



Highlights of Northern Europe: Amsterdam to Stockholm

11 days | 14 days with Norwegian Fjords extension

The past is palpable on this one-of-a-kind tour, which brings you to cities that were once important centers of trade and emigration. After discovering Amsterdam's place in history as you explore its crisscrossing waterways, continue on to the port of Hamburg. Then, cross the Baltic Sea and get to know a pair of fascinating Scandinavian capitals: Copenhagen and Stockholm.



Your tour package includes

9 nights in handpicked hotels
9 breakfasts
4 dinners with beer or wine
5 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach
1 ferry transfer
1 on-tour flight

Included highlights

Dam Square Van Gogh Museum Rosenborg Castle Nyhavn district Vasa Museum Stockholm's Old Town

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills.

Group size

15–38

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Overnight Flight \rightarrow 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Amsterdam today.

$\textbf{Amsterdam} \rightarrow 3 \text{ nights}$

Day 2: Arrival in Amsterdam

Included meals: welcome dinner Welcome to the Netherlands! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Amsterdam

Included meals: breakfast

Today's panoramic sightseeing tour introduces you to Amsterdam's iconic canals and unique character.

- Walk through Bloemenmarkt, the city's famous floating flower market, and pass by Begijnhof Chapel
- Stroll by the canals and bridges, taking in the houseboats that dot the banks
- View Dam Square, home of many landmarks including the neoclassical Royal Palace, the 15th-century New Church, and the National Monument
- Enter the Van Gogh Museum to admire the largest collection of Vincent Van Gogh's masterpieces, including the famous *Sunflowers*

Please note: You'll be divided into groups of 20 people or less for the walking portion of the sightseeing tour. Each group will have their own local guide.

Spend a free evening in Amsterdam or add an excursion.

+ Canal Cruise & Dinner

Day 4: Free day in Amsterdam

Included meals: breakfast Enjoy a free day in Amsterdam or add an excursion. + A Day in Charming Delft

$\textbf{Hamburg} \rightarrow 2 \text{ nights}$

Day 5: Transfer to Hamburg

Included meals: breakfast, dinner Journey from the Netherlands to Hamburg, Germany. Then, sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Hamburg

Included meals: breakfast

Join a local expert on a guided tour of Hamburg, Germany's second largest city.

- Pass by the neo-Renaissance Rathaus, the city hall
- Admire St. Michaelis Church, the largest
 Baroque church in northern Germany, and
 stroll the historic warehouse district

Enjoy a free evening in Hamburg or add an excursion.

+ Hanseatic Lubeck

Copenhagen \rightarrow 2 nights

Day 7: Ferry to Copenhagen

Included meals: breakfast, dinner Travel to Puttgarden, where you'll board a ferry to cross the Fehmarn Belt and arrive in Copenhagen, Denmark. This evening, sit down for an included dinner.

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Copenhagen

Included meals: breakfast

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

$\textbf{Stockholm} \rightarrow 2 \text{ nights}$

Day 9: Flight to Stockholm

Included meals: breakfast Fly to Stockholm, Sweden this morning.

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Stockholm

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner 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 Barogue Royal Palace

Enjoy a free afternoon in Stockholm or add an excursion.

Celebrate your trip with your fellow travelers at a farewell dinner this evening.

+ Drottningholm

Flight Home

Day 11: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures) Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to visit Norway.

+ Norwegian Fjords extension

There's one word you could use to describe seeing the midnight sun during summer nights, or coasting through fjords flanked by hundredfoot-high cliffs. It's "wow." Fly to Bergen and tour Norway's prettiest places to see what we mean.

Bergen \rightarrow 3 nights

Day 11: Flight to Bergen

Included meals: breakfast Fly to Bergen, Norway, known as "the gateway to the fjords."

Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Bergen

Included meals: breakfast Join a local guide to discover historic sites in and around Bergen.

 Drive to Fana and enter the wooden, medieval-style Fantoft Stave Church

Parliament

- Pass by Bergenhus Fortress and the bustling fish and flower market
- Admire views of the city center and harbor from Custom House Pier
- Walk through the Hanseatic era alleyways and courtyards in the UNESCO-listed Bryggen harbor district

Day 13: Norwegian fjords

Included meals: breakfast Spend the day journeying through Norway's fjord country, a region of otherworldly natural beauty.

- Take a scenic train ride from Bergen to Voss, where you'll continue on to the village of
- GudvangenEmbark on a cruise through the country's
- Embark of a cruise through the country's steep cliffs and narrow waterways
- Disembark in the village of Flåm, overlooking
 Aurlandsfjord

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

Flight Home

Day 14: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures) Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.com/HNE | 1-800-597-0350**

Day 3: Canal Cruise & Dinner

\$139/\$149* (3 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)

Cruise along the canals of Amsterdam on a houseboat, enjoying the view of row houses lit up for the night. Your cruise will take you through the center of the city as you enjoy dinner by lantern light.

Day 4: A Day in Charming Delft

\$129/\$139* (8 hours, departs in the morning) Pay a visit to the world-famous flower market at Aalsmeer for a close-up look at one of Holland's bestknown national exports: its brilliantly hued tulips. Continue to Delft, a charming town of canals, cobbled alleyways and medieval architecture. Visit the Old and New Churches on a guided tour, and then enjoy free time to grab lunch and explore the town, perhaps visiting the former home of the famous painter, Vermeer. Please note: A visit to the Hague will replace the flower market on days when the market is closed.

Day 6: Hanseatic Lubeck

\$69/\$79* (5 hours, departs in the afternoon) Discover soaring spires and deep-rooted history as you explore UNESCO-listed Lübeck on a guided tour. This Baltic port served as the capital of the Hanseatic League from the 13th to the 16th century, and remnants from its powerful merchant past still abound throughout the medieval Old Town. Pass through the 15th-century Holstentor gate into the heart of the city where you'll see the Rathaus, or city hall, and explore the Gothicstyle St. Mary's Church, one of the largest churches in Germany. Enter a local confectioner's shop to enjoy a tasting of marzipan, a local specialty invented in Lubeck. Then, enjoy free time to explore—and perhaps try some famous German beer.

Day 10: Drottningholm

\$129/\$139* (4 hours, departure time varies) 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: This excursion is seasonal and runs from mid-May to end of August.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms