


NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS & the ARCTIC CIRCLE

TOUR 6900—16 days from Helsinki to Oslo

Priced From \$2,699^{US}

YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Individual headsets 

SIGHTSEEING: Visits to Helsinki, Oulu, Rovaniemi, Tankavaara Gold Museum, Sapmi Park in Karasjok, North Cape, Coastal cruise Honningsvåg-Hammerfest, Narvik war museum, Mo I Rana, Mosjøen, Geiranger, Lom stave church, Lillehammer
 ■ Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description including admission charges where applicable.

GUIDES: Local Guide for city sightseeing in Oslo; professional Tour Director while touring

SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS: Arctic Circle crossing, Lapland and Santa Claus Workshop, Tysfjord ferry crossing, Atlantic Road

TRANSPORTATION: Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach; coastal cruise; Tysfjord ferry crossing

HOTELS: Listed below or equivalent. Rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, portorage, tips and service charges

HELSINKI Scandic Park (F), **KUOPIO** Sokos Hotel Puijionsarvi (F), **ROVANIEMI** Scandic (F), **SAARISELKÄ** Holiday Club (F), **HONNINGSVÅG** Scandic Honningsvåg (ST) or Scandic Bryggen (ST), **ALTA** Thon Alta (F), **NARVIK** Quality Grand Royal (ST) or Scandic (F), **MO I RANA** Scandic Meyergarden (ST), **TRONDHEIM** Scandic Lerkendal (ST), **GEIRANGER AREA** Geiranger (ST), **LILLEHAMMER** First Breiseth (ST) or Clarion Hammer (F), **OSLO** Scandic Vulkan (F) or Comfort Borsparken (ST)

MEALS: Buffet breakfasts (B) daily; 7 dinners (D)

MyACCOUNT: Personalise your tour ahead of time with additional excursions. Visit our website for details and conditions.



MAGERØYA ISLAND

Day 1, Mon. ARRIVE IN HELSINKI, FINLAND. Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to start exploring Helsinki. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers.

Day 2, Tue. HELSINKI-KUOPIO. An included orientation drive this morning features the City Hall and Parliament House, the Presidential Palace, and the great Lutheran Cathedral. Then, head north through unspoiled forests and lakes for an overnight in Kuopio. (B,D)

Day 3, Wed. KUOPIO-OULU-ROVANIEMI. Stop in the picturesque university town of Oulu, situated on the Bothnian Bay. Then, follow the shoreline as far as Kemi before heading inland to Rovaniemi. (B)

Day 4, Thu. ROVANIEMI. A whole day to enjoy the capital of Finnish Lapland. For hundreds of years, it was famous for exporting furs and salmon to the world's rich and powerful. Unfortunately, the town was totally destroyed during World War II. The new town, which you'll visit during the orientation drive, was designed by Alvar Aalto in the shape of reindeer antlers. Sights include Lappia Hall, the Town Hall, the new modern church with its intriguing frescoes, and the Arctic Centre. Afternoon at leisure or join an optional excursion to find out more about Lapland. (B)

Day 5, Fri. ROVANIEMI-SODANKYLÄ-TANKAVAARA-SAARISELKÄ. As you cross the Arctic Circle (66°31'N), you are in incomparable, unspoiled Lapland, land of reindeer and the midnight sun. Stop



TRONDHEIM



HELSINKI



at the SANTA CLAUS WORKSHOP for a chance to meet Father Christmas himself. North to Sodankylä, where you see the charming Vanha Kirkko, Lapland's oldest WOODEN CHURCH, dating back to the 17th century. At Tankavaara, visit the GOLD MUSEUM and try panning for gold if you wish. Overnight in Saariselkä, on the edge of the virgin wilderness and part of Finland's major national park. It is the largest winter sport centre in Finland, and a paradise for hikers and mountain bike lovers in summer. (B,D)

Day 6, Sat. SAARISELKÄ-HONNINGSVÅG, NORWAY. Cross into Norway for a visit to the fascinating SAPMI PARK. Head farther into Norway and along the beautiful Porsangen Fjord to Honningsvåg on the island of Magerøya, home to 4,000 people and 5,000 reindeer. Tonight, one of the highlights of this tour is the included drive to the NORTH CAPE, Europe's last northern outpost, on a sheer cliff rising 1,000 feet from the Atlantic Ocean. From May 11 to July 31, if the sky is clear, you'll see the Midnight Sun rolling just above the horizon! (B,D)

