

**SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup> 2020**

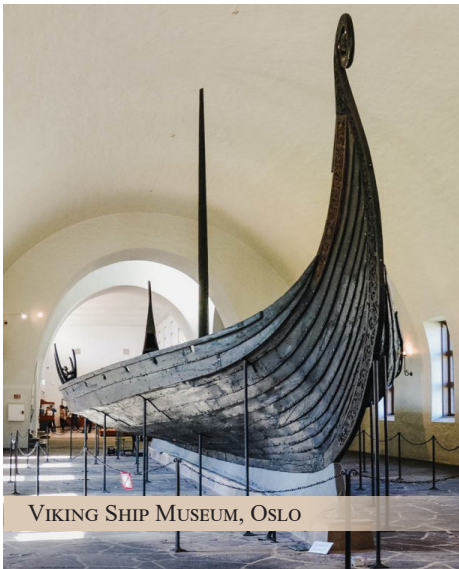
Scandinavia is the name given to the region of Northern Europe consisting of the three kingdoms of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, bound together by common threads of history, culture and language. Although each has its own language they are said to be of the same dialect continuum, meaning that they are mutually intelligible – they can understand each other. From the neatly cultivated Danish countryside, to the dramatic fjords of Norway, we offer a comprehensive overview of the three countries that make up Scandinavia.

The waterfronts of all three capitals, Oslo, Copenhagen, and Stockholm pay homage to their Viking heritage, with ships raised from their 9th c. watery graves, as well as to the modern, cutting-edge art and design for which the region is justly famous. We will visit several museums, representing national history and modern art.

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to Scandinavia to savor its art, architecture, culture, food, scenery, and hospitality this coming September.



COPENHAGEN - THE LITTLE MERMIAD



VIKING SHIP MUSEUM, OSLO

**THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:**

LAND ONLY (NO INTL. AIRFARE INCLUDED):	<b>\$4880</b>
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	<b>\$ 990</b>

*Airfares are available from most U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.*

**THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:**

- FLIGHTS:** Internal flights between Copenhagen and Oslo and Oslo and Stockholm
- HOTELS:** 9 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 6 dinners
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour director throughout
- BAGGAGE:** Porterage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>** - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>** - Your arrival will be met at the airport and you will be transferred to your city-center hotel. This afternoon we will begin our adventures by boat, taking a tour of the city via the canals. Upon returning to the hotel, you will have time to rest and relax a bit before a late afternoon visit to Tivoli Gardens. Tivoli is not just one of the oldest amusement parks in the world, but home to a magnificent garden as well. Under the canopy of dusk, the twinkling lights, sounds of laughter, and whirlwind of activity, will surely make us all feel like children again. A sumptuous dinner in the park this evening will welcome us all to the magic of Copenhagen. **(D) OVERNIGHT: COPENHAGEN**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>** - After breakfast, we set out on a walking tour of the city with a local guide. We will travel from Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid, up through the colorful waterfront district of Nyhavn, to the palaces of Christiansborg, Amalienborg, and Rosenberg, and to a few lesser known gems such as Nyboder and the Round Tower. We will end our walking tour on the all-pedestrian Stroget (the largest shopping street in Europe!), for a free afternoon and evening of shopping and dining. **(B) OVERNIGHT: COPENHAGEN**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>** - After a leisurely start to the day, we'll head north out of the city. Our first stop will be the city of Helsingør, where we'll have a guided tour of Kronborg, the castle of Elsinore, immortalized in Hamlet. We'll have time in the town for lunch and there may also be time for a quick look at the brand new National Maritime Museum that has recently opened. On our way back to Copenhagen we'll stop and visit the Ordbruggaard Museum, a state-owned art museum famous for its collection of 19th- and early 20th-century Danish and French art. We'll return to Copenhagen where dinner is included at a local restaurant this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: COPENHAGEN**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we board a short flight from Copenhagen to Oslo in Norway. We'll transfer to our hotel in the center of the city and then have free time for lunch. This afternoon a local guide introduces us to Oslo's charms. We'll enjoy the quayside bustle of Aker Brygge and take a tour of the Vigeland Sculpture Park. We'll also see the Botanical Gardens and the almost-impregnable Akershus Castle. Begun in 1299, it is a maze of dungeons, banquet halls, staterooms, and tiny rooms where outcast nobles were kept. The tour will end in Bygdøy at the Viking Ship Museum, where you can admire the magnificent 9th-century ships. Dinner is included this evening at the hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: OSLO**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>** - Today we take the spectacular "Norway in a Nutshell" tour. This is one of the most popular day trips in Norway and takes us through some of the loveliest scenery to the Norwegian fjords. We take a rail journey over the beautiful mountain plateau with views of the Hardangerjøkulen glacier, and then the Flåm Railway, an incredible journey from the mountains at Myrdal down to the fjord in Flåm. Then we'll take a fjord cruise and a dramatic bus ride before returning to Oslo late this evening by train. **(B) OVERNIGHT: OSLO**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>** - For a small city, Oslo is remarkably well stocked with museums and galleries, and the compact city center retains much of its medieval layout. This morning you're free to continue your explorations. The Rådhus (City Hall), which lies midway between the Royal Palace and Akershus Castle, is a short walk from Oslo Cathedral, the Domkirke, and the nearby market, Stortorvet. After lunch you might want to visit the Munch Museum. We'll gather again this evening for dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: OSLO**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>** - There will be some free time this morning before you bid farewell to Norway and board the short flight to Stockholm. Your arrival will be met and you will be transferred to your city-center hotel. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: STOCKHOLM**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>** - Built on 14 islands around one of Europe's largest, best-preserved medieval centers, the Swedish capital of Stockholm offers stunning scenery in every direction, along with a wealth of museums, art, and history. You'll have tickets for a full day hop-on/hop-off tour by bus and boat that orients you to the city's highlights, including the medieval Old Town, or Gamla Stan, with its narrow streets and fantastically preserved 750-year-old history. Storkyrkan, the 13th-century cathedral, is the oldest church in the city, with countless art treasures including St. George and the Dragon. Another highlight to be sure not to miss is the Vasa Ship Museum, and don't miss the Modern Art Museum on the island of Skeppsholmen. This evening you are free to sample one of the city's 2,500 restaurants! **(B) OVERNIGHT: STOCKHOLM**



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>** - A full free day in Stockholm. With as much water as Amsterdam and Venice, the city is also interesting because each neighborhood has its own personality. The magnificent heights of Söder and Gamla Stan, dating from the Middle Ages, are very different from Djurgården's fantastic woods. On that island is the impressive Nordic Museum, illustrating daily life and dress from all over Sweden, as well as Skansen, the city's most popular destination, and the world's first open-air museum; some 150 historic buildings have been collected, presenting Sweden from the Middle Ages to the 20th century. This evening we will gather for a farewell dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: STOCKHOLM**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>** - Transfers this morning back to Stockholm Airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

*Key to included meals: B - breakfast, D - dinner*