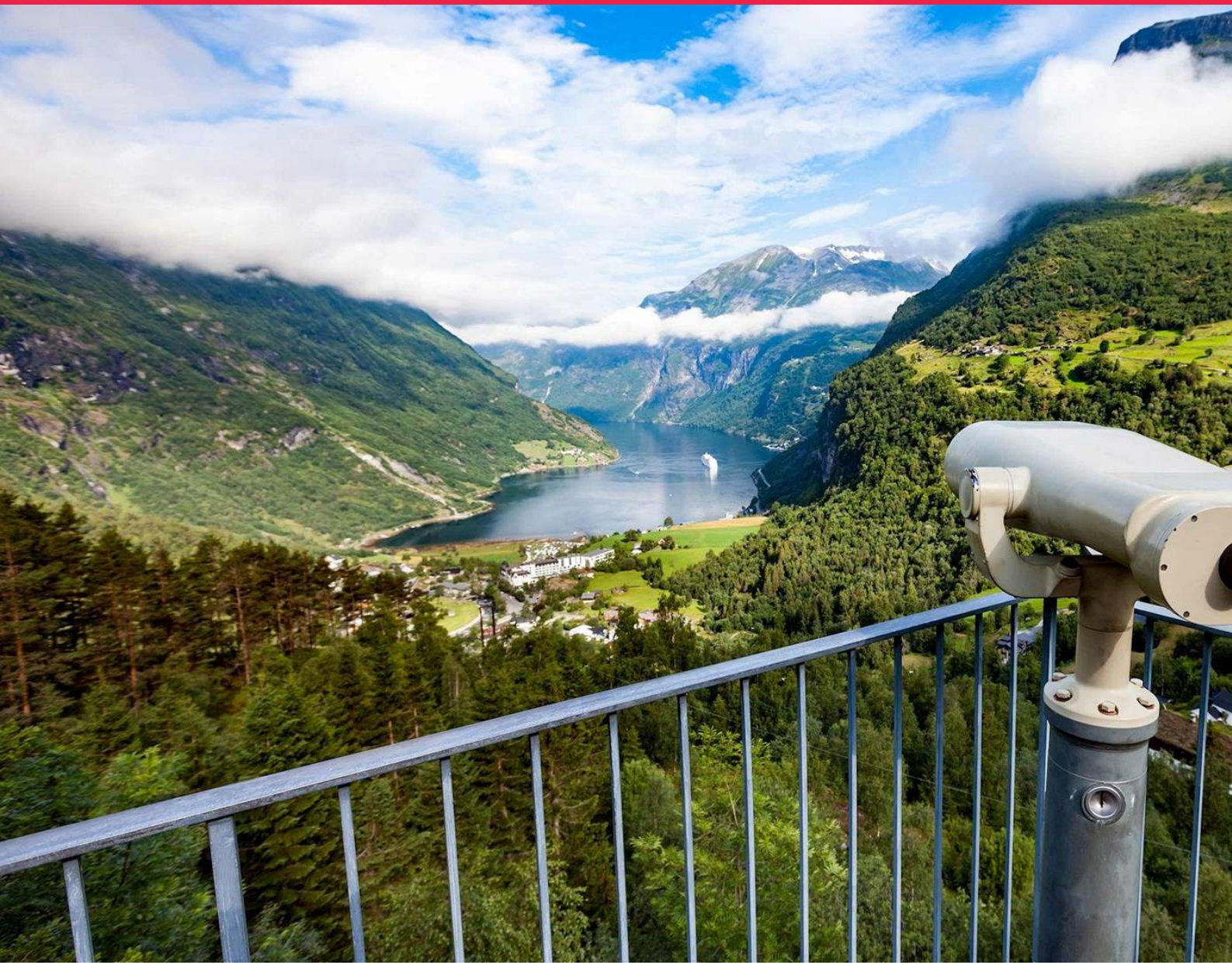


# Your best trip starts *here.*

Nordic Adventure



# Your itinerary



- Start Location
- Visited Location
- End Location
- Plane
- Train
- Ferry
- Cruise
- Over night



