

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

The Best of Scandinavia

*Featuring a Five Night Royal Caribbean Norwegian Fjord Cruise
Saturday, August 18 – Tuesday, August 28, 2012*

Start with two nights in **Stockholm**, end with two nights in **Copenhagen** and include a five-night **Norwegian fjord cruise** in the middle and you have a dream vacation. Scandinavia offers remarkable vistas and experiences as you visit countryside that was home to the Viking tribes during the first millennium. A fjords cruise gets you close to the majesty of the Norwegian coastline, with its sheer cliffs, stunning waterfalls and beautiful Norwegian flora. Your trip begins in stunning Stockholm, built across 14 islands and called the “**Venice of the North.**” After two nights exploring the city, you fly to Copenhagen where you’ll board ship and set sail for **Bergen**, an ancient town with an array of delights that include fantastic museums and shops. Don’t miss the UNESCO World Heritage site of old **Hanseatic Wharf**, a combination of natural and man-made beauty makes this area one of the most spectacular port areas in the world. **Geiranger** has been called the best fjord viewing location in Norway—this hilltop village lies at the end of one of the largest fjords in western Norway and its landscape is truly remarkable. You’ll disembark back in Copenhagen, a warm and inviting city with quaint cobblestone streets and friendly people. This fairy-tale-esque destination is perfumed with the sweet scent of bakeries and a guided tour brings out the highlights, including the **Little Mermaid Statue**.

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Stockholm and Copenhagen to Boston
- Flight from Stockholm to Copenhagen
- Four nights’ first-class accommodations: Stockholm two nights, Copenhagen two nights
- Five-night Norwegian fjord cruise: Royal Caribbean’s Vision of the Seas
- 24 meals: twelve breakfasts, four lunches, eight dinners
- Round Trip airport/hotel/port transfers
- Sightseeing and touring

FEATURES:

Stockholm tour, Copenhagen tour, free day in Bergen, free day in Geirangerfjord, free day in Copenhagen;

OPTIONALS: Copenhagen—Castle Tour of North Sealand with lunch (full day); Helsinki—3n pre-tour extension, \$1,649 pp/do

Rates

Inside Cabin, Category M:

\$4419 per person double occupancy

\$5409 per person single occupancy

Outside Superior Cabin:

\$4609 per person double occupancy

\$5809 per person single occupancy

Balcony Cabin Upgrade:

\$4859 per person double occupancy

\$6309 per person single occupancy

Triple accommodations are unavailable for this tour. Add \$150 for current air taxes and fees and \$189 for port charges. Cancellation waiver and travel insurance is \$305. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at time of booking. Passport required.

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Depart Boston this evening on your overnight flight to Stockholm.

Day 2: Stockholm, Sweden - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in beautiful Stockholm, a city built across 14 islands, often referred to as the “Venice of the North”. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner in the old town at Fem Sma Hus, where five 17th-century timber-framed homes capture the flavor of a bygone era.

Today dinner will be included.

Accommodations: First Hotel Amaranten Sweden

The First Hotel Amaranten is a modern hotel located in downtown Stockholm. The rooms are designed to offer a comfortable and relaxing stay. .

Day 3: Stockholm

Discover what makes Stockholm one of the world’s most charming cities on a locally guided tour. Visit and tour City Hall, where the Nobel prizes are awarded. Stroll the Old Town – Gamla Stan – and see the Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace and the Parliament. At the Vasa Ship Museum learn about its tragic maiden voyage when it sank in one nautical mile. This ship, commissioned in the 1600’s by King Vasa, was raised 334 years later from its sunken ocean home. Perfectly preserved, it offers a rare glimpse into the amazing craftsmanship of the 17th century.

Day 4: Stockholm - Copenhagen, Denmark - Cruise Ship Embarkation - Cruise

Fly* to Denmark’s lovely capital, Copenhagen. Later in the day, board Royal Caribbean’s Vision of the Seas, a cruise ship devoted to providing the highest level of comfort and service on the high seas. During your cruise of the Norwegian fjords, you can take advantage of Vision’s amenities which include the day spa, themed restaurants, casino, plus outdoor saunas and pool.

Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Accommodations: Royal Caribbean

Day 5: At Sea

Today is a day of shipboard delights during your full day at sea aboard your floating resort. Relax while enjoying the ocean scenery, visit the ship’s shops, or attend the various live shows ongoing throughout the day. Join your fellow guests tonight for a special Captain’s Welcome Aboard reception.

Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Accommodations: Royal Caribbean

Day 6: Bergen, Norway

This morning awake to find yourself docked in Bergen with a day to do as you please! This ancient and stunning Norwegian town offers visitors an array of delights including the surrounding rugged and glacial landscape plus the stone architecture of the 13th-century church. Bryggen, Bergen’s old Hanseatic wharf, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and well worth a visit. You also may choose to visit the Håkonshallen, part of Bergen’s ancient fortress and a must see attraction. Completed in the 13th-century, its first recorded use was in 1261 for the marriage celebration of King Magnus Håkinsson and Princess Ingeborg of Denmark. Or, visit the home and gardens of the great composer Edvard Grieg who was a resident of the city.

Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Accommodations: Royal Caribbean

Day 7: Geirangerfjord

Geirangerfjord is a hilltop village lying at the end of a steep and narrow valley that is home to one of the largest fjords in western Norway. You may opt to join an excursion from Geiranger to Djupavnett Lake and the Dalsnibba glacier, dissected by numerous rivers. This fjord is 10 miles long, cutting its way inland and creating sheer cliffs laced with streaming waterfalls, including the Seven Sisters and the Bridal Veil. While in town, be sure to visit the Geiranger Church, a wooden structure built in an octagonal shape.

Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Accommodations: Royal Caribbean

Day 8: Cruising

Your voyage across the sea is not over yet...you have one last day to explore your cruise ship and soak up the atmosphere aboard while the staff takes care of all your needs.

Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Accommodations: Royal Caribbean

Day 9: Copenhagen, Denmark - Disembark Ship

After disembarkation in Copenhagen, join a local expert on an engaging city tour viewing Denmark's center of Parliament known as Christianborg; Amalienborg Palace, the 10th century residence of the Danish Royal Family; and the Royal Theater. Your tour includes a stop at the Little Mermaid Statue, a tribute to the city's most famous son, Hans Christian Andersen.

Today breakfast will be included.

Accommodations: Hotel Kong Arthur Denmark

Day 10: Copenhagen

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the best Copenhagen has to offer! Perhaps you will visit the shops or famous museums in Copenhagen. This afternoon, the fantasy world of Tivoli Gardens** provides the perfect place to end your stay in Denmark. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner in a local restaurant.

Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Accommodations: Hotel Kong Arthur Denmark

Day 11: Copenhagen - Tour Ends

You will be transported to the airport for your return flight back to Boston.

Today breakfast will be included.

***Proof of Citizenship** is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require a valid Passport for travel with at least 6 months' validity. Passports are the responsibility of each traveler.*

***PLEASE NOTE:** This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

***PLEASE NOTE:** This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*