

NORDIC CAPITALS

TOUR 117 / HELSINKI - OSLO / 9 NIGHTS, 10 DAYS / MINIMUM 15 PERSONS

Explore the most interesting sites of the four nordic capitals; Helsinki, by the Baltic Sea, known for interesting architecture and design, with the beautiful Helsinki cathedral, Stockholm, with numerous canals and a picturesque old town, Copenhagen, with the Little Mermaid and historical castles and, finally, Oslo, beautifully situated between the Oslofjord and the forested hills.



DAY 1 | ARRIVAL IN HELSINKI

Arrival at Helsinki Airport according to your own itinerary (flight reserved by your agency).
Transfer to your hotel.

Helsinki, the capital of Finland, is a vibrant seaside city of beautiful islands and great green parks. Design, architecture, culture and shopping are all great exploration angles and large park areas, forests, lakes, and the coastline with numerous islands sprinkled off it make certain there's no shortage of natural presence.

Half board accommodation at **Scandic Grand Marina**, or similar, located in the city center.

DAY 2 | HELSINKI

Morning visit of Helsinki during a 3 hours city sightseeing with local guide. Sights of interest are the Sibelius Monument and Park, the Senate Square and the Cathedral. No entrances included.

In the afternoon, discover more of Helsinki during the 1,5 hours popular boat sightseeing cruise - Beautiful Canal Route. During the cruise you will get to see the beautiful shorelines of Helsinki, and you will pass many famous sights, such as the historic Suomenlinna Fortress, Helsinki Zoo on Korkeasaari Island and the fleet of icebreakers and Degerö Canal.

Bed and breakfast accommodation at **Scandic Grand Marina**.

DAY 3 | HELSINKI - STOCKHOLM

Morning free for further sightseeing or shopping in Helsinki. We recommend a stroll to the Market Square, with stalls and shops selling everything from traditional Finnish delights and freshly caught fish to handicrafts and flowers.

In the afternoon, transfer to the harbor and board the ship for an overnight cruise from Helsinki to Stockholm with **Tallink Silja Line**. Accommodation in ocean view cabins **and Scandinavian dinner buffet** on board.

DAY 4 | STOCKHOLM

Enjoy **breakfast** on board while cruising in through the Stockholm archipelago.

3 hours city sightseeing with a local guide in Stockholm, beautifully situated on the water. Main sights of interest are the old town (Gamla Stan), the Royal Palace, the Parliament buildings and the City Hall (entrance included) with its famous golden and blue halls.

Experience Stockholm from the water on a cruise passing under 12 bridges along the way. Go through the lock that connects the Baltic Sea to Lake Mälaren. Discover many of Stockholms famous neighborhoods, such as the inner city, Old Town, Södermalm and Djurgården.

Bed and breakfast accommodation at **Clarion Hotel Amaranten**, or similar, located in the city center.

DAY 5 | STOCKHOLM

Your local guide will meet you at the hotel for 4 hours excursion to the Djurgården island. Visit The Vasa Museum, where you'll find the unique and well preserved warship Vasa from 1628, embellished with hundreds of wooden sculptures.

Then visit the Skansen Museum to discover Swedish history at the world's oldest open-air museum. Return to the city center.

Afternoon free at your leisure. We recommend a stroll through the charming old town of Stockholm, with paved streets and beautiful old buildings, or an excursion by boat to visit the Drottningholm castle.

Bed and breakfast accommodation at **Clarion Hotel Amaranten**.

DAY 6 | STOCKHOLM - COPENHAGEN

Board the SJ train which will take you to Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark.

The royal and historic city of Copenhagen is the capital of Denmark. Here you can experience interesting museums, beautiful architecture and classic attractions, such as Nyhavn Harbour with waterside restaurants and vintage sailing ships, The Little Mermaid statue located by the harbor promenade, and the Tivoli Gardens - one of the world's most magical classic amusement parks, located in the heart of Copenhagen.

