

Scandi Experience

In Collaboration with

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

TOUR DATES August 3-16, 2019





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\$5795

AIRFARE INCLUDED



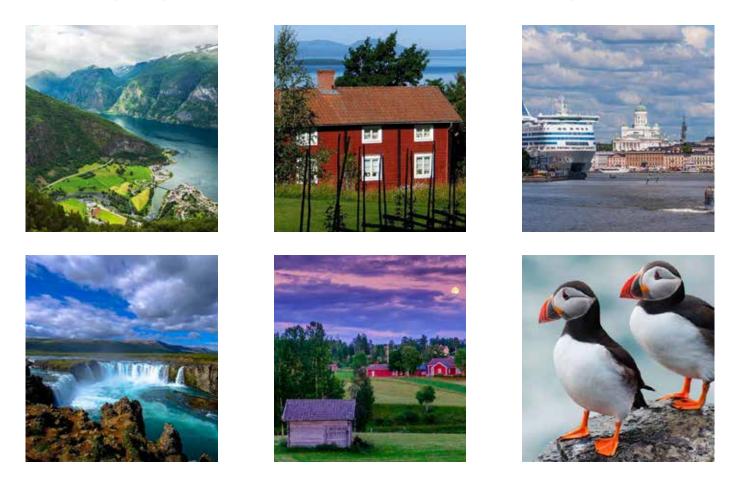
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OVERVIEW OF TOUR



PRICE

Price per person \$5795. 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:



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 to Iceland and guided excursion in Iceland Admissions to all tour events and activities 22 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:

Day 1 (AYOE)

Leaving the U.S. We will experience the sunset at 30,000 feet over the Atlantic Ocean, heading towards Europe. We will make a quick stop to stretch our legs and change aircraft in Iceland. Then off to Helsinki, Finland! Meals and beverages are available for purchase on board the flight.

Day 2 (D)

Arrive at Helsinki airport in Finland. Here you will be greeted by our travel-leader Anna and our bus driver Tomas who will join the group. Once our group is gathered we will head to our first hotel located just outside of Finish capital Helsinki. During our bus ride to our hotel we will hand out your welcome package and some general information about the tour. 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 on a city tour of Finland's capital Helsinki. This tour includes everything from historic landmarks, beautiful scenery, and saunas! :) 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 we arrive in Stockholm. We suggest setting your alarm and head up on deck in the morning to experience the world famous archipelagos of Stockholm. The ferry docks in Stockholm after breakfast and we spend a few hours in the Swedish capital before we are off on our next adventure: Dalarna, home of the Swedish Dala Horse! After some stops on our way up to Dalarna we check into our next hotel where dinner is served later that evening.

Day 5 (B, L, D)

After breakfast we head to Nusnäs in Dalarna, where the world famous Dala Horse is being made. The Dala Horse has grown to be a symbol of Sweden nowadays. And here we tour the factory and learn all about the history of this famous horse before we head south after lunch. Our next destination is Sweden's second largest city; Gothenburg, where we will be staying for two nights. We will make several stops along the way and we will also enjoy dinner together on our way down to Gothenburg while we talk about the next days adventures. It is early evening when we reach our our hotel.

Day 6 (B, L, D)

Today is exciting! First we get to experience the history of perhaps one of Sweden's most well-known brands; Volvo! Then, after a visit to the Volvo museum we head north towards the picturesque coastal town of Marstrand, where we will visit the impressive 1600's fortress of Carlsten. We will spend the remainder of the afternoon in Marstrand before we head back to the hotel early evening. After arriving back to our hotel the evening is at your own leisure.

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 north western Denmark. To get there we have to take a ferry. Just like the immigrants back in the 1800's we depart from Gothenburg. The journey over takes just about 3 hours. We have some fun things planned in Denmark, but we don't want to give too much away :) 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 lots to do on board, and a good 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. We will enjoy both breakfast and lunch on board the ship. It is just after noon when we arrive into our next town in beautiful Bergen, Norway! Here we will stay for 3 nights, so we will spend the afternoon familiarizing ourselves with the town. After checking in to our hotel the evening is free. We suggest having dinner down by world famous "bryggen". Bergen has a cozy, small town feel where most everything is within walking distance.

Day 9 (B, L)

Today is fully packed, and again we don't want to give away too much. We have some very exciting places to visit. We can say it involves an amazing train ride to a very remote town called Flåm. Then 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 where the evening is free.

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 are off to our 5th country, Iceland! The bus and bus driver Tomas will say goodbye to us at the airport in Bergen, but 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 first stop is the Blue Lagoon, a must-do for anyone who wish to feel younger. It is said that after a swim in the blue lagoon one will feel 10 years younger. Just bring your swimwear. A towel and a refreshing drink is provided for you at the lagoon. After a couple of hours in the lagoon we are off to our hotel in Reykjavik where we will stay for the last 3 nights. Here we will enjoy dinner before night falls.



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, geysers, waterfalls, and greenhouses :) We end this fun day with some free time in Reykjavik. We'll be right in town so everything is nearby.

Day 13 (B, D)

This last full day of the tour is free for you to explore on your own. Reykjavik has something to offer everyone's taste! A good way to explore the city is with the Hop-on Hop-off shuttle. You can also rent bicycles if you want a more adventurous experience. For the adventurous we recommend one of the harbor experiences, such as whale watching, fishing, or a coastal excursion. There is lots to do and see! 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 over the past couple of years, Anna and Martin decided to start Scandi Experience in the fall of 2015.

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.

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 Collaboration With Scandinavian North

Scandinavian North is a gift shop located in downtown Stillwater, MN. They also have an online store (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.









SUMMARY

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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(Ravna 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.

\star \star \star \star \star (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?

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!