

GOLDEN ROUTE OF THE NORDIC COUNTRIES

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DAY 1: FANTASTIC FINLAND

Your adventure kicks off at Helsinki-Vantaa Airport where you are greeted by and escorted to your hotel in the heart of Finland's bustling capital. For those who arrive early, we recommend buying the Helsinki Card, which grants free entry to major city attractions and museums as well as unlimited travel on public transportation.

Spend a relaxing night in Helsinki.

HIGHLIGHTS: Finland - Helsinki

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DAY 2: EXPLORE HELSINKI & EVENING CRUISE TO SWEDEN

After enjoying a complimentary breakfast at the hotel, spend the first part of your day exploring more of Helsinki's attractions such as Senate Square, Uspenski Cathedral, Parliament House, Finlandia Hall, the New Opera House, or the Sibelius Park and Monument. Later, spend an enchanted evening at sea as a cruise ship whisks you away to Stockholm, Sweden's dazzling capital.

Take full advantage of the on-board amenities such as cafes, restaurants and shops and spend the night in one of the ship's comfortable cabins.

HIGHLIGHTS: Helsinki

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DAY 3: STUNNING STOCKHOLM

Savor the maritime scenery during breakfast as your cruise ship navigates through Sweden's Archipelago, a collection of over 30,000 islands and inlets. After pulling into the harbor at Stockholm, a city built on 14 islands, check in to your centrally-located hotel.

To see the best of Stockholm, we recommend purchasing a My Stockholm Pass, which gives you free admission to 75 experiences throughout the city, plus free sightseeing tours, discounts at a number of restaurants and shops and much more. We'd suggest you make time to visit the Vasa Ship Museum and City Hall's famous Blue Hall, site of the annual Nobel Prize banquet.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

HIGHLIGHTS: Stockholm - Sweden

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DAY 4: STOCKHOLM AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Indulge in a delicious breakfast at your hotel before venturing out to explore more of Stockholm. We recommend a visit to the city's charming Old Town with its narrow alleys and well-preserved medieval houses or a guided tour at the Viking mounds in nearby Uppsala. Enjoy the afternoon at Fjäderholmarna, the closest of Stockholm's Archipelago islands, where you can partake in a guided tour, browse the local handicrafts and

...and a traditional Swedish dinner, where you can partake in a gards fest, savor the local handicrafts and enjoy an authentic Swedish dinner.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

HIGHLIGHTS: Stockholm

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DAY 5: AWE-INSPIRING OSLO

After a tasty Scandinavian breakfast, it's time to board the train for Oslo, Norway's magnificent capital. From your hotel conveniently located in the heart of Oslo, you have easy access to many of Oslo's top attractions. Bask in the cosmopolitan glow of Bogstadveien, Oslo's busy shopping street, or simply unwind in one of Oslo's lush parks before dinner at a cozy restaurant of your choice.

Spend the night in Oslo.

Approx. duration of the train trip is 5 hours and 50 minutes.

HIGHLIGHTS: Norway - Oslo

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DAY 6: VIKINGS, SKI JUMPS AND PALACES

Take advantage of this diverse city with the Oslo Pass, which provides unlimited travel on all public transport, free admission to over 25 museums and discounts on many other attractions, restaurants and shops. We recommend a visit to the Holmenkollen Ski Museum and Jump Tower, the Viking Ship Museum, Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Royal Palace, Akershus Fortress, or the historic Arctic expedition ship "Fram".

Spend the night in Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Holmenkollen Ski Jump & Museum - Oslo - The Royal Palace (Oslo) - The Viking Ship Museum

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DAY 7: A SCENIC JOURNEY TO REMEMBER

Enjoy an early breakfast then head to Oslo Central Station to board the Bergenbanen train that winds through Norway's breathtaking mountainous terrain on its journey to Bergen. This railway, voted one of the 20 best in the world, takes you through the charming villages of Gol and Geilo before a stop at Myrdal to switch trains. The next 20 km of the journey is on the world famous Flâm Railway, which descends nearly 900 metres to the charming village of Flâm, where the night is spent surrounded by the towering mountainsides of the Aurlandsfjord*.

Spend the night in Flâm.

Departure Oslo: 08:11

Arrival Myrdal: 12:39

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Arrival to Flâm: 14:25

** Please note that timings are preliminary and might change without notice.*

We recommend that you book luggage transfer for the Norway in a Nutshell part of your travel. Your luggage will be picked up in Oslo and will be waiting for you upon arrival in Bergen. Pack an overnight bag if you spend the night in Flâm. Price per item is €40.

HIGHLIGHTS: Aurlandsfjord - Flâm - Flâm Railway (Flâmsbana)

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DAY 8: NORWEGIAN FJORD CRUISE TO BERGEN

Spend the early part of your day roaming the village of Flåm and visit the Flåm Railway Documentation Centre to learn about the construction of the world's steepest railway track. The afternoon promises a unique Norwegian adventure as an express boat carries you to Bergen through Aurlandsfjord and Sognefjord, Norway's deepest and longest fjord. As the fjords open up to the sea, the scenery includes abundant bird life.

Spend the night in Bergen.

Departure Flåm: 15:30

Arrival Bergen: 20:40

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HIGHLIGHTS: Aurlandsfjord - Sognefjord

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DAY 9: HISTORY COMES TO LIFE IN BERGEN

Honoured with the title of European Capital of Culture in 2000, there is no shortage of activities in Bergen, Norway's second largest city. Visit Bryggen, a UNESCO World Heritage site, which dates back 900 years as a major Hanseatic trading centre. Get a glimpse of local culture at the lively Fish Market or ride the Floybanen Funicular to Mount Floyen to enjoy the panoramic view the city.

Spend the night in Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Bergen - Bryggen

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DAY 10: DEPARTURE

For transportation to Bergen-Flesland Airport, you can take the airport bus (Flybussen) from one of the various departure points in the city centre or you can take a taxi directly from your hotel. If your flight is in the afternoon, you have the opportunity to do some last-minute shopping, visit one of Bergen's museums or enjoy a relaxing lunch at a café after this amazing journey.

HIGHLIGHTS: Bergen

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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