# EXPLORE SCANDINAVIA



# Featuring the Copenhagen Classical Festival! August 14 - 25, 2022



Join Suzanne Bona of Sunday Baroque and fellow classical music lovers as she hosts her fifth adventure with Earthbound Expeditions. Experience the Nordic world of fjords, castles, glaciers, and the legacy of the Vikings on this adventure to Scandinavia. 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 the Copenhagen Classical Music Festival and enjoy a concert in the home of Edward Grieg. To top it off you'll be treated to 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**

The Drottningholm Opera backstage tour & Copenhagen Classical Music Festival &A concert in the home of Edvard Grieg Music &The awe-inspiring scenic rail journey from Oslo to Bergen &Traditional dining experiences & Viking Museum of Stockholm & 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 Sunday Baroque!

#### IT'S INCLUDED

- With Sunday Baroque host Suzanne Bona
- Fully guided by 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
- The Copenhagen classical music festival and Grieg home museum concert
- Carbon off-setting credits through the 5-star Carbonfund

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

Trip Insurance \( \rightarrow \) International airfare \( \rightarrow \) Anything not mentioned in your Sunday Baroque itinerary

#### TRIP FACTS

12 Days/ 11 Nights (not including air travel)

\$5,495 per person, double occupancy

\$1,175 single supplement

August 14, 2022: trip begins in Stockholm, Sweden

August 25, 2022: trip ends in Bergen, Norway after breakfast

#### WAYS TO SAVE \$300

Pay your final balance by check and save \$100 \* Reserve your space by February 15, 2022 and save \$100 \* Sunday Baroque and Earthbound travel alumni save \$100

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.





Visit the Royal Palace, Stockholm

# Your Classical Music Journey Begins!

# Day 0: Saturday, August 13 - Depart the US for Stockholm

Remember you'll need to depart no later than today.

# Day 1: Sunday, August 14 - Välkommen till Sverige! Welcome to Sweden!

Plan to meet your Sunday Baroque host, Suzanne Bona, 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: Monday, August 15 - Stockholm Royal Palace and Backstage Opera House Tour

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 18th century in the Italian Baroque style, in the very spot where the "Tre Kronor" castle burned down in 1697. We'll tour rooms with splendid interiors from the 18th and 19th centuries, Rikssalen (the Hall of State) with Queen Kristina's silver throne, and Ordenssalarna (Halls of the Orders of Chivalry) and have time for one of the museums. You'll also be treated to a backstage tour of the historic Drottningholm Slottsteater. Sleep in Stockholm (B, L)





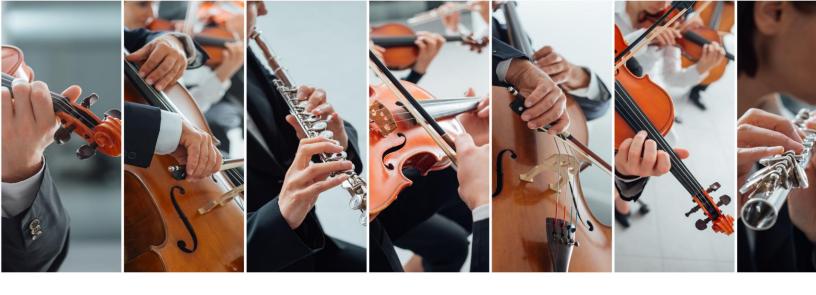
Enjoy three full days in Denmark!

#### Day 3: Tuesday, August 16 - 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)

### Day 4: Wednesday, August 17 - 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" dinner and then join your fellow travelers for an evening classical concert at the Copenhagen summer fest. Sleep in Copenhagen (B, D)



### Day 5: Thursday, August 18 - 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)

#### Day 6: Friday, August 19 - 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)

# Day 7: Saturday, August 20 - 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 21 - 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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Discover Bergen!

### Day 9: Monday, August 22 - 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: Tuesday, 23 - 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: Wednesday, August 24 - 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 25 - 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.





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



# About Your *Sunday Baroque* host Suzanne Bona

Suzanne Bona is the host and executive producer of Sunday Baroque, a syndicated weekly radio show of Baroque and early music. She originated the program in 1987 on WSHU Public Radio in her hometown of Fairfield, CT. Sunday Baroque has been distributed nationally since 1998, and is currently heard by more than a quarter million listeners every week on approximately 240 public radio stations and networks across the United States, and across the world at www.SundayBaroque.org.

Suzanne is also a classically trained flutist who earned a Bachelor of Music degree from The University of Connecticut. She continues to perform frequently as a soloist and chamber musician, and has especially enjoyed collaborating with some of her musically talented public radio colleagues in performances for listeners across the country. When she is not making radio, playing her flute, or traveling the world, Suzanne's hobbies include reading, running, cooking, and baking. She is also passionate about the cause of literacy; she was a longtime volunteer tutor and board member for her local Literacy Council, and was a community advisory board member for a children's literacy initiative. Suzanne believes that travel, music and reading are among life's most transformational experiences.



# **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.

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 Details Subject to Change –



# About Earthbound Expeditions!

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