

# Scandinavian Explorer

## 10 Days | Copenhagen to Stockholm



Explore some of the highlights of Scandinavia on this 10 day tour. From the cosmopolitan Copenhagen in Denmark, to the outgoing Oslo in Norway. You'll be introduced to stunning scenery at some of Norway's most impressive Fjords, take a ride on the most beautiful train journey in the world, the Flam railway, before ending in the scintillating Swedish city of Stockholm.

- Vorringsfossen waterfall - gaze upon the towering waterfall which cascades down in to the valley below
- Flam - take an optional trip on the Flam railway, one of the most scenic journeys in the world

### What's Included

- 8 nights 4 star accommodation
- 1 overnight ferry: Copenhagen to Oslo
- 9 breakfasts & 4 dinners
- English speaking guide
- One arrival transfer on day 1 and one departure transfer on day 10 included per booking.

### What's Not Included

- Items of a personal nature and additional meals
- International flights to/from our tour start/end points and visas
- Gratuity for your tour guide. Tipping your tour guide is an entirely personal gesture

### Day 2 : Copenhagen



Copenhagen - Oslo. This morning we head out to explore Scandinavia largest city. Our tour will take us to some of the exquisite parts of the city. We'll start at the Little Mermaid, a bronze statue that guards the port, before moving on to the Royal Castle, which was completed in 1760. Continue to the beautiful area of Nyhavn, famed for its colourful architecture and restaurants, it's also where Hans Christian Andersen wrote a number of his most engaging fairy-tales. We'll also visit the City Hall Square, a focal point in the centre of the city.

This afternoon we embark our overnight ferry which will cross the Skagerrak strait, arriving into Oslo the following morning. Dinner will be served on board. **Overnight - Ferry - Copenhagen to Oslo (B, D)**

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- Oslo - discover the history of Norway's capital. A city surrounded by beautiful forests and Oslofjord
- Copenhagen - explore one of Europe's most romantic capital cities
- Bergen - marvel at the beautiful Norwegian city including UNESCO listed Bryggen old wharf and wooden buildings
- Stockholm - roam the majestic streets of the Swedish capital. From the Royal Palace to the famous City Hall
- Hardanger Bridge - travel across one of the longest suspension bridges in the world with spectacular views of Hardanger fjord

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Copenhagen

Welcome to Denmark and the capital Copenhagen. A transfer will be waiting to take you to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. **Overnight - Copenhagen**

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## Day 3 : Hallingdal Valley



Oslo - Eidfjord. Arriving into Oslo, we disembark and head to Hoenefoss and continue to Nesbyen. These towns are surrounded by incredible scenery, here we'll find alpine forests and shimmering lakes. Our next stop is the beautiful Hallingdal Valley, home to the town of Gol. We'll continue to Geilo, a small town surrounded by mountains.

This afternoon we visit the mountain plateau of Hardangervidda and the incredible Voringfossen waterfall which stands 182 metres high. After a day spent exploring incredible nature and breathtaking landscapes we reach the town of Eidfjord for our overnight stay. We'll enjoy a relaxed dinner at the hotel this evening. **Overnight - Eidfjord (B, D)**

## Day 4 : Bergen



Eidfjord - Bergen. Today we explore the stunning Norwegian scenery in more depth as we start with a visit to Hardanger Fjord. To witness this incredible piece of nature we will have to travel across an impressive piece of man made engineering, the Hardanger Bridge, one of the longest suspension bridges in the world. Reaching the other side of the bridge we make our way through Nordheimsund, through a patterned birch forest, and on to Bergen - known as the capital of the Fjords. This picturesque

town is located on a peninsula surrounded by 7 mountains and has easy access to the beautiful fjords that lie between them.

This afternoon you'll explore Bergen further, starting at the colourful Bryggen area of the city. This dock area of the city is a series of Hanseatic warehouses and commercial buildings, which have seen numerous fires and reconstructions over the years. We'll continue to traditional fish market before exploring the city centre where we'll find St Mary's Church and Haakon's Hall. **Overnight - Bergen (B)**

## Day 5 : Naeroy Valley



Bergen - Stalheim. This morning offers free time for you to explore Bergen at your own pace.

This afternoon we will travel on to the historical town of Voss. You'll be greeted by an abundance of magnificent natural beauty in Voss, from snow clad mountains to tumbling waterfalls. Next we'll make our way through Naeroy Valley and onward to Stalheim, our stop for the night, where we'll get stunning views of Stalheim Gorge. Dinner will be served at the hotel this evening. **Overnight - Stalheim (B, D)**

## Day 6 : Flam Railway & Fjords



Stalheim - Flam - Fagernes. We continue our journey through the breathtaking fjord region today. Heading through rugged terrain we reach Gudvangen and cross the Naroyfjord before we reach the picture postcard village of Flam, where you'll have the option of taking a ride on the Flam Railway, which some people argue as the most scenic railway journey in the world.

