

# Scandinavia - 2024

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## *Stockholm, Copenhagen, Oslo – 11 days*

Departure: May 11, 2024

Return: May 21, 2024

### **Opera Extravaganza: Copenhagen, Oslo, and Stockholm take center stage!**

*Unveil the mesmerizing world of opera as we invite you to embark on an enchanting journey through the cultural tapestries of Stockholm, Copenhagen, and Oslo. Each city presents its captivating opera performances that will leave you spellbound.*

**Stockholm:** Begin your musical adventure with Verdi's masterpiece "**La Traviata**", conducted by **Ruth Reinhardt** on **May 13<sup>th</sup>**. Let the grandeur of the performance at the **iconic Royal Danish Opera house** immerse you in a world of musical wonder.

**Copenhagen:** Continue your exploration with Mozart's timeless masterpiece "**Die Zauberflöte**" on **May 16<sup>th</sup>**. Immerse yourself in the magical realm of love and enlightenment at a venue resonating with harmonious notes. On **May 17<sup>th</sup>**, witness the rarely performed ballet "**Raymonda**" by **Aleksandr Glazunov**, a poignant tale of love and destiny that will linger in your memory.

**Oslo:** Prepare to be entranced by **Rossini's "La Cenerentola"** on **May 20**. The timeless story of Cinderella unfolds on the stage, brought to life by exceptional performers who infuse the opera with vivacity and charm. Lose yourself in the enchanting narrative and immerse yourself in the melodies that echo through the heart of Oslo.

**Luxurious Accommodations:** Indulge in a journey of luxury and culture as you traverse these Scandinavian cities. In Copenhagen, find comfort and elegance at the **Admiral Hotel**, where modern amenities merge seamlessly with classic sophistication. In Oslo, the iconic **Bristol Hotel** offers a haven of luxury, promising an unforgettable stay. Lastly, in Stockholm, the **Grand Hotel** beckons you with its regal ambiance, ensuring your visit is steeped in grandeur.

**Cultural Exploration:** While the opera performances will captivate your senses, our journey extends beyond the stage. In Copenhagen, wander through charming streets and immerse yourself in the city's maritime history. Oslo invites you to discover its rich Viking heritage and embrace the beauty of its fjords. As for Stockholm, the city's blend of modern innovation and historical allure offers a unique perspective on Scandinavian culture. Your voyage through these cities becomes a symphony of cultural exploration, weaving together the threads of tradition, art, and history into a harmonious narrative that resonates with your soul.

## **Opera Performances**

In Stockholm:

May 13 – **La Traviata** by Verdi



In Copenhagen:

May 16 – **Die Zauberflöte** by **Mozart**

May 17 – **Raymonda** by **Aleksandr Glazunov** (Ballet)

In Oslo:

May 20 – **La Cenerentola** by **Rossini**

**Saturday, May 11. (D)\*. DEPART FOR STOCKHOLM**

Depart this evening, aboard any airline of your choice to Stockholm, Sweden. Dinner and light breakfast served on the plane.

**Sunday, May 12. (B,D). STOCKHOLM**

Upon arrival at Stockholm International Airport. Take a taxi to the deluxe centrally located GRAND HOTEL, where we stay three nights. This evening, we will have our Briefing with cocktails, followed by Gala Welcome dinner at a gourmet restaurant.

**Monday, May 13. (B). STOCKHOLM**

Our sightseeing tour of the capital of Sweden, will pass by the main historical buildings and the many canals and bridges of the city. A visit is made to the unique City Hall, one of the great architectural works of the past century, where you will see the Golden Hall with brilliant mosaic tiles where the Nobel-prize banquets are held every year. This evening we will see the opera **La Traviata** by Verdi at the Royal Swedish Opera house.

***Experience the Evolution of STOCKHOLM, from Viking Stronghold to Stunning Metropolis.** Discover the captivating journey of STOCKHOLM, which has transformed from its Viking origins as a modest fortress town into a vibrant modern metropolis, proudly accommodating over a million inhabitants. Embracing its moniker as the "Venice of the North," STOCKHOLM is an exquisite urban masterpiece spanning fourteen interconnected islands. Immerse yourself in the allure of this remarkable city, adorned with a plethora of exceptional museums and verdant parks, with the iconic Museum Island of Skepsholmen taking center stage.*

**Tuesday, May 14. (B). STOCKHOLM**

Today is free to visit any of the fine museums in the city including the Noble Prize Museum or take a boat ride from the dock right near our hotel to visit Drottningholm Palace or Skansen, one of the world's oldest open-air museums, or ride around many islands surrounding Stockholm.



