

CUSB Bank VIP Connection presents...

Spectacular Scandinavia

~ September 7-20, 2024 ~

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**RESERVATION
DEADLINE:
MAR. 1, 2024**



14 Days • 20 Meals: 12 Breakfasts, 8 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Copenhagen, Farm Visit, Granna, Stockholm, Choice on Tour: Vasa Museum or ABBA Museum, Oslo, Fram Museum, Stave Church, Flåm Railway, Geirangerfjord Cruise, Bergen

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Scandic Spectrum , Copenhagen
Day 4	PM & Vanner Hotel , Vaxjo
Days 5, 6	Scandic Grand Central , Stockholm
Days 7, 8	Hotel Bristol Oslo, Oslo
Day 9	Fretheim Hotel, Flam
Days 10, 11	Alexandra Hotel, Loen
Days 12, 13	Scandic Ornen, Bergen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Saturday, September 7, 2024 Overnight Flight Set out to explore Scandinavia by land and experience one of the world's most incredible regions.

Day 2: Sunday, September 8, 2024 Copenhagen, Denmark - Tour Begins Your tour opens in the beautiful city of Copenhagen. Take some time to venture out on your own and come to know this cosmopolitan capital, dubbed the "gastro capital of Scandinavia." Tonight, meet your fellow travelers for dinner. (D)

Day 3: Monday, September 9, 2024 Copenhagen Join a local expert and set off on an engaging tour of Denmark's capital city. Explore Nyhavn, the picturesque harbor lined with colorful facades and charming cafes, as well as Amalienborg Palace, the residence of the Danish royal family. Visit the Little Mermaid Statue, a 1913 sculpture honoring Hans Christian Andersen's famous fictional character. See Christiansborg Palace, home to the Danish parliament, before enjoying some free time to explore Copenhagen on your own. (B)

Day 4: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 Copenhagen - Farm Visit - Vaxjo Bid farewell to Copenhagen and travel north to meet the Hage family on their organic farm. Learn about their work conserving ancient grains and the old Danish livestock breeds before enjoying some homemade treats. Continue on to Helsingor, home of Kronborg Castle, and board a local ferry for a short ride across the famous Oresund to Sweden. This afternoon, arrive in Vaxjo, known locally as "the greenest city in Europe." (B, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 Vaxjo - Granna - Stockholm This morning, travel to Granna, a town situated on the shores of Lake Vättern and famous for its charming wooden houses, cobblestone streets and delectable candy shops. Continue north to Stockholm, Sweden's capital city. Tonight, enjoy a twist on modern dishes from Swedish and European cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Thursday, September 12, 2024 Stockholm View Stockholm's greatest vistas and attractions, including Gamla Stan (Old Town), Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace and the Parliament. Enjoy a visit inside Stockholm's stunning City Hall, which displays towering brick walls paired with an opulent interior. This afternoon **it's your choice!** Explore the Vasa Ship Museum and learn about the vessel's shocking maiden voyage, when it sank in a single nautical mile (the perfectly preserved ship, commissioned in the 1600s by King Vasa, was raised from the bottom of the harbor 334 years later) **-OR-** visit the ABBA Museum, an interactive exhibition about the Swedish pop sensation. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Stockholm independently. Discover its strikingly colorful architecture and sample its innovative cuisine. (B)

Day 7: Friday, September 13, 2024 Stockholm - Oslo, Norway Take a quick flight to Oslo, one of Europe's fastest-growing cities. As Norway's capital since 1814, Oslo is the center of the country's government and the home to the royal family. Here, you'll find a vibrant, cosmopolitan hub with an abundance of world-class museums, restaurants and art. This evening, enjoy traditional Norwegian fare in one of Oslo's oldest buildings. (B, D)

Day 8: Saturday, September 14, 2024 Oslo A tour of Oslo begins at the remarkable Fram Museum, dedicated to telling the story of Norwegian polar exploration. Continue along Karl Johan Street and view the Royal Palace and city hall in quaint downtown Oslo. Visit Vigeland Park, home to the collection of statues and sculptures that comprise Gustav Vigeland's life's work. Later this afternoon, enjoy some free time to relax or explore Oslo independently. (B)

Day 9: Sunday, September 15, 2024 Oslo - Flåm Travel north from Norway's capital to the majestic fjord region. Visit the Borgund Stave Church, the intricate structure built in dedication to the Apostle

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Andrew in 1180. Arrive in the quaint village of Flåm, nestled at the entrance to the stunning Aurlandsfjord. (B, D)

Day 10: Monday, September 16, 2024 Flåm - Flåm Railway - Loen Embark on the renowned Flåm Railway, one of the world's steepest train rides, and ascend 3,000 feet past mighty waterfalls, towering mountains and amazing valleys. Journey to the mountain plateau of Myrdal and cascade down to the fjord of Flåm, taking in the breathtaking views each way. Continue onto the village of Loen, for a relaxing stay in the heart for Norway's fjord region. (B, D)

Day 11: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 Loen - Fjord Cruise - Loen An enchanting day in Norway's fjord region begins. In Geiranger, a UNESCO World Heritage site, embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise, soaking in some of Norway's most beautiful scenery along the way. One of the most famous fjords in the world, Geirangerfjord is where you'll find Norway's mightiest waterfalls: the Seven Sisters, the Bridal Veil, and the Suitor. Marvel at homesteads along the steep sides of the mountains, where farms have been kept for centuries. (B, D)

Day 12: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 Loen - Bergen Be inspired by Norway's most impressive landscapes en route to Bergen – the gateway to the fjords. Founded with Viking roots, the Bergen of today is known for its old-world charm and scenic landscapes. (B)

Day 13: Thursday, September 19, 2024 Bergen Join a guided walking tour of Bergen and stroll along the historic and iconic harbor front, known as the Bryggen (UNESCO). Enjoy the afternoon at leisure, before reuniting with your fellow passengers for an atmospheric farewell dinner in the historic Bryggen neighborhood. (B, D)

Day 14: Friday, September 20, 2024 Bergen - Tour Ends Depart for home today with incredible memories of your Scandinavian journey. (B)

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Mar 08, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only.

A deposit of \$1,147 per person (includes cancellation waiver and insurance) is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of March 01, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 09, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until March 08, 2024.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home.

Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Museums may close unexpectedly or for the observance of holidays.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple accommodations are not available on this tour.

Some of the older properties and attractions in Scandinavia may not have elevators.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

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