# Focus on Scandinavia (6910)

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Vibrant cities, distinct cultures, and unspoiled landscapes welcome you on this Scandinavia affordable tour! You'll visit the fascinating Nordic cities and scenic areas as well as some of its smaller and quaint towns. Experience Copenhagen, Frederikshavn, Oslo, the Telemark region, Bergen, Fagernes, Karlstad, and Stockholm. This spectacular Scandinavian tour features breathtaking scenery in Norway, known for its stunning fjords, the steep and majestic mountains, and the picturesque villages dotting the landscape. One of the highlights of this itinerary is a cruise on the Sognefjord, Norway's longest and deepest fjord. Cross the Hardangerfjord by ferry and travel through Norway's Telemark region with its lakes, winding valleys, and rugged gorges backed by towering mountains. Stop for photos at Steinsdalsfoss, where visitors can walk behind the cascading waterfall without getting wet, and enjoy a scenic drive along beautiful Lake Mjøsa. In Sweden, drive through the scenic Värmland, home to 10,000 lakes among the forested landscapes. In Denmark, drive across the Great Belt Bridge, one of the world's longest bridges, and take a ferry from Denmark to Sweden. Enjoy an orientation drive of Copenhagen and guided sightseeing excursions of Oslo and Stockholm. Visit Lillehammer, site of the 1994 Winter Olympics, and take time for a photo stop at Sweden's Gripsholm Castle, a fairytale castle built in 1537, set in an enchanting rural landscape on the way to Stockholm. From fascinating cities and small towns to breathtaking fjord landscapes, this value-minded Scandinavia tour has it all!

To know more about the visas for this vacation, click here



# **Tour Highlights**

#### Sightseeing:

Visits to Copenhagen, Odense, Frederikshavn, Gothenburg, Telemark, Vemork Museum, Bergen, Fagernes, Lillehammer, Karlstad, Mariefred, Gripsholm Castle picture stop.

#### Guides:

Local Guides for city sightseeing in Oslo and Stockholm; professional Tour Director while touring

#### Scenic Highlights:

Jutland Peninsula, Hardanger Plateau, Søgne and Hardangerfjord, Steindalflossen waterfalls, Lake Mjøsa, Värmland

#### Notes:

Security cruise regulations require clients' passport information at time of booking.

#### Transportation:

Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach with free Wi-Fi; cruise on Sognefjord; ferry crossings Frederikshavn-Gothenburg and Utne-Kvanndal

### Meals

### Meals & Itinerary

Buffet breakfasts daily; 5 dinners

### Itinerary

Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description.

#### Day 1

ARRIVE IN COPENHAGEN, DENMARK Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore the Danish capital. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers.

Dinner

#### Day 2

COPENHAGEN Get your bearings in the capital of the oldest kingdom in the world. Besides many interesting landmarks and architectural masterpieces, see some of the more famous sites on your orientation drive, including the legendary Little Mermaid statue. You can spend the rest of the day exploring on your own or join an optional tour of Zealand's castles.

Breakfast

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### Day 3

COPENHAGEN–ODENSE–FREDERIKSHAVN After breakfast, start the journey northwards, enjoying the drive across the Great Belt bridge, which will connect you to the fairytale island of Funen. Stop in Odense, Hans Christian Andersen's hometown and, via the Little Belt waterway, drive through the rural Jutland Peninsula to Frederikshavn. Today's Distance: 304 mi/ 490 km

Breakfast 🔺 Dinner

### Day 4

FREDERIKSHAVN–GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN–OSLO, NORWAY Take a pleasant ferry ride from Frederikshavn across the strategic Kattegat to Gothenburg, Sweden's thriving second-largest city and one of Europe's major seaports. After an orientation drive, follow

the inland route and cross into Norway. Evening arrival in Oslo. Today's Distance: 242 mi/ 390 km

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Breakfast

### Day 5

OSLO–TELEMARK AREA Gustav Vigeland's sculptures, an evocative tribute to humankind in all its complexity, are among the highlights of the included Oslo sightseeing tour; also see the National Theater, Broadcasting House, Parliament, and Akershus Castle. In the afternoon, drive through the Telemark region, where you'll spend the night. Today's Distance: 121 mi/ 195km

