



# 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
- 4 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 1 ferry transfer
- 1 on-tour flight

## Included highlights

- Amsterdam canal cruise
- 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 → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Amsterdam today.

## Amsterdam → 3 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*

Take to the water on today's sightseeing tour as your local guide introduces you to Amsterdam's unique character.

- Cruise by icons like the Dutch National Opera house and the Skinny Bridge
- Reflect on the city's history as you pass by a former Jewish neighborhood
- See the dancing houses, the narrowest houses in Amsterdam, and "flower bikes" decorated by a local known as the Flower Bike Man
- Disembark near the Rijksmuseum, and stroll to the iconic Van Gogh Museum for a tour with an audio guide

Spend a free evening in Amsterdam or add an excursion.

+ Food of Amsterdam Walking Tour

### Day 4: Free day in Amsterdam

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free day in Amsterdam or add an excursion.

+ A Day in Charming Delft

## Hamburg → 2 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 → 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

## Stockholm → 2 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 Baroque 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 hundred-foot-high cliffs. It's "wow." Fly to Bergen and tour Norway's prettiest places to see what we mean.

## Bergen → 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
- 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 Gudvangen
- Embark on 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.

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**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.ca/HNE](https://goaheadtours.ca/HNE) | 1-800-754-5066

## Day 3: Food of Amsterdam Walking Tour

\$129CAD/\$139CAD\* (2.5 hours, departure time varies)

Get a taste of sweet and savory Dutch dishes on a culinary walking tour through Amsterdam. Meet your local guide at Beursplein Square, which is located in front of the Amsterdam Stock Exchange, and walk through the old city center, an area once known as the Red Light District. Make your way to your first stop, a chocolate and spice shop set along Amsterdam's oldest canal. There, you'll taste award-winning chocolate and an iconic Dutch sweet, the stroopwafel, as you learn about Amsterdam's role in the 17th-century spice trade. Continue on to a cheese shop to sample several varieties made by a local family. Next, follow the bustling Zeedijk (or sea dike, in Dutch) through the heart of Chinatown and visit a family of fishmongers who have been in business since 1938. There, taste raw herring and kibbeling, or battered, fried fish. Wrap up your tour with a visit to an award-winning microbrewery, where you'll enjoy beer and a selection of Dutch snacks. Spend some free time in the city before heading back to your hotel. Please note: This excursion is only offered from mid-May through December.

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.

## Day 4: A Day in Charming Delft

\$175CAD/\$185CAD\* (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 best-known 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

\$89CAD/\$99CAD\* (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 Gothic-style 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 Lübeck. Then, enjoy free time to explore—and perhaps try some famous German beer.

## Day 10: Drottningholm

\$185CAD/\$195CAD\* (4 hours, departure time varies)

\*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 purchased on tour. 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.ca/terms](https://goaheadtours.ca/terms)