



Scandi Experience

In Collaboration with

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NORTH

# SPECTACULAR SCANDINAVIA

A 14 day guided tour throughout Scandinavia with visits to all 5 countries.

**TOUR DATES**  
**August 1-14, 2020**

**\$5995**  
AIRFARE INCLUDED



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# OVERVIEW OF TOUR

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## PRICE

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**Price per person \$5995.** This includes all taxes and fees. In addition to the tour itself the price also includes a pre-trip dinner event in Stillwater, MN approximately a month prior to the trip. Here we all get together and mingle while we sample some Scandinavian foods and talk about the trip. This is a great time for everyone to meet and see who else are going. Date, time and place for the pre-trip event will be announced as we get a bit closer. See pricing details below:



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### Included in tour price

Airfare | Roundtrip airfare from Minneapolis  
Land transportation with deluxe motor coach  
Double accommodations in all hotels  
On-board local travel-leader throughout the tour  
2 overnight cruises (Finland-Sweden & Denmark-Norway)  
Train ride to Flåm, Norway  
Fjord cruise  
Flight from Norway to Iceland  
Admissions to all tour events and activities  
21 Meals in total (see itinerary for details)  
Welcome package upon arrival  
Support and assistance throughout the entire tour

### Not Included in tour price

Single room (add \$875 for a 1-person hotel room)  
Meals and beverages other than indicated on itinerary  
Travel and/or medical insurance



# ITINERARY:

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## Day 1 (AYOE)

Leaving the U.S. We will experience the sunset at 30,000 feet over the Atlantic Ocean, heading towards Europe. It is early morning when we arrive to Iceland. We will stop here to stretch our legs and relax in the terminal as we wait for our flight to Helsinki Finland. Meals and beverages are available for purchase on board the flight.

## Day 2 (D)

Arrive at Helsinki airport in Finland. We are greeted here by our travel-leader and our bus driver who will join the group. Once our group is gathered we will head to our first hotel located peacefully just outside of the Finnish capital Helsinki. Here you will have lots of time to relax, settle in, and adjust to the time difference. After checking in and settling into our hotel we will all gather for a welcome dinner in the evening.



## Day 3 (B,L)

After enjoying the first of many amazing breakfast buffets we pack up and head towards Helsinki and a great tour of the beautiful Finnish capital. We will have lunch together after the tour and you will also have some free time here. In the afternoon we are off to our next hotel, which is a cruise ship. We check in to our cabins and head on an overnight cruise to Sweden's capital Stockholm. There are lots of things to do on board this ship. You have a good selection of fun shopping, different restaurants and some late night entertainment.

## Day 4 (D)



It is early morning when our ship enters the many thousands of islands that make up the archipelago's of Stockholm. We suggest setting your alarm and head up on deck in the morning, it is a truly unique experience being on board such a big ship while navigating through islands and narrow passages. Our ship docks in Stockholm after breakfast and we are off on a city tour of the Swedish capital. There is also lots of free time here, and if you'd rather take the entire day to do things on your own you are of course free to do so. We depart Stockholm in late afternoon and head west towards our next hotel. We end the evening with dinner at our hotel.

## Day 5 (B, L, D)

Today is a travel day as we head from eastern Sweden to western Sweden. We have some stops planned and also a fun trivia on the bus. There will be some very nice prices! Our main attraction for the day is when we travel back in time for a castle tour of beautiful 700 year-old Örebro castle. We will also enjoy lunch together before we head towards Gothenburg where we will stay for two nights. After checking in to our next hotel we will enjoy dinner together.

## Day 6 (B, D)

A day on the island! After breakfast we head north towards the island of Marstrand. We will take a short ferry ride over to the island where we will be guided on a tour of the impressive 1600's fortress of Carlsten. We will spend the remainder of the day in Marstrand and you will have time to have lunch and browse shops at your own leisure on the island before the bus takes us back to our hotel in late afternoon. Later in the evening we gather together for dinner.

