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Scandinavia and Fjords Cruise

Duration : **21 Days / 20 Nights**
Departure Dates : **Depart 17 June 2016**
Tour Type : Travel with Me Exclusive Journey
Escorted by Travel with Me Director, Annette Porter.

Day 1 : 17th June – Arrive Stockholm

Arrive Stockholm Arlanda Airport and meet with English speaking tour manager who will stay with us until we depart Bergen on 25 June. One group private coach transfer to the hotel then the remainder of the day is free



Hotel: Clarion Hotel Amaranten or similar (D)

Day 2 : 18th June - Stockholm

Morning guided tour of Stockholm including a walking tour of the old town (Gamla Stan), Vasa Museum (entrance included) and City Hall (entrance included)
Afternoon at leisure for own arrangements

Hotel: Clarion Hotel Amaranten or similar (B)

Day 3 : 19th June – Stockholm to Copenhagen

Morning at leisure for own arrangements. Transfer by private coach to Stockholm Central Station Train from Stockholm to Copenhagen (approximately 5 ½ hour journey) Coach transfer) from the station to hotel

Hotel: Comfort Hotel Vesterbro or similar (B)

Day 4 : 20th June - Copenhagen

Morning guided tour of Copenhagen including views of Tivoli Gardens, Christiansborg Castle, Nyhavn and visits to Gefion fountain, Statue of the Little Mermaid and Amalienborg Palace (time permitting)
Afternoon at leisure to visit Tivoli Gardens (entrance included) at your leisure



Hotel: Comfort Hotel Vesterbro or similar (B)

Day 5 : 21st June – Copenhagen / Overnight Ferry

Day at leisure for your own arrangements, Mid-afternoon transfer from hotel to DFDS Pier.
Overnight ferry from Copenhagen to Oslo
Buffet dinner on board

Hotel: DFDS Seaways ferry (outside 2 berth cabin) (B/D)

Day 6 : 22nd June – Overnight Ferry / Oslo

9.45am approximate arrival at Oslo
Half day guided tour of Oslo including the Bygdoy Peninsula and Viking Ship Museum (entrance included), Opera House, Akershus Fortress, Holmenkollen Ski Jump and the Vigeland Sculpture Park.

The remainder of the afternoon and evening are free for own arrangements

Hotel: Thon Opera Hotel or Similar (B)

Day 7 : 23rd June – Oslo to Voss

please Note: Porter service is included from the hotel in Oslo to the hotel in Bergen, so an overnight bag is required for the stay in Voss

The below schedule is based on 2015 timetables, [the 2016 schedule is subject to change](#)
[Seat reservation for the train journeys are included](#)

Walk 300m from the hotel to Oslo train station

ETD 8:25am on train from Oslo

ETA 12.59pm at Myrdal

ETD 1.10pm on train from Myrdal

ETA 2.00pm at Flam

ETD 3.10pm on boat from Flam

ETA 5.20pm at Gudvangen

ETD 5.25pm on coach from Gudvangen

ETA 6.20pm at Voss

Walk 100m from Voss station to hotel



NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL

This TWO day tour takes in highlights of the breathtaking fjord region: Myrdal, the village of Flam, the Naeroy Fjord, Gudvangen, Stalheim Gorge and ending in Bergen.

Today, one of the highlights of the tour is the Flam Railway, which is one of the world's most beautiful train journeys. A spectacular train journey that offers a panoramic view of some of the wildest and most magnificent nature in the Norwegian fjord landscape. The Flam Railway is one of the steepest train lines in the world on normal tracks, where almost 80% of the journey has a gradient of 5.5%.

Another highlight is the fjord cruise from Flam to Gudvangen



Hotel: Fleischer's Hotel or similar (B)

Day 8 : 24th June – Voss to Bergen

Continue Norway in a Nutshell tour

Walk 100 m to the train station
ETD 10.40am on local train (no reservation possible)
ETA 11.58am at Bergen
Transfer by private coach to the hotel
Remainder of the day is free for own arrangements



Hotel: Clarion Admiral Hotel or similar, Harbour View room (B)

Day 9 : 25th June – Bergen/ Norwegian Coastal Voyage

Morning at leisure for own arrangements Afternoon guided tour of Bergen including views of St Mary's Church and Haakon Hall, visit to the fish markets and the old Hanseatic wharf at Brygge, and Troidhaugen to visit the Edvard Grieg Museum Tour ends at the pier in time to board Hurtigruten ship Buffet dinner on board



Ship: MS Finnmarken (B/D)

Day 10 : 26th June - Norwegian Coastal Voyage

ALESUND AND GEIRANGERFJORD

We sail further north to Alesund, a beautiful town renowned for its Art Nouveau architecture. From here we set course into the spectacular UNESCO-listed Geirangerfjord where you can enjoy a scenic excursion including a breath-taking drive down the winding Trollstigen Pass.



