

FOUR NORDIC CROWNS

JOURNEYS
by Van Dyke 



Land Journey

14 Days

\$11,950 CAD

All inclusive from, per guest, double occ.

June

4 to 17, 2022

Discover Four Nordic Crowns

Join an in-depth adventure through stylish cities, spectacular scenery & seaworthy stories.

In Copenhagen, explore the colourful Nyhavn area and the Amalienborg Palace during a splendid canal cruise. Onward to Norway, look upon the country's largest fjord in Flåm, and soak up viking history in Oslo. Marvel at structures old and new in the modern city of Stockholm, and the Gothic Cathedral in its Swedish sister, Uppsala. Finally in Helsinki, discover the unique atmosphere that makes Finland so revered.

Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland host an adventure that is nothing less than 'fantastiskt!'





① Place of the Gods & Viking Valley

Travel into the 'Place of the Gods,' Gudvangen and be completely enamoured by the Vikings. Located at the end of the largest and deepest fjord in the country, Nærøyfjord, the Viking Valley is where we learn about Viking history and lifestyle from true authentic Vikings. Step back in time to the Viking era.



② Flåm

Set among giant fjords and dramatic landscapes, Flåm is a small village with grand surroundings. Spend time admiring the staggering scenery that makes this town truly unforgettable. Embark on the iconic Flåm railway, known as one of the most beautiful scenic railroad Journeys in the world. Here we travel along cascading waterfalls, snow-capped mountains and through 20 dramatic tunnels. Take-in every moment of this breathtaking Journey.



③ Oslo

Explore the trendy and sophisticated metropolis of Oslo and discover a plethora of historic riches hidden at every turn. Marvel at the incredible sights and uncover the world's best-preserved Viking ships and artifacts at Vikingskipshuset. See the strongest wooden ship ever built at the Fram Museet and stand in awe as we visit the famous Kon-Tiki raft.





④ Copenhagen

The capital of the happiest country on Earth, Copenhagen is a friendly and bustling city filled with cyclists and trendy cafes. Acquire a feel for this dynamic city while gliding across the water during a canal cruise. Marvel at the historical buildings and ancient streets such as the Little Mermaid and the Gefion fountain, the Royal residence of Amalienborg Palace and the Nyhavn district. Spot the Christiansborg Castle, home to the Danish Parliament as well as the Royal Opera House.



⑤ Stockholm

Perhaps the coolest place to visit, Stockholm is filled with ultra-modern designs set among ancient architecture and rich history. Admire the magnificent view of the Swedish capital from the Fjällgatan lookout. Stroll through the fascinating Old Town with its narrow alleys, visit the Royal Palace, the Cathedral, the City Hall, where the festivities of the annual Nobel Prize awards take place.





⑥ Helsinki

A quirky town, Helsinki is filled with magnificent architecture and charming boulevards. One of Europe's handsome, eccentric and captivating capital cities, Helsinki is unlike the other Scandinavian countries. Venture past major sights such as the Senate, the University and Library of Helsinki, the Sibelius monument, the Olympic stadium, and the new Opera House. Capture photos of the sea-facing landscape, diverse architecture, world-famous design.





Journey Itinerary



Day 1

DEPART FOR COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Start your Journey with us by enjoying a private car pick up service from your home. Upon arrival at the airport, guests departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your Journey Manager and fellow guests, and board your flights to Denmark. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details, allowing you to embrace your Journey.

Overnight flight





Day 2

WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN

Originally a Viking fishing village founded in the 10th century, Copenhagen became the capital of Denmark in the early 15th century. Today, an upbeat waterside vibe permeates Copenhagen. A welcoming, compact city with a centre largely given over to pedestrians (and cyclists) with an emphasis on café culture and top-notch museums by day and a cracking live music, bar and club scene by night. Upon our arrival this morning, we meet our local guide who will escort us through this vibrant city. Enjoy an early lunch before exploring the colourful Nyhavn area. Head back to our hotel at your leisure, where this evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner. (L,D)

Admiral Hotel, Copenhagen (3 nights)

