



17 Days / 5 Countries

# SCANDINAVIA & RUSSIA

Tour of Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland & Russia

# US\$4580



## Departure: September 14, 2018

### DAY 01 / SEP 14 MANILA / COPENHAGEN

Depart Manila on board a prestigious airline for an overnight flight to Copenhagen! Enjoy in flight meals and entertainment.

### DAY 02 / SEP 15 COPENHAGEN, Denmark (D)

Arrive in Copenhagen, "1996 Culture Capital of Europe". Sightseeing includes a view of the **Stock Exchange**, the medieval **Cathedral, Amalienborg Palace** (center of the Danish monarchy) and **Christianborg Palace**. Complete the day with seeing Hans Christian Andersen's **Little Mermaid**, gazing across the harbor. Visit **Nyhavn** with its picturesque harbor with old sailing ships bobbing on the canals, water and colourful facades of old houses. Check in at your hotel.

### DAY 03 / SEP 16 COPENHAGEN - CRUISE TO OSLO (BLD)

Excursion to North Zealand. Visit **Frederiksborg Castle**, built by Christian VII in Renaissance style, now a museum of national history. Pass by **Kronborg Castle** then drive back to Copenhagen and bid farewell to Denmark as you cross on an overnight cruise to Norway. Meals and entertainment on board.

### DAY 04 / SEP 17 OSLO, Norway (BLD)

Arrive in Oslo, capital of Norway. Sightseeing will include a view of the **Akerhus Castle**, the **Royal Palace** and its **City Hall**. See the unique **Viking Ships** in the Museum. Photo view of the **Holmenkollen Ski Jump** and a panoramic view of Oslo City. Marvel at the unique **Vigeland Sculpture Park**. Rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Spend the night in Oslo.

### DAY 05 / SEP 18 OSLO - GEILO - BERGEN (BLD)

Leave Oslo for the countryside passing by Geilo. Embark on a spectacular journey on the Flam Railway, ascending from sea level to 3,000 feet with views of the mountain scenery and roaring waterfalls. Arrive in Myrdal. Continue to Bergen, Norway's second largest city. Spend the night here.

### DAY 06 / SEP 19 BERGEN - FJORD - FLAM (BLD)

Built on seven hills with the fjords on one side and the 1,000 foot Floyen on the other, Bergen was once the home of the composer Grieg. Sightseeing will take us to the main sights of **St. Mary's Church**, a view of the **Bergenhus Castle** and a visit to the picturesque fish market. Beautiful, rich in history and home to Bryggen, the iconic old trading wharf that has a place on UNESCO's World Heritage List, classifying Bergen as a World Heritage city. More spectacular sceneries as you embark on a **fjord cruise** from Gudvangen to Flam. This is the memorable highlight of your Scandinavia tour. It's an experience for the rest of your life. Spend the night in Flam.

### DAY 07 / SEP 20 FLAM - LILLHAMMER (BLD)

Leave for Lillhammer, once site of the Winter Olympics. Sightseeing and rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 08 / SEP 21 LILLHAMMER - STOCKHOLM (BLD)

Drive to Karlstad, provincial capital of Sweden, at the heart of Varmland, one of Sweden's loveliest lakeside towns. Continue to Stockholm, Swedish capital and a cosmopolitan city, if there is one. It is the 1998 "Culture Capital of Europe". Its fantastic location is where Lake Malaren meets the sea, leading to such scenic beauty and royal splendor. Rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 09 / SEP 22 STOCKHOLM - CRUISE TO HELSINKI (BLD)

Sightseeing will include a view of the **Royal Palace**, the **Cathedral Riddarholm** (where the Swedish kings are buried) and the festive blue and white chambers in the **Town Hall**. Visit the **City Hall's Golden Room** where the **Nobel Peace Prize** banquets are held. Highlight is a visit to the unique **Vasa Galleon** which gives us a marvelous impression of life on board a naval vessel in the 17th century. Then to the charming **Old Town** and the countless channels and bridges that connect the city's many islands. In the afternoon, transfer to the harbour to board a luxurious ship for an overnight cruise across the

Baltic Sea to Helsinki, "2000 Culture Capital of Europe". Admire the scenic beauty of the Swedish archipelago and the Baltic Sea. You may enjoy a night of merrymaking aboard. For your heart's delight is a fantastic smorgasbord dinner. Watch out for islets you pass. It's marvelous!

### DAY 10 / SEP 23 HELSINKI, Finland (BLD)

Arrive in Helsinki, capital of Finland. Sightseeing will bring us to the **City Hall** and **Parliament House**, the **Presidential Palace**, the impressive railroad station, the unique **Church in the Rock**, the great Lutheran Cathedral. Then to the **Sibelius Monument**, a tribute to Finland's greatest composer and one of the world's best. Free time to explore the tiny shops for splendid ceramics and souvenirs in the open market.

### DAY 11 / SEP 24 HELSINKI - ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (BD)

Embark on a fast train to St. Petersburg, Russia, founded by Peter the Great and dubbed as "Venice of the North". He made it the capital of all the Russia and ensured that it should rival other European capitals in splendor, beauty and distinction. Drive along the main thoroughfares of the **Nevsky Prospekt** with its famous square, parks, monuments and bridges. Visit the magnificent **Peter & Paul Fortress** where many of Russian royalty are buried. Check in to your hotel for accommodation.

