



A Summer in Scandinavia!

Sweden - Denmark - Norway

August 10 - 21, 2023



Join friends and fellow travelers and experience the Nordic world of fjords, castles, glaciers, and the legacy of the Vikings on our tailor-made Scandinavian adventure. Travel by train, ferry, and private coach through Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. Ride the world's most scenic railway line to Bergen and tour Danish castles and palaces. See the Danish crown jewels, preserved Viking ships and the warship *Vasa*, rescued after more than 300

years on the bottom of Stockholm harbor. To top it off, you'll visit Edvard Grieg house in Bergen. 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



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HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the best of Copenhagen, Oslo, Oslo and Bergen * Travel by scenic train across Sweden and Norway * Enjoy a sunset cruise from Denmark to Oslo * Explore museums bursting with Viking treasure * Tour an old Viking church * Enjoy traditional meals in well loved locally owned restaurants * Stroll through museums teeming with art * Tour the Danish Riviera and visit Hamlet's castle * Enjoy a scenic fjord cruise in Norway * Travel with like-minded friends who share your passion for culture, history and good food.

IT'S INCLUDED

- An expert veteran Earthbound Expeditions guide
- Walks with knowledgeable fascinating local guides
- Transport by private air-conditioned motor coach, plus rail tickets
- Eleven nights in centrally located, comfy four-star hotels
- Overnight ferry from Copenhagen to Oslo (outside ocean facing cabin and private bath included)
- All breakfasts, plus 11 additional meals featuring regional specialties
- Fjord Cruise in Norway
- Scenic train from Stockholm to Copenhagen and from Oslo to Bergen
- A visit to the home of the Norwegian composer, Edward Grieg
- All activities as listed in your tailor-made itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

Trip Insurance * International airfare * Any items not mentioned in your custom itinerary

TRIP FACTS

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

\$5,579 per person, double occupancy

\$1,475 single supplement (waived if a roommate is found)

August 10, 2023: trip begins in Stockholm, Sweden

August 21, 2023: trip ends in Bergen, Norway after breakfast

SAVE \$300: Pay your final balance by check and save \$100 * Reserve your space by March 15, 2023 and save \$100 * Earthbound travel alumni always save \$100

RESERVATIONS: A \$500 per person deposit is due at time of sign up. Final payment is due 75 days before departure.



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Your Journey Begins!

Day 0: Wednesday, August 9 - Depart the USA for Stockholm, Sweden!

Note: If flying over on Icelandair, you may wish to schedule a free stopover in Iceland on the way over to Europe. Or, upon your return.

Day 1: Thursday, August 10 - Välkommen till Sverige! Welcome to Sweden!

Your Scandinavia journey begins at 6:00pm at the group hotel located in the heart of historic Stockholm. Meet your guide, travel companions for an introductory walk of the city center. This evening you'll enjoy a welcome feast in the heart of Stockholm. *Sleep in Stockholm (D)*

Day 2: Friday, August 11 - Discover Stockholm

After a hearty Swedish 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*, 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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Enjoy three full days in Denmark!

“Where words fail, music speaks”

Hans Christian Andersen

Day 3: Saturday, August 12 – Stockholms archipelago

Accompanied by our local guide, we set off to discover Stockholm’s archipelago. Today we will hop a local ferry which will transport us to one of Stockholm’s many islands. For centuries, poets, writers, farmers and fisherman have occupied this gorgeous region of Scandinavia. Enjoy a pot of muscles and a beer, or how about trying the local fish at a local cozy seaside restaurant. Stroll through the villages and soak up the sun before heading back to Stockholm for the evening. *Sleep in Stockholm (B, L)*

Day 4: Sunday, August 13 – A Scenic Rail Journey from Sweden to Denmark

Depart Stockholm for wonderful, wonderful 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” drink and dinner in the charming old town. *Sleep in Copenhagen (B, D)*



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“Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale.”

