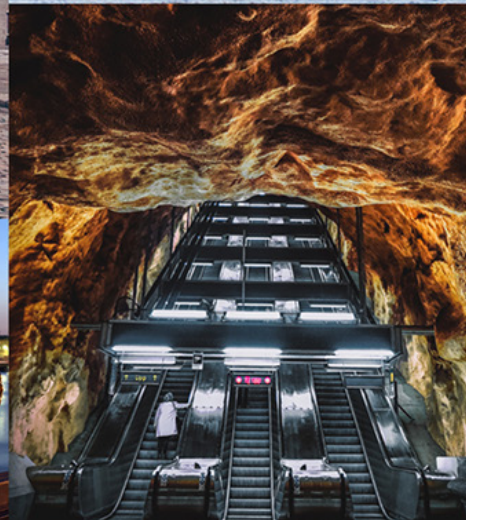


4 CAPITALS AND BERGEN



Day 1, ARRIVAL COPENHAGEN

Group transfer by coach from Copenhagen Airport to your hotel in the city centre. Check in and free time until dinner.

Copenhagen, the capital city of the kingdom of Denmark since 1417. Copenhagen is one of Europe's oldest capitals with a royal touch - the monarchy in Denmark is the oldest in the world! Copenhagen is a place where old fairytales blend with flashy new architecture and world class design. Copenhagen is also considered one of the world's most environmentally friendly cities and one of the world's leading cycle cities.

In the evening, short walk (350 meter/approx. 5 minutes) to local **restaurant Cassiopeia for welcome dinner at 19:00.**

3 courses vegetarian dinner incl. coffee/tea (no beverages included)

Starter: seasonal soup or salad

Main: Vegetable fusion with brussel sprouts, sun chokes, smoked cashew nuts, potatoes and onion sauce

Dessert: Cheese cake with berries & crumble

Accommodation including breakfast at Imperial Hotel in standard rooms

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GROUP TOUR



Day 2, COPENHAGEN

At 09:00 meet local English speaking guide at the hotel lobby area and start of 5 hours panoramic sightseeing including entrance to Christiansborg Palace and a relaxing 1 hour canal cruise.

Start with a 2 hour panoramic tour by bus. During this tour you will pass sights such as Tivoli, Hans Christian Andersen's statue, the Amalienborg Palace, Gefion Fountain, the old harbour of Nyhavn, the famous Little Mermaid and many other popular sights. Stop for a visit (entrance) at **Christiansborg Palace** (seat of the Danish Parliament).

- The palace is built on the ruins of Copenhagen Palace, and houses the Danish Parliament (Folketinget), the Supreme Court and the Royal reception rooms (which can be visited unless the Queen is using the rooms). The palace today bears witness to three eras of Danish architecture, as a result of two serious fires. The first fire occurred in 1794 and the second in 1884. The main part of the current palace, built in 1928, is in the historicist Neo-baroque style. The chapel dates to the 1800s and is in neoclassic style.

Enjoy the view of Copenhagen from the water on an approx. 1 hour **cancel cruise**:

- A lovely canal tour around the harbour and through the idyllic canals where you will hear stories about Copenhagen's beautiful churches, castles, listed houses, modern architecture and many other sights. During the tour you will pass: The Opera House, the Little Mermaid, Amalienborg Palace, Amaliehaven, Christianshavn, Our Savior's Church, the Black Diamond, the National Museum, Gammel Strand, Christiansborg Palace, Holmen's Church, The old Stock Exchange, the National Bank
- **13:30** transfer back to your hotel.

Enjoy rest of the afternoon free at your leisure.

