

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Highlights of Scandinavia Sweden, Norway & Denmark

10 DAYS: Friday, October 11-Sunday, October 20, 2019

\$3,579 per person double occupancy; \$4,179 for single reservations

Travel from Nordic cities to otherworldly fjords. On this 10-day Scandinavian tour, you'll experience the uniquely Nordic charms of three major seafaring cities. After exploring Stockholm, Sweden, travel west to Norway and see what all the buzz is about in Bergen. Enjoy the picturesque city center before cruising through the stunning fjords. Finish your journey in the modern city of Copenhagen.

Your tour package includes

- 8 nights in handpicked hotels, 8 breakfasts, 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 4 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Stockholm City Hall, Vasa Museum, historic Bergen, Edvard Grieg Museum, Flåm Railway,
- Norway's fjord country, Rosenberg Castle, Copenhagen's Nyhavn district,

Tour pace

You will walk for about 2 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including cobblestone streets, paved roads, and dirt paths.



Overnight flight

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Stockholm today.

Stockholm

Day 2: Arrival in Stockholm

Included meals: Dinner

Welcome to Sweden! Meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Stockholm

Included meals: Breakfast

Explore Sweden's sophisticated capital on a guided tour led by a local expert. • Enter the architecturally unique Stockholm City Hall, site of the annual Nobel Prize banquet • Step inside the Vasa Museum to see a 1628 warship that once sat at the bottom of Stockholm harbor • Stroll through the medieval Old Town and view the Baroque Royal Palace Enjoy a free afternoon in Stockholm or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Drottningholm

\$115/pp

Take a tranquil ferry ride across Lake Mälaren, and arrive at Lovön Island, where you'll explore the 16th-century Drottningholm Palace. The magnificence of this royal residence, still the permanent residence of Swedish royalty, rivals that of Versailles. Join a local guide for a tour of the UNESCO-listed palace to learn about its storied history and see the decadent rococo interiors. Please note: The ferry to Lovön Island runs from mid-April through mid-October. If you're traveling from late-October through early-April, you'll travel to the island by bus. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$125).

Day 4: Free day in Stockholm

Included meals: Breakfast

Spend the day exploring Stockholm or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Historic Sweden: A Day in Uppsala

\$119/pp

The ancient city of Uppsala is considered the birthplace of Sweden. In addition to the tombs of the first Swedish kings in Old Uppsala, the city also hosts an 800-year-old Gothic cathedral and Scandinavia's oldest university. During a guided tour, you'll enter Uppsala Cathedral, as well as the University Museum, whose exhibits pay tribute to famous Swedish scholars such as Celsius and Linneus. Then, visit the archaeological site at Gamla Uppsala to learn about the historic village that was once a center for politics, religion, and economics. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$129).

Fjord Region

Day 5: Flight to Bergen

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Make your way to the airport for a short flight to Bergen, Norway. Tonight, gather with your group for an included dinner.

Fjords Region

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Bergen

Included meals: Breakfast

Get to know Bergen with a local guide, uncovering the UNESCO World Heritage listed Bryggen district and city center. • Pass by the Bergenshus Fortress and stroll through the bustling fish and flower market

- Head to the Custom House Pier to view the city center and harbor • Drive to the medieval-style Fantoft Stave Church in Fana • Explore the Edvard Grieg Museum to learn about the famed composer

Day 7: Norwegian Fjords

Included meals: Breakfast

Spend the day journeying through Norway's fjord country, a region of otherworldly natural beauty. • Embark on a cruise through the country's steep cliffs and narrow waterways • Disembark in the village of Flåm, overlooking Aurlandsfjord • Explore the Flåm Railway Museum • Take a scenic train ride along one of the steepest rails in the world

Copenhagen

Day 8: Flight to Copenhagen & sightseeing tour

Included meals: Breakfast

After a morning flight to Copenhagen, Denmark, take a guided tour of the bustling maritime city with a local guide. • Step inside the 16th-century Rosenborg Castle, a royal residence built in the Dutch Renaissance style • View the iconic Little Mermaid statue and marvel at the wharfside homes and stores in the beautifully preserved Nyhavn district • Pass by the Amalienborg Palace and Christiansborg Palace, seat of the Danish Parliament

Day 9: Free day in Copenhagen

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Spend the day exploring Copenhagen or add an excursion. Tonight, gather with your group for a farewell dinner.

Optional Excursion

Frederiksborg Castle & Elsinore \$149/pp

Depart from Copenhagen and head north to visit Frederiksborg Castle. Take a guided tour of the castle and gardens, which sit within the three islets of the surrounding Slotssøen lake. After, join your Tour Director for a walk through Elsinore and enjoy free time to eat lunch. You'll also have the opportunity to walk to and take a photo of the nearby Kronborg Castle, setting for Shakespeare's Hamlet, before returning to Copenhagen. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$159).

Day 10: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to explore Iceland.

Add an extension to Iceland from \$1299 3 nights

Reykjavik

Day 10: Flight to Reykjavik

Included meals: Breakfast

Transfer to the airport and fly to Reykjavik, Iceland.

Day 11: Sightseeing tour of Reykjavik

Included meals: Breakfast

Get a feel for Reykjavik, often called "the greenest city on Earth," with your Tour Director leading the way. • See the iconic Höfði House, Perlan Restaurant, and the presidential residence at Bessastadir • Visit Hallgrim's Church and the University District • Pass the Old Town Center, Parliament House, and modern City Hall • Glimpse the artwork of Ásmundur Sveinsson and Einar Jónsson, both famous Icelandic artists Enjoy a free afternoon in Reykjavik or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Blue Lagoon Spa Visit \$139/pp

Travel to the Blue Lagoon, a famed geothermal spa known for its restorative properties. The lagoon's light-blue water is a mix of freshwater and seawater, and is warmed deep in the Earth before being sourced and pumped into the lagoon by a nearby geothermal plant. Relax in the lagoon's spa, admire the surrounding lava field, and soak in beneficial minerals as you float weightlessly in the ethereal water. Must book 45 days before departure.

Day 12: The Golden Circle

Included meals: Breakfast

Leave the bustle of Reykjavik behind as you travel the Golden Circle, a ring of some of Iceland's most magnificent natural wonders. • Stop at Thingvellir National Park to see the Althing, an open-air governmental assembly that was established in 930 and continued to meet until 1798 • Explore the Great Geysir geothermal area, located in the Haukadalur Valley • Discover Gullfoss, or the Golden Waterfall, a natural wonder and one of the most powerful waterfalls in Europe

Day 13: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.