

SCANDINAVIAN ROAD TRIP & FINLAND CRUISE

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DAY 1: WELCOME TO FINLAND

When you arrive at **Helsinki** Airport, make your way to city centre. Many travellers opt to take public transportation, but we also offer direct private transfers. Take advantage of this first day on your own to discover this Nordic gem at your own pace, and eat at one of the many gourmet restaurants. We recommend visiting **Senate Square**, **Uspenski Cathedral**, and the **Old Market Hall** to become acquainted with Finnish history and culture.

Spend the night in Helsinki.

HIGHLIGHTS: Finland - Helsinki - Old Market Hall - Senate Square - Uspenski Cathedral

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DAY 2: EXPLORE LOVELY HELSINKI

Today, continue exploring Helsinki before boarding a cruise to Sweden. Helsinki is known for its creativity and, in 2012, was awarded the UNESCO “City of Design” title, boasting its very own design district and “design tram route” (Line 6). Some notable city landmarks to see or visit include **Sibelius Park**, **Finlandia Hall**, the **Finnish National Opera House**, and **Parliament House**, the seat of Parliament in Finland.

Spend the night in Helsinki.

HIGHLIGHTS: Finlandia Hall - Finnish Parliament Building - Helsinki Opera House - Sibelius Monument

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DAY 3: EXPLORE HELSINKI & SAIL TO SWEDEN

Start your morning with a tasty breakfast at the hotel, followed by a day to explore the Finnish capital. It is recommended to visit Helsinki’s Market Square and the **Suomenlinna Sea Fortress** to get a taste of the history and culture of the capital.

In the afternoon, you will board the cruise to **Stockholm**, Sweden’s capital. During your time at sea, take full advantage of the on-board amenities including cafes, restaurants, and shops and spend the night in one of the cruises’ comfortable cabins.

Spend the night on the cruise.

HIGHLIGHTS: Stockholm - Suomenlinna Sea Fortress

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DAY 4: SAIL TO SPLENDID STOCKHOLM

Savour the maritime scenery during breakfast as the ship navigates through Sweden’s Archipelago, a collection of over 30,000 islands and inlets. Upon your arrival in **Stockholm**, make your way to the hotel and then enjoy some time exploring city centre. We recommend, enjoying some shopping on the well-known pedestrian street **Drottninggatan** and taking a stroll in the surrounding area of **Östermalm**. There you will find numerous shops, cafes, and restaurants for a perfect introduction to Swedish culture.

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Spend the night in Stockholm.

HIGHLIGHTS: Drottninggatan - Stockholm - Sweden - Östermalm

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DAY 5: THE CHARMS OF SWEDISH CULTURE

Today you will explore the heart of scenic Stockholm. We recommend exploring the capital by foot, visiting attractions such as the **Old Town (Gamla Stan)**, where you will find the **Royal Palace**, the parliament, old churches, beautiful cobble stone streets and medieval houses.

After some time at Gamla Stan, you can take a short ferry ride to the nearby island **Djurgården**, a cultural oasis with something for everyone. Here you will find the kitschy **ABBA Museum**, the **Nordic Museum**, the **Gröna Lund** amusement park, and the **Skansen** open-air museum. It is ideal to spend the afternoon here, exploring the grounds and many attractions.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

HIGHLIGHTS: ABBA The Museum - Djurgården - Gamla Stan (Old town of Stockholm) - Gröna Lund amusement park - Royal Palace of Stockholm - Stockholm City Hall - Södermalm

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DAY 6: A SLICE OF THE SWEDISH COUNTRYSIDE

Today you will pick up your rental car and kick off your road trip to the south of Sweden. First you will stop by the picturesque town of Söderköping before reaching the city of **Kalmar**, a Medieval city with a rich history, making it a perfect stop for history buffs. The town features well-preserved 17th and 18th century buildings and you can visit the **Kalmar Castle**, which dates back over 800 years.

Spend the night in Kalmar.

**Please note limited opening hours of the car rental during Sundays and public holidays. See tour information for further details.*

Driving distance: 410 km / 255 miles

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours and 45 minutes (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Kalmar - Kalmar Castle

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DAY 7: SWEDEN'S SPECTACULAR SOUTH COAST

From Kalmar, drive south along the coast to Skåne where we recommend a visit to **Kiviks Musteri** and the apple orchards. It is also recommended to stop for coffee in the picturesque town of **Simrishamn**. Continue to the popular attraction **Ales Stenar** stone ship monument, which consists of 59 massive boulders arranged in a 67 metre-long outline with a picturesque view of the Baltic Sea. You will continue your drive to the charming town of **Ystad** where you will spend the night.

Spend the night in Ystad.

