



# EXPLORE SCANDINAVIA

with John Birge of Minnesota Public Radio

Featuring the Copenhagen Classical Festival, Oslo Opera House & Edvard Grieg Festival in Bergen!

August 7 - 18, 2022



Join host **John Birge** of **Minnesota Public Radio** and fellow classical music lovers to experience the Nordic world of fjords, castles, glaciers, and the legacy of the Vikings on this Minnesota Public Radio and Earthbound Expeditions adventure. Travel by train, ferry, and coach through Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. Ride the world's most scenic railway line to Bergen, tour Danish castles and palaces and attend a classical concert at Tivoli Gardens. 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 be treated to a performance in the home of Edvard Grieg in Bergen. Our 12 day Minnesota Public Radio 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

Copenhagen Classical Music Festival \* A concert in the home of Edvard Grieg Music Fest \* The awe-inspiring scenic rail journey from Oslo to Bergen \* Traditional dining experiences \* Viking Museum of Oslo \* Backstage tour of the Royal Opera House \* A fjord cruise in Norway \* Travel with like-minded friends of Public Radio.

## IT'S INCLUDED

- With Minnesota Public Radio host John Birge
- An expert Earthbound Expeditions guide
- Walks with knowledgeable fascinating local guides
- Transport by private air-conditioned motor coach
- 11 nights in centrally-located, four-star hotels
- Overnight ferry from Copenhagen to Oslo
- All breakfasts, plus 11 additional meals featuring regional specialties
- Scenic train from Oslo to Bergen
- Copenhagen Classical Music festival, plus Oslo Chamber Music Festival
- Carbon off-setting credits through the 5-star Carbon fund \*Information on back page

## NOT INCLUDED

Trip Insurance \* International airfare \* Anything not mentioned in your MPR itinerary

## TRIP FACTS

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

\$5,995 per person, double occupancy

\$1,475 single supplement

August 6, 2022: Optional group flight departs Minneapolis – St. Paul

August 7: trip begins in Stockholm, Sweden

August 18: trip ends in Bergen, Norway

*\*New reservations are fully refundable until December 31, 2021*



## OPTIONAL GROUP FLIGHT: Coming soon!

Group air tickets include all taxes, fees and airport transfers while in Europe.

## SAVE UP TO \$250

Pay your final balance by check and save \$100 \* Reserve your space by March 1, 2022 and save \$50 \* MPR and Earthbound travel alumni save \$100

**RESERVATIONS:** A \$500 per person deposit is due at time of sign up. An additional \$200 deposit is requested if opting for the group flight. Final payment is due 75 days before departure. Deposits and payments can be made by check or credit card.



Tour the 18<sup>th</sup> century Drottningholm Palace Theatre

“Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale.”  
Hans Christian Andersen

## YOUR CLASSICAL ADVENTURE BEGINS...

**Day 0: Saturday, August 6 - Optional Group Flight Departs Minneapolis for Stockholm**

**Day 1: Sunday, August 7 - Välkommen till Sverige! Welcome to Sweden!**

Your Scandinavia journey begins at 6:00pm at the group hotel in Stockholm. For those guests arriving on the group flight, an airport transfer is included from Stockholm Arlanda Airport to the hotel, located in the heart of the historic city. Meet your travel companions for an introductory walk of the city center. This evening you'll enjoy a welcome reception and included dinner. *Sleep in Stockholm (D)*

**Day 2: Monday, August 8 - Stockholm Royal Palace**

One of the largest palaces in Europe, with over 600 rooms and no fewer than five museums, the Royal Palace is the official residence of His Majesty the King of Sweden. Built primarily during the 18<sup>th</sup> century in the Italian Baroque style, in the very spot where the “Tre Kronor” castle burned down in 1697. We'll tour the remarkable Drottningholm Palace Theatre. This tiny jewel of an opera house is one of the few 18th century theatres in Europe. It is still used today for operas and plays. What makes historic space so very special is that it still has its original stage machinery. After, enjoy lunch and a free afternoon in Stockholm. *Sleep in Stockholm (B, L)*



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*Discover wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen*

### **Day 3: Tuesday, August 9 - 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*, 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)*

### **Day 4: Wednesday, August 10 - From Sweden to Denmark**

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" drink and then join your fellow travelers for an evening classical concert *Sleep in Copenhagen (B, D)*

### **Day 5: Thursday, August 11 - 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. This evening attend a fabulous classical concert together!

*Sleep in Copenhagen (B, L)*



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#### **Day 6: Friday, August 12 - 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)*

#### **Day 7: Saturday, August 13 - 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 an independent dinner and a sunset on the Danish Sea. *Sleep onboard the ferry (B, L)*

#### **Day 8: Sunday, August 14 - 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)*



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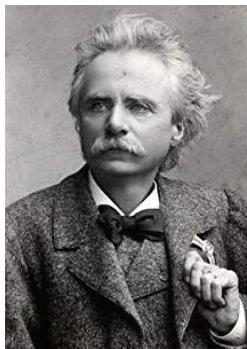
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*Discover the Beauty of Bergen, Norway*

### **Day 9: Monday, August 15 - Free day in Oslo**

This morning meet your fellow travelers for an exclusive tour of the Norwegian National Opera House. After, enjoy the many sights of Oslo. We suggest a visit to the Fram Polar Ship Museum or the Edvard Munch Museum. *Sleep in Oslo (B)*



**Day 10: Tuesday, August 16 - A Scenic Train to Bergen and the Home of Edward 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 and enjoy a concert.  
*Sleep in Bergen (B, L)*

### **Day 11: Wednesday, August 17 - White Lady Cruise to the Fjords of Norway**

Today, enjoy a fjord cruise to Mostraumen. 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)*

### **Day 12: Thursday, August 18 - 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.

*-Itinerary subject to change-*



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*Enjoy a scenic cruise to the fjords of Norway*

## YOUR MPR PUBLIC RADIO HOST



**John Birge** has been hosting, producing and performing classical music for more than 25 years. Since 1997, he has been hosting on Minnesota Public Radio's Classical Music Service. He played French horn for the Cincinnati Symphony and Pops Orchestra and performed with them on their centennial tour of Europe in 1995. He was trained at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Eastman School of Music and Interlochen Arts Academy.

## RESERVATIONS & QUESTIONS

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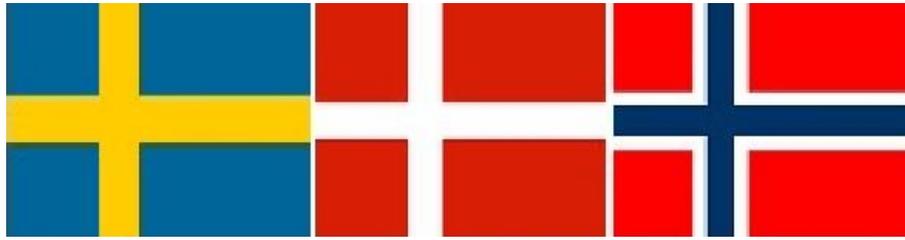
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**Packing:** This itinerary includes trains and an overnight ferry from Copenhagen to Oslo. This means that at times you will be moving and carrying your bag both on to trains and the ferry. We suggest that you pack light and utilize wheeled luggage. 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. An additional \$200 deposit is requested if opting for the group flight. 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.](#)

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