

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Scandinavia: The Capitals & the Fjords with 3-Night St. Petersburg Extension

14 DAYS: Thursday, May 7-Wednesday, May 20, 2020

\$4,789 per person double occupancy; \$5,589 for single reservations

Includes round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$450.



See the wonders of Europe's northern reaches. From seafaring histories to fantastic fjords, there's a lot to love about Scandinavia. Marvel at Norway's amazing green cliffs and blue water, then set sail from Oslo to Denmark's waterside capital. Hit the remaining Nordic capitals—Stockholm and Helsinki, two of the world's most livable cities—and explore their maritime pasts and modern architecture.

Your tour package includes

- 10 nights in handpicked hotels, 2 nights aboard a cruise ship, 12 breakfasts, 6 dinners with beer or wine
- 6 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach
- 2 on-tour flights
- Hotels accommodations (or similar)
- Bergen: Clarion Admiral
- Oslo region: First Hotel Milleium
- Overnight cruise to Denmark
- Copenhagen: Copenhagen Island
- Stockholm: Courtyard Stockholm Kungsholmen
- Overnight cruise to Finland
- Helsinki: GLA Hotel Art

Included highlights

- Historic Bergen, Norway's fjord country, Viking Ship Museum, Copenhagen's Nyhavn district,
- Vasa Museum, Senate Square, Temppeliaukio Church

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 2 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including cobblestone streets, paved roads, and dirt paths.

Overnight Flight

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Bergen today.

Bergen

Day 2: Arrival in Bergen

Included meals: Dinner

Welcome to Norway! Meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Bergen

Included meals: Breakfast

Get to know Bergen with a local guide, uncovering the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Bryggen harbor district and city center. • Pass by the Bergenhus Fortress and stroll through the bustling fish and flower market • Head to the Custom House pier to view the city center and harbor • Drive to the medieval-style Fantoft Stave church in Fana • Explore the Edvard Grieg Museum to learn about the famed composer

Day 4: Norwegian Fjords

Included meals: Breakfast

Spend the day journeying through Norway's fjord country, a region of otherworldly natural beauty. • Embark on a cruise through the country's steep cliffs and narrow waterways • Disembark in the village of Flåm, overlooking Aurlandsfjord • Explore the Flåm Railway Museum • Take a scenic train ride along one of the steepest rails in the world

Oslo Region

Day 5: Flight to the Oslo Region & Viking Ship Museum

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Make your way to the airport in Bergen and **fly to the Oslo region**. Then, step inside the Viking Ship Museum to learn about Viking history and view the once-feared longships. This evening, sit down to an included dinner with your group.

Cruise

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Oslo & cruise to Copenhagen

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

This morning, a local guide introduces you to Oslo's local highlights. • Step inside Oslo City Hall to see stunning murals • Enter the Munch Museum, dedicated to the work of famous Norwegian artist Edvard Munch • Stroll through Vigelandsparken, a sculpture park, as you enjoy a short panoramic tour in the center of the city • Explore the local Mathallen market Later, **board a cruise ship and sail through the night to Copenhagen**, Denmark. Aboard the ship, sit down to an included dinner.

Copenhagen

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Copenhagen

Included meals: Breakfast

After docking in Copenhagen, take a guided tour of the bustling maritime city with a local guide. • Step inside the 16th-century Rosenborg Castle, a royal residence built in the Dutch Renaissance style • View the iconic Little Mermaid statue and marvel at the wharfside homes and stores in the beautifully preserved Nyhavn district • Pass by the Amalienborg Palace and Christiansborg Palace, seat of the Danish Parliament

Day 8: Free day in Copenhagen

Included meals: Breakfast

Spend the day exploring Copenhagen on your own or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion **Frederiksborg Castle & Elsinore** \$135/pp

Depart from Copenhagen and head north to visit Frederiksborg Castle. Take a guided tour of the castle and gardens, which sit within the three islets of the surrounding Slotssøen lake. After, join your Tour Director for a walk through Elsinore and enjoy free time to eat lunch. You'll also have the opportunity to walk to and take a photo of the nearby Kronborg Castle, setting for Shakespeare's Hamlet, before returning to Copenhagen. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$145)

Stockholm

Day 9: Flight to Stockholm

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

After one last morning in Copenhagen, board your **flight to Stockholm**, Sweden. Later this evening, sit down to an included dinner with your group.

