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Best of Norway, Sweden & Denmark in
10 days
21 May - 31 May 2026

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND ABOUT YOUR TRAVELS

24/7 HELPLINE

We would like to remind you that we operate a 24/7 helpline, exclusively for our travelling guests. Should any issues arise outside office hours that require immediate attention from our staff, we encourage you to contact a representative by dialling (+46) 70 666 2615.

Please note that for all emergencies, the National Emergency Number is 112.

SAFETY IN SCANDINAVIA

Your safety is our priority. Scandinavian cities are known for being safe, but you should always be aware of your surroundings. While Norway's nature is beautiful, it's also wild, fragile and unpredictable. Nordic Visitor urges you to exercise caution when travelling in Norway. Please keep to marked paths and walkways when exploring the country's attractions and read all safety signs and weather warnings.

TRAIN TICKETS & NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL

Please read through your train tickets and Norway in a Nutshell vouchers thoroughly before going to each railway station. They contain all the necessary information regarding logistics and departure times. It is very important to be able to show the ticket during your journey, either printed or shown digitally offline on your device. Valid ID can be requested from the main traveller when showing the ticket.

Unfortunately seat selection is outside our control. Because of this, please be aware that you may be assigned a seat that is backwards facing and not next to a window.

ARRIVAL AT HOTELS & RESTAURANT RESERVATIONS

Check-in time varies for each accommodation, but it normally starts between 2–4 PM. If you arrive before check-in starts, most accommodation will happily store your luggage for you. If you wish to dine at your accommodation or in a nearby restaurant, we highly recommend booking well in advance.

VISITING ATTRACTIONS & OPENING HOURS

Attractions often charge entrance fees, have varying opening hours and some require pre-booking. You'll also find that certain attractions are open based on weather conditions. We recommend you check opening hours and availability before your visit.

MAPS OF SCANDINAVIA

We always recommend that our guests download offline maps of the cities and towns that you will be staying at from apps such as Google Maps. This will make navigation much easier when travelling.

YOUR PERSONAL ITINERARY

A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

BOOKING OVERVIEW

Detailed information about your accommodation and other services can be found in the booking overview and on your vouchers.

HIGHLIGHTS

This is your adventure – see and do what interests you! All the highlights we've listed in your itinerary are suggestions, not mandatory stops. These highlights are popular among our travellers (and Nordic Visitor staff!) but you can decide how many or few of them you want to see, as time allows. You will find each highlight, with a brief description of the site or attraction, listed in your travel guide. This way, you can read up on what lies ahead.

TRAVEL NOTES

This is free space for you to write down names, websites, phone numbers, and other useful information. Or simply make note of interesting sights along your route!

MAY 21: WELCOME TO SWEDEN

Upon arrival at Stockholm-Arlanda Airport, you have a few options to reach the city center. The Arlanda Express train offers a quick and convenient transfer to Stockholm Central Station. Alternatively, you may take a taxi directly from the airport to your hotel.

Check in to your accommodation and drop off your bags. You have the rest of the day to explore Sweden's chic capital.

First, you could stroll down Drottninggatan street, one of Stockholm's most famous thoroughfares. Explore its charming shops, bustling cafés, and lively street performers and feel immersed in the local culture. Then, venture to the nearby neighborhood of Östermalm. This elegant district is renowned for its high-end boutiques, tranquil parks, and culinary gems. Spend some time exploring the picturesque streets lined with historic buildings, perhaps stepping into a few shops to see what's on offer.

To relax on a sunny day, head to Kungsträdgården, a lush, landscaped park in the heart of the city. Next to this park is the Royal Swedish Opera, a grand venue hosting world-class performances. You might want to purchase tickets to a show here ahead of your arrival in Sweden.

On Södermalm island, visit the Fotografiska Museum, housed inside an old customs building. You'll find fascinating displays of contemporary photography and visual storytelling. And on one of Stockholm's smaller city islands, Skeppsholmen, you'll find the Moderna Museet. Here, masterworks by Picasso, Dalí, and Matisse are exhibited alongside modern pieces.

In between your explorations, take some time to indulge in the Swedish tradition of "fika" at a cosy café. This term refers to the daily practice of taking a break to enjoy a hot drink and a sweet or savoury treat with friends and family. There are plenty of charming spots across Stockholm where you can enjoy a fika break.

Highlights: Stockholm.