Day 3

COPENHAGEN & CANAL CRUISE

Copenhagen's canals and harbours are an iconic and beautiful way to explore the city. Today, we have the opportunity to acquire a feel for this dynamic city as we glide across the water during a canal cruise. Marvel at the historical buildings and ancient streets such as the Little Mermaid and the Gefion fountain, the Royal residence of Amalienborg Palace and the Nyhavn district with its charming outdoor restaurants and picturesque cafés. Spot the Christiansborg Castle, home to the Danish Parliament as well as the Royal Opera House. Dinner will be served this evening in our hotel. (B,L,D)





Day 4

NORTH SEALAND

Known as a sanctuary for royalty, today, we explore the many gems of the royal North Sealand. Hosting stunning landscapes and significant cultural sites, enjoy the expansive woodland lining of the Danish countryside en route to Hillerød. Getting close to Denmark's history, we visit the enchanting Frederiksborg Castle, the Queen's summer residence, Fredensborg Castle. After lunch, we travel to the famous Kronborg Castle in Elsinore before returning to Copenhagen and enjoying a relaxing dinner at our hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 5

COPENHAGEN TO BERGEN & FLÅM, NORWAY

Today we transfer to the Copenhagen airport for our flight to Bergen, Norway. On arrival, we board our private coach and travel to Flåm. Located in an impressive region known for its giant fjords and dramatic landscapes, Flåm is a small village with grand surroundings. We stop at the imposing Fantoft Stave Church for a photo and a look inside this structure originally built in the Fortun village in 1150, before being moved in 1883. We continue towards the Sognefjord area with Flåm as our final destination where we check into our hotel and have dinner. (B,L,D)

Fretheim Hotel, Flåm (2 nights)





Day 6

VIKING VALLEY & SOGNEFJORD MINI CRUISE

Today, we travel to the 'Place of the Gods', Gudvangen to learn about Viking history and lifestyle from true Vikings living in Viking Valley. Translated into Place of the Gods, Gudvangen is a beautiful village located at the end of the largest and deepest fjord in the country, Nærøyfjord. The village consists of more than 20 buildings that were reconstructed by using the knowledge and experience of how they were built in the Viking Age. You can talk to the inhabitants and learn more about the Viking Age and participate in archery and ax throwing. Enjoy a lunch inspired by the Vikings.

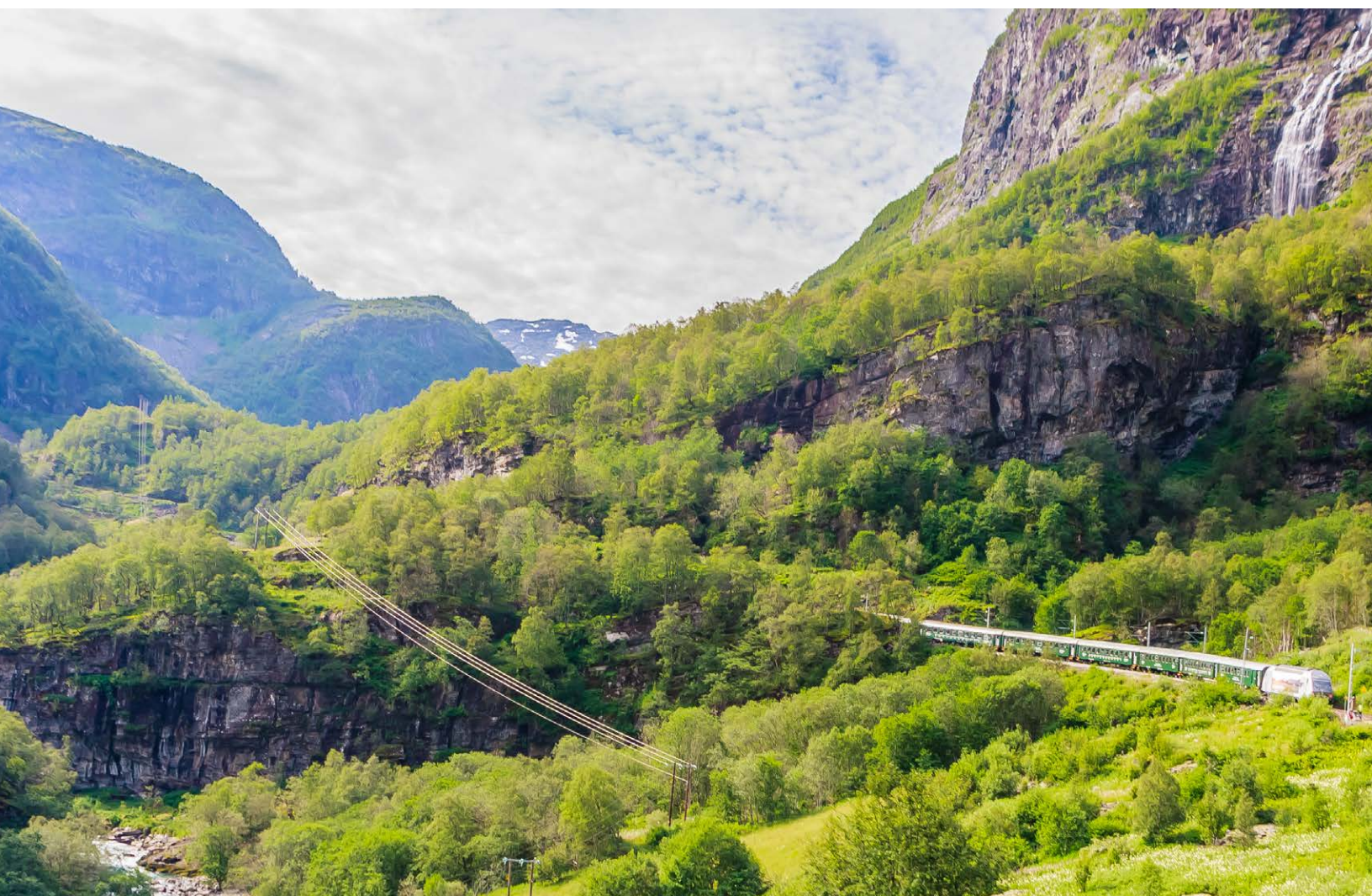
This afternoon, enjoy a fjord cruise on the Nærøyfjord, listed on UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Nærøyfjord is the narrowest fjord in the world, at one point only 250 metres wide, beneath mountains that tower up to 1700 metres above its sheltered waters. The scenery is very impressive, and if you look up, you can see mountain farms clinging to the steep mountainsides. (B,L,D)