## Day 7 (B, L)

After a good nights sleep we pack up and continue our adventure to the 3rd of our 5-country tour. Our destination is Fredrikshavn, Denmark, located in northern Denmark. To get there we have to take a ferry. Just like the Swedish emigrants back in the 1800's we depart from Gothenburg. The journey over takes just about 3 hours. We have some really fun things planned in Denmark, and we will also enjoy lunch together here :) After a fun afternoon spent in the beautiful countryside of Denmark we head to our next hotel. And again, this is a cruise ship! We depart Denmark in the evening and head north west into Norway. There is a lot to do on board, and also excellent variety of dining and shopping for you to enjoy.



### Day 8 (AYOE)

Just like the ferry between Finland and Sweden we suggest not sleeping in too late, or you will miss out on the beautiful scenery :) There are some breathtaking views from deck (or your cabin) as we get close to the mountains of Norway. You will enjoy both breakfast and lunch at your own leisure on board the ship. It is just after noon when we arrive into our next town beautiful harbor-town Bergen, Norway! Here we will stay for 3 nights. Our Norwegian guide will greet us at the port and we are off on a guided city tour! After familiarizing ourselves with the town we will head to our next hotel. The evening is free, and we suggest having dinner down by world famous "bryggen". Bergen is a very cozy small town and everything is within walking distance.

### Day 9 (B, L)

Today is fully packed, but again, we don't want to give away too much. We have some very exciting places to visit and this day will offer some truly amazing scenery. But we can say this day involves a unique train ride to a very remote town called Flåm, an authentic Norwegian lunch up on a mountain top, and a cruise on one of Norway's most impressive and amazing fjords. Lots of scenery and experiences to take in. After a full day of fun our bus picks us up at the dock and brings us back to our hotel.

### Day 10 (B, L)

Another very exciting day taking in the beautiful scenery of western Norway and surrounding areas of Bergen. The bus picks us up after breakfast and we are off on a guided scenic tour. We will enjoy lunch together and will be back at our hotel in the afternoon so that you can experience the afternoon and night in beautiful Bergen at your own leisure.



### Day 11 (B)

After another amazing breakfast buffet we have some more free time in Bergen before we are off to our 5th country, Iceland! The bus and bus driver will say goodbye to us at the airport in Bergen, and we will continue to Reykjavik Iceland. Upon arrival we are greeted by our local team in Iceland that will be our hosts for the next 3 days. Our guide will give us a introduction to Iceland as we head through the lava-fields towards our hotel in the capital city of Reykjavik. We are staying right in town so after checking in to our hotel your evening is free to explore town and restaurants. Don't worry, Reykjavik is very small, flat, and easy to navigate by foot.

### Day 12 (B,L)

Are you ready for an unforgettable adventure?! After breakfast the bus and local guide picks us up at the hotel. We are off to explore Iceland! Without giving away too much again, we can say that today you will experience everything from glaciers, tectonic plates, geysirs, water falls, and greenhouses :) We end this fun day with some free time in Reykjavik.

### Day 13 (B, D)



We will end this last full day of our adventure with a once in a life time experience! We are heading to the Blue Lagoon, a must-visit for anyone who wants to feel and look younger. It is said that after a swim in the blue lagoon one will feel 10 years younger. Just bring your swim wear. A towel, a face mask, and a refreshing drink is provided for you at the lagoon. There is a cafe, gift shop, and viewing area for those who choose not to go in the water. We will stay here for about 2-3 hours. The bus then takes us back to town where the rest of the afternoon is free. We all gather back at the hotel in the evening for a goodbye dinner.

### Day 14 (B)

After an eventful 2 weeks it is time to say goodbye, for this time. After breakfast and checking out around noon the bus takes us back to the airport for our afternoon flight back to the U.S.