Staff picks: You will find a multitude of sky bars located in city centre. These bars offer scenic views and a nice way to relax and enjoy a drink. We recommend the rooftop bar "TAK" located by hotel At Six. Another great sky bar is "Himlen", which is ideal for those who want to spend their time in the hipster area of town, Södermalm.

Travel notes:

MAY 22: THE CHARMS OF SWEDISH CULTURE

Get an early start this morning to explore the bustling Swedish capital.

For a good overview of 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, and beautiful cobble stone streets. This part of the city also contains many art galleries, museums and other attractions, including the Nobel Museum. For great people-watching, take a stroll through the main square, Stortorget, or wander down the main streets Västerlånggatan and Österlånggatan.

In the afternoon, we recommend taking a short ferry ride from Gamla Stan to the island of Djurgården. The ferry departs every 15 minutes during peak hours and the trip to Djurgården, through Stockholm harbour, takes just 9 minutes. The departure point from Gamla Stan is about 100 metres north of Slussen on Skeppsbron. On Djurgården island a small heritage tram (number 7N) offers frequent trips and stops between attractions on the island and takes you back to Normalmstorg, the city centre.

On the island of Djurgården you will find the open-air museum Skansen and the very popular Gröna Lund amusement park, which has over 30 attractions. For more fun, stop by the ABBA Museum, which is dedicated to the music of, you guessed it, ABBA! The ABBA museum is an interactive exhibitions, and of course, you will find many of their fabulous stage costumes. If you are after some history, the Vasa Museum displays the centuries-old Vasa ship and provides insight into this historic Viking ship.

Other sights include joining a guided boat tour of the archipelago or even visiting the Royal Palace, located in Gamla Stan. There are guided tours offered frequently throughout the day.

Highlights: Stockholm, Gamla Stan, Royal Palace, Djurgården, Gröna Lund amusement park, ABBA Museum, Vasa Museum

Staff picks: Want to dine with the locals? The trendy Södermalm district, historically known as the “workers island” is home to a lot of restaurants and bars. Spending an evening there is a frequent highlight of the ordinary Swede’s afterwork experience. You will find Swedish food, international food, shopping, and outdoor seating for those who want to enjoy a drink in the sun.

Travel notes:

MAY 23: EXPLORING STOCKHOLM & DJURGÅRDEN

Create your own adventure in Stockholm today. The panoramic view from Fjällgatan in Södermalm is divine, and whilst here, do not miss a visit to the bohemian area of SOFO – “South of Folkungagatan” – with its architectural mix of historical red wooden houses with early 20th century buildings. There’s also vintage shopping and cosy cafés, where you can enjoy some real Swedish “fika”. It is also recommended to walk along the south shore and visit Tantolunden, a beautiful park in the southern part of central Stockholm.

In the summer months, you can enjoy the afternoon at Fjäderholmarna, the closest of Stockholm’s Archipelago islands, where you can partake in a guided tour, browse the local handicrafts and enjoy an authentic Swedish dinner.

If you want to do some shopping today, the newly built Mall of Scandinavia is located about 10 minutes by taxi from the city centre. You can also reach the mall by train or metro. For a high-end shopping experience, we recommend going to Östermalm where you will find all the popular clothes brands.

Highlights: Södermalm, Fjäderholmarna, Stockholm Archipelago

Staff picks: Swede’s love their ice cream, and we recommend having a taste! Stikki Nikki serves fresh, homemade gelato, ice cream, and sorbet. Stikki Nikki has several ice cream cafés around Stockholm, including Drottninggatan and Old Town, as well as Götgatan and Mariatorget in Södermalm.

MAY 24: JOURNEY TO COPENHAGEN

After breakfast you'll say goodbye to Sweden and travel to Denmark's magical capital city, Copenhagen. Head to Stockholm Central Station to start your journey. The journey normally takes just over 5 hours, passing tranquil scenery along the way. As you near Denmark, you'll cross the impressive Øresund Bridge.

Once you've dropped your bags at your hotel, the rest of the day is yours to explore.

You could stroll around Nyhavn, the city's old harbourside. This beautiful district is characterised by rows of colourful houses next to canals frequented by boats. Soak up the buzzing atmosphere with a drink or a meal at one of the many waterfront cafés. You could try a traditional Danish pastry or open-faced sandwich, known as smørrebrød.

Copenhagen is the fashion capital of Scandinavia, with stylish shops and boutiques around every corner. Sustainability is a big focus for the fashion scene here, so you can pick up some new items that are not only in style, but also good for the planet.

