



First State Bank's Emerald Club presents

The Scandinavian

July 1-15, 2012

Vacation Overview



From Copenhagen, travel to Arhus, Gothenburg, Stockholm, Mora, Lillhammer, Flam, Bergen, Geilo, and Oslo. Special features included, like Tivoli Gardens, Hans Christian Andersen's home, and Den Gamle By in Denmark, Stockholm's City Hall and Uppsala's cathedral in Sweden, Lillehammers Maihaugen Open-Air Museum and Frogner Park in Oslo, Norway, and more.

This vacation offers a great variety of transportation, including cruising from Denmark to Sweden and, of course, a beautiful cruise on the Sognefjord. In Oslo, enjoy a farewell dinner to celebrate the success of your Scandinavian vacation.

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Day 1 - Arrive in Copenhagen, Denmark

Time to rest or to start exploring Denmark's capital. At 6 pm, meet for a welcome drink.

Day 2 - Copenhagen

Sightseeing with a Local Guide features the Church of Our Savior and the Stock Exchange on the way to Christiansborg Palace, where you visit the elegant ROYAL RECEPTION ROOMS. Drive past the National Museum and the Royal Theatre, stop for pictures of Amalienborg Palace and at the LITTLE MERMAID statue. Tonight, visit TIVOLI GARDENS, the city's colorful amusement park. (Breakfast)

Day 3 - Copenhagen-Arhus

Morning drive over one of the world's largest suspension bridges constructed off-shore to the fairytale island of Funen. Visit HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN'S HOME at Odense, then, cross the Little Belt waterway to Jutland. Arrive in Arhus and visit DEN GAMLE BY, a fascinating collection of completely refurbished old Danish town houses. Time to shop in the pedestrian area near the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4 - Arhus-Gothenburg, Sweden

At Frederikshavn, board a FERRY for the three-hour crossing of the strategic Kattegat to Gothenburg, Sweden's second largest city. See its landmarks during an orientation drive and enjoy time on your own. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5 - Gothenburg-Stockholm

Drive through the area often referred to as the "breadbasket" of the country, miles of fertile farmland strewn with tidy farms, followed by industrial towns like Huskvarna and Norkoping, a major Baltic seaport. Afternoon arrival in Stockholm. (Breakfast)

Day 6 - Stockholm

Sightseeing with a Local Guide features the Royal Palace, Riddarholm Church, and the blue and gold chambers in the CITY HALL, where the annual Nobel Prize banquet is held. In the afternoon an optional excursion to the fascinating Wasa Ship Museum can be arranged. (Breakfast)

Day 7 - Stockholm-Uppsala-Mora

This morning, visit Uppsala, the country's oldest university town. Admire the glorious stained-glass windows in its huge gothic CATHEDRAL. Via the prehistoric burial mounds of Old Uppsala, travel to Dalarna, home of the symbol of Sweden-the Dala Horse. Overnight in Mora by Lake Siljan, once home of painter Anders Zorn and now host to the longest ski-race in the world, Vasaloppet. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8 - Mora-Lillehammer, Norway

A scenic day! Penetrate deeper into rustic Dalarna, then enter Norway. Pass strategic Elverum, rebuilt after total destruction during World War II. On via Lake Mjosa to Lillehammer. Enjoy a guided visit of MAIHAUGEN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9 - **Lillehammer-Flam**

Majestic mountains, dark pine forests, sparkling lakes, and silvery trout streams all the way on your leisurely journey through Valdres and the Fillefjell area. Before arriving in Flam, stop for pictures at Borgund's stave church, famous for its beautiful exterior. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 10 - Flam-Bergen

Today a real treat: embark at Flam for a leisurely CRUISE on the spectacular Sognefjord. Land at Gudvangen and drive to Stalheim for a dazzling panoramic view over Naeroydal Canyon. Early afternoon arrival in picturesque Bergen. On your orientation tour you will hear about its 11th-century origins and its association with the Hanseatic League. (Breakfast)

Day 11 - **Bergen-Geilo**

Bergen is the most characteristic of all Scandinavian towns. Visit the colorful fish market, stroll through the narrow lanes of the ancient Bryggen, or ride the funicular up to Mount Flyen. Drive along the beautiful Hardangerfjord, then, cross by FERRY before climbing up to Voringfoss, Norway's most celebrated and mightiest waterfall. Continue across the Hardangervidda mountain plateau to the ski resort of Geilo. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 12 - **Geilo-Torpo-Oslo**

In Torpo, admire a STAVE CHURCH, symbol of Norwegian heritage. Continue along the scenic road between the steinsfjord and the ice-blue Tyrifjord and arrive in Oslo. (Breakfast)

Day 13 - **Oslo**

Sightseeing with a Local Guide features the National Theater, parliament, and the Royal Palace. Highlight visits: FROGNER PARK with Gustav Vigeland's famous stark sculptures and the ornate CITY HALL. The afternoon is free, with a chance to join an optional excursion to the relics of a glorious seafaring past. Tonight, a farewell dinner to celebrate the success of your vacation. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 14 - **Oslo**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

MEALS:

Full Scandinavian breakfast daily; 7 three-course dinners, including a welcome drink in Copenhagen and a farewell dinner in Oslo.

SUPERIOR HOTELS: (SF) Superior First-Class (F) First-class

COPENHAGEN First Vesterbro (F), ARHUS Radisson Blue Scandinavia (F), GOTHENBURG Scandic Europea (F), STOCKHOLM Scandic Sergel Plaza (SF), MORA Best Western Mora (F), LILLEHAMMER Radisson Blu (F), FLAM Fretheim (F), BERGEN First JMarin (F), GEILO Dr. Holms (F), OSLO.



Additional Information

Tour package from GLOBUS Travel includes: transportation to and from airport, roundtrip air from Des Moines or Cedar Rapids airport, 13 night's superior accommodations, baggage handling of one large suitcase per person, all attraction admissions and fees as outlined in the itinerary, applicable lodging and meal taxes, gratuities for professional guide service, local step-on guides, and drivers. 20 meals: 13 breakfast and 7 three course dinners, including a welcome drink in Copenhagen and a farewell dinner in Oslo. Trip cancellation interruption insurance. Terms and Conditions are available upon request. Dates, prices and itinerary are subject to change. Valid passport required.

\$5880 per person double occupancy, \$6646 single, \$5780 triple

\$425 deposit due at time of booking and includes insurance. Final payment due April 2, 2012.

Travel Show Notes:

Reservation Form

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