#### What meals are included?

**B** stands for Breakfast

**L** stands for Lunch

**D** stands for Dinner

**AYOE** stands for At Your Own Expense

#### What beverages are included?

Water with all meals







## Who We Are

We are a family owned and operated business. Co-owners and siblings Anna and Martin Hallkvist are both native to Sweden and experts in the area of travel and tourism. After operating and guiding a number of smaller tours in Sweden, Anna and Martin decided to start Scandi Experience in the fall of 2015.

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## How We Operate

We operate from both the U.S. and Sweden. Our office is located in Stillwater, MN. We also collaborate with Scandinavian gift shop Scandinavian North in Stillwater, MN, where you can stop in or call to get brochures and other info on our tours and services.

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## Our Goal - An Unforgettable Experience

Our goal is to make each tour a truly unique experience that you can't get anywhere else. We plan each and every event and location from our own experiences. If we have not experienced it, we will not offer it on our tour. That is why we call our business Scandi Experience. We will be with you along the way to assist and answer any questions you might have. Opposed to other tour operators who just sell you the tour, we actually travel with you. We do this to make sure you receive the best experience possible.

In addition to our tour bus we also travel alongside the group with a car. This ensures things are prepared before the group reaches each destination, and it also gives us the opportunity to accommodate special requests or side trips along the way.

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## In Collaboration With Scandinavian North

Scandinavian North is a gift shop located in downtown Stillwater, MN. They also have an online store ([www.scandinaviannorth.com](http://www.scandinaviannorth.com)). Since both Scandinavian North and Scandi Experience are owned and operated by the same family, it was natural to collaborate together. Although the tours are operated by Scandi Experience you can still visit or contact Scandinavian North with any questions you might have regarding current or upcoming tours. Scandinavian North will stock all brochures and materials for all of Scandi Experience's tours.



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## SUMMARY

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**Välkommen to join us on our upcoming adventure to Scandinavia! As seen in the itinerary we will visit all 5 of the countries that make up Scandinavia. With this tour you get to see and experience some of the most beautiful parts of Scandinavia, and the world. You get to cruise the ocean, travel through the countryside, get a taste of capital cities, see the fjords, and experience geothermal power, all while traveling in the comfort of our deluxe motor coach. This motor coach is built for comfort and includes all of the modern features, such as entertainment system, bathroom, and WIFI so you can stay connected with friends and family throughout the tour. We will give you a personable and genuine view of the places, people, and culture that make up Scandinavia. Although situated in a fairly small geographical region of the world, Scandinavia is very diverse. Get ready for an unforgettable experience!**



## SOME REVIEWS FROM PREVIOUS TRAVELERS

(please visit our Facebook page for more feedback and reviews)

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*(Rayna D.)*

Great experience in Sweden and days in Denmark and Norway. Worth every penny and more!  
Anna and Martin did a great job giving us a variety of experiences. They went above and beyond to make us feel welcome in their home country.



*(Dixie B.)*

This has unquestionably been the best tour I have taken in over 30 years of traveling. Martin and Anna provide the personalized service that other tour companies only dream of. Each and everyone of the 40 of us left feeling valued as individuals and with 39 friends.



*(Linda S.)*

Excellent trip, caring hosts, Anna, Martin, Tomas, Bertil all went out of their way to make our trip wonderful, good food, lots of interesting places and things, especially the Fika in Kristianstad wonderful family. Castles, mansions and pampering.  
What else is there. Thanks for a great experience.





## READY TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION?

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Great! To reserve your seat we need to collect either a deposit or full payment from you. We also need you to fill out our reservation form. This form should be included with this brochure. If not, you can easily download and print it off from our website. Please contact us via phone or email to let us know you would like to join our tour prior to filling it out so we can confirm space is available. Once availability is confirmed we can reserve your seat. Then simply mail, or email this form back to us. You can also drop this form off at our partnering retail store Scandinavian North in downtown Stillwater. In the interest of keeping our tour costs as low as possible for our travelers; we do not accept credit cards at this time. Accepted methods of payment are: Check, Money Order, or Cashier's Check.

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Välkommen On Board!

