the city centre. We recommend, enjoying some shopping on the well-known pedestrian street **Drottninggatan** and taking a stroll in the surrounding area of **Östermalm**. There you will find numerous shops, cafés, and restaurants for a perfect introduction to Swedish culture.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Drottninggatan - Stockholm - Sweden - Östermalm

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### DAY 4: 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 **Vasa Museum** 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) - Royal Palace of Stockholm - Vasa Museum

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## DAY 5: 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*.

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

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## DAY 6: A DAY IN CAPTIVATING COPENHAGEN

You have the whole day to explore **Copenhagen**. We recommend seeing the city by foot, visiting landmarks like **Amalienborg Palace**, **Christiansborg Palace** (both closed on Mondays), 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 7: SET SAIL FOR NORWAY

Spend the morning touring **Copenhagen**. Some interesting attractions include **The Round Tower**, the **King's Garden**, and the bohemian district of **Christiania**. In the late afternoon, it's time to board the ferry to **Oslo**, which cruises 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:** Kattegat Sund - The Round Tower

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## DAY 8: EXPLORE ENCHANTING OSLO

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

**Johans** street.

Spend the night in Oslo.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Aker Brygge - Akershus Fortress - Munch Museum - Norway - Oslo - Oslo Opera House

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## DAY 9: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL IN WINTER - THE FLÅM RAILWAY

Get an early start and head to Oslo Central Station, where you'll begin the 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**.

In Myrdal, 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 stroll around the village, or participate in an optional activity.

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 10: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL TO BERGEN

In the morning, 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, which is especially beautiful in the winter months. The boat docks in Gudvangen, and from there the journey continues by bus through Nærøydalen, with its charming villages and scenic winter landscape. The bus will arrive in Voss, where you continue the tour by train on the Bergen Railway to **Bergen**.

Spend the night in Bergen.

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

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## DAY 11: 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 view of the city or a cable car up Mt. Ulriken. Bergen is also known for its museums dedicated to history within trade and fisheries, architecture, musical art 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 12: DEPARTURE FROM BERGEN

When it's time for your trip to come to an end, make your way to Bergen-Flesland Airport. You can either take the airport bus from one of the many departure points in the Bergen city centre or you can take a taxi directly from your hotel to Bergen-Flesland Airport. If your flight is in the afternoon, you can choose to enjoy some last-minute shopping, visit one of Bergen's many museums or relax at a café, enjoying the last few moments of this

amazing journey.

*For those departing from Oslo, we offer direct train transfer back to Oslo. Please keep in mind you might need to book an additional night if your flight is early during the day.*

*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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