



# Highlights of Scandinavia: Sweden, Norway & Denmark

10 days | 13 days with Iceland extension

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 sightseeing tours Expert Tour Director & local guides Private deluxe motor coach 2 on-tour flights

## Included highlights

Stockholm City Hall Vasa Museum Historic Bergen Norway's fjord country Flåm Railway Rosenborg Castle Copenhagen's Nyhavn district

#### Tour pace

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

#### Group size

15-38

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Stockholm today.

# **Stockholm** $\rightarrow$ 3 nights

#### Day 2: Arrival in Stockholm

Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to Sweden! Meet your Tour Director
and 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.

+ Historic Sweden: A Day in Uppsala

# Day 4: Free day in Stockholm

Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Stockholm or add an excursion.

+ Drottningholm

# Fjords Region $\rightarrow$ 3 nights

#### Day 5: Flight to Bergen

Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Fly to Bergen, Norway. Tonight, sit down for an included dinner.

#### Day 6: 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 7: 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

## Copenhagen → 2 nights

#### Day 8: Flight to Copenhagen

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to Copenhagen, Denmark and get settled into your hotel. Then enjoy free time for the rest of the day in the city.

# Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Copenhagen

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Take a guided tour of the bustling maritime city
with a local guide.

- Make photo stops at the 16th-century
  Rosenborg Castle, a royal residence built in
  the Dutch Renaissance style, and the iconic
  Little Mermaid statue
- See Amalienborg Palace
- Marvel at the wharfside homes and stores as you walk through the beautifully preserved Nyhavn district
- Pass by the Børsen stock exchange building and Christiansborg Palace, seat of the Danish Parliament

Tonight, celebrate your trip with your group during a farewell dinner.

# Flight Home

# Day 10: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early

morning departures)

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

#### + Iceland extension

The untouched terrain of Iceland is comprised of an otherworldly mixture of extremes. Fly to the Land of Fire and Ice to marvel at the Golden Circle's glacier-fed waterfalls, Reykjavik's cosmopolitan appeal, and more.

# **Reykjavik** → 3 nights

# Day 10: Flight to Reykjavik

Included meals: breakfast 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

  Dietrict
- 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.

+ Blue Lagoon Spa Visit

# Day 12: The Golden Circle

Included meals: breakfast, lunch
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
- Sit down for an included lunch at Fridheimar Farm, where fresh produce is grown in a greenhouse heated by geothermal energy

- 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

# Flight Home

# Day 13: 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/SFC | 1-800-754-5066** 

#### Day 3: Historic Sweden: A Day in Uppsala

\$185CAD/\$195CAD\* (4.5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

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. Enjoy free time for lunch before setting off on a guided tour of the city. You'll enter Uppsala Cathedral, as well as the University library, which was completed in 1841 and is still an active library. Then, visit the pagan archaeological site at Gamla Uppsala, an old Norse religious and burial site, to learn about the historic village that was once a center for politics, religion, and economics. End the tour with a tasting of kanelbullar, a Swedish cinnamon roll, before traveling back to Stockholm.

#### Day 4: Drottningholm

\$185CAD/\$195CAD\* (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.

# **Extension excursion options**

#### Day 11: Blue Lagoon Spa Visit

\$219CAD (4.5 hours, departs in the afternoon) Travel to the Blue Lagoon, a famed geothermal spa known for its restorative properties. The lagoon's lightblue 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. Please Note: On some departures, travelers may visit the Sky Lagoon instead of the Blue Lagoon if it is closed or Go Ahead feels there is a safety risk due to seismic activity, dangerous air quality, or magma accumulating beneath the Blue Lagoon surface. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 45 days prior to departure.