

SCANDINAVIA

Helsinki, Stockholm, Copenhagen – 11 days

Departure: April 25, 2018

Return: May 5, 2018



You may know that amongst the happiest people in the world today. Norway ranks first, Denmark third and Sweden sixth. On our Scandinavian 2018 tour departing April 25, you will visit the capitals of those countries and judge for yourself if that is true. Enjoy staying in centrally located luxury hotels in each city.

Opera Performances

In Helsinki:

April 27 – **Così fan tutte** by Mozart at the Finnish National Opera

April 28 – **Il Trovatore** by Verdi at the Finnish National Opera

In Stockholm:

April 30 – **Eugene Onegin** by Tchaikovski at the Royal Swedish Opera

In Copenhagen:

May 2 – **The Exterminating Angel** by Thomas Ades at Copenhagen Opera

May 4 – **Otello** by Verdi at Copenhagen Opera



Wednesday, April 25 (D).* DEPART FOR HELSINKI

Depart today aboard any airline of your choice to Helsinki, Finland. Dinner and light breakfast served on the plane.

Thursday, April 26. (B,D). HELSINKI

Upon arrival at the Helsinki International airport take a taxi to the deluxe KAMP HOTEL where we stay three nights. We will reimburse the taxi fare. Briefing and cocktail at the hotel. Gala Welcome dinner at one of Helsinki's fine gourmet restaurants.

Friday, April 27. (B). HELSINKI

Morning sightseeing of this small metropolis. Among the sights are the Senate Square, the Temppeliakio Church also known as the church in the "living rock," and the Sibelius Monument. Afternoon at leisure. This evening we will see the opera **Così Fan Tutte** by Mozart at the Helsinki National Opera.

HELSINKI owes its origin to the orders given to the Finnish citizens by their King 400 years ago, to build a new town on the Baltic to attract the trade of the Estonian city, Tallinn, thus challenging the powers of the Hanseatic League. The town burned down in the early 19th century and the great German-born architect, Carl Engel, had an opportunity to design stunningly beautiful public buildings and private houses on its site. Inspired by Engel, Finland has always had superb architects among whom were Alvar Alto, Eillo Saarinen and his son, Eero Saarinen, well known in the U.S.A.

Saturday, April 28. (B). HELSINKI

Morning drive to Hvitträsk to visit the combined home of three Finnish architects including the famous Eillo Saarinen from where we will drive to Jäärvenpää to visit the home of Finland's national composer Jean Sibelius, preserved as it was during his lifetime. Afternoon free. This evening we will see the opera **Il Trovatore** by Verdi at the Helsinki National Opera.al Theater.

Sunday, April 29. (B,D). HELSINKI – STOCKHOLM

This afternoon we fly to Stockholm, Sweden. We transfer you to the deluxe centrally located SHERATON HOTEL, where we stay three nights. Dinner at a gourmet restaurant.



Monday, April 30. (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 **Eugene Onegin** by Tchaikovski at the Royal Swedish.

STOCKHOLM grew from a small fortress town in Viking times to a modern beautiful city with a population of more than one million people today. Often called the "Venice of the North," Stockholm is an extremely graceful city built on fourteen islands. It boasts many fine museums and parks, the most famous being the Museum Island of Skepsholmen.

Tuesday, May 01. (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. Afternoon free.

Wednesday, May 02. (B). STOCKHOLM – COPENHAGEN

Today we fly to Copenhagen. We transfer you to the centrally located NYHAVN 71 where we stay three nights. This evening we will see the opera **The Exterminating Angel** by Thomas Ades at Copenhagen Opera.

Thursday, May 3. (B,D). COPENHAGEN

Morning sightseeing of this charming and colorful city. Among the sights are the famous Little Mermaid, the Gefion Fountain, Tivoli Gardens, the winter residence of Queen Margrethe II, Amalienborg, and Christiansborg Palace, where the Danish Parliament meets. This evening we will have our Gala Farewell Dinner at a gourmet restaurant.

COPENHAGEN grew up on the shores of Øresund as a trading town under the Vikings and played an important role during the heyday of the Hanseatic League's dominance of the Baltic lands. Its Danish name København stands for "the merchants' harbor." Today it is Scandinavia's largest city and focal point with a population of 1.5 million. The capital of Denmark and seat of the oldest kingdom in the world, it was founded in 1167 by Bishop Absalon. Most of the city's outstanding buildings including the Old Stock Exchange, the Round Tower and Rosenborg Castle, were erected during the reign of King Christian IV (1588-1648).



Friday, May 04. (B,L). 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 used as a setting by Shakespeare in his play Hamlet and see the summer residence of the Queen, Fredensborg Palace. Lunch en route. This evening we will see the opera **Otello** by Verdi at Copenhagen Opera.

Saturday, May 05. (B). COPENHAGEN – BACK HOME

We transfer you for departure aboard your airline from Copenhagen back home, arriving the same afternoon. Farvel. See you on another H.A.T. Tour.

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



LAND COST

DOUBLE: \$7,350 PER PERSON

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,200 PER PERSON

TOUR INCLUDES

- Two Domestic Flight tickets – Helsinki/Stockholm- Stockholm/Copenhagen
 - 1st Category orchestra level seats in theatres
 - Five operas
 - Deluxe centrally located hotels
 - Buffet breakfast daily, 3 dinners with wine in gourmet restaurants and one lunch
 - Welcome reception with cocktails
 - Private sightseeing in each city
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