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LEGENDS OF SCANDINAVIA



SWEDEN, DENMARK AND NORWAY

SEP 3-16, 2026 • 14 DAYS • 24 MEALS

SMALL GROUP • JOURNEY LEADER: JOAN PITMAN

Frederiksborg Castle, housing Denmark's Museum of National History since 1878.

Join us during the serene days of early autumn to discover the heart of Scandinavia, a region where vibrant modern life is deeply rooted in maritime tradition. This journey takes us from the archipelago city of Stockholm, built across 14 islands where Lake Mälaren meets the Baltic Sea, to the historic shores of Denmark, the seat of Europe's oldest continuous monarchy. We will experience the distinct cultures of three nations, finding beauty in the cobblestone lanes of preserved medieval towns and the grand halls of Renaissance palaces. Traversing these lands by private coach, scenic train, and overnight ferry, we venture beyond the cities to connect with the untamed landscapes that define the Nordic spirit, witnessing the sheer scale of the deep glacial fjords and rugged mountains that have shaped Norwegian life for millennia.

Tour Highlights

- Discover the charm of Stockholm with a guided walk through Gamla Stan and a visit to City Hall
- Marvel at the Vasa Museum's salvaged 17th-century warship and cruise Lake Mälaren to the UNESCO-listed Drottningholm Palace
- Explore Copenhagen's royal heritage at Amalienborg and Rosenborg Castles
- Admire the Renaissance splendour of Frederiksborg Castle and the dramatic setting of Hamlet's Kronborg Castle
- Sail overnight from Denmark to Norway, waking up to scenic views of the Oslo Fjord
- Walk among 200 sculptures at Vigeland Park and immerse yourself in history at the Norsk Folkemuseum
- Learn about daring polar expeditions at Oslo's Fram and Kon-Tiki Museums
- Traverse Norway's stunning interior on the spectacular Flåm Railway and cruise the majestic Sognefjord, the "King of the Fjords"
- Stroll the historic fish market in Bergen and ascend Mount Fløyen by funicular for panoramic city views
- Visit the unique Fantoft Stave Church, a masterpiece of traditional Norwegian woodwork built without nails

Journey Leaders

Joan Pitman spent 25 years in the airline industry and continues her passion for travel as a Journey Leader. She has extensive experience guiding trips from Alaska to Argentina, Cairo to Cape Town, across Canada, the Caribbean, and the US. Joan's favourite city is London, and she has also travelled widely across Africa. A longtime Whistler resident, Joan and her husband **George** now live in Vancouver. Together, they have five children and nine grandchildren, and they look forward to sharing exciting new adventures with you.



SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

LIMITED TO 25 TRAVELLERS

Inclusive Features

- Return economy group airfare from Canada to Europe with Icelandair
- Internal flight between Stockholm and Copenhagen
- Carefully selected comfortable and first-class hotels as indicated or similar
- Overnight ferry between Copenhagen and Oslo with private facilities
- 24 meals as indicated (B - 12 breakfasts, L - 3 lunches, D - 9 dinners)
- Travel by deluxe coach throughout and overnight ferry to Oslo, Norway
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for included services
- Services of your journey leader and experienced professional Scandinavian guides
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with purchase of group airfare

SEP 3, Thursday

DEPART CANADA
Travellers gather in Toronto for the flights to Sweden.

SEP 4, Friday

ARRIVE STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN
Our journey begins as we touch down in Stockholm, the majestic Swedish capital built across fourteen islands. Upon arrival, we are greeted and transferred to our hotel. Take some time to unwind or step out to witness the city's harmonious blend of medieval history and modern elegance. This evening, we come together for our welcome dinner. **Clarion Hotel Sign** (3 nights) D

SEP 5, Saturday

STOCKHOLM
We dedicate our morning to Stockholm's most iconic treasures, starting with the Vasa Museum. Here we marvel at the formidable warship which was salvaged after sinking

on its maiden voyage in 1628. Our tour continues to the imposing City Hall, celebrated for its romantic architecture and as the venue for the prestigious Nobel Prize banquets. Following free time for lunch, we wander the cobblestone streets of Gamla Stan, the city's medieval Old Town. We return to the hotel to refresh before a delightful dinner cruise, soaking up the views of the archipelago. BD

SEP 6, Sunday

STOCKHOLM

We board a boat for a short scenic cruise along Lake Mälaren this morning, making our way to the magnificent Drottningholm Palace. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this stunning royal residence serves as a beautifully preserved example of 17th-century European Baroque architecture. After exploring the palace and its grounds, we travel by coach back to the city centre for lunch. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure, perhaps browse local shops or revisit a favourite site, before we rejoin for dinner at our hotel. BLD

SEP 7, Monday

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

We bid farewell to Stockholm this morning and take a short flight to Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. Upon arrival, we discover some of the city's landmarks, beginning with the Little Mermaid, a bronze tribute to Hans Christian Andersen's fairytale that has watched over the harbour since 1913. We continue to the massive Gefion Fountain and Amalienborg Palace, the winter residence of the Danish Royal Family. Tonight we dine at a local restaurant. **Imperial Hotel** (2 nights) BD