Day 7

FLÅM RAILYWAY TO OSLO

Following breakfast, we embark on the iconic Flåm railway towards Oslo. Known as one of the most beautifully scenic railroad Journeys in the world, pass cascading waterfalls, alongside spectacular mountains and through 20 dramatic tunnels. Starting at sea level at the Sognefjord in Flåm to the Myrdal mountain station, situated at 867 metres above sea level, take-in every moment of this breathtaking Journey. Enjoy lunch on board before arriving in Oslo, settle into our hotel before enjoying a relaxing dinner. (B,L,D)

Thon Hotel Bristol, Oslo (2 nights)





Day 8

EXPLORING OSLO

A trendy and sophisticated metropolis blended with historical riches, Oslo has plenty to discover. During our visit of the Norwegian Capital we will admire the Royal Palace, National Theater, Parliament, Opera House by the waterfront, and the medieval Akershus fortress. There will be time for a stroll through Frogner Park with the controversial sculptures by Gustav Vigeland. Following lunch, we visit the Viking Ship Museum and the Kontiki Museum, filled with grand artifacts and famous findings from Thor Heyerdahl's worldwide tour on the famous Kon-Tiki raft. A truly history-filled day! We make our way to our hotel for dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 9

OSLO TO STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

This morning we fly to Stockholm, Sweden. On arrival, we are met by our guide and who takes us on a tour of the city often referred to as the 'Venice of the North.' We begin at Fjällgatan to see the magnificent view of the Swedish capital, spread out on 14 islands with Lake Mälaren on one side and the Baltic Sea on the other. We see the Old Town with its fascinating narrow cobble-stoned alleys, the Royal Palace, the Cathedral, and the City Hall where the festivities of the annual Nobel Prize award take place. The visit also takes us to the recreational island Djurgården where many of the fine museums are found.

Following lunch in a local restaurant, we visit the Vasa Museum to see the only preserved 17th-century ship in the world. This evening dinner is just a short walk from the hotel. (B,L,D)

Radisson Blu Waterfront, Stockholm (3 nights)





Day 10

DROTTNINGHOLM PALACE

In the morning we will walk with our local guide to the city hall pier and board a scenic cruise on Lake Mälaren to reach Drottningholm Palace, Sweden's best-preserved royal palace constructed in the 17th century, the permanent residence of the royal family and one of Stockholm's three World Heritage Sites.

