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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

The pages of your Scandinavian story are filled with adventures in cosmopolitan cities and fjord-laced landscapes that will take your breath away. Explore the rich cultural tapestry of Denmark and Norway, experience centuries of history and a Viking legacy that mingle gracefully with contemporary life in unforgettable ways.

Above: Aurlandsfjord | Cover photo: Gudvangen, Norway

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Discover the Scandinavian capitals of **Copenhagen** and **Oslo**.
- ▶ Cruise past landmarks and architectural treasures along the **canals of Copenhagen**.
- ▶ Witness the range of Norway's majestic scenery from majestic fjords to alpine vistas while aboard the **Flåm Railway** and a cruise of the **Sognefjord, King of Fjords**.
- ▶ View tumbling waterfalls, snowy mountains, villages and fertile farmland clinging to sheer slopes during a ride on the **Bergen Railway**.
- ▶ Awaken to an unrivaled view of the **Oslo Fjord** after an overnight ferry ride.
- ▶ Explore Bergen and experience its Hanseatic history in **Bryggen**.



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Howdy, Ags!

Join us for a spectacular journey into the best of Denmark and Norway. An adventure filled with historic treasures and astounding natural beauty. Your journey begins in Copenhagen, the city that inspired children's fairy-tale author, Hans Christian Andersen. Glide along Copenhagen's famous canals, with treasured sites revealed at each twist and turn.

An overnight ferry ride brings you to Oslo, where you'll witness once-in-a-lifetime views of the magnificent Oslo Fjord and delve into the vanished world of the Vikings. Then soak up stirring vistas from both land and sea, of snow-covered mountaintops, dramatic fjords, wild waterfalls and verdant countryside on journeys aboard the famous Bergen and Flåm railways, and a cruise across the Aurlandsfjord, a branch of the famous Sognefjord.

This unique experience features exciting excursions, thought-provoking lectures, expert drivers and guides, leisure time for personal discovery, and the camaraderie that only comes with small group travel. Guarantee your spot on this Nordic adventure by booking today!

Gig 'em!

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Christiansborg Palace, Copenhagen





Nyhavn, Copenhagen

Day One

In Transit

Depart gateway city for Copenhagen, Denmark. ✈

Day Two

Copenhagen, Denmark

Upon arrival, transfer ✈ to the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Copenhagen.

Free Time: The afternoon is free to explore. Visit Town Hall Square, or take a walk through Nyhavn. This waterfront neighborhood is an excellent place to see everyday people enjoying their city.

This evening, get to know your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception.

Day Three

B | L

Copenhagen

Enrichment: Scandinavia Today. Discuss the current events shaping contemporary Sweden, Denmark and Norway.

Discovery: Rosenborg Castle. Enter the 400-year-old Renaissance palace where Danish royals once held court. View furnishings and portraits of monarchs from Christian IV to Frederik VII. In the treasury, admire the crown jewels, including Christian IV's exquisite crown and Christian III's jewel-studded sword. Elegant swans glide along

the moat as you roam the fragrant gardens, filled with fruit trees and statues.

Enjoy a traditional Danish lunch at a local restaurant.

Discovery: The Canals of Copenhagen.

Cruise the picturesque waterways weaving through Copenhagen. Learn the city's rich history while soaking up spectacular views as you drift past Amalienborg Palace, the Danish royal family's home; the Little Mermaid statue; the Opera House; and the distinctive Black Diamond library with shiny black facets reflecting the sea and sky.

Free Time: Explore the world of famous Danish design at the Design Museum, browse the enticing food stalls in Torvehallerne market or visit the Carlsberg Brewery for a beer tasting.

Day Four

B

Copenhagen

Discovery: Copenhagen, Past and Present.

Enter secret courtyards, stroll past hidden squares and immerse yourself in the old-world ambience of Copenhagen during a walking tour of the city. Your expert guide shares enchanting tales of history and famous Danes, including storyteller Hans Christian Andersen, while you roam the city's warren of crooked back streets full of quaint buildings and celebrated landmarks.



