

VALPARAISO FAMILY YMCA



10 DAYS • 11 MEALS • STOCKHOLM > COPENHAGEN

BEST OF SCANDINAVIA

featuring Sweden, Norway and Denmark

Tour Dates: July 7 - 16, 2027

The remarkable cities of Stockholm, Oslo, Bergen and Copenhagen will come alive filled with history, the Viking legends, Hans Christian Andersen and The Little Mermaid. From vibrant Stockholm and its wonderful mix of old and new to the colorful waterfront of Bergen. From the cobbled streets of Copenhagen to the thriving capital of Oslo. Add the unbelievable natural beauty of the Scandinavian countries and you'll have the holiday of a lifetime.





DAY 1 Depart the USA

Today you'll depart the USA on your overnight flight to Stockholm, Sweden.

DAY 2 Stockholm, Sweden

Upon arrival you are greeted by a representative of Mayflower Cruises & Tours and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy this remarkable Scandinavian city. This evening, join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at the hotel. **Meal: D**

DAY 3 Stockholm

After breakfast, enjoy a Stockholm city tour. Once home of the Vikings, today's Sweden is a captivating mix of old and new. This capital city is the very epitome of a vibrant cosmopolitan center, alive with world-class art museums, cutting-edge fashion boutiques and sizzling night life. Remarkable architecture abounds, exemplified in the dazzling City Hall, site of the Nobel Prize reception, with its glittering gold walls and stunning colored-glass mosaics. But even in this thrilling center of culture, you'll find traces of Sweden's fabled past.



In the Gamla Stan, the city's Old Town, medieval Stockholm comes to life in this beautifully preserved historic district. This afternoon, explore the city on your own or choose an optional excursion of The Royal Canal and Vasa Warship Museum. This excursion includes a one-hour cruise along the shady canal of Djurgården and a visit to the remarkable Vasa Warship Museum, built around a restored 17th-century warship that sank in Stockholm's inner harbor. **Meal: B**

DAY 4 Stockholm – Oslo, Norway

Following breakfast this morning, bid farewell to Stockholm and depart for Oslo, Norway. Upon your late afternoon arrival in Oslo, you'll learn why it's hard to say what is more stunning: its glorious urban cityscapes or towering mountains and pristine countryside. The remainder of the day is free for you to experience Oslo on your own. **Meal: B**

DAY 5 Oslo – Stalheim

On this morning's city tour, your local guide will walk you through Vigeland Sculpture Park as you discover the amazing granite and bronze artwork. Catch a glimpse of the regal and impressive Royal Palace. All these pleasures await, plus the bustling trade of a thriving port city. After the tour, transfer to the Oslo train station for one of the best ways to view the wonders of Scandinavia: aboard a scenic railway that traverses this breathtaking countryside. Dizzying vistas open out on all sides as you speed from Oslo toward Myrdal, a remote mountain station located approximately 2800 feet above sea level. Famous for its remarkable panoramic views, Myrdal is the stepping off point for yet another glorious train ride on the world-renowned Flåm Railway. Descending to approximately 7 feet above sea level during a 13-mile journey into mountainous countryside, glimpse wild rivers that cut through deep ravines, waterfalls cascading down sheer cliffs, and mountain farms clinging perilously to steep slopes. In the heart of this rugged countryside, the historic Stalheim Hotel offers a stunning panoramic perspective of astounding fjordland views. For nearly 200 years, artists, painters and poets have drawn inspiration from the awe-inspiring majesty of this remarkable natural spectacle. **Meals: B, D**



Flåm Railway

DAY 6 Stalheim – Bergen

This morning after breakfast, you'll get a final view of the Naerøy Valley before transferring by coach to Flåm for embarkation of a cruise through the world-famous Sognefjord and Naerøy Fjords. Carved out over centuries by waves of majestic glaciers, the fjords are a testament to the magnificent power of nature. No visit to Norway would be complete without views of the emerald green cliffs of the fjord sweeping sharply down to meet glittering waters. You just may glimpse a sight of seals as they sun themselves on warm rocks. After the cruise, meet your coach in Gudvangen where you'll continue on the journey to Bergen. **Meal: B**

