

Four Nordic Crowns

The land of Kings, Queens and Vikings
June 8th to June 21st, 2023



Flåm Railway



Copenhagen



Stockholm – Gamla Stan

Highlights

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.

Flåm

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.

Oslo

Explore the trendy and sophisticated metropolis of Oslo and discover a plethora of historic riches hidden at every turn.

Copenhagen

The capital of the happiest country on Earth, Copenhagen is a friendly and bustling city filled with cyclists and trendy cafes.

Stockholm

Stockholm is filled with ultra-modern designs set among ancient architecture and rich history.

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 Nordic countries.

Limited Spaces. Reserve today!

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Your 14-Day Journey

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

Meals: ---

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.

Overnight: Copenhagen, Villa Copenhagen

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

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.

Overnight: Copenhagen, Villa Copenhagen

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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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.

Overnight: Copenhagen, Villa Copenhagen

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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 destination where we check into our hotel and have dinner.

Overnight: Flåm, Fretheim Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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.

Overnight: Flåm, Fretheim Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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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.

Overnight: Oslo, Karl Johan Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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.

Overnight: Oslo, Karl Johan Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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.

Overnight: Stockholm, Miss Clara by Nobis

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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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.

Overnight: Stockholm, Miss Clara by Nobis

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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.

Overnight: Stockholm, Miss Clara by Nobis

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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.

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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.

Overnight: Helsinki, Scandic Grand Central

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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.

Overnight: Helsinki, Scandic Grand Central

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14 Return 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.

Overnight: Home

Meals: Breakfast

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Your Journey Includes

First Class Accommodation

Copenhagen	Villa Copenhagen	3 nights
Flåm	Fretheim Hotel	2 nights
Oslo	Karl Johan Hotel	2 nights
Stockholm	Miss Clara by Nobis	3 nights
Helsinki	Scandic Grand Central	2 nights

Included International Flights

Airline:	Air Canada / Lufthansa
Outbound:	Toronto (YYZ) – Copenhagen (CPH)
Inbound:	Helsinki (HEL) – Toronto (YYZ)
Class of Service:	Economy <i>Premium Economy and Business are available on request</i>
Note:	Fly from select Canadian gateways for only \$100 <i>For additional gateways and information, contact us for details.</i>

Journeys by Van Dyke Inclusions

Journey Manager	Services of a professional Journey Manager throughout the journey
Home-Pickup Service	Private car home pick up & return service (where available) or a credit or
Hotel Overnight	Hotel overnight near Toronto Pearson International Airport
Gratuities	Tips included for all intermediaries: all ship staff, Journey Managers, local sightseeing guides, coach drivers, porters, etc.
Porterage	Porterage for one piece of baggage
Visas & Fees	All fees, visas, port & service charges
Gift with Every Journey	Branded overnight carry-on bag or backpack
Taxes	All taxes incl. HST, PST, VAT

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Journey Specific Inclusions & Experiences

- Complete pre-trip information & assistance
- 12 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 12 dinners
- Inter Europe flights with SAS
 - Copenhagen to Bergen/Oslo to Stockholm/Stockholm to Helsinki
- All sightseeing & entrance fees as listed

- North Sealand with visit to Frederiksborg Castle
- Roskilde Tour including Viking Ship Museum
- Copenhagen Canal Cruise
- Viking Village Gudvangen with Lunch
- Sognefjord mini cruise
- Flåm Railway
- Oslo City Tour with entrance to the Kon-Tiki museum and Viking Ship museum

- Stockholm City tour with entrance to the Vasa Museum and City Hall
- Full Day Uppsala and Sigtuna
- Drottningholm Palace
- Helsinki City Tour with entrance to Rock Church
- Porvoo City Tour

Fares

	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
Main Itinerary	\$12,990 CAD	\$15,490 CAD

Fuel Surcharges - These journey fares include the current known fuel surcharges. Additional supplier fuel charges and or government fees may apply at final payment date.

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Outstanding Accommodation

Copenhagen

3 nights

Villa Copenhagen

Villa Copenhagen is a fusion of the old post office from 1912 and new, modern architecture and design. The building's history as Denmark's head post office is as important to us as making a new, vibrant, inspiring and playful atmosphere. Villa Copenhagen suits those who prefer a 5-star hotel with exclusivity and luxurious surroundings.



Flåm

2 nights

Fretheim Hotel

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.



Oslo

2 nights

Karl Johan Hotel

The hotel building as it looks today dates back to 1899, but has been serving as a hotel since 1874. Since the hotel consists of three connected buildings, it offers a wide variety of room types. The hotel has both quiet rooms with a window facing the inner courtyard and rooms facing Karl Johans gate, as well as the side street Rosenkrantzgate. With views of Karl Johan, Parliament (Stortinget) and the Royal Palace (Slottet), guests can also enjoy the lively atmosphere of the park.



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Stockholm

3 nights

Miss Clara by Nobis

Miss Clara is a boutique hotel that opened last April in a handsome Art Nouveau building from 1910 that was formerly a private girls' school. Though the name is a tribute to a one-time headmistress, Clara Stromberg, there's nothing schoolmarmish about this stylish 92-room property.



Helsinki

2 nights

Scandic Grand Central

Scandic Grand Central Helsinki is located in the stunning historic building designed by the famous Eliel Saarinen at the Central Railway Station, where old-fashioned charm meets modern style in an inspirational way. The rooms in the original part of the hotel building are charming, with wide window sills, paned windows and thick walls. The rugged modern rooms in the new part are light, bright and spacious, with high ceilings: the window extends from the ceiling to the floor, offering full height city views.



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Personal Notes & Questions