

EXPLORE SCANDINAVIA

— FEATURING THE COPENHAGEN CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL —

JULY 29 – AUGUST 9, 2027



Välkomna! Join me, **Melissa Ousley**, host of **YourClassical**, and fellow Minnesota Public Radio travelers for an unforgettable journey through Scandinavia.

Discover the region's breathtaking fjords, majestic castles, shimmering glaciers and rich Viking heritage as we explore Sweden, Denmark and Norway by train, ferry and coach. Experience the charm and culture of each country, from cruising the fjords of Norway to riding one of the world's most scenic railways to Bergen.

Along the way, we will attend the **Copenhagen Classical Music Festival** and enjoy a special concert in the former home of **Edvard Grieg**. With spectacular scenery, fascinating history, and unforgettable musical experiences, this 12-day Scandinavian adventure has it all. I hope to see you in Sweden in 2027! Space is limited.

Melissa Ousley

YourClassical Host, MPR



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A Journey Designed for Deeper Discovery

Our thoughtfully designed land-and-sea journey allows you to truly connect with each destination, spending three nights in both Stockholm and Copenhagen, and two nights in Oslo and Bergen. This extra time gives you the opportunity to explore beyond the highlights—to wander around historic neighborhoods, visit world-class museums, enjoy exceptional musical performances, savor local cuisine, and discover the unique character of each city. With carefully paced days and centrally located hotels, you'll have the freedom to experience Scandinavia's culture, history, and everyday charm in a more meaningful way.

TRIP AT A GLANCE

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



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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Copenhagen Classical Music Festival ❖ A special concert in the home of Edvard Grieg ❖ The awe-inspiring scenic rail journey from Oslo to Bergen ❖ A scenic Norwegian fjord cruise ❖ Backstage tour of the Oslo Opera House ❖ Visit the historic Viking Fantoft Stave Church ❖ Traditional Nordic dining experiences ❖ Travel with like-minded, curious explorers who share your passion for lifelong learning



IT'S INCLUDED

- ❖ Travel with YourClassical host, Melissa Ousley of Minnesota Public Radio
- ❖ Fully guided by a hand-selected expert Earthbound Expeditions guide
- ❖ Fascinating walks with knowledgeable local guides
- ❖ Transportation by private, air-conditioned motor coach
- ❖ 10 nights in centrally located four-star hotels
- ❖ An overnight ferry from Copenhagen to Oslo (outside-view cabins requested)
- ❖ All breakfasts, plus 10 additional meals featuring regional specialties
- ❖ Admission to the Copenhagen Classical Music Festival
- ❖ Special concert in the home of Edvard Grieg
- ❖ Scenic rail journey from Oslo to Bergen
- ❖ Scenic Norwegian fjord cruise
- ❖ Backstage tour of the Oslo Opera House
- ❖ Visits to Fantoft Stave Church and other cultural landmarks

TRIP FACTS

12 days/11 nights (*not including air travel*)

\$8,395 per person, based on double occupancy

\$2,150 single supplement (*waived if willing to share & roommate is found*)

Trip begins: July 29, 2027, in Stockholm, Sweden

Trip ends: August 9, 2027, in Bergen, Norway, after breakfast

WAYS TO SAVE \$300

Pay your final balance by check and save \$100 * Reserve your space by October 1, 2026, and save \$100 * MPR and Earthbound travel alumni save \$100

This journey includes travel by train, ferry and motor coach, so guests must be comfortable boarding and disembarking and managing their own luggage during transfers. Porter service is available at the hotels but not on trains or ferries.



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The Vasa Museum in Stockholm is home to the remarkably well-preserved Vasa, a 1628 royal warship

Your Classical Music Journey Begins!

Depart the U.S. no later than July 28, arriving in Stockholm in time for the start of your journey. If your schedule allows, consider arriving a day or two early to relax, adjust to the time change, and explore more of Sweden's beautiful capital.

Day 1: Thursday, July 29 – Välkommen till Sverige! Welcome to Sweden!