At 19:00 group dinner at the hotel



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GROUP TOUR

Day 3, FLY TO OSLO AND START OF THE CITY TOUR

Early check out. **06:20 transfer by coach from your hotel to Copenhagen Kastrup Airport.** 09:20-10:30 flight DY0933 Copenhagen-Oslo at own arrangement (flight not included). Arrive in Oslo Gardermoen Airport and meet **local English speaking guide (Kjellfrid Lindborg) at the arriving hall with name board. Together you will find the bus. Transfer to the city centre and start of approx. 3 hours panoramic city tour by coach.** During the tour you will pass major highlights such as see the Royal castle, the City hall, the Parliament building (Stortinget), the Opera House, Akershus Fortress and many other popular sights. The tour also includes a visit to the famous Vigeland sculpture park, which is the world's largest sculpture park made by a single artist. The unique sculpture park is Gustav Vigeland's lifework with more than 200 sculptures in bronze, granite and wrought iron. Vigeland was also in charge of the design and architectural layout of the park.

- *During the tour you will stop by the central train station and the guide will assist exchanging your voucher for tomorrow's train ride Oslo-Bergen into train tickets.*

The tour will terminate at your hotel at 14:30. Check in and get settled before dinner.

At 19:00 group dinner at the hotel

- Buffet incl. coffee/tea (no beverages included)

Accommodation including breakfast at Scandic Vulkan in standard rooms

Day 4, TRAIN OSLO - BERGEN

Group transfer by private coach from your hotel to Oslo train station. **12:03 train to Bergen.** Arrival in Bergen at 18:55. Meet driver and transfer by private coach from Bergen train station to your hotel.

Bergen is called '*the city between seven mountains*' because of the many mountains surrounding it. At 624 metres, Mount Ulriken is the tallest of them. Bergen was one of the major hanseatic cities in Europe and it has been a great centre of trade throughout the ages. Fish was exported from Bergen, while grain was the main import. The first German merchants came to the city already in 1270, and the powerful Hanseatic League existed until 1784, when it was disbanded. The Hanseatic merchants operated in the Bryggen area, which is now included on UNESCO's World Heritage List. Enjoy the evening free for dinner at own arrangement.

Accommodation including breakfast at Clarion Hotel Admiral in standard rooms

Day 5, FLIGHT BERGEN-STOCKHOLM

At 09:00 meet local English speaking guide (Ulv Tore Skaar) at the hotel lobby area and start of 3 hours panoramic sightseeing by coach including ride with the Fløi Funicular. A guided tour of the city includes a visit to the famous Fish and Flower Market, the old Bryggen Harbour with its gabled packhouses, the popular Hanseatic Quarter and the ancient Maria Church. You will also enjoy a ride with the **Fløi Funicular**, which takes you up to Mt. Fløyen, 320 meter above the sea level in approx. 5-6 minutes/one way, from where you can enjoy a fantastic view over the city and harbor.

The tour will terminate at your hotel at 12:00.

Enjoy rest of the day free at your leisure.

Accommodation including breakfast at Clarion Hotel Admiral in standard rooms

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GROUP TOUR

Day 6, FLIGHT BERGEN-STOCKHOLM

Check out. **11:00 transfer by private coach from your hotel to Bergen Flesland Airport.** 14:00-15:20 flight DY4140 Bergen-Stockholm at own arrangement.

Arrive in Stockholm Arlanda Airport and meet driver at the arrivals hall with a name board. Group transfer by coach from Stockholm Airport to your hotel in the city centre. Check in and free time until dinner.

Stockholm, one of the most beautiful capitals in the world, is built on 14 islands, connected by 57 bridges. The beautiful buildings, the green parks, the fresh air and the proximity to the water are distinctive traits of this city. With 750 years of history and rich cultural life, Stockholm offers a wide selection of world class museums and attractions

At 19:00 group dinner at the hotel

- 3 courses vegetarian dinner incl. coffee/tea (no beverages included)
- Menu of the day (not settled in advance)

Accommodation including breakfast at Scandic Anglais in standard rooms



Day 7, STOCKHOLM, AFTERNOON OVERNIGHT CRUISE

Check out and bring your luggage on the bus during today's city sightseeing.

At 09:00 meet local English speaking guide (Pia Dahlberg) at the hotel lobby area and start of 6 hours panoramic sightseeing by coach including entrance to the City Hall (Stadshuset), the Royal Palace and the Vasa Museum. During the panoramic tour you will pass sights such as the Parliament Buildings, the island of Djurgården and the Old Town (Gamla Stan), with its narrow cobbled streets and numerous antique shops.

