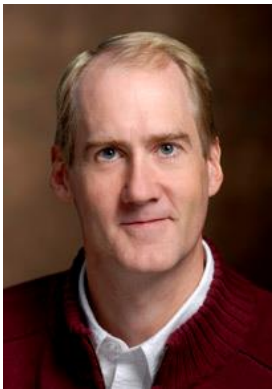


# EXPLORE SCANDINAVIA



## Featuring the Oslo & Copenhagen Classical Music Festivals

August 3 – 14, 2025



Join **Peter van de Graaff of Classical KHFM** and fellow classical music lovers to explore Scandinavia. Immerse yourself in Scandinavia's enchanting fjords, castles, glaciers, and Viking heritage. Traverse Sweden, Denmark, and Norway by train, ferry, and coach, experiencing each country's essence. Ride the world's most scenic railway to Bergen, tour Danish castles and palaces, attend the Oslo and Copenhagen Classical Music Festivals and enjoy a concert in the home of Edvard Grieg. Our 12-day classical Scandinavia journey has it all!

### TRIP AT A GLANCE

- 3 Nights Stockholm, Sweden
- 3 Nights Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1 Overnight ferry ride to Oslo, Norway
- 2 Nights Oslo, Norway
- 2 Nights Bergen, Norway





## JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

The Oslo Classical Music Festival ❖ Copenhagen Classical Music Festival ❖  
A concert in the home of Edvard Grieg ❖ The awe-inspiring scenic rail journey from Oslo  
to Bergen ❖ Traditional dining experiences ❖ Viking Church of Bergen ❖ Backstage tour  
of the Oslo Opera House ❖ A fjord cruise in Norway ❖ Travel with like-minded classical  
music enthusiasts and supporters of public radio and Classical KHFM!

## IT'S INCLUDED

- ❖ Travel with Classical KHFM host Peter and Kathleen van de Graaff
- ❖ Fully guided by an expert Earthbound Expeditions guide
- ❖ Walks with knowledgeable, fascinating local guides
- ❖ Transport by private air-conditioned motor coach
- ❖ 10 nights in centrally located, four-star hotels
- ❖ Overnight ferry, outside facing cabins from Copenhagen to Oslo
- ❖ All breakfasts, plus 11 additional meals featuring regional specialties
- ❖ Scenic train from Oslo to Bergen
- ❖ The Copenhagen Classical Music Festival and a concert in the home of Edvard Grieg

## TRIP FACTS

12 Days/ 11 Nights (*not including air travel*)

\$5,975 per person, double occupancy

\$1,975 Single supplement (*waived if willing to share & roommate is found*)

Trip begins: August 3, 2025 in Stockholm, Sweden

Trip ends: August 14, 2025 in Bergen, Norway, after breakfast

## WAYS TO SAVE \$300

Pay your final balance by check and save \$100 \* Reserve your space by March 1, 2025 and  
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Visit the Royal Palace, Stockholm

## Your Classical Music Journey Begins!

### Day 0: Depart the US for Stockholm

Remember you'll need to depart no later than the day before the trip begins.

### Day 1, August 3, 2025: Välkommen till Sverige! Welcome to Sweden!

Plan to meet your Classical KHFM host, Peter van de Graaff, your guide, and fellow travelers this evening at the group hotel in Stockholm. Enjoy a traditional Swedish welcome dinner and orientation this evening. *Sleep in Stockholm (D)*

### Day 2, August 4: Discover Stockholm!

After breakfast, begin your discovery of Sweden's capital with a guided visit to the impressive City Hall, where the annual Nobel Prize festivities take place. Tour the Vasa Museum, featuring the impressive Vasa ship, an ornate royal warship that sank in Stockholm's harbor following its launch in 1628. With your free afternoon, you may want to take a canal tour or stroll the cobbled streets of medieval Gamla Stan (Old Town). *Sleep in Stockholm (B, L)*



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*Stroll through Copenhagen's colorful old harbor*

### **Day 3, August 5: Drottningholm Royal Palace and Opera House Tour**

Drottningholm Palace, on UNESCO's World Heritage list, is the most well-preserved royal castle built in the 1600s in Sweden and at the same time, representative of all European architecture for the period. The opera theatre was built in 1766 for Queen Lovisa Ulrika, and is one of the best-preserved theaters in the world from this time period. You'll also be treated to lunch in a local restaurant and a relaxing boat cruise this afternoon. *Sleep in Stockholm (B, L)*

### **Day 4, August 6: A scenic train ride to wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen!**

Depart Stockholm for Copenhagen today. You'll arrive just in time to stroll through the old harbor. Stretch your legs and enjoy a short stroll along the waterfront to view the Little Mermaid sculpture and the Amalienborg Palace before dinner. This evening, enjoy a "Welcome to Denmark" dinner together. *Sleep in Copenhagen (B, D)*



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*Attend the Oslo and Copenhagen classical music festivals*

### **Day 5, August 7: Explore charming Copenhagen**

Join a knowledgeable local guide this morning for a fascinating walk through the old alleyways of Copenhagen. We'll visit the city's most photographed location: the harbor of Nyhavn, and stroll down the Stroget, Copenhagen's main pedestrian avenue.

