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Experience the Exceptional...

- 25-day tour of Scandinavia and Iceland, including all accommodation at 4 star hotels: Copenhagen (5 nights), Oslo (3 nights), Balestrand (2 nights), Bergen (3 nights), 6 nights in Iceland: Reykjavik (2 +2 nights), Vik (2 nights), Stockholm (4 nights), plus one night stay in overnight ferry.
- Copenhagen tours include Amalienborg Palace, old harbour cruise, Tivoli Gardens, full day tour to Zealandia and visit to Hamlet's Castle, walking tour of the city, and the Museum of National History.
- Norway tours include Oslo city tour, Vigeland Sculpture Park, Royal Castle, Munch Museum, Flam Railway, cruise of the Fiords, glacier tour, Bergen city tour, waterfalls, markets, Grieg's House and funicular ride.
- Sights in Iceland include whale watching, harbour tours, Golden Circle tour, Thingvellir tectonic plates, Parliament, geysers, hot water beach, waterfalls, active lava flow, Viking history and museums.
- Stockholm tours include Vasa and ABBA museum, castles, cathedrals, Under the Bridge of Stockholm cruise, and full day tour out of the city.
- Several music concerts including Grieg's house, Bergen, operas or shows in Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo and private concerts with our hosts. (All subject to availability).
- Numerous tours with special points of interest and flavour including entrances to Frederiksborg Castle, Vasa Museum, ABBA museum, Norsk Folkemuseum, Norwegian Glacier Museum, National and Saga museums, tracing Iceland's Viking history and Drottningholm Castle.

OUR ARTISTS FOR THIS TRIP: Bonaventure Allan-Moetaua and Paul Carnegie -Jones



PLACES WE STAY

Please note that hotels are subject to final confirmation at time of printing brochure.

Copenhagen Admiral Hotel (5 nights) is located by the harbour, close to Nyhavn, next to the Amalienborg Palace, and facing the Opera House (harbour view rooms).

Grand Oslo Hotel, Oslo (3 nights) is located in the heart of Oslo. This unique position in the middle of Karl Johan parade street Karl Johan offers many sights and shopping in the immediate.

The Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand (2 nights) lies on the shore of the SogneFiord and overlooks the Fiord and the mountains. Family owned for over 150 years it is full of old world charm and an extensive collection of artworks and antiques.

Clarion Hotel Admiral, Bergen (3 nights) is a vibrant hotel in the heart of Bergen with a beautiful view over Bryggen and Mount Floyen.

Hotel Borg, Reykjavík, Iceland (2 +2 nights)
This elegant Art Deco-style Hotel Borg enjoys a central location in Reykjavik, overlooking the historic Asaturvöllur Square.

Hotel Kria, Vik, Iceland (2 nights) is a modern hotel built in 2018. Located in the village of Vik, South Iceland, provides the perfect base for discovering the natural treasures of the breathtaking south coast.

Elite Hotel Marina Tower (4 nights) is a beautiful hotel located in a historic mill building on the waterfront, and just a few minutes from downtown Stockholm.



Copenhagen Admiral Hotel



The Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand



Grand Oslo Hotel, Oslo



Tivoli Gardens

COPENHAGEN (5 nights)

ADMIRAL HOTEL

From the winding streets of the beautiful old town and grand royal palaces to the city's cutting-edge buildings and attractions, Copenhagen is the perfect blend of old world and new. Founded as a fishing village in the tenth century, Copenhagen has been the capital since the 15th century.

Highlights Include:

- Special welcome dinner at local restaurant with music from our hosts.
- Guided tour of the city which includes the Amalienborg Palace, Christiansborg Palace, Hans Christian Andersen's statue, Gefion Fountain, the old harbour of Nyhavn and the famous Little Mermaid.
- Walking tour of the old city, harbour and boat cruise around the waterways of Copenhagen.
- The Tivoli Gardens and dinner at Paafuglen Restaurant, plus music. Tivoli Gardens opened in 1843, the second oldest amusement park in the world.
- Copenhagen Opera performance (subject to availability).
- Full day tour to the castles of North Zealand which includes: beautiful countryside, Frederiksborg Castle, the Museum of National History, the collection of priceless paintings, silver and porcelain items, furniture and tapestries and the imposing Kronborg Castle, which was the setting of 'Hamlet'.
- Free time to enjoy this beautiful city at leisure.



Kronborg Castle

COPENHAGEN - OSLO FERRY (1 NIGHT)

We travel overnight on our cruise ship, from Copenhagen to Oslo in outside cabins with private facilities including dinner.

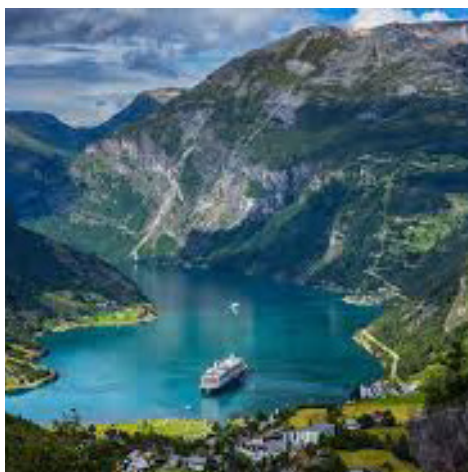
OSLO (3 nights)

Grand Oslo Hotel

Oslo, the capital of Norway, sits on the country's southern coast at the head of the OsloFiord, and is known for its citywide green spaces and museums.