Once we arrive, we enjoy lunch at the Palace café, followed by a guided tour of the Palace. The palace was constructed according to a French prototype by the architect Nicodemus Tessin the Elder, by a commission of Queen Hedvig Eleonora. Many royal personages have left their mark on the palace since then. The palace features magnificent salons from the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, a beautiful park, a unique palace theatre and a Chinese Pavilion. The imposing Baroque garden was laid out beginning in 1681 according to drawings by Nicodemus Tessin the Younger. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to explore on your own. Dinner this evening is at our hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 11

UNCOVERING UPPSALA

We begin with a visit to Sigtuna, the oldest town in Sweden and today a picturesque small town situated on the shores of Lake Mälaren. Be amazed by the diverse elements of this naturally beautiful town. Visit ancient burial sites and see engraved runes at Gamla Uppsala (Old Uppsala), then spend some free time strolling the charming streets of Uppsala, the country's former capital.

Following lunch, we visit the Uppsala Cathedral that was built 750 years ago, with its treasury and Skattkammaren museum, situated in the cathedral's north tower. St. Erik's reliquary, the cathedral's major artifact, was moved here from the former cathedral in Old Uppsala as early as 1273. (B,L,D)





Day 12

FLIGHT TO HELSINKI, FINLAND

Positioned on a rocky headland cradling the Baltic Sea, Helsinki is one of Europe's most handsome, eccentric and captivating capital cities. The city maintains a personality that is markedly different from that of other Scandinavian capitals, and in many ways is closer in temperament and certainly in looks to the major cities of Eastern Europe.

Today we fly to Helsinki, Finland. On arrival in Helsinki, we begin our tour of the Finnish capital by admiring the major sights such as the Rock Church, the Senate Square surrounded by the Lutheran Cathedral of Helsinki, the Senate, the University and Library of Helsinki, the Sibelius monument, the Olympic stadium, and the new Opera House. Following lunch, we check in to our hotel and the remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure. Enjoy dinner this evening at our hotel. (B,L,D)

Radisson Blu Aleksanteri, Helsinki (2 nights)

Day 13

ROAMING THROUGH PORVOO

Porvoo has an incredibly unique atmosphere where the old is gracefully blended with the new. Finland's second-oldest town, Porvoo was originally an important trading post but became a town in 1380. Admire the compelling historic centre, riverside warehouses and cobblestone streets that are lined with colourful wooden homes. After breakfast, we set off to explore the 18th-century residential area of Old Porvoo, an idyllic district perched on a hill by Porvoonjoki. Then we make our way towards Porvoo Cathedral, one of the city's most well-known buildings that has been burnt down and rebuilt five separate times. Enjoy ambling around this picturesque town before our farewell dinner together at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)





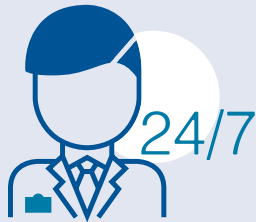
Day 14

HOME

Today we bid “Hejdå” to our new Scandinavian friends and make our way to the airport for our flight home. Enjoy a private car to your home upon arrival. (B)

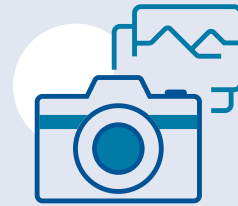
Signature Inclusions on this Journey

In addition to our essentials, your Journey includes our following Signature Inclusions:



24/7 Professional Journey Manager

- Will travel with you from Canada and handle every detail
- In addition to knowledgeable local guides



Memorable Private Excursions

- Private excursions crafted by our team
- All sightseeing & entrance fees included



Private Car Pick-up Service

- Within a 200-kilometre radius, let your Journey begin in elegant comfort with a private chauffeured car to the airport



Generous Tips & Gratuities

- For the porters, local guides, hotel staff & many more, paid by us on your behalf

Our essentials included with your Journey:

- **12 nights** in outstanding hotels
- **Most meals included**
(12 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 12 dinners)
- **Round-trip airfare** from Toronto with Air Canada & Lufthansa
- **All taxes** as well as port & service charges
- **“Whisper” radios** included for use during excursions
- Flights from select Canadian gateways for only \$100
- Other gateways & travel classes available
- Portage for one piece of luggage per person
- Complete information & assistance leading up to your departure
- Branded overnight carry-on or backpack



