

BEST OF SCANDINAVIA & ICELAND

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: WELCOME TO SWEDEN

When you arrive at Stockholm-Arlanda Airport, make your way to **Stockholm** city centre. Many travellers opt to take the express train to Stockholm Central Station, but we also offer direct private transfers. After settling in at your hotel, spend the day exploring the beautiful city. Stroll the well-known street Drottninggatan where you can shop and feel the vibe of the capital city. Go for a walk in the surrounding area of **Östermalm**, where you will find interesting shops, cafés, and restaurants for a perfect introduction to Scandinavian culture. It could be fun to pick a cafe and experience Swedish „fika“, an afternoon tea or coffee.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

HIGHLIGHTS: Drottninggatan - Stockholm - Sweden - Östermalm

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DAY 2: THE CHARMS OF SWEDISH CULTURE

Today you will explore the heart of scenic Stockholm. We recommend exploring the capital by foot, visiting attractions such as the **Old Town (Gamla Stan)**, where you will find the **Royal Palace**, the parliament, old churches, beautiful cobble stone streets and medieval houses.

After some time at Gamla Stan, you can take a short ferry ride to the nearby island **Djurgården**, a cultural oasis with something for everyone. Here you will find the kitschy **Abba Museum**, the **Nordic Museum**, the **Gröna Lund** amusement park, and the **Skansen** open-air museum. It is ideal to spend the afternoon here, exploring the grounds and many attractions.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

HIGHLIGHTS: ABBA The Museum - Djurgården - Gamla Stan (Old town of Stockholm) - Gröna Lund amusement park - Royal Palace of Stockholm - Stockholm City Hall - Södermalm

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DAY 3: TRAVEL FROM STOCKHOLM TO LOVELY COPENHAGEN

Today you will take a short flight to **Copenhagen**. After settling in at your hotel, go for a walk along the enchanting old harbour area of **Nyhavn**, where you will see colourful houses and lively restaurants among the docked boats. Walk the narrow side streets, visit some shops and try out the traditional Danish open-faced sandwich, Smørrebrød. In the evening, visit the amusement park **Tivoli Gardens**, which has something for everyone. It's a lovely place to admire the architecture and gardens and to enjoy some carnival rides.

Spend the night in Copenhagen.

**For those interested, we offer the option of travelling by train instead of flight between Stockholm and Denmark. For more details click the optional activities.*

HIGHLIGHTS: Copenhagen - Denmark - Nyhavn - Tivoli Gardens

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DAY 4: A DAY IN CAPTIVATING COPENHAGEN

You have the whole day to explore **Copenhagen**. We recommend seeing the city by foot, visiting landmarks

including **Amalienborg Palace**, **Christiansborg Palace**, and the famous **Little Mermaid** statue. An optional cruise from the harbour is also highly recommended as you can appreciate the architecture and beauty of the city by water. Next, stroll **Strøget** street for some shopping and grab something to eat at Torvehallerne food hall.

Spend the night in Copenhagen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Amalienborg Palace - Christiansborg Palace - Little Mermaid - Nyhavn - Strøget shopping street

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DAY 5: SET SAIL FOR NORWAY

Spend the morning touring Copenhagen. Some interesting attractions include the observatory of **The Round Tower**, the most famous church in Copenhagen, **Church of Our Saviour**, as well as the impeccable King's Garden, and the regal **Rosenborg Castle**. In the late afternoon, it's time to board your cruise to Oslo, which sails gently up the **Kattegat Sund** on its way to Norway's capital city. You can enjoy dinner in one of the restaurants, check out the entertainment on board or just relax and watch the sunset from the deck.

Spend the night on the cruise.

HIGHLIGHTS: Church of Our Saviour - Kattegat Sund - Rosenborg Castle - The Round Tower

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DAY 6: ENJOY ENCHANTING OSLO

After the cruise ship docks, get ready to see the best of Oslo. The city is quite walkable and recommend exploring by foot and the convenience of public transport. Notable attractions include the beautiful **Vigeland Sculpture Park**, **Viking Ship Museum**, **Fram Polar Ship Museum** and spending some time along the beautiful harbour area. Other interesting stops include the **Munch Museum**, **Royal Palace**, **Akershus Fortress**, and **Oslo City Hall**.

Spend the night in Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Aker Brygge - Akershus Fortress - Fram Museum - Munch Museum - Norway - Oslo - The Viking Ship Museum - Vigeland Sculpture Park

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DAY 7: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL - THE FLÅM RAILWAY

Get ready for the spectacular Norway in a Nutshell® railway journey towards Bergen, with an overnight stop in **Flåm**. This train ride takes you over Norway's "mountainous rooftops", through charming villages like Gol and **Geilo**, before reaching Myrdal, where you'll switch trains to the famous **Flåm Railway** (Flåmsbana) for an incredible ride to the beautiful village of Flåm. Enjoy a relaxing day in Flåm, where you can follow one of the many hiking trails in the mountains around the village, or participate in an optional activity, such as kayaking, fjord sightseeing or visiting the Stegastein platform.

