



# Best of Scandinavia

featuring Sweden, Norway and Denmark

**Tour Dates:** September 13 – 22, 2023

**DAY 1 Depart the USA:** Today you'll depart the USA on your overnight flight to Stockholm, Sweden.

**DAY 2 Stockholm, Sweden:** Upon arrival you are greeted by a representative of Mayflower Cruises & Tours and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy this remarkable Scandinavian city. This evening, join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at the hotel. **Meal: D**

**DAY 3 Stockholm:** After breakfast, enjoy a Stockholm city tour. Once home of the Vikings, today's Sweden is a captivating mix of old and new. This capital city is the very epitome of a vibrant cosmopolitan center, alive with world-class art museums, cutting-edge fashion boutiques and sizzling night life. Remarkable architecture abounds, exemplified in the dazzling City Hall, site of the Nobel Prize reception, with its glittering gold walls and stunning colored-glass mosaics.

In the Gamla Stan, the city's Old Town, medieval Stockholm comes to life in this beautifully preserved historic district. This afternoon, explore the city on your own or choose an optional excursion of The Royal Canal and Vasa Warship Museum. This excursion includes a one-hour cruise along the shady canal of Djurgården and a visit to the remarkable Vasa Warship Museum, built around a restored 17th-century warship that sank in Stockholm's inner harbor. **Meal: B**

**DAY 4 Stockholm – Oslo, Norway:** Following breakfast this morning, bid farewell to Stockholm and depart for Oslo, Norway. Upon your late afternoon arrival in Oslo, you'll learn why it's hard to say what is more stunning: its glorious urban cityscapes or towering mountains and pristine countryside. The remainder of the day is free for you to experience Oslo on your own. **Meal: B**

**DAY 5 Oslo – Stalheim:** On this morning's city tour, your local guide will walk you through Vigeland Sculpture Park as you discover the amazing granite and bronze artwork. Catch a glimpse of the regal and impressive Royal Palace. All these pleasures await, plus the bustling trade of a thriving port city. After the tour, transfer to the Oslo train station for one of the best ways to view the wonders of Scandinavia: aboard a scenic railway that traverses this breathtaking countryside. Dizzying vistas open out on all sides as you speed from Oslo toward Myrdal, a remote mountain station located 3,000 feet above sea level. Famous for its remarkable panoramic views, Myrdal is the stepping off point for yet another glorious train ride on the world-renowned Flåm Railway. Descending 3,500 feet during a 13-mile journey into mountainous countryside, passengers glimpse wild rivers that cut through deep ravines, waterfalls cascading down sheer cliffs, and mountain farms clinging perilously to steep slopes. In the heart of this rugged countryside, the historic Stalheim Hotel offers a stunning panoramic perspective of astounding fjordland views. For nearly 200 years, artists, painters and poets have drawn inspiration from the awe-inspiring majesty of this remarkable natural spectacle. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 6 Stalheim – Bergen:** This morning after breakfast, you'll get a final view of the Naerøye Valley before transferring by coach to Flåm for embarkation of a cruise through the world-famous Sognefjord and Naerøye Fjords. Carved out over centuries by waves of majestic glaciers, the fjords are a testament to the magnificent power of nature. No visit to Norway would be complete without views of the emerald green cliffs of the fjord sweeping sharply down to meet glittering waters. You just may glimpse a sight of seals as they sun themselves on warm rocks. After the cruise, meet your coach in Gudvangen where you'll continue on the journey to Bergen. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 7 Bergen:** Today you'll enjoy an included city tour of Bergen, the second largest city in Norway. Bergen offers a mix of history, culture and natural beauty and proudly preserves its rich past, seen in the timbered 15th-century houses, warehouses built by seagoing merchants, and a labyrinth of cobblestone streets. Nearby, you'll visit Fantoft Stave Church, an example of wooden Medieval architecture. Characterized by the 'staves' (thick wooden posts), these traditional churches were constructed without the use of nails or glue, but relied on the expertise of local craftsmen creating joints to hold the structure together. The remainder of the day is free to explore this city on your own. **Meal: B**

**DAY 8 Bergen – Copenhagen, Denmark:** Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Copenhagen. Upon arrival, enjoy a city tour. Copenhagen offers a mix of old-world grandeur with the excitement of a thriving modern cultural center. Parks and green spaces are everywhere, and canals and waterways crisscross its streets, recalling the city's seagoing roots. The city is alive with such sites as Tivoli Gardens, one of the world's oldest pleasure parks; and Christiansborg Palace, home to the Danish Parliament and the Royal Theater. Fans of literature make a pilgrimage to the statue of *The Little Mermaid*, inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's famous fairytale, while shoppers enjoy browsing the boutiques along the famous Stroget, Copenhagen's renowned pedestrian district. **Meal: B**

**DAY 9 Copenhagen:** This day is yours to experience Copenhagen. Or join us for an optional excursion to North Zealand. You'll enjoy a scenic drive to Helsingør, one of the oldest towns in Denmark, and nearby Kronborg Castle, legendary home of Prince Hamlet. Your tour also includes views of Fredensborg Castle and an included visit to Frederiksborg Castle. Tonight join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner at the hotel. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 10 Copenhagen / USA:** Following breakfast at the hotel, bid farewell to Scandinavia with memories of life enriching experiences as you transfer to the Copenhagen airport for the flight home. **Meal: B**



## Tour Highlights

- 12 Meals: 8 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Remarkable experiences in Sweden, Norway & Denmark
- Included city tour in Stockholm, Oslo, Bergen and Copenhagen with a local guide
- See the historic City Hall & scenic Old Town in Stockholm
- Visit Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo
- Scenic rail experiences from Oslo to Myrdal and aboard the Flåm Railway from Myrdal to Flåm
- Cruise the scenic Sognefjord and Naerøye Fjord
- Overnight at the Stalheim Hotel with panoramic views of the Norwegian valley
- Tour historic Bryggen and see the unique Fantoft Stave Church in Bergen
- See *The Little Mermaid* statue in Copenhagen

Tour Departure	Per Person Twin	Single Room
September 13, 2023	\$5,698	+ \$999

**Pricing includes local Preston pickup, round trip MSP air, transfers, land package, gratuities to guides and drivers, professional tour manager and Travel Protection Plan.**



**Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$299 per person INCLUDED**  
 This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

**Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)**

• 91 days or more	Deposit Amount
• 90 to 45 days prior	20% of tour cost
• 44 to 15 day prior	30% of tour cost
• 14 to 1 day prior	40% of tour cost
• Day 1 of departure	100% of tour cost

or early departure from tour  
 • No refund on unused portions of the tour

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## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 2 and 3 – Hilton Slussen, Stockholm, Sweden**

**Day 4 – Thon Opera, Oslo, Norway**

**Day 5 – Stalheim Hotel, Stalheim, Norway**

**Days 6 and 7 – Thon Rosenkrantz, Bergen, Norway**

**Days 8 and 9 – Scandic Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark**

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