DAY 7 Bergen

Today you'll enjoy an included city tour of Bergen, the second largest city in Norway. Bergen offers a fascinating mix of history, culture and natural beauty. A UNESCO World Heritage City, Bergen proudly preserves its rich past, seen in the timbered 15th-century houses, centuries-old warehouses built by seagoing merchants, and a charming labyrinth of cobblestone streets. Nearby, visit Fantoft Stave Church, an example of unique wooden Medieval architecture. Characterized by the 'staves' (thick wooden posts), these traditional churches were constructed without nails or glue. Only 28 remain in Norway today. The remainder of the day is free to explore this charming city on your own. **Meal: B**

DAY 8 Bergen – Copenhagen, Denmark

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Copenhagen. Upon arrival, enjoy a city tour of this bustling metropolis. Parks and green spaces abound while canals and waterways crisscross its streets, recalling the city's seagoing roots. The city is alive with Tivoli Gardens, one of the world's oldest pleasure parks; and Christiansborg Palace, home to the Danish Parliament and the Royal Theater. Fans of literature make a pilgrimage to the statue of *The Little Mermaid*, inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's famous fairytale, while shoppers enjoy browsing the quaint boutiques along the famous Stroget, Copenhagen's renowned pedestrian district. **Meal: B**

DAY 9 Copenhagen

This day is yours to experience Copenhagen and all of its charm. Or join us for an optional excursion to North Zealand. You'll enjoy a



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 11 Meals: 8 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Remarkable experiences in Sweden, Norway and Denmark
- Included city tour in Stockholm, Oslo, Bergen and Copenhagen with a local guide
- See the historic City Hall and scenic Old Town in Stockholm
- Visit Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo
- Scenic rail experiences from Oslo to Myrdal and aboard the Flåm Railway from Myrdal to Flåm
- Cruise the scenic Sognefjord and Naerøy Fjord
- Overnight at the Stalheim Hotel with panoramic views of the Norwegian valley
- Tour historic Bryggen and visit Fantoft Stave Church
- See *The Little Mermaid* statue in Copenhagen

scenic drive to Helsingør, one of the oldest towns in Denmark, and nearby Kronborg Castle, legendary home of Prince Hamlet. Your tour also includes views of Fredensborg Castle and an included visit to Frederiksborg Castle. Tonight join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner at the hotel. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 10 Copenhagen / USA

Following breakfast at the hotel, bid farewell to Scandinavia with memories of life enriching experiences as you transfer to the Copenhagen airport for the flight home. **Meal: B**

Itinerary subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2 and 3 – Hilton Slussen, Stockholm, Sweden
 Day 4 – Thon Opera, Oslo, Norway
 Day 5 – Stalheim Hotel, Stalheim, Norway
 Days 6 and 7 – Thon Bristol, Bergen, Norway
 Days 8 and 9 – Scandic Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

NOTE: Luggage handling is not provided at the hotel in Bergen

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Best of Scandinavia

Tour Code 538SC

2027 Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
July 7	\$5,824	+ \$1,645

Pricing Includes roundtrip airport transfers from Valparaiso and roundtrip airfare from Chicago, and intra-country airfare.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group and may not be available until airport check-in. Seat changes can only be attempted at the airport and may not be possible. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend booking air on your own rather than booking air with the group.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS*

Royal Canal and Vasa Warship Museum: \$155 per person
North Zealand: \$199 per person

*Note: minimum of 15 travelers required for operation of each excursion

Upgrade Your Flights To Business Class from An Additional \$6,000 per person*

*Upgrades must be purchased at least 120 days prior to departure and are subject to availability. Some domestic flights within the United States and Europe may require travel in Economy class. If our contracted levels of business class are sold out, we will advise of the price of published fares, if available, at time of confirmation and before purchase. Business Class must be ticketed immediately and is non-refundable.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$499 per person (optional)

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 91 days or more: Deposit Amount
- 90 to 45 days prior: 20% of tour cost
- 44 to 15 day prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 50% of tour cost
- Day 1 of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

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