Spend the night in Flåm.

We recommend booking luggage transfer for the travel between Oslo and Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Flåm - Flåm Railway (Flåmsbana) - Geilo - NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL®

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DAY 8: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL TO BERGEN

Spend the morning at leisure, either relaxing at the hotel or taking a walk along the fjord. Around noon, you'll board a boat to sail through **Aurlandsfjord** into the World Heritage-listed Nærøysfjord, the narrowest fjord in

all of Europe. This is perhaps the most beautiful arm of **Sognefjord**, with its mighty waterfalls and small farms clinging to the steep mountainsides. The boat docks in Gudvangen, from where you'll be transported by bus up **Stalheimskleiva**, Northern Europe's steepest stretch of road. After a thrilling ride around 13 hairpin bends and a brief pause to enjoy the view, you will continue to **Voss** to board the train for the last stretch of the journey to **Bergen**.

Spend the night in Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Aurlandsfjord - Bergen - Fjords in Norway - Flåm - Nærøyfjord - Sognefjord - Stalheimskleiva

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DAY 9: THE CAPITAL OF THE FJORDS

Despite being an international city, Bergen, "The Capital of the Fjords", has all the charms of a small town. Here you'll find **Bryggen**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, along with remarkably preserved old houses, a lively fish and flower market, cable cars offering stunning views, great museums and more. We recommend riding the **Fløibanen** Funicular to Mount Fløyen to enjoy the panoramic views over the city or a cable car up Mt. Ulriken. Bergen is also known for its museums dedicated to history about trade and fisheries, architecture, music and contemporary art.

Spend another night in Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Bergen - Bryggen - Fishmarket - Fløibanen Funicular (Funicular Railway) - King Håkon's Hall - Rosenkrantz Tower - St. Mary's Church

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DAY 10: BEAUTIFUL BERGEN TO IDYLIC ICELAND

This morning, enjoy some last-minute shopping, visit one of Bergen's many museums or relax at a café, before heading to Bergen-Flesland Airport for your included flight to Iceland.

On arrival to Keflavik International Airport, you will be greeted by a driver who will take you to your accommodation in **Reykjavík**. After settling in, the rest of the day is free for you to explore. We recommend strolling the streets of the charming capital city, visiting museums, and exploring landmarks like **Hallgrímskirkja** and the **Sun Voyager**.

Spend the next four nights in Reykjavik.

HIGHLIGHTS: Iceland - Reykjavík

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DAY 11: REYKJAVÍK CITY WALK & BLUE LAGOON

After breakfast, enjoy an exclusive guided small group walking tour in the heart of Reykjavik with a friendly local guide. Over the course of the 3-hour walk, your guide will introduce you to the bustling downtown area including the concert hall Harpa, the old harbour area, the parliament building, and the small city pond.

In the afternoon, you will be picked up for a bus transfer to the famous **Blue Lagoon**, where you can bathe in the heated geothermal pool, which is rich with silica and soothing for your skin. You can also enjoy a sauna or steambath and an array of spa services (which must be booked in advance).

Spend the night in Reykjavik.

HIGHLIGHTS: Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík

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DAY 12: THE CLASSIC GOLDEN CIRCLE

Today you will visit some of Iceland's most famous attractions with a guided small group tour of the classic

“Golden Circle” route in South Iceland. One of the many highlights on this journey is **Pingvellir National Park**, a place of great historical and geological significance that is also listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Other attractions include the beautiful two-tiered **Gullfoss** waterfall and the spouting hot springs of Geysir. While Geysir lies dormant, its neighbour Strokkur erupts every few minutes, gushing steam and water from the bowels of the earth. A taste of Icelandic food and drink is included on the tour. On return to Reykjavik, you will see the beautiful waterfall Faxi.

Spend the night in Reykjavik.

HIGHLIGHTS: Geysir - Gullfoss - Þingvellir

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DAY 13: THE SCENIC SOUTH COAST - WATERFALLS

Enjoy a guided small group tour along the striking south coast of Iceland that includes the picturesque **Seljalandsfoss** waterfall, which is 40-metres high and has a pathway leading behind the waterfall, giving visitors a chance to view the falls from within. Next up is a view of the vast glacier Sólheimajökull before continuing to **Reynisfjara**, a hauntingly beautiful black sand beach. The last stop before heading back to Reykjavik is the graceful, 60-metre high **Skógafoss** waterfall to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and pose for the perfect picture.

Spend the night in Reykjavik.

HIGHLIGHTS: Mýrdalsjökull, Katla & Sólheimajökull - Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar - Seljalandsfoss

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DAY 14: DEPARTURE FROM ICELAND

Your adventure in Scandinavia and Iceland has come to an end. Depart to Keflavik International Airport via a semi-private transfer. If your flight is in the afternoon, you will have time to visit some of Reykjavik's boutiques or museums. You may also opt to take an exciting optional activity (not included).

Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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