Driving distance: 290 km / 180 miles

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Ales Stenar - Karlskrona - Kiviks Musteri - Simrishamn - Ystad - Österlen

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DAY 8: DRIVE TO CAPTIVATING COPENHAGEN

From **Ystad**, drive to Smygehuk, the southernmost point in Sweden. Here you will find cosy cafés, eclectic craft shops and fish smokeries. Continue along the south coast to the old towns of **Skånör** and **Falsterbo**, located on the Falsterbo peninsula, where you will encounter long stretches of white sand beaches. Next, cross the famous **Öresund Bridge** and arrive in the charming capital city of Denmark, **Copenhagen**. You can explore the beautiful harbour area of **Nyhavn** and have fun at the amusement park **Tivoli Gardens**.

Spend the night in Copenhagen.

Driving distance: 130 km / 80 miles

Estimated driving duration: 2 hours and 20 min (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Copenhagen - Denmark - Falsterbo - Malmö - Nyhavn - Skånör - Tivoli Gardens - Ystad - Öresund Bridge

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DAY 9: SET SAIL FOR NORWAY

Spend the morning touring Copenhagen. We recommend seeing the city by foot, visiting landmarks including **Amalienborg Palace**, **Christiansborg Palace**, and the famous **Little Mermaid** statue. An optional boat tour from the harbour is also highly recommended as you can appreciate the architecture and beauty of the city by water. Next, stroll **Strøget** street for some shopping and grab something to eat.

In the late afternoon, it's time to drive to the port and board your cruise to Oslo. You can enjoy dinner in one of the restaurants, check out the entertainment on board or just relax and watch the sunset from the deck.

Spend the night in one of the ship's comfortable cabins.

HIGHLIGHTS: Amalienborg Palace - Christiansborg Palace - Little Mermaid - Strøget shopping street

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DAY 10: WELCOME TO ENCHANTING OSLO

Sailing up the scenic Oslo Fjord, you will reach the Norwegian capital in the morning. After you disembark from the ship, get ready for a day of adventure in **Oslo**. We recommend exploring Oslo by foot, spending the afternoon at sights including the historical **Royal Palace** and the mighty **Akershus Fortress**, along with the modern **Oslo Opera House**, and the **Aker Brygge** area along the harbour.

Spend the night in Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Aker Brygge - Akershus Fortress - Norway - Oslo - Oslo City Hall - Oslo Opera House - The Royal Palace (Oslo)

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DAY 11: EXPLORE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OSLO

This morning get an early start to explore the Norwegian capital at your own pace. Highlights include driving to the beautiful **Vigeland Sculpture Park**, and the **Holmenkollen ski jump** which played a large role in the 1952 winter Olympics in the city.

Other options include visits to the **Viking Ship Museum** and **Fram Polar Ship Museum**, as well as strolling the popular **Karl Johans street**. You will then have the rest of the day to explore at your own leisure.

Spend the night in Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Fram Museum - Holmenkollen Ski Jump & Museum - Karl Johans Gate - Oslo - The Viking Ship Museum - Vigeland Sculpture Park

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DAY 12: THE SCENIC ROUTE TO ÖREBRO

From Oslo, you will drive east in your rental car to Örebro. Along the way, make a stop at **Karlstad**, which is known as the city of sunshine. Karlstad is a beautiful place as it lies on the river delta where the Klara River and the mighty **Lake Vänern** meet. On your way to Örebro we also recommend a stop in **Kristinehamn** where you find a 15-metre tall Picasso sculpture which was donated to the city by the artist in 1964. Other sights here include the **Kristinehamn church** and the **Järsberg Runestone**.

Spend the night in Örebro.

Driving distance: 325 km / 202 miles

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Järsberg Runestone - Karlstad - Kristinehamn Church - Lake Vänern

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DAY 13: CASTLES ON THE WAY TO STOCKHOLM

This morning, visit the 14th century **Örebro Castle** and walk through the **Wadköping** open-air museum, with buildings that date from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. After a proper dose of history in Örebro, continue to the town of Eskilstuna, where you can visit the charming open-air museum **Rademachersmedjorna**. This area is famous for its many castles and manor houses, including the 16th-century **Gripsholm Castle**. After a day of sightseeing, continue east for your return to Stockholm, where you will drop off your rental car.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

Driving distance: 197 km / 122 miles

Estimated driving duration: 2 hours 16 minutes (without stops)

HIGHLIGHTS: Gripsholm Castle - Rademachersmedjorna Blacksmith Community - Wadköping Museum Village - Örebro Castle

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DAY 14: STOCKHOLM AND DEPARTURE DAY

Enjoy one last Scandinavian breakfast before it is time to check out of your hotel. Passengers departing with the afternoon flight will have time for some last-minute shopping or the chance to visit a museum or two that you missed earlier in the trip.

Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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