This evening, head to the iconic Tivoli Gardens. This cultural institution has delighted visitors for over a century. It's a thrilling theme park with rides, games and arcades, as well as food stalls and sit-down restaurants. The atmosphere here is always electric, and you might even catch a live music performance!

Highlights: Øresund Bridge, Copenhagen, Nyhavn, Tivoli Gardens.

Train information:

- Please check your train ticket for departure and arrival times.
- Make sure to be ready at Stockholm Central Station at least 30 minutes prior to departure.
- The platform number will be shown on screens inside the train station.
- Please show your PDF train ticket to the conductor on the train when asked.

Helpful tip: A hassle-free way to explore Denmark's capital is by purchasing a Copenhagen Card, available via a free mobile app. This card gives you unlimited use of all public transport in the city, as well as free or reduced admission to lots of attractions.

Staff picks: We really love Nyhavn! When in this area, spend some time in Ofelia Plads square, where there are cosy restaurants and cafés with views of the river. You can admire the Opera House across the water, and some places even offer sunbathing chairs to relax in.

Travel notes:

MAY 25: A DAY IN CAPTIVATING COPENHAGEN

Today, create your own adventure in Copenhagen! First, you might want to visit the lavish Amalienborg Palace, the official residence of Denmark's royal family. If you time it right, you can watch the "Changing of the Guard" ceremony as you admire the elegant architecture.

If you'd like to tour the inside of a stately home, head to Christiansborg Palace. This grand and historic building houses the Danish Parliament, the Supreme Court and the Prime Minister's Office. Inside, discover opulent halls and chambers adorned with royal tapestries.

Afterwards, head back to the waterfront to enjoy a leisurely stroll. As you go, look out for the famous Little Mermaid statue. This is a symbol of the city and was constructed in honour of Hans Christian Andersen's timeless fairytale.

For a different perspective, you could join an optional day cruise from Copenhagen's harbour. Glide past historic buildings, colourful houseboats and bustling waterfront districts and enjoy the city's charming atmosphere.

In the evening, meander down Strøget, one of Europe's longest pedestrian shopping streets. Along here you'll find an array of boutiques, galleries, and eateries. Indulge in some leisurely shopping or a refreshing drink and watch some of the street performers at work.

For a taste of Denmark's food scene, make your way to Torvehallerne food hall. This is where local vendors showcase artisanal cheeses, freshly baked pastries, and gourmet delicacies from all over the world. As well as deli-style selections, you'll find small sit-down food bars where you can enjoy a meal of freshly prepared produce.

Highlights: Copenhagen, Amalienborg Palace, Christiansborg Palace, Little Mermaid, Strøget.

Staff picks: Today, we recommend you take the Havnebussen bus from Nyhavn to the Opera House. From the Opera House, stop by Broens Gadekøkken at the Greenlandic trade square for delicious street food.

Travel notes:

MAY 26: SET SAIL FOR NORWAY

Spend the morning touring Copenhagen before boarding your cruise to Norway. Some interesting attractions include the observatory of The Round Tower, which was built in the 17th century and is the oldest functioning observatory in all of Europe. You can walk up a spiral walkway that takes you to the top, which has an outdoor platform that offers a spectacular view over Copenhagen.

You could also visit the most famous church in Copenhagen, the Church of Our Saviour, which is known for its helix spire and external winding staircase. Visitors who climb to the top are treated with exquisite views of the city. The black and golden spire reaches a height of 90 metres and the external staircase turns four times counterclockwise around it.

Another option is visiting the King's Garden, which is adjacent to the 400-year-old Rosenborg Castle. Built during the Renaissance period, it was used as a summer home for the Danish monarchs. Visitors today can enjoy the beauty of the architecture, but also rooms with thematic décor of the era. Kept in a special vault in the castle, Denmark's crown jewels are also kept here.

In the early afternoon, it's time to board your cruise to Oslo, which sails gently up the Kattegat Sund on its way to Norway's capital city. 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.

Highlights: Copenhagen, The Round Tower, Church of Our Saviour, Rosenborg Castle

Cruise information:

- Please see your voucher for your cruise's check-in time, departure time and port location.
- Please note that a transfer to the cruise terminal is not included.

Helpful tip: We recommend asking your hotel to call you a taxi to the cruise terminal at Dampfærgevej 30, as it is located some distance from the city centre.