## Day 1 | Welcome to Copenhagen



Straight out of a Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, the capital of Denmark is storybook picture perfect and brimming with character. On arrival, transfer to your hotel, then spend the rest of the day discovering the city your way before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. Embrace the hygge ways of the fun-loving locals when you hit its colourful streets, soaking up the sunshine in Tivoli Gardens or relaxing with a drink in Nyhavn. It's the perfect introduction to your upcoming journey across Scandinavia.

**Meals:** Welcome Reception

**Hotel:** Marriott

## Day 2 | Explore Historic Copenhagen



A Local Specialist reveals all the highlights of Copenhagen and some hidden gems on this morning's sightseeing tour. See the home of the Danish royal family, Amalienborg Palace, the Little Mermaid sitting demurely on a rock overlooking the dark blue harbour water and the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Stock Exchange. After learning all there is to know about Copenhagen, you'll have an afternoon to explore the city your way. You could choose instead to join our Optional Experience visit to the idyllic fishing village of Dragør with its maze of alleyways and tiny yellow-walled thatched cottages in the old Danish style.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Marriott

### Optional Experiences:

**North Zealand Riviera And Castle Tour** - Enjoy the quaint scenery of the Danish Riviera's conservation heritage route, as you pass through ancient fishing villages and modern marinas. We'll also view Fredensborg Palace, summer residence of the Royal family, before continuing to the magnificent 17th century Frederiksborg Castle, where you'll see the State Apartments and the Coronation Chapel.

*Adult: 55.00 EUR*

**Green Hills and Hygge** - First, a visit to the top of Copenhagen's modern mountain, with the best views over the Baltic city. As Danes enjoy their summer skiing, we will learn about the vision behind this amazing project: the building, architecture and sustainability of the hill and its power plant inside. Then, to the fairy-tale village of Dragør, with its thatched cottages and pretty working harbour. You'll wander past tiny houses, learn a little of the history and enjoy a taste of traditional Danish specialties.

*Adult: 70.00 EUR*

## Day 3 | Journey to Stockholm



The rest of Scandinavia beckons and Sweden's capital is less than a day away. You'll leave Copenhagen this morning, travelling north to Helsingør. Here you'll board the ferry to Sweden and begin your journey across lush green spruce-clad landscapes to Stockholm. Keep your camera at hand as the enchanting scenery unfolds around you. Arriving in Stockholm later, you'll have the evening free for the perfect introduction to 'Beauty on the Water' as the city is lovingly referred to by its locals.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Elite Palace

### Optional Experiences:

**Old Town and Dinner** - Discover beauty and history combined during a walk in the fairy tale Gamla Stan, where little has changed since the 16th and 17th centuries. Then enjoy delicious Swedish cuisine in a popular local restaurant, with a drink included.

*Adult: 64.00 EUR*

## Day 4 | Embark on an Overnight Cruise



Stockholm's imposing City Hall, where the Nobel Prize banquet is held, is the highlight of this morning's sightseeing with a Local Specialist. This afternoon, you'll have some time to explore the elegant city on your own, perhaps seeking out some of the city's Viking heritage or taking in views of the medieval Storkyrkan, the picturesque harbour and the Royal Palace. Later, we leave Stockholm and board our overnight ferry to Helsinki, Finland's effervescent 'Capital of Cool'.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Optional Experiences:

**Stockholm Discovery** - Enjoy the beauty of Lake Malaren with your Local Specialist, as we sail from the gardens of Drottningholm Palace, located on a UNESCO World Heritage site, in an antique steamboat through the archipelago, past country cottages and elegant homes. You'll also visit the royal warship 'Vasa', an ornate 17th-century galleon which sank just minutes after sailing, now reclaimed from the Baltic.

