

THE SCANDINAVIAN WAY OF LIVING

COPENHAGEN (3) – OSLO (2) – STOCKHOLM (2)

The three Scandinavian countries have remained some of the oldest kingdoms in Europa. They can boast history and culture dating back to the times of the great Vikings and old Royal Houses, which ruled the kingdoms for centuries, and have found their place in the modern Scandinavian societies. The Scandinavian countries are today some of the most advanced in Europe with a very high standard of living and leading positions in design, culture and art and gastronomy. In fact, the Scandinavians themselves talk about a Scandinavian way of living, a concept where social and ecological balance and life quality is in the focus of all endeavours. This tour brings you in close contact with the contemporary lifestyle of Scandinavia.

DAY 01: ARRIVAL IN COPENHAGEN

Arrival in Copenhagen. Transfer for a 3-night stay in a deluxe room at **Hotel D'Angletterre*******, deluxe, (Leading Hotels of the World), check-in.

20:00 **Welcome dinner at Restaurant Marchal**, Scandinavian and French culinary refinement in the hotel's historical restaurant.

DAY 02: COPENHAGEN

09:00–12:30 The morning panoramic tour gives you an overview of the splendours of the city including Town Hall Square, Parliament, Naval Church, Royal Theater, Nyhavn, Gefion Fountain and the harbour with the world-famous statue of the Little Mermaid. The tour concludes with a guided tour of **the Royal Castle, Amalienborg**, with four identical palaces set around an octagonal courtyard.

12:30 **Lunch at Torvehallerne**, visit to Copenhagen's largest food market to sample Danish smørrebrød with snaps and Danish marzipans at a couple of the food market's many exciting stands.

14:00–18:00 Drive to Roskilde to visit the **Viking Ship Museum** featuring a large exposition related to ships and navigation during the Viking Age, followed by a guided tour of **Roskilde Cathedral**, a Gothic cathedral dating back to 12th century and the burial site for Danish monarchs since the 15th century. Return to Copenhagen.

DAY 03: COPENHAGEN

09:00 Drive along the highway to North Zealand and Elsinore to visit the **Kronborg Castle** dating back to the 15th century and immortalized by William Shakespeare's Hamlet.

12:00 **Lunch at Gamle Humlebæk Kro**, a genuine Danish Inn featuring Danish lunchtime cuisine in a cozily traditional environment.

13:30–16:00 **VIP Visit to Louisiana Museum of Modern Art**, the leading museum of modern art in Scandinavia. Upon arrival, you are escorted to a private room for a special welcome, where sparkling wine is served while one of the museum's leading art historians gives an introduction to the museum and invites for a guided tour of the museum. After the tour, you will have time to explore the Sculpture Garden and pay a visit to the Art Shop.

16:00 Return to Copenhagen along the old coastal road, known for its large luxurious villas, pleasant beaches and recreational areas.

19:00 **Visit to Tivoli Garden**, the famous amusement park in the heart of the city operating since 1843.

20:00 **Dinner at Restaurant Nimb Brasserie**, elegant and casual Danish and international dining within the amusement park.





DAY 04: COPENHAGEN–OSLO

Transfer to Copenhagen Airport, departure with Scandinavian Airlines bound for Oslo. Arrival at Oslo Airport, transfer for a 2-night stay in a superior room at **Hotel Continental*****, deluxe, (Leading Hotels of the World)**, check-in.

14:00–18:00 The afternoon panoramic tour introduces you to all the highlights of Oslo including **Frogner Park**, decorated with the unique sculptures of Gustav Vigeland, the new Opera House, Parliament, the National Gallery and the city's main street Karl Gustav leading to the Royal Palace. The tour concludes with a **private visit to Oslo City Hall**, hosting about 300 functions each year, the most prominent being the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony.

19:00 **Dinner at Restaurant Statholdergaarden**, creative Michelin-starred Norwegian gastronomy offered in the ambience of a protected townhouse dating back to 1640.

DAY 05: OSLO

09:00–13:00 Visit to Bygdøy Peninsula and the **Fram Museum** to see strongest wooden ship ever built, which still holds the records for sailing farthest north and farthest south, and the Exhibition of the Gjøa, the ship on-board which Roald Amundsen traversed the Northwest Passage. From here, continue to the nearby **Kon-Tiki Museum** to be acquainted with another world-famous Norwegian explorer, Thor Heyerdahl, and Kon-Tiki, the raft that carried him during his ground-breaking 1947 expedition across the Pacific from South America to the Polynesian Islands.

13:00–14:30 **Lunch at the Grand Café**, Norwegian and international cuisine at the historical restaurant

that has been a favourite venue for the capital's cultured bourgeoisie since 1894.

14:30–17:00 Visit to **Holmenkollen**, Oslo's ski recreation area since the late 19th century, to see the famous ski jump, the **Holmenkollen Ski Museum** and enjoy a splendid panoramic view of Oslo.

DAY 06: OSLO–STOCKHOLM

Transfer to Oslo Airport, departure with Scandinavian Airlines bound for Stockholm. Arrival at Stockholm Airport, transfer for a 2-night stay in a **deluxe room at Grand Hotel Stockholm*****, deluxe, (Leading Hotels of the World)**, check-in.

14:00–18:00 The afternoon panoramic tour features the many treasures of the Beauty on the Water, including the Old Town with Stockholm Cathedral, the Royal Castle, Stockholm City Hall, the Royal Opera and Stockholm Concert Hall. The tour concludes with a visit to the **Vasa Museum** and the incredible Vasa Battleship, supposed to be the pride of the Swedish Imperial Fleet, yet sank on its maiden voyage in 1628.

19:00 **Dinner at Restaurant Operakällaren**, Swedish and international haute cuisine in dining rooms with original interior of wall paintings, gilded oak panels, suspended panel ceiling and impressive chandeliers.

DAY 07: STOCKHOLM

09:00–13:00 Excursion to **Drottningholm Palace**, located on the island of Lovön in Lake Mälaren west of Stockholm. The palace is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and has served as the residence of the Swedish Royal Family since 1981. The visit include a tour by a curator of the magnificently decorated **State**

Apartments, the **Palace Gardens**, the lavish **Chinese Pavilion** and the **Court Theatre**.

13:00–14:30 **Swedish seafood lunch at Restaurant B.A.R.**, innovative Swedish seafood in a trendy and casual environment in downtown Stockholm.

14:30–17:00 **Swedish design highlights tour**, visit the up-scale and bohemian Södermalm district and exclusive Swedish design shops, featuring brands from well-known designers to emerging talents. The tour is topped with a special visit to the gem of classic Swedish interior design, Svenskt Tenn, with refreshments and an introduction.

DAY 08: DEPARTURE FROM STOCKHOLM

Transfer to the airport, departure.

Including: 3 overnights in a deluxe room in Copenhagen, 2 overnights in a superior room in Oslo, 2 overnights in a deluxe room in Stockholm, 7 x sumptuous buffet breakfast, 3 x exquisite 3-course lunches, 1 x degustation of Smørrebrød, 4 x 4-course haute cuisine dinners, all transfers, sightseeing tours and excursions with private car and guide, entrances to Amalienborg Castle, Viking Ship Museum, Roskilde Cathedral, Krongborg Castle, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Tivoli Gardens, Frogner Park, Oslo City Hall, Fram Museum, Kon-Tiki Museum, Holmenkollen Ski Museum, Vasa Museum, Drottningholm Palace, special visit to Svenskt Tenn and portage at hotels.