Highlights Include:

- 7 hour sightseeing tour of Oslo including visits to the famous Vigeland Sculpture Park, Royal Castle, the Parliament building and Norsk Folkemuseum.
- A full day museum tour of Oslo including a guided tour of the Opera House.
- A visit to the Munch Museum featuring a large collection of paintings of the famous Norwegian painter and to the Nobel Peace Centre.
- Charter of boat for cruise and fiord sightseeing tour.



Oslo Fiord Cruise

OSLO - MYRDAL - FLAM - BALESTRAND TRAIN AND FERRY JOURNEY

PLEASE NOTE: We may enjoy the Flam train before or after Balestrand depending on timetables and scheduling.

BALESTRAND (2 nights)

Kviknes Hotel

Balestrand is a lush and beautiful west country village right in the world's most beautiful adventure land. From here, three branches of the Fiord stretch inland between Fiord and mountain.

Highlights Include:

- Lake view rooms.
- Full day in the fiords including cruise along the Fiord to Fjærland for a visit to the Norwegian Glacier Museum, Boya and Supphelle Glaciers plus drive along the SogneFiord.

Travel by boat and coach or by the Flam Railway today over the mountain to Bergen.

Highlights Include:

- Ferry to Vangsnes and drive across the Vika Mountains via Voss to the magnificent HardangerFiord.
- The mighty Vøringsfossen Waterfall with a vertical drop of 180m, the highest in Norway.
- Scenic tour alongside the beautiful HardangerFiord, famous for its many fruit orchards.

BERGEN (3 nights)

Clarion Hotel Admiral

Bergen is the second largest city in Norway and is the most popular gateway to the Fiords of West Norway and is renowned for its beautiful scenery.

Highlights Include:

- Troidhaugen, the former home of the great composer Edvard Grieg, with concert in Grieg's house plus entrance to the exhibition and a guided tour through Edvard Grieg's villa.
- Tour of Bergen including the famous Fish and Flower Market, the old Bryggen Harbour, the popular Hanseatic Quarter and the ancient Maria Church, the funicular to Mount Floyen with views of Bergen.
- Free time to enjoy the city and harbour from our centrally located hotel.

Today we fly to Iceland on our direct flight.



Norwegian Waterfall



Bergen



Flam Railway



Golden Circle Iceland

ICELAND (7 days/ 6 nights)

Iceland, a Nordic island nation, is defined by its dramatic landscape with volcanoes, geysers, hot springs and lava fields. Massive glaciers are protected in Vatnajökull and Snæfellsjökull national parks. Most of the population lives in the capital, Reykjavik, which runs on geothermal power and is home to the National and Saga museums, tracing Iceland's Viking history.

Please note: We do require a moderate level of fitness to get the best out of Iceland. However this tour has been planned with easy walking and most of the time, you can see the attractions from the coach park if you do not wish to do too much walking.

Reykjavík (2 nights)

Hotel Borg

Highlights Include:

- Tour to point out local cultural stops.
- Take part in a Whale watching and Puffins tour, departing from the old Reykjavík harbour.
- Free afternoon to explore Reykjavík on our own.
- A concert or a play in the evening depending on availability.
- Dinner and music from our artists.

Today we drive out of Reykjavík and enjoy the countryside.

Highlights Include:

- Drive the well known Golden Circle tour.
- Visit Thingvellir which is known for its tectonic rift valley and marks the rifting of the Eurasian and North American plates from each other
- In 930 the Icelandic Parliament, the first democracy in the world, was established at Thingvellir. Thingvellir became a World Heritage Site in 2004.
- Visit to Strokkur and the Geysir area will be visited.
- Near Geysir is the beautiful Gullfoss Waterfall. Enjoy the view from above and walk down the path to get close to the powerful waterfall.
- Lunch at a farm greenhouse!
- Visit to the Secret Lagoon.



Thingvellir

Hotel Kria, Vik (2 nights)

Highlights Include:

- Drive the south coast of Iceland. Seljalandsfoss is 60 m high and it is possible to walk behind it, and get a unique view from behind.
- Skógafoss is one of the most famous waterfalls in Iceland.
- Eyjafjallajökull is now famous for its 2010 volcanic eruption that disrupted air traffic in Europe.
- Reynisfjara black beach was, in 1991, ranked as one of the ten most beautiful non-tropical beaches in the world.
- Sólheimajökull is an outlet glacier, flowing out of the ice cap Mýrdalsjökull (seen from car).
- A 50 minute Lava show in Vík, where you will see active lava right in front of your eyes (tickets included).
- Dinner at the unique Black Crust Pizzeria.



