

PREMIUM

11D8N

# SIGHTS OF SCANDINAVIA

TOUR CODE: ENSCSS

Set off on an epic journey to the Nordic countries where you will see the capitals of Denmark, Sweden and Norway. Witness some of the most jaw-dropping sceneries and marvel at nature's most extraordinary wonders.

GEIRANGERFJORD, NORWAY

8 Northern Europe | EU Holidays



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## HIGHLIGHTS

### NORWAY

#### BERGEN

- Fish Market
- Bryggen
- Fløibanen Funicular Railway

#### FLÅM

- Nærøfjord cruise (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

#### GEIRANGER

- Geirangerfjord cruise (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

- Eagle Road

- Seven Sisters Waterfall

- Trollstigen Platform

#### NORWAY FJORDS

- Geirangerfjord
- Hardangerfjord
- Nærøfjord

#### LILLEHAMMER

- Ski Jumping Arena

#### OSLO

- Vigeland Sculpture Park
- Oslofjord
- City Hall
- Royal Palace

### SWEDEN

#### KARLSTAD

- Old Stonebridge
- Karlstad Domkyrkan Cathedral

#### STOCKHOLM

- City Hall (entrance included)
- Cathedral
- Royal Palace
- Old Town

### DENMARK

#### COPENHAGEN

- Tivoli Gardens
- City Hall Square
- Hans Christian Andersen Statue
- Christiansborg Palace

- The Little Mermaid sculpture

- Gefion Fountain

- Carlsberg

#### ARHUS

- Den Gamle By
- Skagen



### DAY 1 HOME > COPENHAGEN

#### Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and depart for **Copenhagen**, Denmark's capital, that sits on the coastal islands of Zealand and Amager.

### DAY 2 COPENHAGEN

#### Meals on Board, Dinner

Upon your arrival, find out why people call it 'wonderful Copenhagen' by going on a city tour. Take in the sights of the famous amusement park **Tivoli Gardens**, the **City Hall Square**, **Hans Christian Andersen Statue**, and **Christiansborg Palace**. Stop by **The Little Mermaid** sculpture, which was inspired by the fairytale and the mystical **Gefion Fountain**. If traffic conditions are fair, we will make an additional pit stop at Nyhavn for some picturesque photos. After which, we will visit the **Carlsberg** for the copenhagen **exBEERience** and **explore the heritage site**, where J. C. Jacobsen brewed the very first Carlsberg beer.

### DAY 3 COPENHAGEN > ARHUS > SKAGEN > OVERNIGHT CRUISE

#### Breakfast, Dinner

Leave for **Arhus** and visit **Den Gamle By**, a fascinating collection of completely furnished old Danish town houses. Proceed

to **Skagen**, the northernmost point in Denmark and the spot where the Baltic Sea meets the North Sea. Board an overnight cruise that will take you to **Bergen**, a city on Norway's southwestern coast. It's surrounded by mountains and fjords, including **Sognefjord**, the country's longest and deepest fjord.

*Note: If the overnight cruise is not available, it will be replaced by a domestic flight to Bergen - Copenhagen and stay an additional night in Copenhagen without extra charges.*

### DAY 4 OVERNIGHT CRUISE > BERGEN > HARDANGERFJORD

#### Breakfast, Dinner

Arrive Bergen, a large Norwegian city with a small-town charm. Your exploration begins with a Bergen city tour – soak up the sights and sounds of the bustling **Fish Market** in the heart of the city; wander along the narrow alleyways and step into the smorgasbord of shops and galleries in **Bryggen**; and take the **Fløibanen funicular** to the top of **Mount Fløyen** for a fantastic bird's-eye view of the city. Continue on to the **Hardangerfjord** region, the second longest fjord in Norway. The Hardangerfjord is 179 km long and greatest depth is 900 meters. The definition of a fjord is a long, narrow inlet from the sea with steep sides or cliffs, created by glacial erosion during the ice age.

## DELICACIES

### Meal Plan

8 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners

## 3-4★ HOTELS

**COPENHAGEN** First Hotel

**HARDANGERFJORD** Myrkdalen Hotel

**SKEI** Thon hotel Jølster

**OPPLAND REGION** Thon Hotel Otta

**OSLO** Quality Hotel

**STOCKHOLM** Quality Hotel

*\*Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered accommodation similar to this list.*

## EXPERIENCE

- Calsberg exBEERience
- 3 famous fjord views (Hardangerfjord, Nærøfjord, Geirangerfjord)

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SCENIC SUMMER PANORAMA OF THE OLD TOWN PIER ARCHITECTURE OF BRYGGEN IN BERGEN, NORWAY

## DAY 5 HARDENGERFJORD > VOSS > SKEI

*Breakfast, Dinner*

Travel to the region of Voss, consider an optional train ride by the Flåm Railway, and embark on the most incredible train journey where you will be treated to endless panoramas of placid rivers, deep ravines, cascading waterfalls, and mountain farms clinging precariously to snow-capped peaks. You will embark on a **2-hour sightseeing cruise** within **Gudvangen and Flam** on the pristine waters of **Nærøyfjord** and prepare to be blown away by that spectacular vistas displayed before your very eyes. Nærøyfjord, is the world's narrowest fjord and is included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Transfer to **Skei** for an overnight stay.

