

BEST OF SCANDINAVIA & ICELAND - WINTER ITINERARY

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DAY 1: WELCOME TO SWEDEN

When you arrive at Stockholm-Arlanda Airport, make your way to **Stockholm** city centre. Many travellers opt to take the express train to Stockholm Central Station, but we also offer direct private transfers. After settling in at your hotel, spend the day exploring the beautiful city. Stroll the well-known street **Drottninggatan** where you can shop and feel the vibe of the capital city. Go for a walk in the surrounding area of **Östermalm**, where you will find interesting shops, cafés, and restaurants for a perfect introduction to Scandinavian culture. It could be fun to pick a cafe and experience Swedish „fika“, an afternoon tea or coffee.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

HIGHLIGHTS: Drottninggatan - Stockholm - Sweden - Östermalm

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DAY 2: THE CHARMS OF SWEDISH CULTURE

Today you will explore the heart of scenic **Stockholm**. We recommend exploring the capital by foot, 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 **Vasa Museum**, 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: Djurgården - Gamla Stan (Old town of Stockholm) - Royal Palace of Stockholm - Stockholm City Hall - Vasa Museum

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DAY 3: 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.

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

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DAY 4: 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** (limited opening hours), **Christiansborg Palace** (limited opening hours), 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 5: 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 the cruise.

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

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DAY 6: ENJOY ENCHANTING OSLO

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

Spend the night in Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Aker Brygge - Akershus Fortress - Fram Museum - Munch Museum - Norway - Oslo - The Viking Ship Museum - Vigeland Sculpture Park

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DAY 7: THE CAPITAL OF THE FJORDS

In the morning you will board the train to Bergen. On the way, you can relax while taking in some of the world's most beautiful scenery. 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 views over the city or a cable car up Mt. Ulriken. Bergen is also known for its museums dedicated to history about trade and fisheries, architecture, music and contemporary art.

Spend the 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 8: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL BY LAND AND SEA

Today will be an especially scenic day with a lot of travel throughout majestic landscapes. From Bergen, the early Bergensbanen train transports you to Voss, where you will then board a bus bound for **Gudvangen**. Upon reaching Gudvangen, you will embark on a scenic fjord cruise to Flåm, including a trip through **Nærøyfjord**, the narrowest fjord in all of Europe. This UNESCO World Heritage site is perhaps the most breathtaking part of **Sognefjord**, Norway's longest and deepest fjord, with its mighty peaks, tumbling waterfalls, and small farms dotting the mountainsides. Finally, the boat sails up **Aurlandsfjord** to **Flåm**, a charming winter village, where you will spend the afternoon and evening.

It is recommended to join an optional tour to the **Stegastein** viewpoint. The viewing platform extends about 30 metres from the cliffside and 650 metres above the fjords, offering extraordinary and unbeatable views of the winter landscape.

Spend the night in Flåm.

HIGHLIGHTS: Aurlandsfjord - Fjords in Norway - Flåm - Flåm Railway (Flåmsbana) - Gudvangen - NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL® - Nærøyfjord - Sognefjord

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DAY 9: THE FLÅM RAILWAY EXPERIENCE IN WINTER

Spend the day exploring the beauty of Flåm and its surroundings. In this tour package, you get free admission to **the Flåm Railway Documentation** Centre, where you can learn about the construction of this railway. At lunch time you'll get to experience the famous **Flåm Railway** firsthand as it climbs 900 metres over a span of 20 kilometres up the winding track to the Myrdal Station. Here you will switch to the Bergensbanen train that carries you over the mountainous snowy rooftops of Norway. This ride, voted one of the best railways in the world, will take you through the charming villages of **Geilo** and **Gol** before concluding in **Oslo**, where you will spend your last night in this amazing country.

Spend the night in Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Geilo - Gol - Oslo

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DAY 10: IDYLIC ICELAND & NORTHERN LIGHTS EXPLORATION

This morning, enjoy some last-minute shopping, visit one of Oslo's many museums or relax at a café, before heading to Oslo-Gardemoen Airport for your included flight to Iceland. On arrival to Keflavik International Airport, you will be greeted by a professional driver who will take you to your accommodation in **Reykjavík**. After settling in, the rest of the day is free for you to explore Reykjavik.

In the evening, get ready to search for the otherworldly northern lights. You will join a guided small group bus tour with a knowledgeable driver that will find a great spot to view the white, green and sometimes red lights dancing and flickering in the sky.

Spend the next four nights in Reykjavik.

HIGHLIGHTS: Iceland - Reykjavík

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DAY 11: REYKJAVÍK CITY WALK & BLUE LAGOON

After breakfast, enjoy an exclusive guided small group walking tour in the heart of **Reykjavik** with a friendly local guide. Over the course of the 3-hour walk, your guide will introduce you to the bustling downtown area including the concert hall Harpa, the old harbour area, the parliament building, and the small city pond.

In the afternoon, you will be picked up for a bus transfer to the famous **Blue Lagoon**, where you can bathe in the heated geothermal pool, which is rich with silica and soothing for your skin. You can also enjoy a sauna or steambath and an array of spa services (which must be booked in advance).

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HIGHLIGHTS: Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík

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DAY 12: THE CLASSIC GOLDEN CIRCLE

Today you will visit some of Iceland's most famous attractions with a guided small group tour of the classic "Golden Circle" route in South Iceland. One of the many highlights on this journey is **Pingvellir National Park**, a place of great historical and geological significance that is also listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Other attractions include the beautiful two-tiered **Gullfoss** waterfall and the spouting hot springs of **Geysir**. While Geysir lies dormant, its neighbour Strokkur erupts every few minutes, gushing steam and water from the bowels of the earth. A taste of Icelandic food and drink is included on the tour. On return to Reykjavík, you will see the beautiful waterfall Faxi.

Spend the night in Reykjavík.

HIGHLIGHTS: Geysir - Gullfoss - Þingvellir

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DAY 13: THE SCENIC SOUTH COAST - WATERFALLS

Enjoy a guided small group tour along the striking south coast of Iceland that includes the picturesque Seljalandsfoss waterfall, which is 40-metres high and is especially lovely in the soft winter light. Next up is a view of the vast glacier Sólheimajökull before continuing to Reynisfjara, a hauntingly beautiful black sand beach. The last stop before heading back to Reykjavík is the graceful, 60-metre high Skógafoss waterfall to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and pose for the perfect picture.

Spend the night in Reykjavík.

HIGHLIGHTS: Mýrdalsjökull, Katla & Sólheimajökull - Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar - Seljalandsfoss - Skógafoss

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DAY 14: DEPARTURE FROM ICELAND

Your adventure in Scandinavia and Iceland has come to an end. Depart to Keflavik International Airport via a semi-private transfer. If your flight is in the afternoon, you will have time to visit some of Reykjavík's boutiques or museums. You may also opt to take an exciting optional activity (not included).

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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