



# The Legends of Scandinavia

August 15 - 27, 2019

This Exclusive Departure to Beautiful Scandinavia includes:

- Transfers to/from Pearson International**
- Round Trip Economy Class Airfare**
- Modern Touring Coach , Hotel Porterage,**
- First Class Hotel Accommodation for 10 Nights**
- Overnight Seaside Cabins on DFDS Seaways**
- 11 Full Buffet Breakfasts, 5 Dinners**
- Two Mini Cruises, Scenic Flam Railway & Troll Cars**
- English Speaking Guide Throughout Tour**
- All Tour Gratuities**

## Tour Pricing

**Double Occupancy : \$5,595.00 p.p.**

**Single Supplement: \$1,000.00 p.p.**

**Includes All Taxes & Tour Gratuities**

## Terms and Conditions

A deposit of \$500.00 per person is due at time of booking plus any insurance requirements. Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure (June 3, 2019). We carry a full line of travel insurance coverage. All payments are non refundable.

*Due to the high volatility of the currency markets, prices could be subject to change.*

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**Norway, Sweden and Denmark**



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## Immerse Yourself in the Beauty of Scandinavia

The Nordic countries are a rare and fascinating place in our world. Join us as we experience the charming and vibrant Scandinavian capitals, where history meets modern design. Navigate through the breath taking Norwegian fjords where the Vikings sailed. Savor the award winning new Scandinavian cuisine. Walk down the narrow cobblestone streets to discover specialized boutiques and street side cafés. This tour offers transportation by motor coach, ferries, rail, troll cars and cruise ship as we gain up close access to some of the most spectacular scenery to be found. We've looked after all the details so you can experience this unforgettable voyage to Scandinavia.

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### Proposed Itinerary

#### Day 1 - Thu. August 15      **Overnight Flight to Stockholm**      **Inflight Meals**

We have selected pick up points for you to meet our tour. We will transfer to Pearson International via deluxe highway motor coach where we will board our overnight flight for Stockholm, Sweden.

#### Day 2 - Fri. August 16      **Arrival in Stockholm, Sweden**

Upon arrival into Stockholm, we will transfer by coach to our centrally located hotel in downtown Stockholm. This evening we meet our English speaking tour guide who is with us for the duration of the tour for an orientation and tour overview.

#### Day 3 - Sat. August 17      **Overview and Free Time in Stockholm**      **B**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. This morning we enjoy city tour of Stockholm with a local guide, who will show us the highlights of the Swedish capital. From Fjällgatan you will have the view of Stockholm spread out on 14 islands connected with bridges. We will visit Gamla Stan, the old city with its narrow cobbled-stoned lanes, charming small squares, medieval buildings in happy colours, the Cathedral and the Royal Palace. The afternoon is at leisure or you may join the optional tour to visit the City Hall – the place of the annual Nobel Prize banquet - and the fascinating Vasa Ship Museum with the unique wooden warship, which sank in Stockholm's harbour on its maiden voyage and was salvaged intact 333 years later.

#### Day 4 - Sun. August 18      **Stockholm to Hamar**      **B, D**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Today we start our journey by coach towards Norway, passing through open landscapes, dense forests and glittering lakes. We stop in the city of Karlstad, the capital of the province of Värmland, located beautifully on the shores of Lake Vänern, the largest of Sweden's lakes. After crossing the border into Norway, we continue to Hamar, located right next to Lake Mjøsa, Norway's largest Lake. Dinner and overnight in Hamar.

#### Day 5 - Mon. August 19      **Lillehammer, Gudbrands Valley & Loen**      **B, D**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Our first stop today is Lillehammer, where the 1994 winter Olympics took place. Northbound, we continue through the fertile farmland of Gudbrands Valley. In Lom we stop to see the amazing wooden stave church dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Our route continues via Grotli to Loen. A photo-stop is made before descending the hairpin curves to the village by the fjord. The fjord and the surrounding mountains offer a picturesque and unique backdrop to your stay. Dinner and overnight in Loen.

