

SCANDINAVIA TRIANGLE

Discover the best of the Nordic countries from bottom to top and back again. It's a fusion of sights, lights and action, cosmopolitan cities and rural countryside. Explore medieval capitals, sail the seas, revel in the fun and magic of huskies, reindeers and snowmobiling. Just in case you don't get to see the Northern Lights in this time, we've added a cruise down the coast of Norway to maximize your chances. Round off with a couple of days in picturesque Bergen and explore Oslo.

DAY 1: ARRIVE COPENHAGEN

Arrive Copenhagen and transfer to your central hotel.

DAY 2: COPENHAGEN

Copenhagen's a charming city with a thousand years of history. These are the same medieval streets; the same streets walked on by every generation of the world's oldest royal family, the same streets and canals which have inspired artists for centuries. Copenhagen has many attractions: Tivoli amusement park, the statue of the Little Mermaid, Gefion Fountain, Royal Palace Amalienborg and much more. This is a city also famous for its cafes and bakeries so don't miss out on a coffee and pastry. Your guided sightseeing tour this morning will take in the must see sights.

DAY 3: STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

Check out after breakfast and travel by train to Stockholm. This is a charming city with harbour side elegance where the old and new together in complete harmony.

DAY 4: STOCKHOLM

Built on 14 islands, in Stockholm you're never far from the water with lots to see: Vasa Museum, the Skansen Open Air Museum, City Hall, the Old Town (Gamla Stan), Abba Museum and much more. Join your guide after breakfast for a tour of the must see sights.

DAY 5: STOCKHOLM / OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO HELSINKI

Day at leisure before later afternoon departure on overnight cruise to Helsinki.

DAY 6: HELSINKI

Mid morning arrival in Helsinki.

Helsinki is an easy and compact city to move around and this morning take a audio sightseeing tour of the most interesting parts of the city. Visit the historical centre, the City Hall, The Parliament buildings, Finlandia Hall and the Opera House. See the Sibelius Monument and the Temppeliaukio Church (Rock Church).

DAYS 7 to 10: IVALO

Fly to Ivalo and transfer to your Wilderness Lodge. Over the next days you'll experience all Lapland has to offer: the exhilaration of gliding across the snow on a snowmobile; the challenge and freedom of driving a husky team; meet Lapland's best known animal—reindeers burning those calories off with snowshoe walking; testing your balance with cross country skiing and a definite highlight, searching for the Northern Lights.

DAY 11: KIRKENES, NORWAY

Time to leave your wilderness experience behind and



Copenhagen



Meet the reindeers



Mush mush

travel further North to Kirkenes in Norway.

Afternoon is at leisure so time to try one of the unusual optional activities – catching a King Crab or spending the night in the Snowhotel?

DAY 12: CRUISE: KIRKENES / BERLEVAG

Departing Kirkenes around midday, cruise Norway's coastline to the small port of of Båtsfjord, then on to Berlevåg where you may be able to make out Mount Tanahorn to the west or see the flashes from Kjølnes Lighthouse which overlooks the Barents Sea.

DAY 13: MEHAMN / TROMSO

Stop at Hammerfest, the world's most northerly town, before the ship continues to Tromso, where you have the chance to witness an unforgettable midnight concert at the Arctic Cathedral. (This along with other activities, must be reserved in advance.

DAY 14: TROMSO / STAMSUND

Today the ship negotiates an intricate network of isles and inlets passing through the legendary Lofoten Islands, one of the most beautiful stretches of the Norwegian coastline.

DAY 15: BODO / RORVIK

Your cruising today takes you to a world of legends and folklore as you cross the Arctic Circle and sail past the famed peaks of the Seven Sisters. Mid-afternoon brings you to Brønnøysund where you'll have time to explore the bustling marina on a walk along Havnegata.

The last stop of the day is the cosy fishing port of Rørvik in the picturesque Vikna archipelago.

DAY 16: TRONDHEIM / ALESUND

Early morning arrival in Trondheim where you can take advantage of the quiet streets to explore. Continue your cruise to Kristiansund, spread over three islands and known for being Norway's "Bacalao Capital" for the salted cod that's dried on the surrounding cliffs. Stroll along the cobblestone streets and enjoy a panorama view of the area from the old watchtower at Varden viewpoint.

Final port before Alesund is Molde, nicknamed "The City of Roses" when the flowers are in bloom between mid-June and late August.

DAY 17: ALESUND / BERGEN

The home stretch today takes in the sights of the many fjords along the route and as you reach Bergen, the ship navigates the final islands and skerries sailing down the Hjeltefjord to arrive into Bergen.

DAY 18: BERGEN

Day at leisure to explore the picturesque city of Bergen. Founded in 1070, Bergen has gained a place on UNESCO'S World Heritage List and the old architecturally unique Hanseatic wharf is a delight to explore.

DAY 19: BERGEN TO OSLO VIA FLÅM

Depart by train on the first part of your Norway in a Nutshell. Claimed to be the worlds most scenic railway, part of your experience is aboard the Flåm Railway. The journey has several highlights, including the **Flåm** Railway,



King Crab Safari



Hurtigruten MS Midnatsol



Tromsø



Lofoten Island

a fjord cruise on Nærøyfjorden and Aurlandsfjorden. Travel through Nærøydalen valley which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Options to overnight in Flam possible at supplement charge.

DAY 20: OSLO, NORWAY

The original Oslo, established a millennia ago by the Vikings, was destroyed in a fire in 1624. The king of the time ordered a new town to be constructed further west and to be called 'Kristiania' where buildings should be constructed not of wood but of stone and brick. Those who couldn't afford entire structure of brick were permitted to mix the brick and wood, as was the Danish style. Reverting back to it's original name Oslo in 1925, Oslo is probably best known today for being the home of the Nobel Peace Prize.

This morning you'll join your guide for a tour of the city.

DAY 21: DEPART OSLO

Check out from your hotel and transfer to the airport for your return flight.

INCLUSIONS & HIGHLIGHTS

- 10 nights hotel accommodation inclusive of breakfast: Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, Kirkenes, Bergen & Oslo
- Four nights selected accommodation in Lapland
- Overnight cruise from Stockholm to Helsinki inclusive of breakfast
- 5 Night Cruise Kirkenes to Bergen in selected category
- Transfers
- Sightseeing tours Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, Bergen & Oslo
- Aurora Alerts in Lapland
- Husky safari
- Reindeer day with snowmobile
- Aurora Snowmobiling
- Aurora Campfire Night
- Cross country skiing
- Outdoor clothing and boots in Lapland
- Hurtigruten or Havila Cruise Kirkenes to Bergen (5 nights) in selected category
- Full board on cruise
- Norway in a Nutshell Bergen to Oslo
- Train Bergen to Oslo

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Ice Bar



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