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GROUP TOUR

Visit to the **Royal Palace** of Stockholm (entrance)

- The Royal Palace is His Majesty The King's official residence and is also the setting for most of the monarchy's official receptions. The entrance ticket includes visit to the Royal Apartments, the Treasury and the Tre Kronor Museum.

You will also visit the **City Hall (Stadshuset)** (entrance)

- one of the best known land marks of Stockholm and the city's administrative and representative centre. In the Blue Hall the world famous Nobel Prize banquet takes place every year, followed by a ball in the Golden Hall. NB! Please note that Stadshuset will be closed for visit in case of special events.

At last you will also visit the **Vasa Museum** (entrance)

- 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

At 15:00 end of guide service and proceed by coach for a short drive to the Tallink Silja Line terminal and board the overnight cruise to Helsinki.

Depart from Stockholm at 16:45 and enjoy the view from deck as you sail slowly through the lovely archipelago past numerous small islands.

Accommodation is in 2-berth promenade cabins with shower/WC (inside cabins with window into the promenade)

Day 8, HELSINKI

Enjoy your buffet breakfast as you sail into Helsinki. Helsinki was founded in 1550 by the Swedish King Gustav Vasa, as a trading post to compete with Tallinn, to the south, in Estonia. In the beginning of the 19th century Finland became part of Russia, and Tsar Alexander I made Helsinki capital in 1812. Since the beginning of the 20th century Finland has been independent, and today Helsinki pulls off the trick of being something of an international metropolis while still retaining a small-town feel.

Disembark at 09:55 and meet guide (Tommy Dahlström) at the arrivals hall with name board and start of 3 hours panoramic sightseeing by coach including entrance to the Rock Church (Temppe-liaukio Church). Famous sights include the Senate Square, Uspenskij Cathedral, Parliament House, Finlandia Hall, University of Helsinki, New Opera House, Sibelius Park & Monument, Temppeliaukio Kirkko (Rock Church), and other interesting sights. Excavated directly into solid rock, the Temppeliaukio church is situated in the heart of Helsinki, at the end of the street Fredrikinkatu. Because of its special architecture, the church, completed in 1969, is one of the main attractions in Helsinki. The church hall is covered with a dome, lined with copper and supported on the rock walls by reinforced concrete beams. The interior walls are of rugged rock and rubble wall. Enjoy rest of the afternoon free at your leisure.

19:00 farewell dinner at the hotel.

Day 8, HELSINKI DEPARTURE

Check out and walk to Helsinki railway station (the hotel is located next to the train station). Allegro train from Helsinki at 11:00 (local time) and arrive in St. Petersburg at 14:27 (local time), 2nd class incl. seat reservation.

PACKAGE SERVICES

- 7 nights accommodation at 4* hotels incl. breakfast
- 1 welcome dinner at local restaurant
- 4 dinners at hotels
- Coach, local English speaking guide and entrances:
 - o Day 1, transfer coach CPH Airport-hotel
 - o Day 2, CPH city tour: coach 2 hours + city transfer, guide 5 hours, entrance Christiansborg and canal cruise
 - o Day 3, transfer coach hotel-CPH Airport
 - o Day 3, OSLO Airport-city tour coach+guide 3 hours
 - o Day 4, transfer coach OSLO hotel-train
 - o Day 5, BERGEN city tour: coach+guide 3 hours, Fløi Funicular ticket
 - o Day 6, transfer coach hotel-BERGEN Airport
 - o Day 6, transfer coach ARN Airport-hotel
 - o Day 7, STO city tour: coach 7 hours, guide 6 hours, entrance Royal Palace, City Hall (Stadshuset) and Vasa Museum
 - o Day 8, HEL city tour: coach+guide 3 hours, entrance Rock Church (Temppeliaukio Church)
- Train tickets 2nd class incl. seat reservation
 - o Day 4, Oslo- Bergen
 - o Day 9, Helsinki-St. Petersburg