*Adult: 61.00 EUR*



## Day 5 | Arrive in Helsinki and on to Jyväskylä



Arriving in Helsinki, you'll disembark your ferry after breakfast, just in time to join your Local Specialist for a morning sightseeing tour. See the modern marble façades of Finlandia Hall, the Senate and the colourful stalls in Market Square before some free time for lunch, perhaps sampling some of the local Baltic Herring. The heart of Finnish Lakeland is our next stop and we leave Helsinki behind, driving north through stunning Nordic landscapes. Tonight's Be My Guest experience in Jyväskylä is one to remember as you Connect With Locals over a traditional dinner and learn all about the 'Athens of Finland', so dubbed for its role as a celebrated centre of learning.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Be My Guest

**Hotel:** Verso

## Day 6 | Onwards to the Arctic Circle



Leaving Jyväskylä after breakfast, we head to Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland. Sit back and enjoy the scenery as we journey north towards the Arctic Circle. You'll want to stretch your legs this evening and you'll have the time to do it as you explore Rovaniemi your way and sample your first taste of Sámi cuisine. Reindeer anyone? Your Stays With Stories accommodation this evening is the traditional Pohjanhovi Hotel, hugging the banks of the Kemijoki river in the heart of Rovaniemi. Relax and admire the spellbinding Arctic landscape views that unfold before your eyes.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Scandic Pohjanhovi

### Optional Experiences:

**Ranua Wildlife Park** - Join us on a visit to the Arctic Wildlife Park, where more than fifty species of Nordic animals live in their natural habitat. Our Local Specialist will introduce us to the unique wildlife of Northern Scandinavia.

*Adult: 62.00 EUR*

## Day 7 | Explore Santa Claus's Hometown Your Way



Get your bearings this morning on an orientation with your Travel Director who will show you Lumberjack Bridge, the Library and Lappia Hall, home to the city's theatre. Later, perhaps pay a visit to a pioneer farm and the Arctic Centre.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Scandic Pohjanhovi

### Optional Experiences:

**The Arctic Centre & Pioneer Farm** - With our Local Specialist, we'll visit a pioneer farm, now converted into a museum, for a fascinating glimpse into rural life and traditions from the 19th Century, where we'll also enjoy light refreshments. Continue to the tubular glass frame of the Arktikum, a one-stop cultural centre for all things Arctic. This is the world's first museum dedicated to the demanding conditions and challenge of coping with life in the dark, cold and barren Arctic.

*Adult: 46.00 EUR*

### Day 8 | Off to Unique Saariselkä



Tell Santa how good you've been this year when you visit him at his Santa Claus Village on the Arctic Circle. Dive Into Culture and see his office and post office, where every year Christmas magic happens. Travel north to the popular winter-sports resort of Saariselkä. Don't resist the urge to stretch your legs later on the Aurora trail, located close to your hotel. Join your fellow travellers for dinner at your hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Santa's Tunturi

### Day 9 | Venture to Northernmost Honningsvåg



It doesn't get much further north in Norway than Honningsvåg, today's final destination and the gateway to the North Cape. During your free time, consider joining an optional Sea Birds and Arctic Cruise to explore this unique ocean's rich waters and craggy islands and the creatures that find sanctuary in its midst. After dinner at your hotel, head to the North Cape Visitor Centre to see the Midnight Sun from your ethereal vantage point, the 'Edge of the World'.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Scandic Nordkapp

### Optional Experiences:

**Ultimate Arctic Adventure: Seabirds & Arctic Cruise** - Embark upon a journey across an almost 'lunar' landscape to reach the most northerly fishing village in the world. From here we'll set sail upon a 90-minute Arctic Adventure around the Gjesværstappan, a necklace of islands that's a protected nesting area for millions of Puffins, Kittiwakes, Gannets, Guillemots and White Tailed Eagles! Other potential fauna sightings include Grey Seal and Porpoise. Transportation, survival suits, coffee and tea are provided.