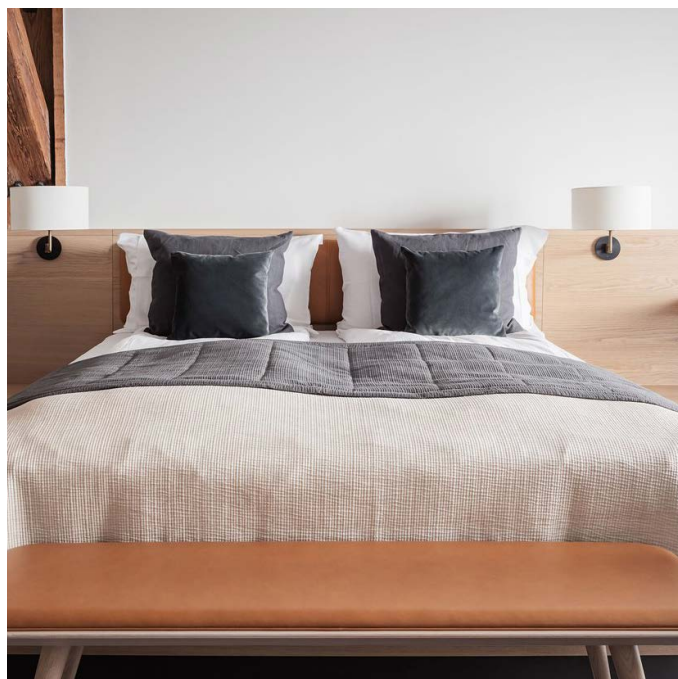
Hotels



Day 2-5

ADMIRAL HOTEL, COPENHAGEN

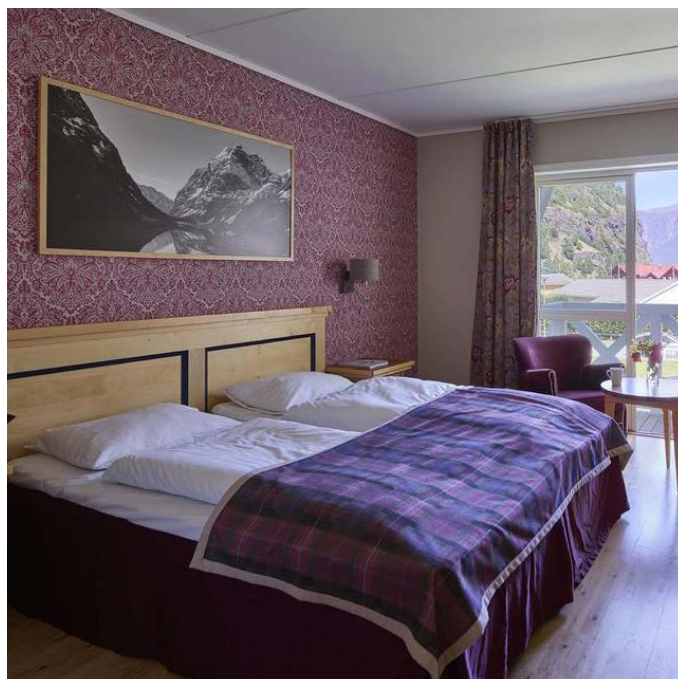
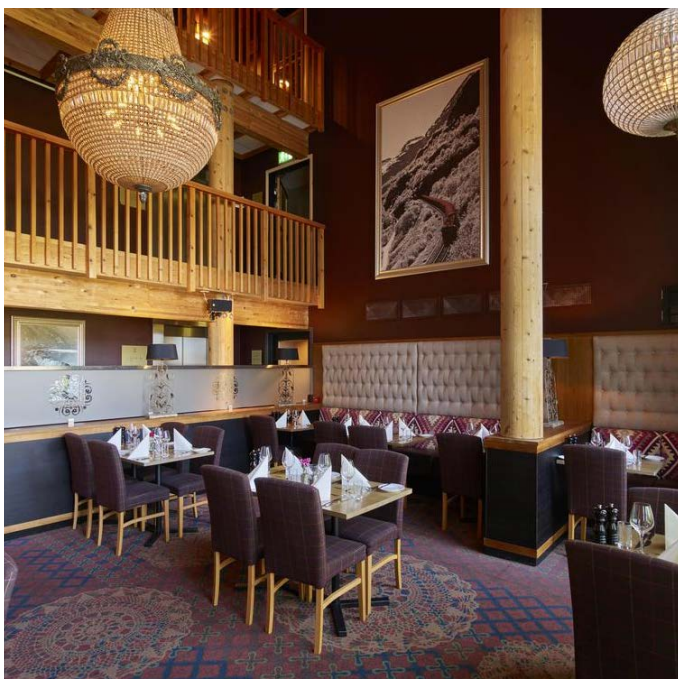
Set in a converted 18th-century warehouse, this rustic-chic waterfront hotel has stylish rooms mixed with modern decor with original wood-beamed ceilings and brick walls. There's a refined restaurant with a bar and a terrace, in addition to a spa. A short walk from the Nyhavn district, Admiral Hotel is in a prime location.