Seljalandsfoss

Drive back to Reykjavik with free afternoon to explore Reykjavík.
Reykjavík (2 nights)

Hotel Borg

Highlights Include:

- A hunt for the Northern Lights in the evening by car if the weather conditions are right including dinner.
- Visit the National and Saga museums, tracing Iceland's Viking history.
- Spend the day in the relaxing atmosphere of the Blue Lagoon, situated 40 minutes from Reykjavik.
- Farewell dinner at Sjaland restaurant in the evening with music from our hosts if possible.

This morning we say farewell to Iceland and fly to Stockholm.

STOCKHOLM (4 nights)

Elite Hotel Marina Tower

Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, encompasses 14 islands of the vast Stockholm archipelago on the Baltic Sea. The cobblestone streets and ochre-coloured buildings of medieval Gamla Stan, the old town, are home to a 13th-century cathedral, the royal palace of Kungliga Slottet and its underground armory, cafes and restaurants.

Highlights Include:

- An introductory city sightseeing tour of Stockholm with local guide.
- The Blue Hall where the Nobel Prize banquet takes place, the Royal Palace, the Parliament Buildings, the island of Djurgården and the Old Town.
- A 6 hour tour to Drottningholm Castle – a World Heritage Site, by cruise.
- Opera performance at the opera house (subject to availability).
- Day in the country and tour of Sigtuna, the oldest town in Stockholm and Uppsala cathedral and historic centre.
- Visit to Vasa Museum -the impressive warship Vasa sank on her maiden voyage in 1628 but was salvaged 333 years later in 1961. She has since been restored and can now be seen with her complete rigging at the Vasa Museum.
- Under the Bridges of Stockholm Canal Tour.
- Visit Skansen outdoor historical museum.
- Visit to ABBA Museum which includes memorabilia and costumes worn by the group.
- Final night dinner with music from our hosts.



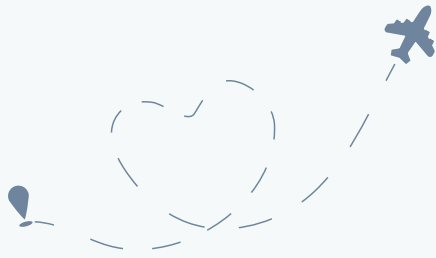
Northern Lights



Drottningholm Castle



Stockholm Waterfront



\$25,670 per person
twin share
Single Room Supplement Add \$6660

Initial Deposit on booking: \$2000

Second Deposit due: 16 February 2024 \$4000

Final Balance due: 26 April 2024

THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- All transport as listed in itinerary including Emirates: Auckland - Dubai - Copenhagen/Stockholm - Dubai - Auckland direct economy flights, Bergen - Iceland - Stockholm regional flights plus overnight ferry from Copenhagen to Oslo.
- 25 day tour of Scandinavia and Iceland, including all accommodation at 4 star hotels: Copenhagen (5 nights), Oslo (3 nights), Balestrand (2 nights), Bergen (3 nights), 6 nights in Iceland: Reykjavik (2 +2 nights), Vik (2 nights), Stockholm (4 nights), plus one night stay in overnight ferry.
- Numerous special tours and sights including Flam Railways, waterways tours in Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo and Reykjavik plus cruises on the Fjords in Norway, Northern Lights in Iceland, .
- Sights in Iceland include glaciers, volcanos, tectonic plates, geysers, hot pools, black beach, scenery and Northern lights (depending on weather conditions).
- Several music concerts including Greig's house, Bergen, Operas or shows in Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo and private concerts with our hosts. (All subject to availability).
- City tours with local guides and all famous sights including Copenhagen, Oslo, Bergen, Stockholm, Iceland and Uppsala.
- Numerous tours with special points of interest and flavour including entrances to Frederiksborg Castle, Vasa Museum, ABBA Museum, Norsk Folkemuseum, Norwegian Glacier Museum, National and Saga museums, tracing Iceland's Viking history and Drottningholm Castle.
- Meals: All breakfasts, 7 lunches and 12 dinners, many with music and local flavour.
- All transfers, tips, tours, coach trips are included as listed in the itinerary.
- Limited to 30 travellers.
- Escorted by Bonaventure Allan-Moetaua and Paul Carnegie-Jones.

MODERATE TOUR

All our trips are specifically designed for our core market but this trip does contain travel challenges, either because of the region visited or the walking distances or uneven surfaces that arise at some sites. We do advise that you and your doctor evaluate your level of fitness before you consider booking this tour.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All itinerary details are subject to change, but changes will be replaced with a comparable or better option.
- Initial & Second deposits are fully refundable up until final balance due date, minus an administration fee of up to \$500 plus any non-recoverable costs.
- All monies are non-refundable at final balance due date. This becomes an insurance claim.
- Payment by direct credit incurs no surcharge. Credit card payments will incur a surcharge of 1.5%.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Bookings will only be accepted with initial deposit.
- All travellers must obtain comprehensive travel insurance for international travel and insurance for domestic travel is recommended.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions on booking form.