Hans Christian Andersen

Day 5: Monday, August 14 - Charming Copenhagen

This morning you are invited to join a knowledgeable local guide for a fascinating walk through the old alleyways of Copenhagen. We'll visit the city's charming 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 lunch restaurant suggestions as well as ideas for how to spend your free afternoon. *Sleep in Copenhagen (B, L)*

Day 6: Tuesday, August 15 - A Day to Explore Copenhagen

The day is yours to stroll the merry streets of Copenhagen. Art lovers might consider visiting the National Gallery, while history buffs might choose to visit the impressive National Museum. Spend an afternoon in the Tivoli Gardens or explore the Renaissance Rosenberg Palace, home to the Danish crown jewels. The possibilities are endless! *Sleep in Copenhagen (B)*



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Day 7: Wednesday, August 16 - Castle and Ferry North to Norway

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. You'll savor regional fare at local restaurant and drive the Yellow Roads along the "Danish Riviera" back to Copenhagen. This afternoon board the overnight ferry to Norway. Enjoy dinner and a sunset cruise on the Danish Sea.

Sleep onboard the ferry (B, L)

Day 8: Thursday, August 17 - Oslo, Sculptures and Viking ships

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 Viking Ship Museum, which features three well-preserved Viking ships dating to 800 AD, found in royal burial mounds with fascinating artifacts. 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: Friday, August 18 - Free day to explore Oslo

Enjoy free time this morning to enjoy the many sights of Oslo. We suggest a visit to the Fram Polar Ship Museum or Vigeland Museum. Your guide will be on hand to offer you some advice on how best to spend your day. *Sleep in Oslo (B)*



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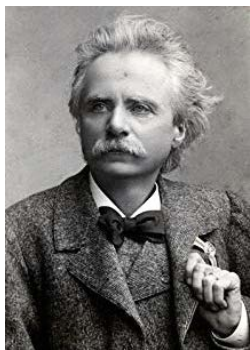
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Enjoy a half-day cruise to the fjords of Norway.



Day 10: Saturday, August 19 - A Scenic Train to Bergen and the Home of Edvard Grieg: 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. *Sleep in Bergen (B, L)*

Day 11: Sunday, August 20 - The Fjords of Norway

Today, enjoy a fjord cruise. On this half day excursion, you will see western Norwegian scenery at its best, with narrow fjords and majestic mountains. Since we'll be departing early tomorrow morning, join your host and fellow travelers for a farewell luncheon feast featuring regional specialties. *Sleep in Bergen (B, L)*



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Day 12: Monday, August 21 - Return Home with a Lifetime of Memories!

Your Scandinavia tour ends after breakfast in Bergen, Norway. ***Note: You may wish to stay on and further explore the fjords and enjoy the beauty of Norway. Bergen is a great jumping off point in which to further explore Norway. If flying over on Icelandair, you may wish to schedule a free stopover in Iceland. This would greatly compliment your time in Scandinavia. Please let us know if you are in need of advice. We are here to help.



Reservations & Questions

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Know before you go!

Packing: This itinerary includes trains and an overnight ferry from Copenhagen to Oslo. This means that at times you will be moving and carrying your bag both on to trains and the ferry. We suggest that you pack light and utilize wheeled luggage. Porters are available at the hotels, but not on the ferries or on the trains.

Physical requirements: In order to make the most of your trip, you should be able to walk independently for one to two miles, often over uneven cobblestones and be able to stand for a period of time during walking or museum tours or visits to other sights. You must also be able to maneuver luggage onto trains and ships (see above).

Dress: Summertime in Scandinavia is warm. We suggest “casually smart” dress and you may leave your formal attire and family jewels at home!

Reservations: A \$500 per person deposit is due at time of sign up. Final payment is due 75 days before departure. Deposits and payments can be made by check or credit card. [Click here for our full terms and conditions.](#)

Travel Insurance: Earthbound Expeditions strongly encourages the purchase of travel insurance coverage. We include information on trip insurance in your deposit information.

Hosted Journeys: The inability of a host to participate in a tour is not grounds for a full or partial refund.

-Itinerary subject to change-



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