*Adult: 115.00 EUR*

## Day 10 | Continue to Alta



Continue through Norway's Finnmark region where reindeer roam along a wild coastline dotted with tiny villages to Alta, you'll view the modern Northern Lights Cathedral. You could choose to join an optional visit to a Husky farm to meet the Alaskan Husky dogs and encounter the beauty of the Arctic.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Thon Alta

### Optional Experiences:

**Nordic Husky Visit** - Today we'll experience a close encounter with the Alaskan Husky. Come with us as we meet the eager Husky pack and their friendly puppies who love attention. This is a special chance to interact with the animals, learn about Husky training, and form relationships with the puppies in this spectacular Norwegian landscape. We'll also enjoy homemade chocolate cake with tea and coffee in the camp served around the fire (weather dependant).

*Adult: 48.00 EUR*

**Wilderness River Adventure** - Enjoy warm drinks and Norwegian waffles by the campfire at Sorrisniva, the site of the world-famous Igloo Hotel. Then, an exciting ride up the Alta River in a traditional river boat for scenery and thrills! A true north outdoor experience!

*Adult: 65.00 EUR*

## Day 11 | On to Friendly Tromsø



Follow the winding route along the fjords of northern Norway to Tromsø, the 'Gateway to the Arctic'. Discover a multicultural community which thrives in its Arctic Circle surrounds. The backdrop may be snow-capped, but there's nothing chilly about the warmth of the locals, as you'll come to discover on your free evening in this 'Capital of the North'.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Clarion The Edge

### Optional Experiences:

**Cable Car And Arctic Ocean Cathedral** - The Fjelheisen cable care will give you spectacular views of the Arctic city overlooking mountains and fjords. We'll also enjoy a visit to the landmark Arctic Cathedral, a masterpiece of glass mosaic and daring architecture.

*Adult: 50.00 EUR*



## Day 12 | Journey to the Stunning Lofoten Islands



Keep your cameras ready for a day of soul-stirring views. You'll journey south from Tromsø to Svolvær, the perfect base from which to explore Norway's exquisite Lofoten Islands. The statue of Fiserkona, the fisherman's wife, stands at the harbour entrance against a backdrop of cod drying racks, giving visitors a taste and smell of the town's seafaring roots. Tonight, you'll join your fellow travellers for dinner at your hotel, sharing some of the memories of your trip thus far. After dinner, see if you can catch a glimpse of the iconic Svolværgeita (The Goat) pinnacle of rock that overlooks this fishing town.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Thon Lofoten

## Day 13 | The Lofoten Islands Your Way



Lace up your boots and prepare for a day of adventure. The Lofoten Islands is paradise for outdoor enthusiasts with a variety of optional activities on offer to explore the surrounding natural beauty. You could choose to spend your free time hiking, fishing or cruising, or delve into the area's Viking connections with a visit to the Lofotr Viking Museum. As the sun refuses to set on another spectacular Scandinavian day, you'll enjoy an evening at leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Thon Lofoten

### Optional Experiences:

**Vikings and Local Life** - Travel along this stunning mountain route to visit one of Europe's last blacksmiths to watch him forge beauty from iron. After exploring the nearby boat museum, we'll go back 1000 years in time to the Viking Museum Lofotr. Experience the smell of smoke and tar at this living museum, where we'll meet our guide to learn about the Viking age the way it really was. We'll also visit the world's biggest Viking longhouse.