Hardangervidda



Royal Life Guards, Amalienborg Palace

Free Time: Stroll through Tivoli Gardens, and ride one of the world's oldest wooden roller coasters, or explore the Strøget pedestrian-only shopping area.

Day Five

B | D

Copenhagen | At Sea

Free Time: Make the most of your last morning in Copenhagen. Visit Christiansborg Palace, home of the Danish Parliament, or view exhibits and artifacts at the National Museum. Stroll through Højbro Plads to see the statue of Absalon, the 12th-century bishop considered to be the founder of Copenhagen.

This afternoon, transfer to the port and board an overnight ferry for Oslo, Norway. Admire the beautiful scenery before enjoying an authentic Scandinavian smorgasbord for dinner.

Day Six

B | L | D

Oslo

This morning, be sure to go on deck, where the morning is waiting to greet you with one of the most breathtaking views of the Oslo Fjord. Lush, green forests line the fjord, which stretches for 62 miles. Many people come to the fjord to camp, fish, kayak and enjoy other outdoor activities.

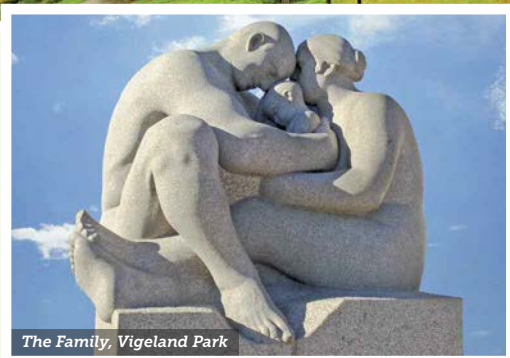
Discovery: Oslo. Visit Holmenkollen Ski Jump, the vertiginous slope used in the 1952 Winter Olympics. Take in fantastic panoramas of beautiful Oslo Fjord and the idyllic coastline. The nearby Ski Museum guides you through Norway's 4,000-year history of Nordic and downhill skiing. Continue to Vigeland Park, filled with more than 200 bronze and granite sculptures by renowned artist Gustav Vigeland. Enjoy an introduction to Norwegian cuisine at lunch.

Check in to the Clarion Collection Hotel Bastion.

Free Time: Explore Oslo at your leisure. Visit the Nobel Peace Center, or view masterpieces by Norway's most famous artist, Edvard Munch,



Flåm Railway



The Family, Vigeland Park

at the Munch Museum.

Relive the day's highlights with your fellow travelers at a group dinner tonight.

Day Seven

B | D

Oslo

Discovery: The Vikings. At the Viking Ship Museum, view beautifully preserved ceremonial burial ships, buried more than 1,100 years ago. These longships once carried their royal owners into the realm of the dead and offer precious insight into the vanished world of the Vikings. Continue to the Kon-Tiki Museum to see the balsa raft Kon-Tiki, which Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl sailed from Peru to Polynesia in 1947, and the totora-reed boat Ra II which he used to cross the Atlantic in 1970.

Free Time: Explore more of Oslo on your own with a stroll along the Harbor Promenade, or visit the National Gallery to see some of Norway's finest art.

Day Eight

B | L

Oslo | Bergen

Discovery: Bergen Railway. Travel to Bergen

on Europe's highest altitude railway and one of the most scenic routes in the world. See breathtaking scenery as you travel across the Hardangervidda, a plateau at more than 4,000 feet above sea level. The tracks climb to Finse, the highest point on the route, then the landscape changes dramatically as the train edges along dramatic fjords, tumbling waterfalls and green forests. Enjoy lunch on the train.

Upon arrival, check in to the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Bergen.

Day Nine

B

Bergen

Enrichment: The Fjords of Norway. Learn about the crucial role the beautiful fjords have played in Nordic geologic and cultural history.

Discovery: Bergen. Framed by seven hills and seven fjords, beguiling Bergen was a major trading center of the Hanseatic League maritime merchants in the late Middle Ages. Explore the 14th-century merchants' quarter of Bryggen. Visit 750-year-old King Haakon's Hall and Rosenkrantz Tower, the most important Renaissance-era monument in Norway. Step inside St. Mary's Church, built between 1130 and 1170, the church has been in continuous use since the early medieval era. Tour hilltop Troidhaugen, the country home of composer Edvard Grieg.