## DAY 6 SKEI > GEIRANGER > OPPLAND COUNTY

*Breakfast, Dinner*

We will take a **scenic sightseeing cruise** across the deep blue waters of this UNESCO

World Heritage Site, **Geirangerfjord**. The fjord offers archetypal scenery, encircled by high mountains, where abandoned farms cling to the hillsides. The trip between Geiranger and **Hellesylt** takes in the **Knivsflå Waterfalls**, known as the Seven Sisters and **Friaren** (the Suitor). You will also sail close to the **Brudesløret (Bridal Veil) falls**. Along the Geirangerfjord, you will experience the very best of Norwegian nature, close up. Drive along **Ørnevegen ("the Eagle Road")**, a name given to the steepest part of the road up the mountainside from Geiranger to **Eidsdal**, 620 metres above sea level. Here, the road twists through eleven hairpin bends as it climbs up to **Stigrøra**, 858 metres above sea level. The road is carved into the mountain and supported by stone walls. An impressive bridge carries the road across the **Stigfossen waterfall**. On this road, even the bravest can feel the adrenaline pumping through their veins. The **Trollstigen platform** and two viewpoints are designed by Reiulf Ramstad Architects. From the top, well protected against the elements by steel and glass, you

can see all the way down the mountainside. The structure is designed so that it blends in with the surroundings. Some parts are carved into the rock, whilst other parts are built on stone walls. Transfer to **Oppland County** for a pleasant night in the Norwegian countryside.

## DAY 7 OPPLAND COUNTY > LILLEHAMMER > OSLO

*Breakfast, Dinner*

Winter sports enthusiasts will rejoice as we head to the site of the 1994 Winter Olympics, **Lillehammer**. Make a pit stop at the **Lynggårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena** for some magnificent photos from the top of the tower, before exploring Lillehammer on your own. After arriving in **Oslo**, the **capital of Norway**, you will begin your exploration of the city by visiting the **City Hall**, which is covered with a rainbow of motifs depicting the Norwegian history, culture and lifestyles, as well as the neo-classical structure of the **Royal Palace**. Last but not least, the **Vigeland Sculpture Park** is one attraction that is worth

seeing. It is the life's work of the sculptor Gustav Vigeland, which features more than 200 life-sized sculptures in bronze, granite and cast iron.

## DAY 8 OSLO ▶ KARLSTAD ▶ OREBRO ▶ STOCKHOLM

*Breakfast, Dinner*

Cross the border to **Sweden** and reach **Karlstad**, a city on the Klarälven River in Värmland County, Sweden. It's known for the neighbouring Lake Vänern to the south. The **Old Stonebridge** is the country's longest Stonebridge and one of Karlstad's most photographed locations. Nearby, the **Karlstad Domkyrkan Cathedral** has an elaborate chandelier and two model ships hanging from its ceiling. It has a neo-classic white style and its choir stand two sculptures of angels made by Carl Mille, with one of the biggest church organs in Sweden. We make our way to **Örebro**, a beautiful town in the very heart of Sweden before reaching **Stockholm** for the night.

## DAY 9 STOCKHOLM

*Breakfast*

Kick off the day with a tour to Stockholm, which will bring you to the **Stockholm City**

**Hall**. The three crowns perched atop the 106-metre-tall tower forms a silhouette that is instantly recognisable within the city. This romantic structure also hosts the prestigious Noble Prize banquets in its Blue and Golden Halls, with the latter featuring 18 million gold mosaic tiles. Continue to the **Old Town** to view the magnificent structures of the **Cathedral** and the **Royal Palace**.

*Note: Should the main building of Stockholm City Hall be closed for conference, we will only stop for a photo of the exterior.*

## DAY 10 STOCKHOLM ▶ HOME

*Breakfast*

Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home. If time permits, you can consider an optional visit to the Drottningholm Palace, one of Sweden's Royal Palaces, which is situated on the island Lovön.

## DAY 11 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your vacation with EU Holidays and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

*Suggested Excursion:*

- **Drottningholm Palace:** €69
- **Flam Railway:** €89 or **Briksdal Glacier** €89

*These additional activities enrich your experiences; however it is entirely optional and will be at your own discretion. Minimum group size may apply and subject to schedule.*

*Tipping Guideline: (based on 11D8N)*

- €88 per person

*Note:*

- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- All activities are subject to weather conditions.
- During major events and festivals, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.