### DAY 12 / SEP 25 ST. PETERSBURG (BLD)

Drive to **Petrodvorets**, the Russian czar's summer residence on the Gulf of Finland. The palace is a jewel of Russian architecture. Tour the **Grand Palace** and the lower park with its magnificently manicured gardens, numerous golden fountains and cascading waterfalls. Then to the magnificent **St. Isaac's Cathedral** one of the grandest in the world. Another night here.

### DAY 13 / SEP 26 ST. PETERSBURG (BLD)

Today we drive to Pushkin, home of the great Russian poet. Visit the lovely **Ekaterina Palace** (Palace of St. Catherine the Great) and see its collection of fine furniture and other memorabilia. Note the gold leaf decors and see the world famed **Amber Room**. Highlight is a visit to the **Winter Palace**, former residence of the Czars but now housing the famous **Hermitage Museum**. The art collection has been expanded to become the richest collection of paintings in the world. Visit the grandiose **Spas Na Krovi Cathedral** also known as Saviour on the Blood and Resurrection Church. View the **Admiralty** and see the **Statue of Peter the Great**. Tonight, why not join an optional Russian Ballet performance?

### DAY 14 / SEP 27 ST. PETERSBURG - MOSCOW (BD)

Morning at leisure until transfer to the train station for the fast train ride to Moscow, the sprawling capital of Russia. Check in at the hotel.

### DAY 15 / SEP 28 MOSCOW (BLD)

Start the day with a walk inside the walls of the **Kremlin Fortress**, visiting the **Assumption Cathedral** that serves as royal chapel, among several grandiose cathedrals around. View the priceless treasures of Russian history in the **Armoury Museum**. Cross the Moscow River for a panoramic view of the Kremlin, the Russian "White House", **Bolshoi Theater**, **Victory Park**, **Manesh Square**, among other sights. Finally, explore the **Underground Metro Stations** which Stalin called "Palaces of the People", still leaving time to shop for souvenirs.

### DAY 16 / SEP 29 MOSCOW - MANILA (B)

Visit the **Red Square**, the famous historical center of Russia. Admire **St. Basil's Cathedral** with its fantastic onion shaped domes. Continue sightseeing with a view of **Moscow University**. If time permits, line up to go inside the **Lenin Mausoleum**, and perhaps after the huge **Gum Department Store**. Transfer to the airport for your evening flight back home.

### DAY 17 / SEP 30 / MANILA

Arrival in Manila. Home sweet home!

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- ☞ COPENHAGEN  
Stock Exchange, the Cathedral, Amalienborg Palace, Christianborg Palace, Little Mermaid, Nyhavn, Frederiksborg Castle and the Kronborg Castle
- ☞ OSLO  
Royal Palace, City Hall, Viking Ships, Holmenkollen Ski Jump, and the Vigeland Sculpture Park.
- ☞ BERGEN  
St. Mary's Church, the Bergenhus Castle and a Fjord Cruise
- ☞ STOCKHOLM  
Royal Palace, the Cathedral Riddarholm, Town Hall, City Hall's Golden Room, Vasa Galleon and the Old Town
- ☞ HELSINKI  
City Hall, Parliament House, the Presidential Palace, Church in the Rock and the Sibelius Monument
- ☞ ST. PETERSBURG  
Nevsky Prospekt, Peter & Paul Fortress, Petrodvorets, Grand Palace, St. Isaac's Cathedral, Ekaterina Palace, Winter Palace, Hermitage Museum, Spas Na Krovi Cathedral, Admiralty and the Statue of Peter the Great
- ☞ MOSCOW  
Kremlin Fortress, the Assumption Cathedral, Armoury Museum, Bolshoi Theater, Victory Park, Manesh Square, Underground Metro Stations, Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, Moscow University, Lenin Mausoleum and Gum Department Store

## INCLUSIONS:

- Roundtrip AIRFARE
- First Class Hotel
- Daily American Buffet Breakfast
- Standard Lunch and Dinner
- Luxury Private Coach
- Overnight cruise: Copenhagen - Oslo and Stockholm - Helsinki
- 2nd class train ticket: Helsinki - St. Petersburg & St. Petersburg - Moscow
- Local Guide & Tour Escort
- Pre-Departure briefing
- TIPS FOR DRIVER / GUIDE
- 17 Day Travel Insurance (for 65 years and above, a supplement will apply)
- PROFIL Travel Bag

## NOT INCLUDED

- × Schengen Visa: P6500 / Russia Visa: P8500 (all visa fees are subject to change)
- × **Airline Tax + Travel Tax: USD125.00** (subject to change)
- × Terminal Fee
- × Drinks and Beverages
- × Airport / hotel portage

## TOUR COST (min. 25 pax)

TWIN / TRIPLE - U\$4580  
SINGLE - U\$5560

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

- ☞ 6 pcs passport size pictures (white background)
- ☞ Bank Certificate and Bank Statement (within 3 Months)
- ☞ Passport valid for 6 months
- ☞ Marriage Contract
- ☞ Birth Certificate (photocopy)
- ☞ Income Tax Return
- ☞ Certificate of Employment with Leave of Absence

## DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS

- US\$ 500 upon booking (NON-REFUNDABLE)
- Full payment upon confirmation

## NOTE

Minimum 25 passengers to operate the tour.  
Add U\$400.00 for minimum of 20 passengers.