Upon arrival, meet your YourClassical host, Melissa Ousley, your expert Earthbound Expeditions guide, and your fellow travelers. This evening, gather for a festive welcome dinner—the perfect introduction to the music, culture, and camaraderie that await in Scandinavia. *Overnight in Stockholm at the Stockholm Sheraton (D)*

Day 2: Friday, July 30 – Discovering Stockholm and the Vasa Museum

After breakfast, explore Gamla Stan, Stockholm's charming Old Town, and visit the magnificent Royal Palace. Then, enjoy a short ferry ride to the acclaimed Vasa Museum, home to the remarkably preserved Vasa, the royal warship that sank on its maiden voyage in 1628 and was recovered more than 300 years later. Following lunch, enjoy a free afternoon and evening to explore Stockholm at your leisure. The popular ABBA Museum is just a short walk from the Vasa Museum for those wishing to continue sightseeing. *Overnight in Stockholm at the Stockholm Sheraton (B, L)*



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Spend three days exploring Copenhagen

Day 3: Saturday, July 31 – Stockholm Archipelago

Today, cruise by ferry through the breathtaking Stockholm Archipelago to the charming seaside village of Vaxholm, often called the "Capital of the Archipelago." Along the way, admire forested islands, colorful cottages, and graceful sailboats. Upon arrival, stroll the picturesque harbor, browse inviting boutiques, and enjoy a leisurely lunch overlooking the marina. Spend the afternoon exploring at your own pace or visit historic Vaxholm Fortress, which has guarded Stockholm's harbor for centuries. Return to Stockholm in the late afternoon. *Overnight in Stockholm at the Stockholm Sheraton (B, L)*

Day 4: Sunday, August 1 – Onward to Copenhagen!

Travel by private motor coach to the beautiful Danish capital of Copenhagen. Upon arrival, stretch your legs with a stroll along the historic waterfront, where you'll see the iconic Little Mermaid statue and Amalienborg Palace, home of Denmark's royal family. This evening, gather for a festive "Welcome to Denmark" dinner. Note: Tickets to the Copenhagen Classical Music Festival will be purchased if an evening performance is announced. *Overnight in Copenhagen at the Admiral Hotel (B, D)*



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Attend the celebrated Copenhagen Chamber Music Festival

“The music of Norway is the music of nature.”

Edvard Grieg

Day 5: Monday, August 2 – Charming Copenhagen

This morning, join an expert local guide for a leisurely walk through Copenhagen's historic heart. Stroll the city's charming lanes, visit the colorful harbor of Nyhavn, and explore the lively Strøget, one of Europe's longest pedestrian promenades.

Following lunch, enjoy a free afternoon to explore at your own pace. Your local guides will be happy to recommend favorite cafés, museums, and hidden gems. This evening, attend a performance at the Copenhagen Classical Music Festival.

Overnight in Copenhagen at the Admiral Hotel (B, L)

Day 6: Tuesday, August 3 – Royal Castles and the Danish Riviera

Journey through the beautiful countryside of North Zealand, where charming villages, royal castles, and forested landscapes await. Visit magnificent Frederiksborg Castle, Denmark's finest Renaissance palace, then continue to Helsingør to admire Kronborg Castle, the legendary setting of *Hamlet*. After savoring a regional lunch, enjoy a scenic drive along the picturesque Danish Riviera before returning to Copenhagen. This evening, attend another performance at the Copenhagen Classical Music Festival.

Overnight in Copenhagen at the Admiral Hotel (B, L)

Day 7: Wednesday, August 4 – Sunset Cruise to Oslo, Norway

Enjoy a leisurely morning in Copenhagen. Browse a local market, visit a museum, rent a bicycle or simply relax before meeting your guide for the transfer to the ferry terminal. This afternoon, board your overnight ferry to Oslo. Settle into your cabin, take in the sea views on the top deck and enjoy an included dinner as you sail north toward Norway. *Overnight aboard the overnight ferry to Oslo (B, D)*



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Discover Charming Bergen!

Day 8: Thursday, August 5 – Welcome to Oslo!