#### Day 6 - Tue. August 20      **Geiranger Fjord, Gaular Mountain, Balestrand**      **B, D**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. This morning we cruise on the UNESCO-listed Geiranger Fjord with the impressive waterfalls "the Bridal Veil" and "the Seven Sisters". Continue to Briksdal Glacier. The last part of our journey up to the glacier will be in the motorized open Troll Cars, allowing you to enjoy the full panoramic view. After the glacier experience, sit back in the coach and enjoy the views of mountains and fjords passing by as we drive towards Balestrand. Our route will take us through the Gaular Mountain National Park. Late this afternoon we reach the beautiful resort Balestrand located on the shores of the fjord and surrounded by high mountains. This unique spot is a good candidate for the most beautiful place on earth. Dinner and overnight at the historical Kvikne's Hotel in Balestrand.



#### Day 7 - Wed. August 21      **Sogne Fjord, Flam Railway, Bergen**      **B**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Today we ferry across to Hella and continue along the scenic coastal route to Manheller for another short ferry crossing to Fodnes. We then continue to Gudvangen, where we board a 2 hour mini-cruise of the Sogne Fjord, the longest and deepest fjord in the world. Marvel at the landscape as we sail into the Nærøy fjord – a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with small farms scattered on the steep hillsides of the fjord, cascading waterfalls and towering snow-clad mountains. We disembark in Flåm and continue the journey with one of the most exceptional rail road trips in the world, the Flam Railway. With breath-taking views at every curve it will take you up to the mountain station of Myrdal, where you will connect to your train to Voss. Here the coach awaits our arrival and take us to our Bergen hotel.

#### Day 8 - Thu. August 22      **Bergen, Hardanger Fjord, Geilo**      **B, D**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Orientation tour of Bergen, taking us to the famous open air fish market, stroll across to Bryggen where the traditional wooden medieval buildings still remain as in the times of the Hanseatic League. Time at leisure for shopping, having lunch and maybe taking the funicular to the top of Mount Fløyen for a stunning view of Bergen. In the early afternoon we continue towards the Hardanger Fjord with its romantic landscape of fruit orchards and rounded mountains. We make a stop at the impressive Vøringsfoss waterfall with a vertical drop of 180 meters, before ascending the Hardanger Mountain Plateau and reaching the Geilo area. Dinner and overnight in Hallingdal.

#### Day 9 - Fri. August 23      **Hallingdal to Oslo**      **B**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. This morning we head for Oslo, the capital of Norway, with arrival around noon. Some free time for lunch before going on the guided tour of Oslo, which takes you to the Frogner Park with the controversial sculptures of the famous Norwegian Gustav Vigeland. Other highlights of the tour are the Royal Palace, the medieval fortress Akershus, the modern Opera house and City Hall. The remainder of the day is free to explore Oslo, the pedestrian street Karl Johan and the lovely shopping and restaurant wharf Aker Brygge. Overnight in Oslo.

#### Day 10 - Sat. August 24      **Oslo, Cruising to Copenhagen**      **B, D**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. We enjoy some free time to continue exploring Oslo or join the optional tour to visit some of the famous maritime museums such as the Viking Ship Museum and the Polar Ship Fram. Later this afternoon we transfer to the pier, where we will embark on the DFDS Seaways overnight cruise to Copenhagen. From the deck or one of the cafés or bars on board, you can enjoy the view heading out through the Oslo Fjord. Dinner tonight is the famous Scandinavian Smorgåsbord buffet on board the overnight cruise. Overnight in sea-view cabins.

#### Day 11 - Sun. August 25      **Arriving in Copenhagen**      **B**

Breakfast buffet on-board as you sail into Copenhagen. Upon arrival in Copenhagen we meet our local guide showing you some of the highlights of Copenhagen; the little Mermaid, the Gefion fountain, the royal residence Amalienborg Palace, Christianshavn and Nyhavn with its charming canals. Your afternoon is free to enjoy this fairy-tale city on your own. Overnight in Copenhagen.

#### Day 12 - Mon. August 26      **Copenhagen at Leisure**      **B**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Make the most of your free day to explore Copenhagen at your own pace.

#### Day 13 - Tue. August 27      **Copenhagen, Home**      **B, Inflight meals**

Breakfast buffet at the hotel. Today we return to Canada with wonderful memories of Scandinavia. Upon our arrival at Pearson International, our coach will be waiting to return us to our home towns.