Day 5-7

FRETHEIM HOTEL, FLÅM

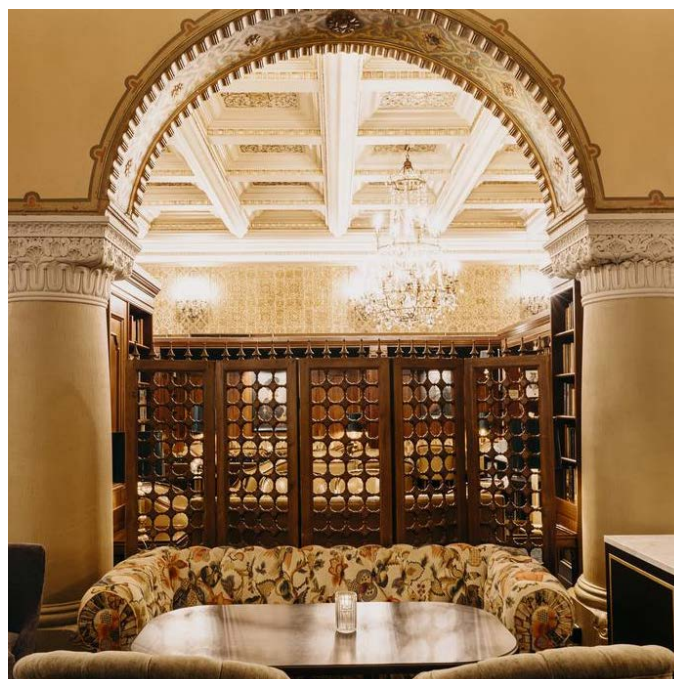
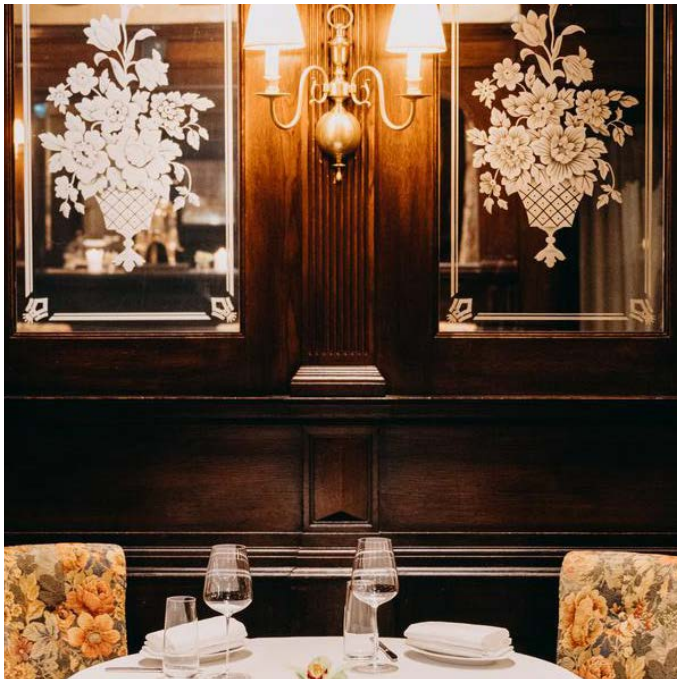
Located in a 19th-century white clapboard building next to Sognefjord, this bright, casual hotel with a modern annex is perfect. A mix of old-world furnishings and modern decor, admire the spectacular fjord views from private balconies. Enjoy the cozy fireside bar, a garden cafe, and a peaceful pier.