Enjoy awe-inspiring scenery as we cruise this morning into the spectacular Oslofjord. Upon arrival in Norway's vibrant capital, enjoy an exclusive, private tour of Oslo's modern, award-winning Opera House. Afterward, we visit the breathtaking Vigeland Sculpture Park, home to 212 life-size sculptures by Gustav Vigeland. After a delicious group lunch, check into your centrally located hotel and enjoy a wonderful free evening exploring Oslo at your leisure. *Overnight in Oslo (B, L)*

Day 9: Friday, August 6 – A Free Day in Oslo

The morning is yours to experience the many wonders of Oslo. We highly recommend a visit to the historic Fram Polar Ship Museum or the Edvard Munch Museum. Take the afternoon to stroll the scenic waterfront, relax at a café, or hunt for the perfect souvenir before gathering with fellow travelers for dinner on your own.

Overnight in Oslo (B)

Day 10: Saturday, August 7 – Scenic Train to Bergen and the Edvard Grieg home

Today we board the legendary Oslo-to-Bergen railway, traveling west past majestic mountains and cascading waterfalls. Beautiful Bergen, a UNESCO World Heritage Site founded in 1070, welcomes us with its historic charm, medieval atmosphere, and iconic wooden wharf. Our hotel sits right on the ancient harbor. Upon arrival, you'll tour Troidhaugen, the beloved home of composer Edvard Grieg, and enjoy an intimate concert. *Overnight in Bergen (B, L)*



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Enjoy a half-day cruise to the fjords of Norway

Day 11: Sunday, August 8 – The Fjords of Norway



We set sail directly from the city center, offering a spectacular waterside view of Bergen's UNESCO-listed Bryggen wharf. Cruise through the magnificent Osterfjord toward the charming village of Modalen, navigating the thrilling currents of the narrow Mostraumen Strait. As the fjord walls grow steeper, the boat will pass cascading waterfalls—and get close enough to feel their refreshing mist! Keep an eye out for sunbathing seals and soaring eagles along the way. Return to Bergen tonight for a festive farewell feast. *Overnight in Bergen (B, D)*

Day 12: Monday, August 9 – Return home with a lifetime of memories

Our unforgettable Scandinavian journey concludes after breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to further explore the magic and beauty of Norway's fjords. (B)

Questions & Reservations

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Meet Your Host



Melissa Ousley stumbled into a career in broadcasting many years ago when she moved to Wichita, Kansas, to be near her soon-to-be husband. The attraction to radio work was immediate and the chance to be around great music without having to practice piano was irresistible. After establishing herself as a host and producer in Kansas, Melissa moved to Minnesota and continued her work at WCAL in Northfield and Minnesota Public Radio in St. Paul. She also hosts live Friday night broadcasts of the Minnesota Orchestra. She earned a

bachelor's degree from Eastman School of Music, but she's quick to point out that her decades of work in radio have taught her the most. When she's away from the airwaves, Melissa loves to run, read, and spend time with friends and family.



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Troldhaugen, Home of composer Edvard Grieg

Musical Highlights

The Copenhagen Classical Music Festival

Each summer, **Copenhagen** comes alive with the sounds of world-class classical music as musicians from Denmark and around the globe gather for the **Copenhagen Classical Music Festival**. Set in beautiful churches, historic halls, and intimate concert venues, the festival showcases outstanding chamber music, solo recitals, and performances by rising international artists alongside celebrated musicians. Whether you are a lifelong concertgoer or simply enjoy exceptional music, these inspiring performances offer a memorable opportunity to experience classical music in one of Europe's most elegant and welcoming capitals.

Home of Edvard Grieg

Enjoy one of the tour's most memorable musical experiences with an intimate concert at **Troldhaugen**, the beloved home of Norwegian composer, **Edvard Grieg**. Performed in the elegant concert hall overlooking the lake beside Grieg's villa, this unforgettable recital brings his music to life in the very place where many of his masterpieces were composed. Surrounded by the beauty that inspired Grieg's creativity, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for his enduring legacy and Norway's rich musical heritage.



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