Staff picks: Copenhagen is a city known for its bicycle usage. Why not join in with the locals and explore the city by two wheels? Ask your hotel about bike rentals that are available for a good price.

Travel notes:

MAY 27: ENJOY ENCHANTING OSLO

This morning, enjoy breakfast on board as your ship docks in Oslo. Disembark and head to your accommodation to drop off your luggage. Then, set off to discover Norway's beautiful capital.

Perched at the end of Oslofjord in East Norway, Oslo is surrounded by rolling hills and mountain peaks. It's often called one of the world's greenest cities, so wherever you go here, you'll never be far from nature. It also has a wonderfully walkable urban centre, so you can discover all the gems at a leisurely pace.

Start with a stroll down the Karl Johans gate main street, characterised by cobbled streets, chic shops, and welcoming eateries. From here, it's another easy amble to Aker Brygge, Oslo's bustling harbour area. This is one of the city's most popular districts with locals and visitors alike.

Make sure not to miss the grand façade of Oslo Opera House ("Operahuset"), with its white marble walls and angular design. You can even walk onto the Opera House's vast rooftop to enjoy a stunning view of the Oslofjord.

Another unmissable stop in Oslo is the Vigeland Sculpture Park, featuring more than 200 sculptures by the famous artist Gustav Vigeland. You can walk amongst the works of bronze, granite and wrought iron, as well as enjoy the tranquil green spaces that surround them.

For a dose of history, tour the grand Royal Palace, or visit Akershus Fortress ("Akershus Festning"), which was built in the 1290s to defend the city. And make sure to walk past Oslo City Hall, built from distinctive red brick. This is where the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony takes place every year.

If you'd like to view some historic artefacts and exhibits, try the Fram Museum, where the world's most famous polar exploration ship is on display. Here you can learn about the history of Arctic and Antarctic expeditions and hear about the lives of 2 world-famous Norwegian explorers.

And if you'd like to experience some of Norway's artistic heritage, you're sure to enjoy the Munch Museum. It's dedicated to the life and works of Norwegian artist Edvard Munch.

Luggage transfer: Please have your luggage packed and ready at the hotel reception this evening or tomorrow morning by no later than 6:00 AM.

Make sure that all suitcases carries a tag with the name of the main traveller; Don Vickers, on them.

Your luggage will be collected from the lobby and transported to your hotel in Bergen. Ask for your luggage upon arrival at your hotel in Bergen.

Remember to pack a light overnight bag for the night in Flåm.

Highlights: Oslo, Karl Johans Gate, the Royal Palace, Oslo Cathedral, Vigeland Sculpture Park, City Hall & Holmenkollen Ski Jump & Museum.

Staff picks: Visit Vippetangen, a street food hall in Oslo where it is especially nice to sit outside during the summer. You can also rent electric scooters around the city, which is a very nice way to travel between attractions in the city centre.

Travel notes:

MAY 28: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL – THE FLAM RAILWAY

Leaving the city behind, it's time to enjoy some magnificent scenery from a spectacular slice of Norway. Starting your journey early from Oslo Central Station as you begin your Norway in a Nutshell adventure.

Board the train and settle in for some incredible views. This ride will take you across Norway's mountainous rooftop, passing through quaint mountain villages like Gol and Geilo. You can expect rugged peaks, dramatic valleys and lush green hillsides all around.

Your first stop is Myrdal, a station in the mountains. Here you will change onto the world-famous Flåm Railway ("Flåmsbana") and begin your spellbinding descent to the famous fjords. Take in the views of steep valleys and cascading waterfalls as you head towards your destination.

Your final stop is Flåm, a charming village nestled in a glacial valley and surrounded by majestic mountains. You have the rest of your day to spend amongst idyllic scenery. This village is a nature lover's dream, so make sure to take advantage of the many opportunities for outdoor activities.

First, take a stroll through the town centre, admiring the traditional wooden houses and sampling the wares at some artisanal shops. Visit the Flåm Railway Museum to learn about the construction of this world-famous train route.

Then, set off to discover some of the region's idyllic hiking trails. One scenic option is the walk to the Brekkefossen waterfall, which is around a 2-3 hour round trip. You'll find maps of the route as well as other local tips at the Tourist Information Office in town.

For some of the best views in the region, make your way to the Stegastein viewing platform. You can reach it via a bus from the town centre. It's suspended 650 metres (2,132 feet) above Aurlandsfjord and extends around 30 metres (98 feet) from the cliffside. You'll want to bring your phone or camera to capture some incredible pictures!