Day 7-9

THON HOTEL BRISTOL, OSLO

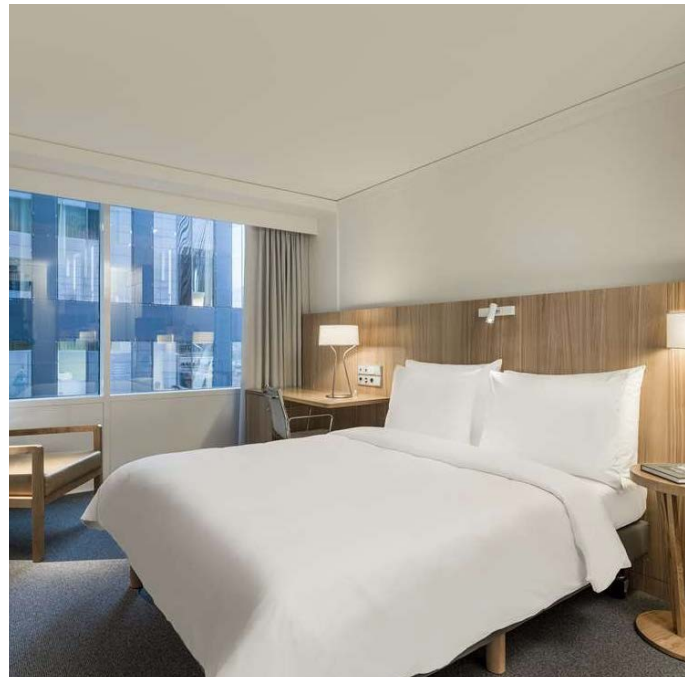
A 2-minute walk from a tram stop, this refined hotel dating back to the 1920s, offers retro-chic rooms minutes away from the Royal Palace and the Oslo Opera House. There are also 2 restaurants offering formal or casual dining, a cocktail bar, a Moorish-themed ballroom, and a relaxing spa, in addition to a lobby bar with regular live music.



Day 9-12

RADISSON BLU WATERFRONT, STOCKHOLM

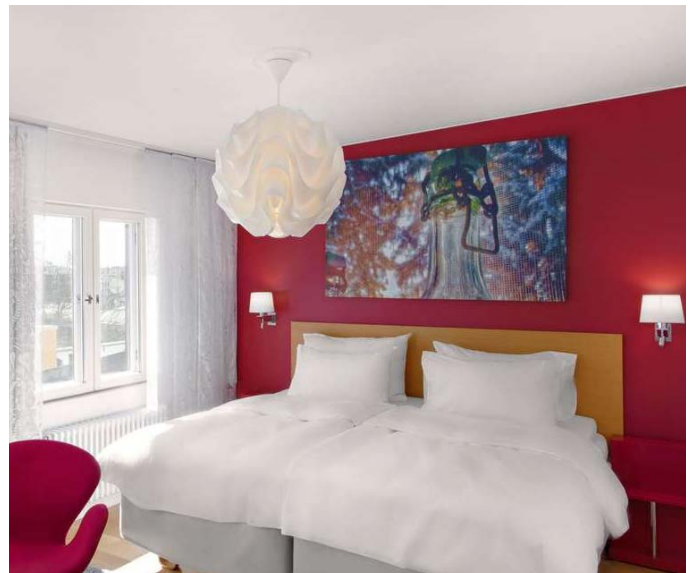
Adjacent to the Waterfront Congress Center and overlooking Riddarfjärden Bay, this sleek modern hotel is simply lovely. There's a laid-back restaurant offering lunch buffets and a grill-style dinner menu. There's also a lively lobby bar, and a waterfront lounge with local musicians.



Day 12-14

RADISSON BLU ALEKSANTERI, HELSINKI

Located in the heart of the Punavuori design district near numerous parks and St. Johns church, this modern, midrise hotel is pure elegance. The onsite bar and restaurant both feature plush seating areas with modern accents and an inviting atmosphere.



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All-Inclusive Fares

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Double Occupancy
\$11,950

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Single Occupancy
\$14,150

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.