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Stockholm

Included meals: Breakfast

Explore Sweden's sophisticated capital on a guided tour led by a local expert. • Enter the architecturally unique Stockholm City Hall, site of the annual Nobel Prize banquet • Step inside the Vasa Museum to see a 1628 warship that once sat at the bottom of Stockholm harbor • Stroll through the medieval Old Town and view the Baroque Royal Palace Enjoy a free afternoon in Stockholm or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion **Historic Sweden: A Day in Uppsala** \$119/pp

The ancient city of Uppsala is considered the birthplace of Sweden. In addition to the tombs of the first Swedish kings in Old Uppsala, the city also hosts an 800-year-old Gothic cathedral and Scandinavia's oldest university. During a guided tour, you'll enter Uppsala Cathedral, as well as the University Museum, to see the exhibits that pay tribute to famous Swedish scholars such as Celsius and Linneus. Then, visit the archaeological site at Gamla Uppsala to learn about the historic village that was once a center for politics, religion, and economics. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$129)

Cruise

Day 11: Cruise to Helsinki

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Spend the morning exploring Stockholm on your own or add an excursion. This afternoon, **board an overnight cruise to Helsinki**, Finland. Aboard the ship, sit down to an included dinner.

Optional Excursion Drottningholm

\$119/pp

Take a tranquil ferry ride across Lake Mälaren, and arrive at Lovön Island, where you'll explore the 16th-century Drottningholm Palace. The magnificence of this royal residence, still the permanent residence of Swedish royalty, rivals that of Versailles. Join a local guide for a tour of the UNESCO-listed palace to learn about its storied history and see the decadent rococo interiors. Please note: The ferry to Lovön Island runs from mid-April through mid-October. If you're traveling from late-October through early-April, you'll travel to the island by bus. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$129)

Helsinki

Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Helsinki

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Trace Finland's history and experience its culture during a guided tour of the country's capital city. • Pass through Senate Square • See the modern Olympic Stadium • Stop to enter Temppeliaukio Church, carved into a rocky hillside • Recall Finland's most famous composer in the eponymous Sibelius Park. Tonight, gather with your group for a farewell dinner.

Day 13: Free day in Helsinki

Included meals: Breakfast

Spend the day exploring on your own or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Tallinn

\$165/pp

Cruise to Tallinn, a bustling port city dominated by Toompea Hill. The aura of the 14th and 15th centuries is strong in the central city's jumble of medieval walls, spires and winding cobblestone streets. You'll enjoy a guided tour followed by free time to discover the city on your own. Please note: Non-U.S. and non-Canadian citizens who plan to visit Tallinn should check on entry requirements for Estonia in advance of their trip. Must book 20 days before departure

Day 14: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to explore St. Petersburg.

Add an extension to St. Petersburg

from \$899 3 nights



St. Petersburg

Day 14: Travel to St. Petersburg

Included meals: Breakfast

Journey by train through the historic Karelia region, a romantic land of lakes, rivers and canals, before reaching the historic Russian city of St. Petersburg. Enjoy a free evening in St. Petersburg or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Russian Theatre Show & Dinner \$145/pp

This evening, travel to a local restaurant for a three-course dinner of Russian specialties. After your meal, enter Nikolaevsky Palace and take in a traditional folklore performance in the palace's theater. Enjoy champagne and hors d'oeuvres as you watch musicians, singers, and dancers perform traditional pieces against a backdrop worthy of the Tsars. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$155)

Day 15: Sightseeing tour of St. Petersburg

Included meals: Breakfast

Meet a local guide for a sightseeing tour of St. Petersburg, Russia's grand imperial city. • See Palace Square, one of Europe's great meeting places • Walk through the St. Peter and Paul Fortress and Cathedral Church • Drive down Nevsky Prospekt, a tree-lined boulevard • Visit the ornate Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood • Discover over three million pieces of art in the Hermitage Museum

Day 16: Free day in St. Petersburg

Included meals: Breakfast

Spend the day exploring St. Petersburg on your own or add an excursion. This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

Optional Excursion Peterhof \$115/pp

Journey to the southern shore of the Gulf of Finland to visit Peterhof, Peter the Great's summer residence. On a guided tour, you'll explore the opulent palaces and gardens of Peterhof and learn how this former retreat of the czars has changed throughout Russian history. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$125)

Day 17: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.