Breakfast 🔺 Dinner

### Day 6

TELEMARK AREA–VEMORK–BERGEN Take the scenic route for a visit to Vemork, where the heavy water plant was blown up by a commando unit of British and Norwegians known as the Heroes of Telemark. Visit the Vemork Museum, then travel along lakes, winding valleys, and rugged gorges backed by towering mountains. Ferry across the Hardangerfjord from Utne to Kvanndal and continue to Bergen, Norway's picture-perfect Hanseatic seaport. En route, picture stop at Steindalsfossen Waterfall. Today's Distance: 280 mi/ 450 km

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Breakfast

### Day 7

BERGEN Built on seven hills with the fjords on one side and 1,000-foot Mount Fløyen on the other, Bergen was the home of composer Edvard Grieg. Spend the day exploring at leisure, or consider joining one of our optional excursions to discover the history, traditions, and breathtaking views of this beautiful port city.

Breakfast

### Day 8

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BERGEN–SOGNEFJORD/NÆRØYFJORD CRUISE–FAGERNES AREA More spectacular scenery as you drive towards the Sognefjord, to embark on a breathtaking cruise of one of Norway's mightiest fjords, the Nærøyfjord. On to the Fagernes area. Today's Distance: 236 mi/ 380 km

Breakfast 🔺 Dinner

#### Day 9

FAGERNES AREA–LILLEHAMMER–KARLSTAD, SWEDEN First travel to Lillehammer, the mountain resort that hosted the 1994 Winter Olympics, and then continue on a scenic drive along beautiful Lake Mjøsa. Cross the border to Sweden through Värmland's unspoiled wilderness of forests and lakes to Karlstad, located by Sweden's largest lake, Lake Vänern.Today's Distance: 281 mi/ 420 km

Breakfast

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#### Day 10

KARLSTAD–MARIEFRED–STOCKHOLM Leave Karlstad and head east towards Stockholm via idyllic Mariefred. Here, view majestic Gripsholm Castle, built in an enchanting rural setting, then reach the Swedish capital, Stockholm. Its distinct beauty is due to the setting on 14 islands between Lake Mäleren and the Baltic Sea. Today's Distance: 199 mi/ 320 km

Breakfast

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#### Day 11

STOCKHOLM This is perhaps the most beautiful of the Scandinavian capitals, because the crystalline waters that flow through its intersecting canals give a luminous appearance to palaces, castles, and parks. Your city sightseeing takes in all the highlights including the City Hall.

Breakfast 🔺 Dinner

#### Day 12

STOCKHOLM Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

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Breakfast

# **Tour Director**

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#### LILI KOZANYI

Escorting tours for more than 5 years

"A Tour Director can "make or break" a tour, and my goal is to help you experience the most comprehensive and memorable vacation ever. Let me show you how wonderful Scandinavia is. Just sit back, relax, and enjoy - everything else is taken care of!"



### TUNDE NOSZLOPY

Escorting tours for more than 10 years

"I would like to invite you on a journey to my favorite countries in magical Northern Europe. All my passion and knowledge about Scandinavia, the Baltic States and Russia will contribute to a once in a lifetime experience. The breath-taking views of hundreds of waterfalls, ice blue fjords and lakes, rivers and snow-captured mountains are combined with the Viking history, folk tales about trolls, local culture and culinary delights in the Scandinavian Countries. Sit back, relax and have a wonderful Scandinavian vacation with us."



### Accommodations

BERGEN COPENHAGEN FAGERNES AREA FREDERIKSHAVN KARLSTAD OSLO STOCKHOLM TELEMARK AREA

# **Optional Excursions**

Contact your Travel Consultant for more information. Price Ranges \$ (\$50 USD and under) \$\$ (\$51 - \$100 USD) \$\$\$ (\$101 - \$150 USD) \$\$\$\$ (Over \$150)

\* The "Starting at" or listed price is based on the lowest price available to book. Price is per passenger based on double occupancy and does not include airfare; additional fees/charges are not included. If a price is crossed out, the new price includes a limited time promotional offer(s) – please review current promotions or deals for additional information. Some tours require intra-vacation flights (and in some cases intra-vacation segments must be purchased from Cosmos).

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