*Adult: 59.00 EUR*

## Day 14 | Cross the Arctic Circle to Mo I Rana



Spend the day relaxing as glorious Norwegian landscapes unfold along your journey south. You'll see glaciers and fjords as you wind your way towards Mo I Rana, re-crossing the Arctic Circle and passing Saltfjellet-Svartisen National Park, Junkerdal National Park and the 'Blood Road', built by prisoners during World War II. After a day of scenic driving, you'll arrive in Mo I Rana in time for dinner at your hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Scandic Meyergarden



## Day 15 | Onwards to Colourful Trondheim



Today your journey south through Norway continues, featuring a stop in the amusingly named village of Hell. This afternoon, Trondheim's youthful atmosphere and centuries-old Viking heritage are yours to explore. You'll see the 11<sup>th</sup>-century Nidaros Cathedral, built over the burial site of Norway's patron saint, King Olav II. Make the most of your free evening and admire the ornamental red portals of the Old Town Bridge and the colourful façades on Kongens gate, one of Trondheim's main streets.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Scandic Lerkendal

## Day 16 | Continue to Scenic Geirangerjord



Norway's remarkable fjord, with sheer walls and waterfalls, takes centre stage today and you'll quickly discover why it is justifiably inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List. A special treat awaits as you spend the night at one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories – Hotel Havila Geiranger, which offers authentic Norwegian hospitality. Perhaps embark on an optional visit to the Dalsnibba Skywalk for spectacular views of the fjord below with a scenic cruise past its tumbling waterfalls and snow-capped peaks. Join your fellow travellers for dinner at your hotel against the backdrop of your enchanting natural surroundings.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Havila

### Optional Experiences:

**Dalsnibba and the Majestic Geirangerfjord** - You'll enjoy views of the fjord from the famous hairpin bends along the Dalsnibba Pass, before we sail down Norway's most famous fjord. UNESCO listed, the Geirangerfjord is home to tiny farms, the Bridal Veil and Seven Sisters waterfalls, which you'll discover as we explore.

*Adult: 63.00 EUR*

## Day 17 | A Day at the Breathtaking Geirangerfjord



Learn about wildlife conservation from a Fjord Ranger on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Soak up the wonder of this spectacular feat of nature on a full free day to encounter Geirangerfjord on your own terms. Consider an Optional Experience along Trollstigen Road and admire the feat of engineering it took to carve 11 hairpin turns into the steep mountain slope.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Havila

### Optional Experiences:

**Trollstigen Explored** - Join us on one of Norway's most spectacular drives - the path of the Trolls. A masterpiece of Norwegian engineering, Trollstigen is rugged mountain scenery at its finest.

**Adult: 51.00 EUR**

*\*This optional is seasonal.*

### Day 18 | Venture to Historic Lom, Lillehammer and Oslo



High peaks surround you along your journey to Lom, the gateway to Jotunheimen Mountains. Here we will Dive Into Culture and visit the 12<sup>th</sup>-century wooden Stave church. Visit Lillehammer, where you'll learn about the hugely successful 1994 Winter Olympic games, then continue to Oslo, Norway's vibrant capital.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Scandic

### Day 19 | Vikings and More in Oslo



Join your knowledgeable Local Specialist this morning for a sightseeing tour of this cultural capital. Enjoy views of the medieval fortress of Akershus, the Opera and the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Royal Palace. Finish the city tour with a visit to the fascinating Vigeland Sculpture Park, proudly displaying the life's work of Gustav Vigeland in bronze, granite and wrought iron. Spend the rest of the day people-watching over coffee in the Akker Brygge District or explore the nation's rich seafaring heritage with our Local Specialist. Tonight, you'll come together one last time for a fitting Farewell Dinner to toast to an incredible adventure across Scandinavia.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

**Hotel:** Scandic

### Optional Experiences:

**The Fram Museum** - Today we'll take a walk on the stunning marble roof of the Oslo Opera House, rising from the waves, before sailing across the harbour to visit the one of the most famous Norwegian museums. The 19th-century polar exploration ship Fram is the museum's namesake, it visited both the Arctic and the Antarctic more than a hundred years ago and is a must see!

**Adult: 48.00 EUR**



## Day 20 | Journey Home



As your journey draws to a close, bid your new friends a fond farewell and prepare for your return trip home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](https://trafalgar.com/freetransfers).

**Meals:** Breakfast