

NORWEGIAN EXPERIENCE

09 Nights / 10 Days

Copenhagen * Oslo * Stockholm * Viking Line * Helsinki

Day 01 Arrive Copenhagen

Arrive in Copenhagen. Transfer to hotel and check in. Copenhagen was once a humble fishing village, but today it is the glittering capital of the Danish empire. Copenhagen is considered to be one of the world's premier capitals of design and Scandinavia's pre-eminent city. The city's 1000 year history written by ambitious kings, inspiring artists and designers, are found in the sumptuous palaces, copper roofed town houses and atmospheric cobbled squares. Transfer to hotel and check in. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 02 Copenhagen

After breakfast proceed for three hour city sightseeing in Copenhagen with a local guide (service included). See the "The Little Mermaid" – national symbol of Denmark and a fairy tale figure and is one of Denmark's biggest tourist attractions. Visit the colorful and exceptionally beautiful Dutch-style canal lined with cafés, bars and restaurants at Nyhavn – the oldest part of Copenhagen harbour. Also visit the Amalienborg Palace – winter home for the Danish royal family, Amalienborg Castle, Rosenborg Castle where the Crown Jewels and the Danish Crown Regalia are kept and the Rose Gardens. In the evening we recommend a Canal tour or a visit to the shopping area called "Strøget", which is the world's longest pedestrian shopping street. The shops and department stores along Strøget offer everything from world famous Danish design to trendy clothing, antiques and souvenirs. After that late evening visit Tivoli Gardens, one of the world's oldest amusement parks. Here you will find 29 restaurants, 26 rides, 4,00,000 flowers and 1,10,000 different colored lights. The park, which is located right in the centre of the city, has something for everyone - whether you want fun and entertainment, an artistic event or a gourmet dinner. Tivoli is one of the highlights in Copenhagen (entrance included). Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 03 Copenhagen – Oslo

After breakfast morning at leisure on own. Later check out and transfer to the ferry terminal for your cruise onboard DFDS Seaways to Oslo. The cruise departs at 1700 hrs. Check in starts at 1530 hrs. The gates shut at 1430 hrs. Overnight onboard the cruise.

Day 04 Oslo

Today morning arrive in Oslo at 0930 hrs. Between the Oslo Fjord and the green hills of Oslomarka lies the Norwegian capital! The combination of city life and easy access to outdoor activities makes Oslo a unique destination. Transfer to hotel and check in. Rest of the day at leisure for personal discovery and shopping. We recommend a walk down the Karl Johan Boulevard, Oslo's main street for shopping and a stroll along the Aker Brygge with its numerous shops, cafés, bars and restaurants and also the biggest mall. Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 05 Oslo

After breakfast proceed for a three hour city sightseeing tour with an English speaking authorised local guide. The tour includes a visit to the famous „Holmenkollen Ski Museum and Tower“ – the world's oldest museum specializing in skis and the history of skiing, situated in Holmenkollen ski jump - inside the actual jump, where visitors can experience the magnificent view of Oslo. Then visit the Royal Castle, Nobel Peace Centre and City Hall. After that you can take optional tours like – the amazing „Vigeland“ sculpture park having 192 sculptures with more than 600 figures or take an optional trip to „Bygdøy“ to see some of the famous museums, such as the „Fram Exploration Museum“ where you will see the 39 meter rigged schooner used by Fridtjof Nansen and the „Viking Ship Museum“ which houses three Viking ships excavated from the Oslofjord. (Entrance to the Viking Ship museum included). Also you can see the

Norfolk Museum (open air museum) or the Zoological Natural History Museum. Rest of the day at leisure to explore this fascinating city on your own. Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 06Oslo – Stockholm

After an early breakfast check out and transfer to Oslo Central Station and depart by train at approx. 0725 hrs. for Stockholm, (approx. 6 hrs.). Arrive at Stockholm Central Station at 1330 hrs. Transfer to hotel and check in. Stockholm was founded in 1252. It was named Stockholm, as referring to the town in between the bridges (14 islands that are connected with 57 bridges) and surrounded by water which is so clean that you can swim anywhere. It is known as one of the world's most beautiful capitals and is often referred to as the "Venice of the North" due to its numerous, canals and waterways. Rest of the evening at leisure. We recommend a stroll around the magical Old Town (Gamla Stan) with its narrow cobbled streets and old buildings made in the 1700 century. The old town has the biggest options of Stockholm's restaurants, tourist shops, studios and museums. Optional – late evening visit Stockholm's coolest bar „Absolute Ice Bar“. Here in the world's first permanent ice bar, the temperature is - 5 degrees all year round and the entire interior including the glasses is made from pure ice. Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 07Stockholm

After breakfast proceed for three hours city sightseeing including a visit to the old town (Gamla Stan) with its narrow cobbled streets and old merchant's houses, the Royal Palace, the Town Hall, the Royal Opera, the Stockholm Cathedral and the Royal Dramatic Theatre (no entrances included). Then visit „Skansen“ – the oldest open air museum in the world and is also a zoological park. Over the years about 150 historical buildings have been moved here from nearly every part of Sweden. Most of them date from the 18th and 19th centuries. Visitors to the houses and farmsteads are met by historical interpreters in period costume and they often demonstrate domestic occupations, such as weaving and spinning. After the tour, rest of the day at leisure. We recommend a boat trip on the canals to the Drottningholm castle which is on an island. The castle was built in 1662 and is the residence to the Royal family of Sweden. With its castle, perfectly preserved theatre, Chinese pavilion and gardens, it is the finest example of an 18th-century royal residence inspired by the Palace of Versailles. (Service not included). Rest of the evening at leisure. Other optional recommendations – „Grona Lund Tivoli“, Stockholm's Amusement Park with plenty of attractions. Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 08Stockholm – Viking Line

After breakfast morning at leisure. In the afternoon check out and transfer to the cruise terminal for a luxurious cruise onboard Viking Line for Helsinki. Cruise departs at 1645 Hrs. Check in starts at 1445 hrs. Overnight onboard Viking Line cruise.

Day 09Helsinki

Arrive Helsinki at 0945 Hrs. Transfer to Hotel and check in. Later proceed for an audio half day city tour of Helsinki. Visit many sights including Senate Square, Esplanade, Orthodox Church (Uspenski Cathedral), Sibelius monument, Parliament Building and Olympic Stadium. Also at an optional cost visit the President Palace, City House, Helsinki Opera House, Kiasma (Museum of Modern & Contemporary Art) and Temppeliaukio Church (Rock Church). Evening free at leisure. We recommend that you visit the Esplanade for shopping. Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 10Depart Helsinki

After breakfast morning at leisure. Then check out and take a Finnair Airport shuttle from Central Station which will drop you to the departure terminal for your departure flight.