

BEST OF SCANDINAVIA & BALTIC

CRUISE

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DAY 1: WELCOME TO FINLAND

When you arrive at **Helsinki** Airport, make your way to city centre. Many travellers opt to take public transportation, but we also offer direct private transfers. Take advantage of this first day on your own to discover this Nordic gem at your own pace, and eat at one of the many delicious restaurants. We recommend visiting **Senate Square**, **Uspenski Cathedral**, and the **Old Market Hall** to become acquainted with Finnish history and culture.

Spend the night in Helsinki.

HIGHLIGHTS: Finland - Helsinki - Old Market Hall - Senate Square - Uspenski Cathedral

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DAY 2: EXPLORE LOVELY HELSINKI

Today, continue exploring hip Helsinki. The Finnish capital is known for its creativity and, in 2012, was awarded the UNESCO “City of Design” title, boasting its very own design district and “design tram route” (Line 6). Some notable city landmarks to see or visit include **Sibelius Park**, **Finlandia Hall**, the **Finnish National Opera House**, and **Parliament House**, the seat of Parliament in Finland.

Spend the night in Helsinki.

HIGHLIGHTS: Finlandia Hall - Finnish Parliament Building - Helsinki Opera House - Sibelius Monument

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DAY 3: FERRY TO ESTONIA

This morning you will head to the ferry terminal in Helsinki for a 2-hour ferry ride to **Tallinn**, the capital of Estonia. After checking in at your centrally-located hotel, you can explore this beautiful medieval city as you wish. We recommend a walk from the **Upper Town (Toompea)** and a visit to the Orthodox **St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral**, the ancient limestone walls of the medieval **Toompea Castle**, the current seat of the Estonian Parliament. For dinner, you will find many nice restaurants in the **Old Town (Vanalinn)**.

Spend the night in Tallinn.

HIGHLIGHTS: Alexander Nevsky Cathedral - Estonia - Old Town (Vanalinn) - Tallinn - Toompea (Tallinn Upper Town)

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DAY 4: TALLINN & OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO SWEDEN

Spend the morning continuing your exploration of the Estonian capital. Like most European cities with an 800-year history, **Tallinn** is a patchwork of historic areas, offering a fascinating blend of Eastern and Western European influences. For a blast from the past, take a stroll through the **Kadriorg district**, reminiscent of a time when Estonia was ruled by Russian tsars. This area houses several interesting sights, such as the **Kadriorg Palace** and the **Estonian Art Museum**. You could also visit the newer parts of Tallinn, such as

Freedom square (Vabaduse väljak), to get a glimpse of Soviet-era life.

In the late afternoon, you will board an overnight cruise to Stockholm.

Spend the night on the cruise ship.

HIGHLIGHTS: Art Museum of Estonia - Freedom Square - Kadriorg - Kadriorg Palace

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DAY 5: SAIL TO SPLENDID STOCKHOLM

Savour the maritime scenery during breakfast as the ship navigates through Sweden's Archipelago, a collection of over 30,000 islands and inlets. Upon your arrival in **Stockholm**, make your way to the hotel and then enjoy some time exploring the city centre. We recommend, enjoying some shopping on the well-known pedestrian street **Drottninggatan** and taking a stroll in the surrounding area of **Östermalm**. There you will find numerous shops, cafés, and restaurants for a perfect introduction to Swedish culture.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

HIGHLIGHTS: Drottninggatan - Stockholm - Sweden - Östermalm

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DAY 6: THE CHARMS OF SWEDISH CULTURE

Today you will explore the heart of scenic Stockholm. We recommend exploring the capital by foot, visiting attractions such as the **Old Town (Gamla Stan)**, where you will find the **Royal Palace**, the parliament, old churches, beautiful cobble stone streets and medieval houses.

After some time at Gamla Stan, you can take a short ferry ride to the nearby island **Djurgården**, a cultural oasis with something for everyone. Here you will find the kitschy **Abba Museum**, the **Nordic Museum**, the **Gröna Lund** amusement park, and the **Skansen** open-air museum. It is ideal to spend the afternoon here, exploring the grounds and many attractions.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

HIGHLIGHTS: ABBA The Museum - Djurgården - Gamla Stan (Old town of Stockholm) - Gröna Lund amusement park - Royal Palace of Stockholm - Stockholm City Hall - Södermalm

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DAY 7: TRAVEL FROM STOCKHOLM TO LOVELY COPENHAGEN

Today you will take a short flight to **Copenhagen**. After settling in at your hotel, go for a walk along the enchanting old harbour area of **Nyhavn**, where you will see colourful houses and lively restaurants among the docked boats. Walk the narrow side streets, visit some shops and try out the traditional Danish open-faced sandwich, Smørrebrød. In the evening, visit the amusement park **Tivoli Gardens**, which has something for everyone. It's a lovely place to admire the architecture and gardens and to enjoy some carnival rides.

Spend the night in Copenhagen.