Our walking tour of the old town center will end right before lunch and your local guides will be available to offer you restaurant suggestions, as well as ideas for how to spend your free afternoon. This evening, attend a classical concert together at the Copenhagen Summer Festival. *Sleep in Copenhagen (B, L)*

### **Day 6, August 8: Towering royal castles & the Danish Riviera**

Today we journey to North Sealand, filled with quaint villages, historic palaces, lovely lakes, and dense forests. We'll visit 17th-century Frederiksborg Castle, built by Christian IV in Danish Renaissance style. Stop to admire Hamel's castle in Helsingor, then savor regional fare at local restaurant and drive the Yellow Roads along the "Danish Riviera" back to Copenhagen. Time permitting, we will visit the award-winning Louisiana Art Museum en-route to Copenhagen. *Sleep in Copenhagen (B, L)*

### **Day 7, August 9: Cruise to Oslo, Norway**

Sleep in and rest up, or enjoy a morning on your own to explore Copenhagen. Rent a bike, stroll through a market or visit a museum. In the early afternoon, plan to meet your guide and fellow travelers and depart your hotel for the Danish ferry terminal. Once on board, enjoy the fresh air and an included dinner.

*Sleep on board in a cozy cabin. (B, D)*



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*Discover Bergen!*

### **Day 8, August 10: Welcome to Oslo!**

Enjoy awe-inspiring scenery as you cruise up Oslo Fjord. Upon arrival in Norway's capital city, we'll have a private tour of Oslo's highlights, including the renowned Oslo Opera House. You'll also have time to see the Vigeland Sculpture Park, with its 212 life-sized sculptures by Norwegian sculptor Gustav Vigeland, who devoted his career to the project.

*Sleep in Oslo (B, L)*

### **Day 9, August 11: Free day in Oslo and the opera house**

Enjoy free time this morning to enjoy the many sights of Oslo. We suggest a visit to the Fram Polar Ship Museum or the Edvard Munch Museum. This afternoon, meet your fellow travelers for an exclusive tour of the Norwegian National Opera House.

*Sleep in Oslo (B, L)*

### **Day 10, August 12: Scenic Train to Bergen and the Grieg Music Festival**



Today we travel west past the gorgeous fjords and mountains aboard the Oslo to Bergen scenic train. Bergen is located on the Byfjord and is famous for its ancient harbor and open-air fish market. Your hotel is located right on the harbor in the city's old wharf district, featuring traditional wooden buildings and a medieval atmosphere. Founded in 1070 during the days of the Hanseatic League, it is one of the oldest large trading ports in Northern Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival in Bergen, we'll tour the home of Edward Grieg and enjoy a concert. *Sleep in Bergen (B, L)*



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*Enjoy a half-day cruise to the fjords of Norway.*

### **Day 11, August 13: The Fjords of Norway**

Today, sailing out from the city center gives us a great view of Bryggen in Bergen, which is on UNESCO's world heritage list. From there, we sail through magnificent scenery in the Osterfjord towards Modalen, Norway's second smallest municipality. The crew takes us safely through powerful currents of the shallow and narrow Mostraumen straits. The further into the fjord we venture, the steeper and more powerful the mountain landscape becomes, and we pass several waterfalls along the way. The captain steers the boat so close to one of these waterfalls that you risk feeling its refreshing mist!

The beautiful fjord landscape is rich in bird and animal life, and, with a little luck, we might see seals sunbathing on the rocky shore or even eagles soaring over us.

Return to Bergen and enjoy a farewell feast. *Sleep in Bergen (B, D)*

### **Day 12, August 14: Return Home with a Lifetime of Memories!**

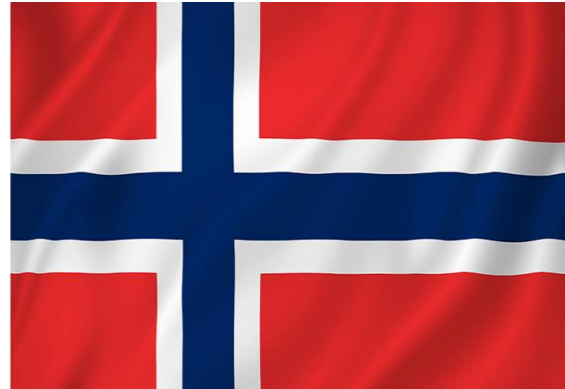
Your Scandinavia tour ends after breakfast in Bergen, Norway. You may wish to stay on and further explore the fjords and enjoy the beauty of Norway.

*– Itinerary Details Subject to Change –*



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# Meet Your Hosts!

**Peter & Kathleen van de Graaff**



**Peter van de Graaff** has hosted a nightly show on WFMT for over 35 years and is the program director of the Beethoven Network, which is broadcast on 150 radio stations nationwide. He has hosted many other nationally-syndicated programs and was also the host of live broadcasts from the Lyric Opera of Chicago. Peter was a professional opera singer and has performed with opera companies and orchestras throughout the world. He also has a great interest in languages and speaks Dutch, German and French and has studied many others.



**Kathleen van de Graaff**, was a professional singer, having performed opera, oratorio and solo recitals throughout the United States, Europe, China, Japan and Central America. She taught at Lake Forest College for 25 years and continues teaching in her private studio. Kathleen and Peter have traveled throughout Europe obtaining scores of early 18th Century chamber operas called "intermezzi". They have subsequently gained notoriety as specialists in this area, performing them throughout the United States, Costa Rica and Asia as well as on live broadcasts over WFMT, Chicago, and have given the modern premieres of many intermezzi by Domenico Sarri, Leonardo Leo, Giuseppe Orlandini and

Giovanni Bononcini. Two of these intermezzi, Mirena e Floro and Moschetta e Grullo, were released in 2007 on Naxos International Record Label. A third opera, Miride e Damari can be heard on the Naxos website.



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