Visit the Tivoli Gardens in the evening and enjoy **3 course dinner included coffee at Paafuglen Restaurant (inside Tivoli).**

Bed and breakfast accommodation at **Comfort Hotel Vesterbro**, or similar, located in the city center.

DAY 7 | COPENHAGEN

Discover Copenhagen during a 3 hours sightseeing tour with a local guide. Sights of interest are the Christiansborg palace, the Royal theatre, the City Hall, the Royal palace Amalienborg, the old harbour of Nyhavn, the Little Mermaid, the Gefion fountain and the Rosenborg castle (no entrances included).

Explore Copenhagen further on the 1-hour guided canal boat tour on the city's waterways. The on-board guide will provide you with facts about the surrounding buildings and sights of interest.

Bed and breakfast accommodation at **Comfort Hotel Vesterbro**.

DAY 8 | COPENHAGEN - OSLO

Morning free in Copenhagen for further sightseeing or shopping. We recommend a stroll along the pedestrian main street – Strøget – a lively quarter with many boutiques.

In the afternoon, transfer to the pier for boarding the ship for an overnight cruise from Copenhagen to Oslo with **DFDS Seaways**, accommodation in ocean view cabins with separate beds. **Scandinavian dinner buffet** on board.

DAY 9 | OSLO

Enjoy **breakfast** on board while cruising up the Oslofjord to arrive in Oslo.

Explore Oslo on a 4 hours city sightseeing tour with a local guide. Panoramic views of: Opera house, Karl Johans gate – Oslo's main street, Old town Christiania, Akershus Castle and Fortress, and the Royal Palace. Picturesque ride through some of Oslo's prettiest neighborhoods to the Vigeland Park with its more than 200 sculptures. The guided tour also includes a visit the Viking Ship Museum, where you can see some of the world's best preserved Viking ships, and the Norsk Folkemuseum, located at Bygdøy in Oslo, which is Norway's largest museum of cultural history featuring large indoor collections, the world's oldest Open-Air Museum and a 12th century stave church.

Afternoon free in Oslo for further sightseeing or shopping. We recommend a stroll along the harbor – Aker Brygge – a very popular area during summer, with numerous restaurants, sightseeing boats offering guided tours on the Oslofjord, etc.

Half board accommodation at **Clarion Hotel The Hub**, or similar, located in the city center.

DAY 10 | DEPARTURE FROM OSLO

After breakfast at your hotel, transfer to Oslo Airport – Gardermoen - for your return flight according to your own itinerary (flight reserved by your agency).

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This tour can also be extended with a tour to the Norwegian Fjords, such as "Fjords in a Nutshell".

SERVICES INCLUDED

Accommodation and meals:

- 7 nights accommodation in double rooms with shower/WC incl. breakfast
- Dinner at hotel days 1 & 9
- Dinner at Paafuglen Restaurant in Tivoli, day 6

Overnight cruises:

- Overnight cruises Helsinki – Stockholm and Copenhagen – Oslo, accommodation in 2-berth ocean view cabins with shower/WC, dinner and breakfast on board included for both cruises.

Guided tours:

- Helsinki (3 hours)
- Stockholm (3 hours & 4 hours)
- Copenhagen (3 hours)
- Oslo (4 hours)

Entrances:

- City Hall (Stockholm)
- Vasa Museum (Stockholm)
- Skansen Museum (Stockholm)
- Tivoli (Copenhagen)
- Viking Museum (Oslo)
- Norsk Folkemuseum (Oslo)

Other activities:

- Canal boat tour day 2: "The beautiful canal route" in Helsinki
- Canal boat excursion day 4: "Under the bridges of Stockholm"
- Canal boat tour day 7: "Grand tour of Copenhagen"
- Train ride from Stockholm to Copenhagen, day 6

PRIVATE COACH

- Coach transfers and hire for city sightseeing tours as per program