



Travel Experience Club

White Nights

Scandinavian Adventure

June 5th -18th 20012

14-days 12 nights.

\$4,499 p.p. double occupancy.

Visiting Scandinavia in June, when it is dark for a few hours a day is a once in a lifetime experience. The "White Nights" gives the visitor an opportunity to experience many extra hours of daylight. Imagine seeing the sun in the sky at 12 midnight. The sun does not descend below the horizon enough for the sky to grow dark. In fact night becomes curiously indistinguishable from day, so much so that the authorities never need to turn the city's streetlights on in many cities. Many festivals take place this time of year. The TE has secured limited space for our White Nights adventure. If you are interested, please send in your deposit immediately to reserve your place on this trip. The price of the trip includes R/T air from New York, 4 star or superior tourist class hotels, admissions all breakfasts, 5 dinners, tips for drivers and guides and all taxes included at the time of printing.



Tuesday June 5th. Overnight flight to Copenhagen. Dinner, movies, and drinks included on board.

Wednesday June 6th. Arrival in Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark and the city of Hans Christian Andersen, who wove magical stories for children. The afternoon will be free to explore and get acquainted with this wonderful city.



Thursday June 7th. A local guide will show us the best sights in Copenhagen, including the Little Mermaid. In 1909, brewer Carl Jacobsen saw solo dancer Ellen Price dance in Fini Henriques' ballet "The Little Mermaid" at the Royal Theatre. He was so taken with her that he asked her if she would pose for a statue. She agreed in principle, but was not very interested in posing without any clothes on, when she found out just how public the statue would be. Instead sculptor Edvard Erichsen's wife stepped in and modeled for the body. On September 14, 1912, the Little Mermaid statue was first placed at a test location, and on August 23, 1913, at its current and permanent site. The statue's birthday is celebrated in various ways every year on August 23. Throughout the year, Christiansborg Castle, surrounded by canals on three sides, the massive granite Christiansborg Castle is where the queen officially receives guests. From 1441 until the fire of 1795, it was used as the royal residence. Even though the first two castles on the site were burned, Christiansborg remains an impressive neobaroque and neoclassical compound. In the evening once can visit Tivoli one of the most unique amusement attractions in the world. The story of Tivoli Gardens dates back to the year 1843. Founder Georg Carstensen grew up in a family that travelled a lot as his father was a diplomat. Georg Carstensen had seen the many amusement parks around Europe and wanted to make one in Copenhagen. And that was the beginning of Tivoli. Today Tivoli has more than four million visitors during three seasons Summer, Halloween and Christmas and is known for both its beautiful garden and the diversity of its rides for children of all ages.



Friday June 8th. An excursion to Helsingor is included today. Helsingor or Elsinore (in English) is the home of the famous Kronborg Castle, the setting for Hamlet and the resting place of Holger the Dane. No visit to Denmark is complete without a visit to Elsinore, but there is more to see and do than just visit Kronborg. Helsingor lies in the northeast. There will be free time to explore this village after the visit to the castle. The late afternoon and evening will be free in Copenhagen.

Saturday June 9th. Full free day to explore Copenhagen before we take the overnight ship to Oslo Norway. The TE will make suggestions. You might want to visit the Viking Ship Museum or spend time in the New Harbour area which is actually the oldest area in Copenhagen. Overnight ferry ship to Oslo with outside view cabins. There are many activities on board and an included smorgasbord buffet.



Sunday June 10th Upon arrival, a local guide will introduce us to Oslo. Included admission to the Vigeland Sculpture Park, Vigelandsparken is one of Norway's most visited attractions with more than 1 million visitors every year. The unique sculpture park is the life work of the sculptor Gustav Vigeland (1869-1943) with more than 200 sculptures in bronze, granite and cast. A visit to the Munch Museum is also included. Free time to explore after the tour.

Monday June 11th Today we drive through some of the most beautiful parts of Norway en route to Bergen. Our first stop will be in Honefloss for a quick visit before we move on to Lærdal where there will be time for lunch. The Lærdal valley is located in the county of Sogn og Fjordane, western Norway. It winds from the Lærdal fjord, one of the inner arms of the Sognefjord, to the mountain passes of Fillefjell and Hemsedalsfjellet, on the water divide between Western and Eastern Norway. Total length is approximately 60 km from fjord to mountain. The valley is deeply incised in the surrounding mountain plateau, which varies in altitude between 1100 and 1900 m asl. Norwegian red deer abound in the valley sides, and reindeer in the mountains, and occasionally a brown bear may be seen.. Lærdal has always been an important passage between eastern and western Norway, and presently highway E16 between Oslo and Lærdal runs through the valley. Lærdal is approximately halfway, 300 km from Oslo, 200 from Bergen. Voss will be our next stop. Voss is a village in the heart of Fjord Norway, **Hordaland**, that is known to be the adventure capital of Norway. Voss is also known as a winter destination with two ski centers and long skiing traditions. In Voss you are surrounded by rivers, mountains, fjord and lakes. The evening will be free in Bergen.



