

GRAND ROAD TRIP OF NORWAY, SWEDEN & DENMARK

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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.

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, 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: Djurgården - Gamla Stan (Old town of Stockholm) - Gröna Lund amusement park - Nordic Museum - Royal Palace of Stockholm - Skansen Open-air Museum - Stockholm City Hall

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DAY 3: A SLICE OF THE SWEDISH COUNTRYSIDE

Today you will pick up your rental car and kick off your road trip to the south of Sweden. First you will stop by the picturesque town of Söderköping before reaching the city of **Kalmar**, a Medieval city with a rich history, making it a perfect stop for history buffs. The town features well-preserved 17th and 18th century buildings and you can visit the **Kalmar Castle**, which dates back over 800 years.

Spend the night in Kalmar.

**Please note limited opening hours of the car rental during Sundays and public holidays. See tour information for further details.*

Driving distance: 410 km / 255 miles

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours and 45 minutes (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Kalmar - Kalmar Castle

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DAY 4: A DAY OF LEISURE IN LOVELY ÖLAND

Today you will explore **Öland**, a region that has sandy beaches along a beautiful coastline, and a vast landscape where you can enjoy the scenery and bask in the solitude. After crossing the bridge, we recommend a visit to the historical site of **Borgholm Castle**, followed by a stop at **Solliden Palace**, the summer residence of the Swedish royal family. Next, visit the southern part of the island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, **Stora Alvaret**, which is a giant limestone plateau that has a unique biodiversity and history.

Spend the night in Kalmar.

Driving distance: 141 km / 88 miles

Estimated driving duration: 2 hours and 23 minutes (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Borgholm Castle - Solliden Palace - Stora Alvaret - Öland

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DAY 5: SWEDEN'S SPECTACULAR SOUTH COAST

From Kalmar, drive south along the coast of **Blekinge**, where you find the naval city of **Karlskrona** which is a World Heritage site. Continue to **Skåne**, the most southern part of Sweden, where we recommend a visit to **Kiviks Musteri** and the apple orchards or you can stop for coffee in the picturesque town of **Simrishamn**. You could visit to the fortress of **Glimmingehus** which dates back to the middle ages or continue your drive to the charming town of **Ystad**.

Spend the night in Ystad.

Driving distance: 290 km / 180 mi

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Blekinge - Glimmingehus - Karlskrona - Kiviks Musteri - Simrishamn - Skåne - Ystad

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DAY 6: DRIVE TO CAPTIVATING COPENHAGEN

From **Ystad**, drive to Smygehuk, the southernmost point in Sweden where you will find cosy cafés, eclectic craft shops and traditional fish smokeries. Continue along the south coast to the old towns of **Skånör** and **Falsterbo**, located on the Falsterbo peninsula, where you will see long stretches of white sand beaches. Next, cross the famous **Öresund Bridge** and arrive in the charming capital city of Copenhagen. You can explore the beautiful harbour area of **Nyhavn** and have fun at the amusement park **Tivoli Gardens**.

Spend the night in Copenhagen.

Driving distance: 130 km / 80 mi

Estimated driving duration: 2 hours and 20 min (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Copenhagen - Denmark - Falsterbo - Malmö - Nyhavn - Skånör - Tivoli Gardens - Ystad - Øresund Bridge

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DAY 7: SET SAIL FOR NORWAY

Spend the morning touring Copenhagen by foot, visiting landmarks including **Amalienborg Palace**, **Christiansborg Palace**, and the famous **Little Mermaid** statue. An optional boat tour 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.

In the late afternoon, it's time to drive to the harbour and board your cruise to Oslo. 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.

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

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DAY 8: WELCOME TO ENCHANTING OSLO

Sailing up the scenic Oslo Fjord, you will reach the Norwegian capital in the morning. After you disembark from the ship, get ready for a day of adventure in **Oslo**. We recommend exploring Oslo by foot, spending the afternoon at sights including the historical **Royal Palace** and the mighty **Akershus Fortress**, along with the modern **Oslo Opera House**, and the **Aker Brygge** area along the harbour.

Spend the night in Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Aker Brygge - Akershus Fortress - Norway - Oslo - Oslo City Hall - Oslo Opera House - The Royal Palace (Oslo)

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DAY 9: EXPLORE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OSLO

This morning get an early start to explore the Norwegian capital at your own pace. Highlights include driving to the beautiful **Vigeland Sculpture Park**, and the **Holmenkollen ski jump** which played a large role in the 1952 winter Olympics in the city.

