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# Scandinavia and Fjords Cruise

Duration : 20 Days / 19 Nights

Departure Dates : Depart 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Tour Type : Travel with Me Exclusive Journey

Escorted by Travel with Me, Jean Rodger.

### Day 1: Arrive Copenhagen

Arrive Copenhagen and transfer to hotel, Welcome Dinner tonight

**Hotel: Comfort Hotel Vesterbro or similar (D)** 

### Day 2: Copenhagen

Morning guided tour 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)



Hotel: Comfort Hotel Vesterbro or similar (B)

## Day 3: Copenhagen to Oslo - 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 4: 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 is free for own arrangements



Hotel: Thon Opera Hotel or Similar (B/D)

### Day 5 : 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 2016 timetables, the 2017 schedule is subject to change

Seat reservation for the train journeys are included

#### Walk 300m from the hotel to Oslo train station

ETD 6:25am on train from Oslo

ETA 11.48pm at Myrdal

ETD 12.13pm on train from Mydral

ETA 1.10pm at Flam

ETD 2.00pm on boat from Flam

ETA 3.30pm at Gudvangen

ETD 3.40pm on coach from Gudvangen

ETA 4.55pm 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/D)

## Day 6: Voss to Bergen

#### **Continue Norway in a Nutshell tour**

Walk 100 m to the train station ETD 11.27am on local train (no reservation possible) ETA 12.55am 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 7: 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 Troldhaugen 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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 Svolvoer, 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 11: Norwegian Coastal Voyage

#### TROMOSO, 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 12: 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 13: Norwegian Coastal Voyage / Saariselka

Disembark the ship and board coach Drive through Kirkenes to the Russian border for a quick visit. Continue to Saariselka with a stop at the summit of Mt. Kaunispaa and dinner at our hotel tonight. Be sure to look out for Reindeer while driving through Finland.



Dinner at hotel tonight

Hotel: Santas Hotel Tunturi or similar (B/D)

## Day 14: Saariselka to Rovaniemi

Today we visit the 'real' Santa at his work shop at Santa Claus Village. Buy some chrissy decs and enjoy a fabulous lunch before continuing on to Rovaniemi.



Dinner tonight at our hotel

Hotel: Santas Hotel Santas Claus or similar (B/L/D)

### Day 15: Rovaniemi / Helsinki

Visit the Arktikum Arctic Museam in the morning with some free time before our private transfer to the airport for our flight to Helsinki.

Dinner tonight at our hotel

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

#### Day 16: Helsinki

Morning guided tour of Helsinki, afternoon at leisure and evening at leisure

Hotel: Sokos Hotel Vaakuna or similar (B)

### Day 17: Helsinki / Overnight Ferry

Coach transfer to the ferry terminal for full day tour of Tallin
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 though the most interesting parts of the city with
an experienced tour guide who will provide non-stop commentary about Estonian history
and contemporary life.

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 overnight ferry to Stockholm.



Hotel: Overnight Ferry in outside cabin (B/D)

### Day 18: Stockholm

Arrive into Stockholm and enjoy a half day guided tour including a walking tour of the old town (Gamla Stan), visit the Vasa Museum and city hall and then enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Free time in Gamla Stan for lunch



Hotel: Clarion Hotel Amaranten or similar (B)

## Day 19: Stockholm

Day at Leisure, farewell Dinner tonight (B/D)

## Day 20: Depart Stockholm

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

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