Ship: MS Finnmarken (B/L/D)

Day 11 : 27th June - Norwegian Coastal Voyage

THE ROYAL CITY OF TRONDHEIM

The architecture and surroundings in Trondheim create a beautiful setting for any outing, whether as part of a guided tour in Nidaros Cathedral or a casual stroll through the Bakkland district. In the evening we continue to the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Ship: MS Finnmarken (B/L/D)

Day 12 : 28th June - Norwegian Coastal Voyage

ARCTIC CIRCLE AND LOFOTEN ISLANDS

Crossing the Arctic Circle is one of the highlights before we arrive in Ørnes. The Arctic Circle marks the southern extremity of the polar, 24-hour sunlit day - often referred to as the "Midnight Sun".

In the evening we reach Svolvær, the picturesque capital of the Lofoten Islands. These islands are renowned for their small fishing villages with their Bohemian atmosphere, surrounded by majestic granite cliffs and white sandy beaches.

Complete your visit with a stroll between the stock-fish racks and 'rorbuer', the traditional, red fishermen's residences.



Ship: MS Finnmarken (B/L/D)

Day 13 : 29th June - Norwegian Coastal Voyage

TROMSØ, GATEWAY TO THE ARCTIC

During the night we pass the magnificent Trollfjord and sail through the spectacular and narrow Raftsund strait. Here, you can admire the rugged mountainous landscape jutting up against the horizon under the endless sun.

We continue to Tromsø, a city with many lively restaurants and cafés.

Ship: MS Finnmarken (B/L/D)

Day 14 : 30th June - Norwegian Coastal Voyage

HONNINGSVÅG AND THE NORTH CAPE

Today we arrive in Honningsvåg, the starting point of our optional excursion to the spectacular North Cape, the northernmost point of mainland Europe.

From the fishing village of Kjøllefjord you can get a "Taste of Lapland" by meeting a Sámi family.



Ship: MS Finnmarken (B/L/D)

Day 15 : 1 July - Norwegian Coastal Voyage / Inari

Disembark the ship and board coach Drive through Kirkenes to the Russian border for a quick visit Continue to Inari (approximately 200kms) Dinner at the hotel

Hotel: Hotel Kulthovi or similar (B/D)

Day 16 : 2nd July - Inari

Visit to the SIIDA Samí Museum (entrance included) and lake cruise to Ukko Island
Return to Inari along the old post boat waterway
Dinner at the hotel

Hotel: Hotel Kulthovi or similar (B/D)

Day 17 : 3rd July – Inari to Rovaniemi

Depart for the drive to Rovaniemi with a stop enroute at the summit of Mt. Kaunispaa in Saariselka Afternoon arrival to Rovaniemi for check-in to your hotel.



Hotel: Santa's Hotel or similar (B)

Day 18 : 4th July - Rovaniemi

Morning at leisure for own arrangements (optional river rafting – not included) Afternoon departure for a visit to Santa Claus Village



Hotel: Santa's Hotel or similar (B)

Day 19 : 5th July – Rovaniemi to Helsinki

Transfer by coach to Rovaniemi train station
ETD 7.10am on train to Helsinki (subject to change)
ETA 4.52pm at Helsinki train station
On arrival a short walk to your hotel for check-in

Hotel: Sokos Hotel Vaakuna or similar (B)

Day 20 : 6th July - Helsinki

Coach transfer to the ferry terminal for full day tour of Tallinn

ETD 10.30am on ferry

ETA 12.30pm at Tallinn

After going through passport control meet with local guide for a private 2 ½ - 3 hour tour of Tallinn

ETD 5:30pm on ferry

ETA 7:30pm at Helsinki

Transfer by private coach to hotel

TALLIN GUIDED TOUR

This combined bus and walking tour is an excellent way to get to know Tallinn. The first leg of the tour is by bus which will take you through the most interesting parts of the city, with stops at the baroque Kadriorg Park, Song Festival Grounds and the seaside district of Pirita. An experienced tour guide will provide non-stop commentary about Estonian history and contemporary life.

Then a walking tour takes you through the winding, cobble stoned streets of the Old Town. You'll cross Toompea Hill, before continuing to the Palace of Toompea that today houses the Estonian Parliament 'Riigikogu, visit Aleksander Nevskij Cathedral, and the Dome Church. On your way to the lower town, you'll have a chance to enjoy the picturesque view over the medieval Old Town from a viewing platform before descending to the lower town.

The tour also stops at the Town Hall. Lunch in Tallinn own arrangements. You can shop for quality wool, glass and leather goods in Tallinn's quaint shops. There will be time at leisure in Tallinn before boarding your transfer back to the pier, in time board your ferry and return to Helsinki



Hotel: Sokos Hotel Vaakuna or similar (B/D)

Day 21 : 7th July Depart Helsinki

One group private coach transfer from hotel to Helsinki Airport **(B)**

Opportunity to Extend into Russia, details will be available over the next few weeks