Day 7, Sun. HONNINGSVÅG-COASTAL CRUISE-HAMMERFEST-ALTA. An early start today features a FJORD CRUISE from Honningsvåg to Hammerfest. You will enjoy some of Norway's most beautiful coastal and mountain scenery as you cruise southwards. Disembark at Hammerfest and drive to Alta, situated at the mouth of the world's richest salmon river, for an overnight. (B,D)

Day 8, Mon. ALTA-NARVIK. Continue your unforgettable journey south along the stunning shoreline of Norway. The road meanders along Kvaenangenfjord and Lyngenfjord. You are now in the Troms Province, still north of the Arctic Circle but with a climate mild enough to allow very successful farming. Hear about fierce World

War II battles as you approach Narvik, rebuilt after near-total destruction. (B,D)

Day 9, Tue. NARVIK. Visit Narvik's WAR MUSEUM and relive how Norwegian troops, with the help of their allies, showed the world that the Nazi war machine was not invulnerable. Afternoon and evening are at leisure. Optional excursions are available. (B)

Day 10, Wed. NARVIK-MO I RANA. This morning, enter Nordland. Not far from Mo I Rana, re-cross the Arctic Circle and return to a world where the sun rises and sets every day of the year. Overnight in the little town of Mo I Rana. (B)

Day 11, Thu. MO I RANA-MOSJØEN-TRONDHEIM. On the agenda today: picture stop in Mosjøen; spectacular LAKSFORSEN WATERFALL; the forests and rivers of the Namdalen Valley; and vistas of Trondheimsfjord, the World War II hideout of the German battleship *Tirpitz*. (B)

Day 12, Fri. TRONDHEIM-GEIRANGER AREA. Leave Norway's third-largest city, also known as the "Gateway to the North," this morning. Travel via the spectacular Atlantic

Road from Christiansund to Molde to reach the Geiranger area. (B,D)

Day 13, Sat. GEIRANGER AREA. Enjoy the sites of this enchanting fjord area on your own or join the optional Geirangerfjord cruise. (B,D)

Day 14, Sun. GEIRANGER AREA-LOM-LILLEHAMMER. Today, travel to Lom. Take pictures of the wooden stave churches before heading toward the famous winter sport resort, Lillehammer, host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. (B)

Day 15, Mon. LILLEHAMMER-OSLO. After arrival in Oslo, enjoy vistas of Akerhus Castle, the 14th-century fortress guarding the harbour, a highlight on the guided included tour that features the soaring CITY HALL, National Theatre, Parliament, Royal Palace, Broadcasting House, and Gustav Vigeland's stark sculptures of people and animals in FROGNER PARK. (B)

Day 16, Tue. OSLO. Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

■ Security cruise regulations require clients' passport information and nationality at time of booking.

TOUR 6900 DATES & PRICES

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Departure Number	Start Helsinki	End Oslo	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Helsinki	End Oslo	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Helsinki	End Oslo	Land Only	
0430	Mon 30 Apr	Tue 15 May	2699	0611	Mon 11 Jun	Tue 26 Jun	2819	0723	Mon 23 Jul	Tue 07 Aug	2849	
0507	Mon 07 May	Tue 22 May	2749	0618	Mon 18 Jun	Tue 03 Jul	2819	0730	Mon 30 Jul	Tue 14 Aug	2849	
0514	Mon 14 May	Tue 29 May	2749	0625	Mon 25 Jun	Tue 10 Jul	2819	0806	Mon 06 Aug	Tue 21 Aug	2849	
0521	Mon 21 May	Tue 05 Jun	2789	0702	Mon 02 Jul	Tue 17 Jul	2849	0813	Mon 13 Aug	Tue 28 Aug	2849	
0528	Mon 28 May	Tue 12 Jun	2789	0709	Mon 09 Jul	Tue 24 Jul	2849	0820	Mon 20 Aug	Tue 04 Sep	2849	
0604	Mon 04 Jun	Tue 19 Jun	2819	0716	Mon 16 Jul	Tue 31 Jul	2849					

Prices are per person, based on double room occupancy.

Single room supplement: \$750; guaranteed shares: see page 5; no triple room reduction.

Extra nights per person in Helsinki:

in single room \$116, in twin / in triple \$60

Extra nights per person in Oslo:

in single room \$132, in twin / in triple \$79