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Tour Inclusions

- Superior hotels
- 30 meals: 14 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 9 dinners
- A dedicated tour manager
- Knowledgeable local guides
- Transportation via deluxe coach, train and internal air (as detailed)
- Hotel-hotel baggage handling
- Taxes and service charges



Norwegian Fjord

Day 1, June 7 Copenhagen, Denmark

Travel to Copenhagen, Denmark.

Day 2, June 8 Copenhagen, Denmark

Denmark's cosmopolitan capital boasts high-profile eateries, stunning waterways and chic denizens. Take some time to venture out on your own and discover the compact, stylish city's treasures. Check in to the 5-star Radisson Collection Royal hotel, designed by Arne Jacobsen. Attend a welcome cocktail reception and introduction meeting. This evening, meet *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age* journalist Helen Pitt, your guide and your fellow Traveller Tours guests for a welcome drink and dining experience highlighting New Nordic Cuisine.

Meals: D **Hotel:** Admiral Hotel, Copenhagen

Day 3, June 9 Copenhagen, Denmark

This morning, enjoy a day of sightseeing with a local expert and Helen Pitt. You'll be introduced to iconic Copenhagen buildings designed by the famed Danish architect, Jørn Utzon, and meet his son, the architect Jan Utzon, at Bagsvaerd Church. The church was designed by Jørn and is considered a shining example of contemporary church architecture. Jan will present a talk and Q&A on the works of his late father. While exploring Copenhagen's dazzling waterfront, spend some time browsing at Paustian, the Danish furniture design house famed for its sleek, modern styles.

Meals: B **Hotel:** Admiral Hotel, Copenhagen

Day 4, June 10 Copenhagen to Aalborg

In the company of Helen, take a short flight to Aalborg, a city known for its revitalised harbour and

architectural gems. Spend the afternoon exploring the art and design exhibits at the Utzon Centre – a cultural landmark that celebrates the works of Jørn Utzon – and enjoy a Q&A with one of its experts.

Meals: B L D **Hotel:** Scandic Aalborg City, Aalborg

Day 5, June 11 Aalborg to Copenhagen

After breakfast, fly to Copenhagen. In the company of Helen, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then visit the Copenhagen Opera House, one of the world's most contemporary and expensive opera houses. Take a private guided tour to explore the breathtaking building and learn about its history. The evening is yours to explore Copenhagen.

Meals: B L **Hotel:** Admiral Hotel, Copenhagen

Day 6, June 12 Copenhagen

Embark on a walking tour of Copenhagen focused on Nordic Noir. Learn about the popular crime fiction genre and take part in a Q&A session with Nordic Noir expert, Christine Bordin. This afternoon, enjoy lunch at the Kanal Café, a restaurant featured in the popular Danish TV series, *The Killing*. End the day by crossing the border to nearby Malmö, Sweden, and see where several other scenes from the series were filmed. Enjoy farewell drinks with Helen before she departs the tour.

Meals: B L D **Hotel:** Admiral Hotel, Copenhagen



The Utzon Centre

Sweden & Norway featuring Utzon's Design and Works



Day 7, June 13 Copenhagen to Stockholm

Fly north to Stockholm and transfer by coach to the city. On arrival in Sweden's capital, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. You have a choice to explore the narrow streets of Gamla Stan (Old Town) on a guided walking tour or to see the city on a motor coach tour that highlights the Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace and the Parliament, and includes the opportunity to step inside Stockholm's beautiful city hall. Tonight, dine on Swedish cuisine in the old town at Fem Sma Hus, a restaurant comprised of five connected timber-framed houses from the 17th century.

Meals: B L D **Hotel:** Scandic Grand Central, Stockholm

Day 8, June 14 Stockholm

Today, explore the Vasa Ship Museum where you'll learn about the Swedish war ship built in the 1600s by King Vasa, which capsized and sank in less than a nautical mile from shore. The vessel was raised from the bottom of the harbour 334 years later. Superbly preserved, it offers a rare glimpse into the revolutionary naval craftsmanship of the 17th century. The remainder of the day is yours to explore at leisure. Discover Stockholm's strikingly colourful architecture and sample its innovative cuisine. You can also choose to join an optional excursion: a privately guided tour of Stockholm's spectacular archipelago.

Meals: B **Hotel:** Scandic Grand Central, Stockholm

Day 9, June 15 Stockholm to Oslo

Relax and enjoy the journey through the picturesque countryside aboard Sweden's innovative high-speed train. Cross the Norwegian border and arrive in Oslo, one of Europe's fastest-growing cities, nestled between the Oslofjord and forested hills. Oslo, Norway's capital since 1814, is the centre of government and home to the country's royal family. It's also a vibrant, cosmopolitan hub with an abundance of world-class museums, restaurants and art.

Meals: B L D **Hotel:** Hotel Bristol, Oslo

Day 10, June 16 Oslo

Visit Vigeland Park and admire the collection of statues and sculptures that are the life's work of sculptor, Gustav Vigeland. This afternoon, take a privately guided tour of the Oslo Opera House, which has won awards for its contemporary architecture. This evening, attend a show at the Oslo Opera House.

