

The Exquisite Capitals of Scandinavia

8 days 7 nights
All year
Helsinki – Stockholm – Oslo – Copenhagen or reversed



DAY 1: HELSINKI

Arrive in Helsinki, the capital of Finland, a modern city situated on the shore of the Gulf of Finland. It is unique among Northern European cities with its mixture of cultural influences from both East and West. Feel welcomed by the friendly Finnish people.

A private car will transfer you from the airport to your hotel.

Overnight: 3/4* hotel in Helsinki Coach: Private airport-hotel transfer

DAY 2: HELSINKI-STOCKHOLM

Breakfast at hotel

After breakfast, which is served at your hotel, it's time for a **SIC sightseeing tour** of Helsinki. This sit-in-coach tour will take you to see the Senate Square, Uspenski Cathedral, the Parliament Building and the Olympic Stadium. Stops are also made at the Sibelius Monument and, when possible, at the Temppeliaukio Church. *Transfer to the departure point for sightseeing tour on own.

After lunch, we recommend you to take a boat to Suomenlinna, one of Finland's most popular tourist attractions. The 250-year-old fortress, which has been preserved intact because of its military use, was included in UNESCO's World Heritage List. You can experience the fortress, which was built during the period of Swedish and Russian rule. Enjoy the parks, the sea, and the nature of the archipelago. Take a boat back to city.

In the afternoon it is time to board a Viking Line **overnight cruise to Stockholm**. Transfer to the pier <u>on your own</u>. When on board, there is a wide selection of restaurants and the sumptuous **Scandinavian buffet will be served**. After dinner, you can dance the night away in the nightclub, linger in the various shops, or simply enjoy the scenery.

Overnight: on board Viking Line inside cabin or similar

DAY 3: STOCKHOLM

Enjoy your breakfast on board while approaching Stockholm, cruising through the picturesque surroundings. With its 24 000 islands, the Stockholm archipelago is quite unique. The view from the ship entering the city in the early morning light is a magnificent experience. Welcome to Stockholm – The Capital of Scandinavia! Self transfer to the hotel for check in.

Stockholm is often called the "Beauty on Water" being built on 14 islands. Take a look at the City Hall, constructed in the National Romantic style, where each year on December 10th, the Nobel Prize Banquet takes place. See the Old Town, which is in direct contrast with today's modern city centre. An **SIC Panorama sightseeing tour** by bus is included today.

*Transfer to departure point on own.

The afternoon is free, we suggest the following activities:

Optional: Vasa Museum

The Vasa Museum is a maritime museum in Stockholm, Sweden. Located on the island of Djurgården, the museum displays the only almost fully intact 17th century ship that has ever been salvaged, the 64-gun warship Vasa that sank on her maiden voyage in 1628. The Vasa Museum opened in 1990 and, according to the official web site, is the most visited museum in Scandinavia.

*Transfer to the departure point for sightseeing tour on own

Optional: ICE BAR

In the evening, take the opportunity to visit Absolut ICEBAR where the temperature is -5°C all year round, and everything is made of ice – even your glass!

(incl. warm clothes, 1 ICE drink, and entrance of 45min)

*Transfer to the departure point for sightseeing tour on own

Overnight: 3/4* hotel in Stockholm

Day 4: Stockholm

Breakfast served at your hotel.

Free time to explore Stockholm or enjoy one of the following activities before you enjoy shopping in Stockholm:

Optional: Drottningholm Tour (3 hours)

Take a boat to Drottningholm Palace which is the present residence of the royal family (45min). Public guided tour is included (The tour can be closed when the tour capacity gets full). Spend some time in the beautiful park before you go back to the city centre. Take the boat back to the city, and upon arrival in the city, transfer back to you hotel at own arrangement.

*Transfer to the departure point for sightseeing tour on own.

Optional: Skansen

Skansen is the world's first open-air museum, founded in 1891. Here you can stroll through five centuries of Swedish history, from north to south, with a real sense of the past all around in the historical buildings and dwellings, peopled by characters in period dress.

*Transfer to the departure point for sightseeing tour on own

Overnight: 3/4* hotel in Stockholm

Day 5: Stockholm-Oslo

Have breakfast at your hotel before checking out.

Now, transfer on your own to the train station to embark your **train (2nd class)** which will take you to Oslo, Norway! It is a beautiful journey and you will note how the landscape is changing outside the window. After about 6-7 hours you will arrive in Oslo. Go by your own to check in to your hotel.

