

Scandinavian Discovery: Land of the Midnight Sun

22 day tour, June 25 – July 16 \$4495.00 pp.dub.occ. land package only.

Witness the spectacular natural phenomenon of the Midnight Sun on our tour to Europe's most northerly point – the North Cape. See the lakes and forests of Finland, visit Lapland, enter the Arctic Circle and marvel at the spectacular Norwegian landscape of high Mountains and deep fjords. Scandinavia is truly spectacular. Do not miss this opportunity to experience its beauty, culture and diversity.

Tour includes, *Return overnight cruise ferry Hull – Rotterdam with en-suite cabins, dinner and breakfasts. *Overnight cruise ferry Stockholm-Helsinki with en-suite cabins, *Luxury coach with fully qualified driver/guide, *Hotel accommodations, 15 nights with dinner and breakfast. *Orientation tour of Hamburg. *Sightseeing tour of Copenhagen with a local guide. *overview of Helsinki, *cross the Arctic Circle and receive a certificate, *visit Lapland's oldest church, *visit Tankavaara Gold Museum, *visit Karasjok, *evening excursion to the North Cape to see the Midnight sun, *see the Laksfoss Falls and the village of Hell, *see Trondheim Cathedral, *half day sightseeing tour of Oslo with a local guide, *visit the Vigeland Sculpture Park.

Saturday 25th June

Leave for our overnight flight to Manchester England.

Sunday 26th

Day and evening at leisure in Manchester, explore this interesting city at your own pace.

Monday 27th

Our drive/guide will pick us up early afternoon in a luxury coach; we will head to Hull where we board the overnight cruise ferry to Rotterdam. Relax on board in comfortable en-suite cabins and enjoy the ship's entertainment. Dinner and breakfast included.

Tuesday 28th

We disembarkation and drive across Holland to the famous port-city of Hamburg, Germany's second largest city located on the River Elbe. On arrival, we enjoy an orientation tour of the city, seeing the Rathaus (Town Hall), the ruined church of St Nikolai and the harbor area. We then check in to our hotel in time for dinner.

Wednesday 29th

We check out of the hotel and head northeast, passing the city of Lubeck, to take the short ferry crossing from Puttgarden to Rodbyhavn in Denmark. We continue to Denmark's capital city of Copenhagen, arriving around lunchtime and enjoy a sightseeing tour, with a local guide. We will take in all the main sights – the Royal Palace and Amalienborg Palace, the charming waterfront area of Nyhavn with its colorful houses and, perhaps the famous, Hans Christian Andersen's "Little Mermaid" statue. Our city centre hotel is within easy reach of many of the sights – maybe after dinner visit the Tivoli Gardens, one of the oldest amusement parks in the world. The fairytale garden is a vibrant meeting place, where people gather to stroll amongst the picturesque flowerbeds and traditional fairground attractions. (Dinner, B&B)

Thursday 30th

After an early breakfast, we depart for Stockholm. We take the short ferry crossing from Helsingborg, location of Kronborg Castle and setting for Shakespeare's "Hamlet", to Helsingborg in Sweden then travel through an area of farmland and past Lake Vattern. On arrival in Stockholm we enjoy an overview of the city before we board the superb Silja Lines overnight cruise ferry to Helsinki. The ship has a fine choice of shops, restaurants and bars as well as varied on-board entertainment. En-suite cabins are included.

Friday 1st, July

We disembark in Helsinki this morning – don't miss the great views for the ship's deck as it pulls onto its berth close to the city centre. Surrounded by 315 islands, Helsinki enjoys an east-meets-west culture. After an overview to see Finlandia Hall, Senate Square and the Uspenski Cathedral, we spend some free time in this delightful capital before we make our way north, through a landscape of lakes and forests, to our overnight stop in Jyväskylä. (Dinner, B&B)

Saturday 2nd, July

Our Journey through the "land of a thousand lakes" continues today as we head north towards the Arctic and into Lapland, home of the Sami people. Our destination is Rovaniemi, the modern capital of the region, where we spend the night. (Dinner, B&B)

Sunday 3rd, July

After some free time to explore Rovaniemi, the hometown of Santa Claus, we set off towards Ivalo. As we cross the Arctic Circle we receive a certificate to prove it, then we visit Lapland's oldest church before traveling through Europe's last great wilderness, (watch for reindeer roaming freely), to the Tankavaara Gold Museum for a visit. We then continue to Lvalo and check into our hotel. (Dinner, B&B)

Monday 4th, July

Today we cross into Norway, traveling through a region of tundra and making a stop at Karasjok – a centre of Lapp culture – where we learn the history of the Sami people who have been making a living by fishing, hunting, and boat building and reindeer herding for thousands of years. We travel through unique scenery to our hotel in Honningsvåg, on Mager Island. After dinner this evening, we set off to the North Cape, the northernmost point of Europe, to see the Midnight Sun and Polar Ocean. (Dinner, B&B)

Tuesday 5th

Enjoy a late breakfast then the day is at leisure to explore Honningsvåg. With a population of only 3000 people, Honningsvåg (located at 71 degrees north) became a declared city in 1996. People have lived in this area as far back as 10,300 years ago. The ice-free ocean provides rich fisheries even today. (Dinner, B&B)

Wednesday 6th

Today we begin our journey southwards, passing through the stony, near-deserted area of Finnmark and past the city of Alta, situated on one of the world's richest salmon rivers. We travel along the coast and see the fjord where the battleship Tirpitz hid in World War II, then continue to our hotel in Storslett. (Dinner, B&B)

Thursday 7th

Today our journey takes us to Tromso. We'll enjoy some free time before we continue south through stunning scenery of mountains and fjords to Narvik, located on the Narvik Fjord and the site of major sea and land battles during the Norwegian Campaign of World War II. (Dinner, B&B)

Friday 8th

We take a ferry across the Tysfjord and pass the Rago National Park and its fjords before we leave the Arctic and reach Mosjoen, a pleasant town on the Vefsnfjord. We see the oldest octagonal church in Norway before we check in to our hotel. (Dinner, B&B)

Saturday 9th

We drive through Namdal to the Laksfoss Falls; where salmon leap in the clear waters, then we will travel to the village of Hell and on to Trondheim, seat of the ancient Viking Kings, where we see the cathedral. (Dinner, B&B)

Sunday 10th

Our journey today, takes us south, passing the city of Lillehammer, setting of the 1994 Winter Olympics. Then onto Norway's capital, Oslo, where we will have a two night stay. (Dinner B&B)

Monday 11th

A sightseeing tour of Oslo with a local guide shows us the Akershus Fortress and the Royal Palace. We also visit the Vigeland Sculpture Park with its unique and controversial sculptures. This afternoon you may like to visit the Viking Ship Museum or the Kon-Tiki Museum, which houses a range of boats and artifacts from Thor Heyerdahl's expeditions. (Dinner, B&B)

Tuesday 12th

We travel south and across the border into Sweden, then past the cities of Gothenburg and Malmo where we cross the striking and spectacular Oresund Bridge that links Sweden with Denmark. On arrival, we check in to our centrally located hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure in Copenhagen. (Dinner, B&B)

Wednesday 13th

We depart after breakfast cross Germany to our overnight stop in Hengelo, Netherlands. (Dinner, B&B)

Thursday 14th

Today we cross the Netherlands and board the overnight cruise ferry form Rotterdam to Hull, with en-suite cabins, dinner and breakfast on board.

Friday 15th July

We will disembark at Hull and return to Manchester for an afternoon and evening at leisure.

Saturday 16th July

We will bid farewell, and depart for home. Please allow 3 hours before departure of your flight home.

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