Other options include visits to the **Viking Ship Museum** and **Fram Polar Ship Museum**, as well as strolling the popular **Karl Johans street**. You will then have the rest of the day to explore at your own leisure.

Spend the night in Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Fram Museum - Holmenkollen Ski Jump & Museum - Karl Johans Gate - Oslo - The Viking Ship Museum - Vigeland Sculpture Park

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DAY 10: BUSTLING OSLO TO CHARMING GEILO

After breakfast in Oslo, we recommend visiting the town of **Gol** which is known for Gol Stave Church, a Viking village and the Hahaug trolls cave. Next, continue to **Geilo**, where we recommend visiting Geilojordet which is an idyllic area with ancient buildings from the 1700-1800's and a lovely place to spend some time exploring.

Spend the night in Geilo.

Driving distance: 220 km / 136 mi

Estimated driving duration: 3 hours and 17 minutes (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Geilo - Gol - Oslo

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DAY 11: GEILO TO BEAUTIFUL BERGEN

From Geilo, you will embark on a scenic drive along Eidfjord and the dramatic, narrow Måbødalen valley, pass the impressive waterfall, **Vøringfossen**—the highest in Norway with a 182-metre cascade. The striking scenery continues as you drive past Hardangervidda National park, a region of great natural beauty, along **Hardangerfjord** on the way to **Bergen**. Spend the afternoon exploring Bergen and dining at one of the charming restaurants in city centre.

Spend the night in Bergen.

Driving distance: 244 km / 151 mi

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours and 10 minutes (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Bergen - Hardangerfjord - Vøringfossen

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DAY 12: THE CAPITAL OF THE FJORDS

Spend the day exploring lovely Bergen. 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 stunning views over the city or to take a cable car up Mt. Ulriken. Bergen is surrounded by 7 mountains, so this is an ideal place for hiking.

For those after some culture, Bergen is known for its museums that cover the city's history, architecture, music and art and we recommend visiting the Edvard Grieg museum and the KODE art museum, which is Scandinavia's largest museum for art and music.

Spend the night in Bergen.

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

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DAY 13: EXPERIENCE THE FJORDS

Today you will head to Norway's adventure capital, **Voss**, which is home to the beautiful Tvindefossen waterfall. Your journey will then continue to Sogndal along the **Sognefjord** taking in sights including the towns of **Stalheim**, before reaching the beautiful **Aurlandsfjord** and the town of **Flåm**. We recommend stopping in Flåm and riding the renowned Flåmsbana railway, a steep train ride between Flåm and Myrdal. A stop at the **Stegastein viewpoint** is recommended, where you can enjoy a panoramic view of Aurlandsfjord. You will then take a short ferry ride before driving towards **Sogndal**, where you will spend the night.

Spend the night in Sogndal.

Driving distance: 237 km / 148 miles

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Aurlandsfjord - Fjords in Norway - Flåm - Gudvangen - Nærøyfjord - Sogndal - Sognefjord - Stalheimskleiva - Stegastein Viewing Platform - Voss

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DAY 14: LOEN, GLACIERS & FJÆRLAND

Today is full of scenic fjord sightseeing. Start your day with an optional visit to the Norwegian Glacier Museum in **Fjærland** before continuing north along **Jostedal glacier**, mainland Europe's largest ice cap. Next, drive the Fjærland Road until you reach lovely Loen. We recommend an optional activity boarding the magnificent **Loen Skylift**, a cable car to the altitude of 1011 metres with amazing views of the fjord.

Spend the night in Loen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Fjærland - Jostedalsbreen National Park - Loen - Loen Skylift

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DAY 15: SAIL ALONG GLORIOUS GEIRANGERFJORD

We recommend starting the day with a 65-minute ferry ride from Hellesylt, with your car, through the UNESCO-protected **Geirangerfjord** where you see famous waterfalls like the **Seven Sisters**, and the **Bridal Veil**, along with abandoned fjord farms in the mountains. This short cruise offers truly breathtaking scenery.

Upon arrival in Geiranger, we recommend taking in the fantastic fjord scenery, exploring the charming Geiranger village and enjoying a leisurely hike in the afternoon.