In the evening, there is some free time to spend in Oslo. Enjoy the water front at Aker Brygge, and the Akerhus Fortress. In this area there are a lot of nice restaurants and we can highly recommend you to have a nice dinner with fresh Norwegian salmon.

Overnight: 3/4* hotel in Oslo

DAY 6: OSLO-COPENHAGEN

Breakfast served at your hotel.

Depart for **3 hours SIC Sightseeing tour (Oslo selected highlights)** including the famous Vigeland Park, Holmenkollen Ski jump and Oslo City Centre and the **Viking Ship Museum (entrance included).**

*Transfer to the departure point for sightseeing tour on own

In the afternoon, transfer to the pier for the **DFDS overnight** cruise to Copenhagen <u>on your own.</u>
Entertainment, restaurants, and shops on board offers a fantastic range of things to do for kids and adults. **Dinner buffet on board is included.**

Overnight: on board DFDS inside cabin or similar

DAY 7: COPENHAGEN

Breakfast onboard before arriving in Copenhagen.

Arrive in Copenhagen in the morning. <u>Self transfer</u> to the hotel for check in.

Join your **SIC** sightseeing tour, an extensive tour covering all the major sights of the Danish capital, including outside look of Carlsberg Glyptotek, canal district, the National Museum, Christiansborg Palace, the Old Stock Exchange, Kongens Nytorv, Royal Theatre, Nyhavn, Amalienborg Palace, Gefion Fountain, and the Little Mermaid.

*Transfer to the departure point for sightseeing tour on own

Optional: Tivoli gardens in the evening

We recommend you to visit Tivoli garden which is an oasis with over four million visitors a year. It has wonderful gardens, amusements, restaurants and rides.

*Transfer to the departure point for sightseeing tour on own

Overnight: 3/4* hotel in Copenhagen

DAY 8: COPENHAGEN

Breakfast served at your hotel.

After breakfast, a private car will pick you up at the hotel for you transfer to Copenhagen Airport; it's time to leave Scandinavia for now, unless you prefer an add-on trip in one of these beautiful and inviting countries.

Coach: Private hotel-airport transfer

INCLUSIONS & HIGHLIGHTS:

- * 5 nights at 3/4* hotel shared in twin/double room including breakfast.
- * 2 nights on board shared in inside twin cabin including dinner and breakfast.
- * Train ticket for 2nd class Stockholm to Oslo.
- * Coach service for Airport transfer for arrival and departure date.
- * Sightseeing and entrance fees as mentioned in the program.
- SIC audio sightseeing tour in Helsinki.
- SIC Panorama sightseeing in Stockholm.
- SIC Selected Highlight sightseeing in Oslo.
- SIC Panorama sightseeing in Copenhagen.

PRICES:		
Nr of pax	Price per pax	
Min. 2pax	1239 EUR	
Min. 4pax	1089 EUR	
Min. 6pax	1028 EUR	
Single Supplement	404	EUR
Triple Room Reduction	21	EUR
Optional Tours:		
ICEBAR STO	25	EUR
Vasa museum STO	14	EUR
SIC Drottningholm Tour STO	55	EUR
Skansen STO	16	EUR
Entrance Tivoli Gardens CPH	14	EUR



HOTELS AND CRUISES:

Helsinki: Holiday Inn Helsinki City Center or similar

Overnight Cruise STO-HEL: Viking Line inside cabin or similar

Stockholm: Clarion Amaranten or similar **Oslo:** Clarion Hotel Royal Christiania or similar

Overnight Cruise CPH-OSL: DFDS inside cabin or similar **Copenhagen:** First Hotel Copenhagen or similar

REMARKS & CHILDREN DISCOUNT:

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- * Price is based on number of full paying adults as price indicates.
- * Prices do not include any air tickets or Visa application.
- * Prices do not include anything not mentioned in the itinerary or any personal expenses.
- * Tips is not included in quotation, but tips to driver and guide is highly appreciated.
- * Prices are subject to change due to fluctuation of exchange rates or other unexpected reasons, and are subject to room/cabin availability at time of booking.

Children discounts:

Child between 2-4 years, sharing parents' bed (no extra bed) 90%, if extra bed is required extra charge will apply.

Child between 5-11 in parents room (max 1 extra bed in std room) 50%.

Payment policies for FIT's:

For Norway in a Nutshell and SJ/NSB train bookings, 50% of package price has to be received 2 weeks before arrival.

100% of package price received 10 working days before arrival.