From the shore of the fjord, you could join an optional kayaking tour, or rent your own canoes to explore by.

Highlights: Geilo, Gol, Flåm Railway, Flåm.

Norway in a Nutshell:

- Check your Norway in a Nutshell voucher for all departure and arrival times.
- Make sure to be ready at the Oslo Central Station at least 20 minutes prior to departure.
- The platform number will be shown on screens inside and outside of the train station.
- Browse through our [Norway in a Nutshell travel guide](#) and check the schedule before embarking on your journey.

Staff picks: For a perfect end to the day, visit Ægir Bryggeri and sample some locally brewed beers by ordering the tasting platter.

Travel notes:

MAY 29: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL TO BERGEN

Today promises to be full of unforgettable experiences! When it's time for the next leg of your Norway in a Nutshell trip, head to Flåm harbour. This time, the journey begins on water as you board a cruise ship to Gudvangen.

You'll first sail through Aurlandsfjord, then join Nærøyfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Europe's narrowest fjord. This in turn is part of Sognefjord, Norway's longest and deepest fjord. All around you will be world-class scenery, such as snow-capped peaks, tumbling waterfalls, and quaint farms dotting the mountainsides.

The cruise will dock at Gudvangen harbour. Get back on land and board a bus for the next stage of your travels. As you depart, look out for an amazing view of Stalheimskleiva, Northern Europe's steepest stretch of road. Then, sit back and relax as the scenic bus journey carries you past deep valleys and charming farmsteads to Voss.

At Voss, a quaint mountain village, you'll board the Bergensbanen train. This is the final stretch of today's route and will take you past even more spectacular scenery as it heads down the Raundal Valley to your destination: Bergen.

The "Capital of the Fjords" is Norway's second largest city, yet it retains the atmosphere and charms of a small town. Enjoy an evening at your leisure here, perhaps dining on some freshly caught seafood.

Highlights: Flåm, Aurlandsfjord, Nærøyfjord, Stalheimskleiva, Gudvangen, Bergen.

Norway in a Nutshell:

- Please check your vouchers for all departure and arrival times and be ready at Flåm Harbour at least 10 minutes prior to your cruise's departure.
- Transfer points and connections are easy to find and are clearly marked.

Travel notes:

MAY 30: THE CAPITAL OF THE FJORDS

Today you will continue to explore Bergen. For incredible views over Bergen and its surrounding landscapes, we recommend taking the Fløibanen funicular railway up to Mount Fløyen. The station is located just 150 metres from the Fish Market, and the funicular follows a steep track up to a scenic viewing platform next to a restaurant, cafeteria and souvenir shop. The ride takes only about 8 minutes each way, with several departures daily. Tickets can be purchased at the station. On top of Fløyen you will also find several hiking paths that we recommend exploring.

Downtown Bergen is a fabulous place to grab a seat outside at one of the bustling restaurant-pubs. There are also plenty of other little cafes, boutiques and shops nearby, along with the lively Fisketorget (fish market) that sells the catch of the day, fresh flowers and other artisanal goods.

Bergen is also known for its museums that cover the city's history, architecture, music and art. We recommend visiting the Edvard Grieg Museum and the KODE art museum, which is Scandinavia's largest museum for art and music.

For hiking enthusiasts, we recommend hiking up Mt. Ulriken or boarding the cable car up the mountain and walking down. Another alternative is enjoying the fastest zipline in Norway from Mt. Ulriken towards Mt. Fløyen on this epic 300m experience - suspended from the top of the Bergen mountains (pre-booking is necessary).

Highlights: Bergen, Bryggen, Fløibanen, Håkon's Hall & Rosenkrantz Tower, Bergen Museum & Maritime Museum.

Staff picks: Stop by the bakery Godt Brød for cinnamon buns before heading up to Fløyen.

Travel notes:

MAY 31: DEPARTURE FROM BERGEN

Today is the last day of your Scandinavian adventure. For transportation to Bergen-Flesland Airport, you can take the airport bus (Flybussen) from one of the various departure points in the city centre, or you can take a taxi directly from your hotel. Contact your hotel reception for information about Flybussen departure times.

If your flight is in the afternoon, take the morning to visit a little more of Bergen, taking a few last photos around the harbour area or enjoying some last-minute shopping before making your way to the airport for your journey home.

Travel notes:

We hope you had an unforgettable experience and wish you a safe journey back home!