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Spend the night in Geiranger.

Driving distance: 61 km / 38 mi

Estimated driving duration: 2 hours and 30 minutes (without stops and including ferry)

HIGHLIGHTS: Geirangerfjord - Loen - Seven Sisters & Bridal Veil

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DAY 16: GEIRANGER AT LEISURE

Spend the day exploring the beautiful Geirangerfjord. For those who would like to explore on their own there are several hiking trails you can follow, but for others we offer exciting optional activities such as a rib boat safari, kayaking tour and guided hiking and kayak tour. For those after some pampering, the nearby spa at Hotel Union is ideal to relax and get a treatment or two, followed by a trip to the chocolate factory in town for a little more indulgence.

Spend the night in Geiranger.

HIGHLIGHTS: Geiranger

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DAY 17: GUDBRANDSDALEN VALLEY & LILLEHAMMER

After breakfast we recommend that you visit the **Dalsnibba** skywalk, Europe's highest fjord viewpoint by road, where you will enjoy sweeping views of **Geirangerfjord**. After the skywalk, continue to the historic village of Lom, driving through twisty roads and beautiful mountain scenery. Along the way you can visit the **Lom Stave church**, one of the largest and most beautiful stave churches in Norway.

Continue the drive through the magnificent **Gudbrandsdalen** valley, which is surrounded by several national parks like Rondane National Park, Breheimen and Reinheimen, before reaching Lillehammer in the afternoon.

Spend the night in Lillehammer.

Driving distance: 265 km / 165 mi

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Dalsnibba - Geirangerfjord - Gudbrandsdalen Valley - Lom Stave Church

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DAY 18: FROM LILLEHAMMER TO MORA

Today you will drive back to Sweden through the thick forests and fells of Norway and Sweden. Along the way, you will pass ski resorts such as **Trysil** in Norway and **Sälen** in Sweden before driving along the trail of **Vasaloppet**, the world's oldest and biggest cross-country ski race. It has a rich history and tradition; hundreds of thousands of skiers have tackled the 90 km stretch from Sälen to **Mora** since it began in 1922. Next, you will visit the famous region of **Dalarna**, which is the third most popular tourist site in Sweden after Stockholm and Gothenburg.

Spend the night in Lake Siljan area.

Driving distance: 318 km / 198 mi

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours and 27 minutes (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Dalarna - Mora - Sälen - Trysil Mountain Resort - Vasaloppet

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DAY 19: EXPLORE POPULAR DALARNA

This morning, in **Mora**, we recommend visiting the 18th century home and museum of Anders Zorn, one of Sweden's most celebrated painters. Next, drive to **Rättvik**, where you can visit the **Rättvik church** which has a history that goes back 800 years. Make time to see the old church stables that were used as shelter for people and horses. In this area there are many opportunities for activities such as fishing, horse riding and swimming.

Other options today include visiting the pretty village of **Tällberg** by **Lake Siljan**, just 15 km south of **Rättvik**, or if you prefer to go north, you will find the **Styggforsen waterfall** and you can take a stroll in the nature reserve and look at the "troll hole" cave located at the foot of the waterfall.

Spend the night in Lake Siljan area.

HIGHLIGHTS: Lake Siljan - Mora - Rättvik Church - Styggforsen Waterfall - Tällberg

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DAY 20: RETURN TO STOCKHOLM

For those with Swedish heritage, a stop at the **Dössberget Museum** in Bjursås, just outside **Falun**, might be of interest. Even if you don't have Swedish roots, the great view, atmosphere and lunch makes it well worth a visit. After lunch, continue west to Nusnäs and visit the Grannas **Dala Horse** Workshop. Here at this family-owned workshop from the 1920s you can see how this popular symbol of Sweden is made. You will end the day in Stockholm, return your rental car, and spend the evening at leisure.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

Driving distance: 311 km / 193 mi

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Dössberget Heritage Museum - Falun - Largest Dala Horse in Sweden

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DAY 21: STOCKHOLM AND DEPARTURE DAY

Enjoy one last breakfast of the trip before it is time to check out of your hotel. Passengers departing with the afternoon flight will have time for some last-minute shopping, sightseeing, or some time relaxing at a café, reflecting on your Scandinavian adventure.

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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