Free Time: Consider taking a cable car to Ulriken for an aerial view of the city from the highest of the seven mountains that surround Bergen.



Day Ten

B | L | D

Bergen

Discovery: *The Best of Norway.* Journey through some of the most wild, scenic wonders of Norway. Begin with a train journey on the Bergen Railway to Myrdal. Continue on a thrilling ride aboard the Flåm Railway, one of the steepest train rides in the world. Wind past snow-dusted peaks, where tiny farms cling to precipitous slopes and rivers and waterfalls slice through deep ravines. Spiral through mountain-side tunnels to the pristine Aurlandsfjord, which is a branch of the Sognefjord, Norway's longest fjord. Cruise to Gudvangen before exploring Voss, where vistas of mountains, forests, lakes and waterfalls await you!

Tonight, gather for a Farewell Dinner.

Day Eleven

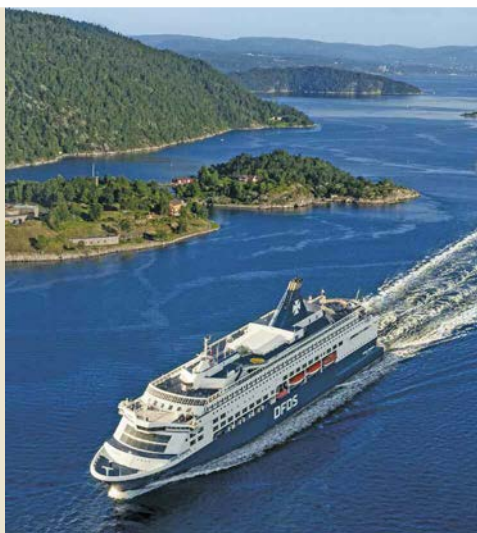
B

In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer✈ to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✈Transfers and flights included for *AHI FlexAir* participants
 B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.



DFDS Seaways

With miles upon miles of coastline and the many islands in the seas surrounding the Nordic countries, it is a given that ferries are a part of the Nordic lifestyle. Travel aboard a first-class DFDS Seaways ferry from Copenhagen to Oslo, a comfortable adventure that gives you a taste of a favorite local mode of travel. Recently renovated, the ferry has four restaurants and a café. It also has four bars, including a bar where you can enjoy wine, beer, cognac and whiskey tastings. Two clubs feature live music and DJs, and there also is a duty-free shop onboard. The ferry's wellness area features a swimming pool and a spa. Tuck into the included smorgasbord featuring Scandinavian specialties and fresh, seasonal dishes — a true highlight of the journey. Later, retire to the comfort of your upgraded Commodore Class cabin and feel pampered with complimentary sparkling wine and snacks.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their prime locations. They are ideally located for exploring the region's renowned landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to fully enjoy your stay.



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PRE-TRIP EXTENSION IN STOCKHOLM

Spend three nights in Stockholm, Sweden's beautiful capital, before the main program begins. Tour Gamla Stan, the historic Old Town, and enjoy ample free time to explore on your own. The extension includes accommodations at the Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel, Stockholm; daily breakfast; a guided walking tour with entrance fees; an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality Desk; guide gratuities; flight from Stockholm to Copenhagen; transfers to the Stockholm airport and from the Copenhagen airport to the hotel; and all taxes and service charges.

Price: USD \$1,395 per person, double occupancy; USD \$1,840, single occupancy

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Trip #: 3-23733W

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I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Land Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Copenhagen, Denmark, with a return from Bergen, Norway, to depart from:

Departure City _____

- Please contact me regarding air options.
- Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Land Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$795 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

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Air Program dates: June 24 – July 4, 2018

Land Program dates: June 25 – July 4, 2018

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
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*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
VAT is an additional \$495 per person.
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UNESCO World Heritage

Bryggen, the medieval Hanseatic League wharf in Bergen, Norway



INCLUDED FEATURES

ACCOMMODATIONS

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- All transfers within the Land Program: ferry, train and deluxe motor coaches, including baggage handling.

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AHI TRAVEL EXPERTISE

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

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