**For those interested, we offer the option of travelling by train instead of flight between Stockholm and Denmark. For more details click the optional activities.*

HIGHLIGHTS: Copenhagen - Denmark - Nyhavn - Tivoli Gardens

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DAY 8: A DAY IN CAPTIVATING COPENHAGEN

You have the whole day to explore **Copenhagen**. We recommend seeing the city by foot, visiting landmarks like **Amalienborg Palace**, **Christiansborg Palace**, and the famous **Little Mermaid** statue. An optional cruise

from the harbour is also highly recommended as you can appreciate the architecture and beauty of the city by water. Next, stroll **Strøget** street for some shopping and grab something to eat at Torvehallerne food hall.

Spend the night in Copenhagen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Amalienborg Palace - Christiansborg Palace - Little Mermaid - Nyhavn - Strøget shopping street

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DAY 9: SET SAIL FOR NORWAY

Spend the morning touring Copenhagen. Some interesting attractions include the observatory of **The Round Tower**, the most famous church in Copenhagen, **Church of Our Saviour**, as well as the impeccable King's Garden, and the regal **Rosenborg Castle**. In the late afternoon, it's time to board your cruise to Oslo, which sails gently up the **Kattegat Sund** on its way to Norway's capital city. You can enjoy dinner in one of the restaurants, check out the entertainment on board or just relax and watch the sunset from the deck.

Spend the night on board the DFDS cruise, in a private cabin.

HIGHLIGHTS: Church of Our Saviour - Kattegat Sund - Rosenborg Castle - The Round Tower

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DAY 10: EXPLORE ENCHANTING OSLO

After the ship docks, get ready to see the best of Oslo. The city is quite walkable and we recommend exploring by foot and the convenience of public transport. Notable attractions include the beautiful Viking Ship Museum, Fram Polar Ship Museum and spending some time along the beautiful harbour area. Other highlights include the beautiful **Vigeland Sculpture Park**, the **Royal Palace**, **Akershus fortress**, **Oslo City Hall**, and **Karl Johans** street.

Spend the night in Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Aker Brygge - Akershus Fortress - Munch Museum - Norway - Oslo - Oslo Opera House

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DAY 11: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL - THE FLÅM RAILWAY

Get an early start and head to Oslo Central Station, where you'll begin the Norway in a Nutshell® railway journey towards Bergen, with an overnight stop in **Flåm**. This train ride takes you over Norway's "mountainous rooftops", through charming villages like Gol and **Geilo**.

In Myrdal, you'll switch trains to the famous **Flåm Railway** (Flåmsbana) for an incredible ride to the beautiful village of Flåm. Enjoy a relaxing day in Flåm, where you can follow one of the many hiking trails in the mountains around the village, or participate in an optional activity, such as kayaking, fjord sightseeing or visiting the Stegastein platform.

Spend the night in Flåm.

We recommend booking luggage transfer for the travel between Oslo and Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Flåm - Flåm Railway (Flåmsbana) - Geilo - NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL®

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DAY 12: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL TO BERGEN

Today, you'll board a boat to sail through **Aurlandsfjord** into the World Heritage-listed Nærøysfjord, the narrowest fjord in all of Europe. This is perhaps the most beautiful arm of **Sognefjord**, with its mighty waterfalls and small farms clinging to the steep mountainsides. The boat docks in Gudvangen, from where you'll be transported by bus up **Stalheimskleiva**, Northern Europe's steepest stretch of road. After a thrilling

ride around 13 hairpin bends and a brief pause to enjoy the view from Stalheim Hotel, you will continue to **Voss** to board the train for the last stretch of the journey to **Bergen**.

Spend the night in Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Aurlandsfjord - Bergen - Fjords in Norway - Flåm - Nærøyfjord - Sognefjord - Stalheimskleiva

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DAY 13: THE CAPITAL OF THE FJORDS

Despite being an international city, Bergen, “The Capital of the Fjords”, has all the charms of a small town. Here you’ll find **Bryggen**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, along with remarkably preserved old houses, a lively fish and flower market, cable cars offering stunning views, great museums and more. We recommend riding the **Fløibanen** Funicular to Mount Fløyen to enjoy the panoramic view of the city or a cable car up Mt. Ulriken. Bergen is also known for its museums dedicated to history within trade and fisheries, architecture, musical art and contemporary art.

Spend another night in Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Bergen - Bryggen - Fishmarket - Fløibanen Funicular (Funicular Railway) - King Håkon’s Hall - Rosenkrantz Tower - St. Mary’s Church

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DAY 14: DEPARTURE FROM BERGEN

When it’s time for your trip to come to an end, make your way to Bergen-Flesland Airport. You can either take the airport bus from one of the many departure points in the Bergen city centre or you can take a taxi directly from your hotel to Bergen-Flesland Airport. If your flight is in the afternoon, you can choose to enjoy some last-minute shopping, visit one of Bergen’s many museums or relax at a café, enjoying the last few moments of this amazing journey.

For those departing from Oslo, we offer direct train transfer back to Oslo. Please keep in mind you might need to book an additional night if your flight is early during the day.

Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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