Meals: B L **Hotel:** Hotel Bristol, Oslo

Day 11, June 17 Oslo to Flåm

Travel north to Norway's majestic fiord region. Visit the Borgund Stave Church, the intricate structure built in dedication to the Apostle Andrew in 1180. Arrive in the quaint village of Flåm, nestled at the entrance to the stunning Aurlandsfjord. Climb aboard the renowned Flåm Railway, one of the world's steepest train rides, and ascend 3000 feet past mighty waterfalls, towering mountains and amazing valleys. Journey to the mountain plateau of Myrdal and venture down to the fiord of Flåm, taking in the breathtaking panoramic views.

Meals: B L D **Hotel:** Fretheim Hotel, Flåm

Day 12, June 18 Flåm to Bergen

Absorb the captivating beauty of the Sognefjord on a short ride aboard an ultra-contemporary sea vessel. Later, arrive in Bergen, the gateway to the fjords. With roots that can be traced back to the Viking Age, contemporary Bergen is a cherished destination known for its old-world charm and idyllic landscapes.

Meals: B D **Hotel:** Scandic Neptun, Bergen



Day 13, June 19 Bergen

Begin your day with a guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Bryggen, with its picturesque wooden warehouses that are a vestige of Bergen's past as a major northern European port city. Tonight, journey by boat to the tiny island of Holmen for dinner at the acclaimed Cornelius Seafood Restaurant. The summer sun will preserve views of the distant mountains late into the evening.

Meals: B D **Hotel:** Scandic Neptun, Bergen

Day 14, June 20 Bergen

Spend the morning at your leisure, perhaps further acquainting yourself with Bergen's Viking past. This evening, step back in time for a private tour of the villa that was home to the famed Norwegian composer, Edvard Grieg. Meet Monica Jangaard, curator at the Edvard Grieg Museum, who will deliver a talk and Q&A on the composer's life and works. Enjoy an intimate evening concert recital at Trolldhaugen with music performed on Grieg's personal piano. Tonight, toast to a magical trip with a farewell dinner.

Meals: B D **Hotel:** Scandic Neptun, Bergen

Day 15, June 21 Bergen to Copenhagen

Fly back to Copenhagen and enjoy time at your leisure ahead of your flight home to Australia tomorrow.

Meals: B **Hotel:** Admiral Hotel, Copenhagen

Day 16, June 22 Copenhagen

Your Scandinavian journey concludes and you depart for home.

Meals: B



Book international airfare through Collette and enjoy private airport transfers in your home city.*

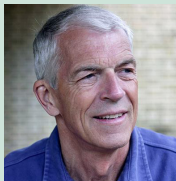
Tour Highlights

- Meet famed Danish architect Jan Utzon
- Spend five nights in the cosmopolitan capital city of Copenhagen
- Enjoy a Nordic Noir-themed tour
- Overnight in Aalborg and visit the Utzon Centre
- Cross the Øresund Bridge from Copenhagen to Malmö
- High speed rail journey from Stockholm to Oslo
- Oslo Opera House tour and performance
- Journey on Flåm Railway

Special Traveller Tours Guests

Unique Insights into the Real Scandinavia

THE DANISH ARCHITECT JAN UTZON



Jan is a Danish architect and son of Jørn Utzon, who designed the Sydney Opera House. He was deeply influenced by his father's approach to architecture and worked with him on several projects, including Paustian House in Copenhagen. Jan has completed works of his own; the most successful is the Performing Arts Centre in Esbjerg.

THE NORDIC NOIR AUTHORITY CHRISTINE BORDIN



Christine is an expert in the Scandinavian dark crime genre, Nordic noir, made popular in TV crime series, *The Killing*, *Borgen* and *The Bridge*. Originally from France, she owns and runs Nordic Noir Tours in Copenhagen, where she shares her expertise in Nordic noir, Danish design and architecture and the relationship between Sweden and Denmark.

THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE EXPERT HELEN PITT



Helen is an award-winning journalist with *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*. She has worked as the Opinion and Letters editor with the Herald, where she began her career in 1986. Helen is the author of *The House* (Allen & Unwin, 2018), a book that traces the stories and controversies behind the building of the Sydney Opera House from the engineers to the politicians, and the man himself, Jørn Utzon.

THE CLASSICAL MUSIC EXPERT MONICA JANGAARD



Monica is the curator at the Edvard Grieg Museum, a role she has held since 1998. She holds a Master of Music degree from the University of Oslo and has been charged with editing the Trolldhaugen Yearbook.

Options and Add Ons

(Call for Details)

- International return airfare from Australia to Copenhagen
- Private chauffeur-driven airport transfers in Australia*
- Arrival and departure transfers in Copenhagen
- Pre / post tour accommodation in Copenhagen

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- To secure the booking a deposit of \$500pp is required.
- Single accommodation is limited and available on a first come, first served basis.
- This tour includes moderate physical activity.
- Please note that circumstances beyond our control may result in changes to the guests, itinerary, or hotels.
- International airfare from Australia to Copenhagen is not included. Priced on request.