SEP 8, Tuesday

COPENHAGEN

Today we travel through the countryside to Hillerød, home to Frederiksborg Castle. Commissioned by King Christian IV in the early 17th century, this Renaissance masterpiece rises majestically from the waters of the Castle Lake. As we tour the Museum of National History housed within it, we encounter 500 years of Danish heritage preserved in grand tapestries, porcelain, and portraits. Our journey continues to the coast at Elsinore to the imposing Kronborg Castle. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this fortress is renowned not only for its strategic command over the Sound but also as the legendary setting of Shakespeare's Hamlet. BD

SEP 9, Wednesday

COPENHAGEN

Our visit in the heart of the city takes us to Rosenborg Castle, originally built as a summer residence for King Christian IV. This royal treasury houses a remarkable collection of cultural artifacts, from Venetian glass and tapestries to the three life-sized silver lions that guard Denmark's Crown Jewels. We then make our way to the vibrant Nyhavn Canal for lunch. The afternoon is yours to stroll along the waterfront or explore the nearby pedestrian-only streets. Later in the day, we board our overnight ferry to Oslo, Norway. **Go Nordic Cruiseline** (1 night) BLD

SEP 10, Thursday

OSLO, NORWAY

For those who rise early, the morning offers a special treat as we sail through the idyllic Oslo Fjord. Upon docking, we are introduced to the Norwegian capital with a panoramic orientation of this vibrant city. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore at your own pace. You might choose to visit the striking Munch Museum or explore the monumental City Hall. We then gather for dinner at a local restaurant. **Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel** (2 nights) BD



Visit colourful Nyhavn Canal in Copenhagen, Denmark



The iconic Flåm Railway. Credit Øyvind Heen - fjords.com / Visit Norway



Ride to the top of Mount Fløyen



Drottningholm Palace

SEP 11, Friday**OSLO**

Today is dedicated to enjoying Oslo's celebrated museums. The Norsk Folkemuseum, Norway's largest museum of cultural history, showcases how life has evolved here from 1500 to the present. At the Fram Museum we learn about the daring feats of Norwegian polar explorers like Nansen. The Kon-Tiki Museum is home to the original balsawood raft used by Thor Heyerdahl for his legendary 1947 expedition across the Pacific Ocean. B

CT Rating 2.5/5 - Slightly Challenging: While relatively easy, this journey features some long travel days, an overnight ferry ride and a number of walks over uneven ground (often including steps). As with a journey of this type, members should be physically active to fully enjoy this tour. Hotels are comfortable, roads are good and the food is excellent throughout the region.

SEP 12, Saturday OSLO / VIGELAND PARK / GEILO

We enjoy a leisurely start before visiting Vigeland Park to admire the life work of Gustav Vigeland, featuring over 200 granite, bronze, and cast-iron sculptures. Leaving the capital, we travel north into the rugged heart of Norway. Our route takes us across the vast, tundra-like expanses of Hardangervidda National Park, known as Europe's largest mountain plateau, before we arrive in the charming ski town of Geilo. **Ustedalen Hotel** (1 night) BD

SEP 13, Sunday FLÅM / SOGNEFJORD / BERGEN

Today promises some of the most dramatic scenery in Scandinavia as we traverse the country by rail and sea. We board the renowned Flåm Railway, an engineering marvel that descends steeply from the mountain station of Myrdal to the village of Flåm nestled deep in the valley. Next, we take a ferry to cruise the majestic Sognefjord. Known as the "King of the Fjords," it is Norway's longest and deepest fjord, offering spectacular views as we make our way to the coastal city of Bergen. **Clarion Hotel Admiral** (3 nights) B

SEP 14, Monday BERGEN

We delve into Bergen's maritime heritage starting at the bustling open-air fish market, a hub of trade for centuries. For a bird's-eye perspective, we ascend Mount Fløyen by funicular, rewarded with sweeping vistas of the harbour and surrounding mountains. After a delicious lunch, we visit the intricate Fantoft Stave Church, a masterpiece of medieval woodwork built without a single nail. The evening is yours to explore the cobblestone streets or enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. BL

SEP 15, Tuesday BERGEN

The entire day is free for you to explore this coastal city at your own pace. You might choose to browse the local shops for Nordic goods or visit to the KODE Museums, a renowned complex dedicated to art, craft, design, and music. Tonight we gather for a special farewell dinner. BD

SEP 16, Wednesday BERGEN / CANADA

All too soon, our Scandinavian adventure comes to an end as we gather for our homeward journey. B



**Book by March 7, 2026
and save \$200 per person**

**Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person**

Land Only* (Join / Leave at hotel)	\$9,995
Toronto	\$11,455
Ottawa / Montreal	\$11,645
Halifax / Winnipeg	\$11,745
St John's / Regina / Saskatoon	\$11,875
Vancouver / Calgary / Edmonton	\$11,795
Victoria	\$11,875
Single Supplement	\$2,425

*Land-only price is based on joining at the hotel in Stockholm and departing from the hotel in Bergen. It includes internal in-destination flights but excludes international flights and airport transfers.

Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Air inclusive prices are estimated and subject to confirmation before final payment. Refer to inclusive features for details.

Tour price is based on sharing a twin room at hotels and on a minimum of 20 members, based on rates, taxes and fees effective December 2025 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted from Canada with a minimum of 20 group members.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

Final payment is due June 2, 2026

Deposit is \$800 per person

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