

# Summer in Scandinavia

with All Classical Portland Featuring the Stockholm Opera Festival, Copenhagen Tivoli Festival, Oslo Chamber Music Festival & More! August 11-22, 2022



Join host Brandi Parisi, friends of All Classical Portland and fellow classical music lovers to experience the Nordic world of fjords, castles, glaciers, and the legacy of the Vikings on this Scandinavian 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 multiple concerts in historic settings. See the Danish

crown jewels, preserved Viking ships and the warship V*asa*, rescued after more than 300 years on the bottom of Stockholm harbor. To top it off, you'll be treated to an opera at Stockholm's royal palace and a performance at the Edvard Grieg festival 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**

Copenhagen Classical Music Festival \* Oslo Chamber Music Festival \* A concert in the home of Edvard Grieg \* The awe-inspiring scenic rail journey from Oslo to Bergen \* Traditional dining experiences \* Viking Museum of Oslo \* Backstage tour of the historic Drottningholm Opera House \* A scenic fjord cruise in Norway

#### **IT'S INCLUDED**

- With All Classical Portland host, Brandi Parisi
- An expert Earthbound Expeditions guide
- Walks with knowledgeable fascinating local guides
- Transport by private air-conditioned motor coach, plus rail tickets
- Eleven nights in centrally located, four-star hotels
- Overnight ferry from Copenhagen to Oslo
- All breakfasts, plus 11 additional meals featuring regional specialties
- Classical performances throughout
- Scenic train from Stockholm to Copenhagen and from Oslo to Bergen
- Copenhagen classical music festival, Oslo Chamber Music Festival and a concert in the home of Edward Grieg
- 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 itinerary

#### **TRIP FACTS**

12 Days/ 11 Nights (not including air travel) \$5,750 per person, double occupancy \$1,275 single supplement August 10, 2022: optional group flight departs Portland August 11: trip begins in Stockholm, Sweden August 22: trip ends in Bergen, Norway \*New reservations are fully refundable until December 31, 2021



## **OPTIONAL GROUP FLIGHT:** Coming in September 2021!

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 February 15, 2022 and save \$50 \* All Classical 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.



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Tour the 18<sup>th</sup> century Royal Palace Opera House, Stockholm.

## YOUR CLASSICAL ADVENTURE BEGINS ....

Day 0: Wednesday, August 10 - Optional Group Flight Departs Portland for Stockholm

#### Day 1: Thursday, August 11 - 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 guide, travel companions and All Classical Portland host 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: Friday, August 12 - Stockholm Royal Palace and Opera House: 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. This afternoon we'll tour the 18<sup>th</sup> century, historic Drottningholms Slottsteater! After an included Swedish lunch, the afternoon is yours to

further explore Stockholm. 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 13 - 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)

#### Day 4: Sunday, August 14 - 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 then join your fellow travelers for an evening classical concert. Sleep in Copenhagen (B, D)



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Discover the castles of Denmark!

## "Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale." Hans Christian Andersen

#### Day 5: Monday, August 15 - 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 classical concert together! Sleep in Copenhagen (B,L)

#### Day 6: Tuesday, August 16 - 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 Rosenborg Palace, home to the Danish crown jewels. The possibilities are endless! *Sleep in Copenhagen* (B)



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Explore Bergen, Norway

#### Day 7: Wednesday, August 17 - 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: Thursday, August 18 - 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 19 - 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 Vigeland Museum.

This afternoon meet your fellow travelers for an exclusive tour of the Norwegian National Opera House. Sleep in Oslo (B, L)

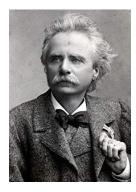




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Enjoy a half-day cruise to the fjords of Norway.



Day 10: Saturday, August 20 - A 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)

#### Day 11: Sunday, August 21 - 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 22 - 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.

## MEET YOUR ALL CLASSICAL HOST



In 2007 the Los Angeles classical station where I was a host decided to change formats to something more lucrative: country music! I took the opportunity to move on to the greener landscape of Portland and All Classical Portland.

I started in radio when I was 17. Prior to L.A. I worked at stations in Orlando and Atlanta, and for six years I was a host and producer on Minnesota Public Radio's national service, Classical 24. I grew up

around New Orleans and Jackson, MS, and was a flute performance-turned-communications major at Ohio University, followed later by graduate school in philosophy at Purdue University. My first post- college job was as a music engineer in the early 90s Atlanta hip hop scene.

In addition to working at All Classical Portland, I teach philosophy at Portland Community College, and I'm a certified yoga instructor. I live with my husband Brice in SE Portland.

Brandi is on the air 10 am to 2 pm weekdays, and 3 am to 8 am Saturday at All Classical Portland. She also hosts Played in Oregon Sundays at 1 pm.



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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. 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.

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

Concerts and Events: If a planned concert or event is cancelled for any reason, another concert or event will be included in its place. This is not cause for refund.

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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