Tuesday June 12th. Morning sightseeing tour of beautiful Bergen. Ride on the Floybanen Funicular included. The wonderful view down from the top of the funicular is amazing. Our tour will take us to see the important sights in Bergen like those in the outdoor museum or the stave church. Free afternoon to explore the city. Bergen is known for the Bryggen Hanseatic Wharf, the Fish Market, and surrounding mountains and fjords, such as the Hardangerfjord and Sognefjord. It is a great city to enjoy and explore.



Wednesday June 13th. Today we take a Fjord Cruise from Gudvangen to Flam . On the boat trip between Gudvangen and Flåm , you sail between steep mountains, passing cascading waterfalls and small farms that cling to the mountainsides. Flåm is the terminal for the beginning of a breathtaking railway journey. En route, you will pass Aurland, the administrative centre of the municipality with its 13th century stone church. You will also pass the small village of Undredal which has one of the smallest churches in the world. Perched high up on the mountainside, you will see Stigen farm, so-called because it was necessary to walk up a steep path to get there. Evening free to explore Hamar.



Thursday June 14th. On our way to Stockholm we stop in KARLSTAD. Founded in 1584, Karlstad is known as 'the city of sunshine', in part because of its favorable climate, and in part because the city prides itself on its lively and welcoming atmosphere. Capital of the historic province of Värmland, Karlstad has been the venue for a number of important events in Swedish history, including the negotiations for the peaceful dissolution of the Union between Norway and Sweden in 1905. Karlstad is built on a collection of islands and islets in the delta of the Klarälven River as it flows into Lake Vänern (the largest body of water in Sweden, and the third largest in Europe). The city is surrounded by pine forests and farm land, and there are no fewer than 11 nature reserves within the municipality's borders. There will be free time to get lunch before we head for Stockholm. Free evening in Stockholm.



Friday June 15th. A morning tour of Stockholm is included today. There will be a visit to the Royal Palaces and the Drottningholm Palace. Included will be a one way cruise to Drottningholm. Situated in the heart of Stockholm, on the central island of Riddarholmen, the Royal Palace is the official residence of the monarchs of Sweden and the chief venue for official state events. With 608 rooms, it is among the largest surviving palaces in Europe. The present glorious baroque edifice is the work of Nicodemus Tessin the Younger, from a 1692 design. Some parts of the older medieval Castle of Three Crowns still survive. Attractions include the Banqueting Apartments, the Apartments of the Orders of Chivalry, the Hall of State, the Royal Treasury, Gustav III's Museum of Antiquities and the Royal Chapel. The changing of the guard at the palace is as much of a spectacle in Stockholm as it is in London. There will also be a walking tour of the old town included. For medieval atmosphere, tourist attractions and shopping, you simply cannot miss Old Town. The tiny, often cobble-stoned alleys are lined with several shops. Most of them are quite small, with old-fashioned interiors. For those yearning to mix in a bit of sightseeing, the Old Town is a major attraction in itself, and it houses the Royal Palace. When your feet begin to ache, sip a latte and enjoy a snack at one of the many cafés or have a meal at one of the several restaurants. Free evening in Stockholm.



Saturday June 16th Full free day in Stockholm. Why not spend some more time in the Old Town, visit one of museums or just relax. In the evening we will take a ferry ship to Helsinki. There are many activities on board and various dining options for you to purchase. Seaside births aboard ship.

Sunday June 17th Guided tour of Helsinki with stops at the Rock Church and free time to visit the harbor. Helsinki is an attractive place for tourists due to plenty of unique historical and architectural monuments. Such Helsinki sights as Uspensky Cathedral, Old Church, Sibelius Monument and others help the guests to get closely acquainted with original Finnish culture. The Suomenlinna Sea Fortress and the Presidential Palace tell the history of the country. The Burgher's House and Sederholm House are the excellent examples of private buildings. The majority of Helsinki's sights are located within a walking distance of the city center.



Monday June 18th Departure for the airport for the return flight home.



Reservation Form

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\$4,499pp double Occupancy
Single Supplement on request**

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We have only limited space for this group between 15-25 travelers. If you are interested please respond immediately. The minimum number for this trip is 15 people.