This afternoon we continue to Aurlandfjord, visiting the famous Borgund Stave Church, en route to our final destination for the day, Fagernes. This evening we'll come together for a delicious dinner at the hotel. **Overnight - Fagernes (B, D)**

## Day 7 : Oslo



Fagernes - Oslo. This morning we depart Fagernes and wave goodbye to the sublime Norwegian fjords as we make our way back to the capital, Oslo. Founded in 1048, Oslo is Scandinavia's oldest capital but today is one of the most cosmopolitan and buzzing cities in the world. The architecture across the city flits between the classical and modern, with remarkable buildings such as the Oslo Opera House, which opened in 2008.

Arriving into Oslo, we'll enjoy a tour of some of the more impressive parts of the city, starting with Frogner Park, decorated with the unique sculptures of Gustav Vigeland. We'll also make our way past the City Hall and onto Karl Johans gate which leads to the Royal Palace. **Overnight - Oslo (B)**

## Day 8 : Oslo to Stockholm

Oslo - Stockholm. Today we pass through Norwegian forests before crossing the border into Sweden. Making our way across fertile farmland through thick forest and past twinkling blue lakes, you'll get a feel for

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the changing landscapes that are so typical of Sweden. Arriving into Stockholm this afternoon we'll check in to our hotel before the rest of the day is at leisure. **Overnight - Stockholm (B)**

## Day 9 : Stockholm Sights



Stockholm – the beauty on the water – is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful capitals in the world, built on 14 islands and protected from the sea by Skargarden, the Stockholm archipelago. The morning sightseeing tour takes us to the Old Town with the Royal Palace, Stockholm Cathedral and the city centre with its famous City Hall. The afternoon is free for you to further explore Stockholm independently. **Overnight - Stockholm (B)**

## Day 10 : Stockholm

Today marks the end of your journey through 3 incredible Scandinavian countries. A transfer will be organised to take you to Stockholm Arlanda Airport for your onward flight. (B)

### HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

### Hotel Quality Voringfoss

Overlooking the Hardanger Fjord, this traditional hotel boasts a stunning mountain setting. Its guestrooms offer plenty of natural light, as well as flat-screen TVs and free WiFi. Start your day with the hearty breakfast buffet, packed with organic, healthy options,

or in the summer months enjoy the a la carte dinner menu in the hotel's restaurant. You can also enjoy a drink or two after a day of exploring in the Fossatrommo bar and unwind with your fellow travellers.



### Scandic Ornen

Start your day properly at the Scandic Ornen by choosing from any of the 100 different items on offer at the hotel's breakfast buffet. Later in the day, come back for even more gastronomic delights and feast on fresh meat, seafood and vegetables from the restaurant's a la carte menu. Once you're thoroughly satisfied, head to your bright and breezy room, which has been expertly decorated with a neutral colour palette. For active guests, the hotel offers a well-equipped gym and free bicycle hire. The accommodation is just a short walk from UNESCO-listed Bryggen Wharf and Torgallmenningen Square.



### Hotel Stalheim

Built in 1750 as an inn to accommodate travellers following the mail route between Bergen and Oslo, Hotel Stalheim has grown from offering only 20 beds to boasting 124 ensuite guestrooms. Each one offers stunning panoramic views of the breathtaking Naeroyfjord and Naeroy Valley, as does the hotel's bar and restaurant, which serves buffet style and a la carte cuisine. Enjoy a stroll through the hotel's terrace garden and soak up the views, or take advantage of the many beautiful hiking trails nearby.



### Hotel Thon Scandic Valdres

Set on the shores of Strondafjorden, Hotel Thon Scandic Valdres offers comfortable guestrooms with modern décor, complete with free WiFi and some with the additional benefit of a balcony. A complimentary breakfast buffet is served in the restaurant, which won the best hotel breakfast in the county in 2019. There's also a steakhouse and bar offering beautiful views over the fjord. During your stay, you may like to take advantage of the indoor pool, gym or sauna, or perhaps unwind in the library lounge.



### Thon Hotel Opera

Located right in the heart of the bustling city of Oslo, the Thon Hotel Opera is a colossal, high-rise building, with chic interior design and stunning views of the Fjords. Rooms are spacious and attractively decorated with splashes of colour and plush furnishings. For the more active traveller, there is a fitness centre located on the fourth floor. When it comes to dining, guests can enjoy a buffet breakfast and lunch and an a la carte dinner every day in the hotel's glorious dining hall. The hotel is well located just 100 yards from Oslo Central Station and 350 yards from the Opera House.



### PRICES / DATES INFO

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Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price.

## PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
14 May	USD 3,195	USD 4,595
04 Jun	USD 3,195	USD 4,595
11 Jun	USD 3,195	USD 4,595
02 Jul	USD 3,295	USD 4,695
16 Jul	USD 3,295	USD 4,695
30 Jul	USD 3,295	USD 4,695
06 Aug	USD 3,295	USD 4,695
20 Aug	USD 3,295	USD 4,695
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