## Wednesday, May 15. (B). STOCKHOLM – COPENHAGEN

Depart from Stockholm and arrive at Copenhagen International Airport. Take a taxi to the centrally located ADMIRAL hotel, where we stay for three nights.

## Thursday, May 16. (B). COPENHAGEN

Morning sightseeing of this charming and colorful city. Among the famous sights are, the Little Mermaid, the Gefion Fountain, Tivoli Gardens, the winter residence of Queen Margrethe II and the New King Frederik X Amalienborg, and Christiansborg Palace - where the Danish Parliament meets. This evening we will see the opera **Die Zauberflöte** by **Mozart** at The Copenhagen Opera.

## Friday, May 17. (B). COPENHAGEN

Full-day excursion along the Danish Riviera with stops at the home and museum of Karen Blixen, author of “Out of Africa” and “Babette’s Feast” which were made into movies. See Kronborg Castle. Lunch en-route. This evening, we will see ballet **Rayomonda** by **Aleksandr Glazunov** at the Royal theatre.

### ***Copenhagen: A Historic Trading Hub by the Øresund Shore***

*The city of Copenhagen, or København in Danish, has a rich history that is pre-historic in its origins, as a bustling trading town along the Øresund shore. It served as a vital hub during the Viking era, and played a significant role during the peak of the Hanseatic League's reign over the Baltic territories. Its name, "the merchants' harbor," reflects its strong maritime heritage.*

*Today, Copenhagen is a metropolis that blends its medieval origins with contemporary allure, making it a captivating destination. It boasts a remarkable architectural legacy, with many iconic landmarks that highlight its historical and cultural significance. The city's unique charm and beauty are evident in structures such as the Old Stock Exchange, the Round Tower, and Rosenborg Castle, which were constructed during the reign of King Christian IV (1588-1648).*

*As the capital of Denmark, Copenhagen is home to the world's oldest monarchy, with roots dating back to its establishment in 1167 by Bishop Absalon. With a population of 1.5 million, it is Scandinavia's premier metropolis, with a vibrant culture that continues to thrive.*

*Copenhagen's fascinating history and modern vitality make it a destination that inspires awe and wonder.*

## Saturday, May 18. (B). COPENHAGEN - OSLO



Today we fly to Oslo, Norway. We transfer you to the deluxe, centrally located BRISTOL HOTEL where we stay three nights. This afternoon is free.

### Sunday, May 19. (B,D). OSLO

Morning sightseeing tour of this laid-back city will include a visit to the Vigeland Sculpture Park and the Museum of the Viking Ships. This evening, we will have our Gala Farewell dinner at a gourmet restaurant.

### Monday, May 20. (B). OSLO

Today is free to visit any of the fine museums nearby including the Edvard Munch Museum, to see the famous painting “The Scream.” Afternoon free. This evening we will see the opera **La Cenerentola** by **Rossini** at new Oslo Opera.

#### *Oslo's Viking Heritage and Nobel Legacy at the Fjord-Set Capital.*

*Oslo, a city established by the Norske Vikings during the 10th century, is at the end of a stunning fjord. Rising to prominence as Norway's capital, the city's evolution unfolded as the Danish and, subsequently, Swedish monarchs relinquished their dominion in 1905. A significant annual event, Oslo's City Hall hosts the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize ceremony each December, a profound homage to its citizenry characterized by their commitment to non-aggression.*

### Tuesday, May 21. (B). OSLO – BACK HOME

Depart from the hotel to the Oslo Airport for departure aboard your airline back home arriving the same afternoon. See you on another H.A.T. Tour.

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\* B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner (including wine)



## LAND COST

DOUBLE: \$10,950 PER PERSON

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,550 PER PERSON

DEPOSIT: \$2,500 PER PERSON

BALANCE DUE: FEBRUARY 14, 2024

## TOUR INCLUDES

- 1<sup>st</sup> Category Orchestra Level seats in theaters
- Business Class Airfare from Copenhagen to Oslo and Oslo to Stockholm
- Three operas and one ballet
- Deluxe centrally located hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily, three dinners with wine in gourmet restaurants and one lunch
- Welcome reception with drink
- Private sightseeing in each city
- English speaking local guides
- Entrance fees to museums
- Transport to and from theaters
- Baggage handling
- Guide, driver and bellboy's gratuities
- Complete package with details of operas listed

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