

**11 Day Classic Scandinavia**  
**(September 07-17, 2018)**

Dear Participants,

Some information for the upcoming trip.

Respectfully,  
Lina Santos

**Flite itinerary**

EWR	CPH	SK	910	G	1	07 Sep 2018	535P	715A+1
BGO	CPH	SK	2861	G	11	17 Sep 2018	600A	720A
CPH	EWR	SK	909	G	11	17 Sep 2018	1025A	1255P

EWR-Newark International Airport \* CPH – Copenhagen Airport \* BGO – Bergen Airport, Flesland

If you need assistance with your flite (those of you out of the tri-state area, feel free to give us a call).

**Optional tours.**

Please choose (if any from the three below). Must be reserved and paid in full by June.

Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.

- Tours purchased while travelling may cost an extra 10% or more
- Tours often sell out. Avoid disappointment
- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally
- Travel insurance only covers services purchased prior to departure

**North Zealand Castle Tour**

Begin your North Zealand castle tour with a drive along the coast, often called the Danish Riviera to Elsinore for a photo stop at the outer walls and towers of the impressive Kronborg castle, the setting of Shakespeare's play Hamlet. Continue to Frederiksborg Castle, located in the magnificent surroundings of Hillerod. While at the castle, view the National Museum, Chapel and Knight's Hall.

Approximate tour duration is 5 hours.

Day # 3

01 Oct 2017 – 31 Octo 2018

\$95

### Treasures of Oslo

Admire the highlights of Norway's great seafaring tradition as you enjoy a guided visit to two of Oslo's most intriguing museums, the Viking Ship Museum and Kon-Tiki Museum. On your first stop, you will see three 1,200-year-old ornamented Viking ships, which are the best preserved in existence. These incredible artifacts were uncovered from historic burial mounds together with contemporary 9th-century artifacts. The museum is most famous for its wholly complete Oseberg ship and the unique insight into life during the Viking era it offers. Continue to the Kon-Tiki Museum where you will see the fantastic vessels the *Ra* and *Kon-Tiki*. Thor Heyerdahl gained worldwide fame when in 1947 when he crossed the Pacific Ocean on the balsawood raft, the *Kon-Tiki*. This expedition, along with subsequent voyages on the reed boats the *Ra* and *Tigris* showed how early man had mastered sailing before the saddle and wheel were invented.

Approximate tour duration is 2.5 hours.

Day # 6	16 Apr 2018 – 31 Oct 2018	\$65
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### Highlights of Bergen Tour

Begin your morning tour of Bergen, Norway's most beautiful city. This old trading port has maintained a bustling harbor since the 11th century as part of the Hanseatic League and its history will unfold as you tour the sights. Visit Troidhaugen, the home of famous Norwegian composer, Edvard Grieg. Grieg's home stands majestically overlooking the fjords and was a great inspiration for his music. During your tour stroll through the narrow lanes of ancient Bryggen, visit the 750 year old Haakon's Hall, scene of the medieval Royal court's solemn ceremonies and riotous feasts and still used for State banquets\*.

Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

\*Please note in the event that Haakon's Hall closes due to local events, the visit will be substituted with a visit to The Norwegian Fisheries Museum.

Day #10	01 Oct 2017 – 31 Oct 2018	\$85
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**Location:** Widely accepted to be: Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Iceland  
(<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scandinavia>)

**Weather in September:**

Scandinavia's average daily temperatures this month are generally between 60 and 65 degrees, although it may be several degrees colder in Iceland. Because the weather can be rainy in early fall, pack a warm and comfortable sweater and a windbreaker. If visiting Iceland, pack winter clothing and gear.

(<https://www.tripsavvy.com/scandinavia-in-september-4150022>)

**Brief history:**

Scandinavia historically encompassed the kingdoms of Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. Formerly, Finland was part of Sweden, and Iceland had belonged to Denmark and Norway. There has been a long-standing disagreement as to whether Finland and Iceland should be considered Scandinavian countries or not. To fix the divide, the French stepped in to diplomatically smooth out the terminology by dubbing all of the countries, "Nordic countries."

All of the countries, with the exception of Finland, share a common language branch—Scandinavian languages that stem from the Germanic family. What makes Finland unique is that its language aligns more with the Finn-Uralic family of languages. Finnish is more closely related to Estonian and lesser-known languages spoken around the Baltic Sea.

(<https://www.thoughtco.com/countries-of-scandinavia-1434588>)

**Language:**

In Scandinavia, the term "Scandinavian languages" refers specifically to the generally mutually intelligible languages of the three continental Scandinavian countries and are thus used in a more narrow sense as a subset of the Nordic languages, leaving aside the insular subset of Faroese and Icelandic. Danish, Norwegian and Swedish are also referred to as Continental Scandinavian or Nordic languages, while Faroese and Icelandic are grouped together as Insular Scandinavian or Nordic languages.

([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North\\_Germanic\\_languages](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Germanic_languages))

**Currency:** The currencies are NOT interchangeable. We recommend bringing a small amount of currency before entering each country to avoid searching for cash.

Denmark (Danish Krone / DKK), Sweden (Swedish Krona / SEK), Norway (Norwegian Krone / NOK), Finland (Euro), Iceland (Icelandic Krona / ISK), Russia (Ruble), Lithuania (Litas), Latvia (Lati), Estonia (Euro), and Greenland (Danish Krone / DKK).

Exchange rates fluctuate.

(<http://www.scandinaviantravel.com/faqs/>)

**Government:** The governments of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden are all some form of parliamentary democracy.

(<http://guides.lib.umich.edu/c.php?g=282794&p=1884324> )