

# VIKING EXPLORER

TOUR 4830—12 days from Amsterdam to Bergen

Priced From \$1,969<sup>US</sup>

## YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Individual headsets 

**SIGHTSEEING:** Visits to Bremen, Lübeck, Malmö "Turning Torso" building, Halmstad, Gothenburg, Gø, Borgund Stave Church, Flåm train ride, Sognefjord cruise

■ Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description including admission charges where applicable.

**GUIDES:** Local Guides for city sightseeing in Amsterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Oslo, Bergen; professional Tour Director while touring

**SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS:** Oresund bridge, Skagerrak, Hallingdal, Sognefjord

**TRANSPORTATION:** Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach; canal cruise in Amsterdam; ferry crossing Puttgarden to Rødby; cruise on Sognefjord; Flåm-Myrdal-Flåm Train

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

**AMSTERDAM AREA** Corendon Village (ST) or Tulip Inn Airport (ST), **HAMBURG** NH Altona (F) or NH Collection City (F), **COPENHAGEN** Park Inn Airport (ST) or Scandic Sluseholmen (F), **GOTHENBURG** First Kviberg Park (ST), **OSLO** Scandic Sjølyst (F) or Comfort Boersparken (ST), **FLÅM AREA** Fjordhotel (ST), **BERGEN** Augustin (ST) or Thon Bristol (ST)

**MEALS:** Buffet breakfasts (B) daily; 4 dinners (D)

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



FROGNER PARK, OSLO

**Day 1, Fri. ARRIVE IN AMSTERDAM AREA, HOLLAND.** Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers. (D)

**Day 2, Sat. AMSTERDAM AREA.** For centuries, this tiny nation of seafaring traders played a leading role in world history. It wrested 40% of its territory from the hostile sea, and produces a healthy agricultural surplus in the midst of Europe's most densely populated area—yet Holland manages to remain quaint and scenic. A Local Guide will point out Amsterdam's highlights on the included city tour. Complete the experience with a CANAL CRUISE to see the town from water level. Watch skilled craftsmen cut and polish precious stones at a DIAMOND CENTRE. This afternoon, spend

some time exploring on your own or join an optional excursion. (B)

**Day 3, Sun. AMSTERDAM AREA-BREMEN, GERMANY-HAMBURG.** This morning, travel to the Hanseatic city of Bremen, which majestically straddles the Weser River. Settlements date back to the 7th century, but the city rose in prominence as trade with Norway, England, and the Netherlands increased in the 11th century. Bremen's attractions include the opulent Town Hall, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; the massive, 15th-century statue of Roland, the city's protector; the oldest wine cellar in Germany; and the bronze sculpture of the *Bremen Town Musicians* from the Grimm Brothers' famous fairytale. Continue to Hamburg, Germany's second-largest city, where you



HALMSTAD CASTLE



FLÅM TRAIN



- ① = Overnights
- = Start City
- = End City

arrive in time for an optional harbour cruise. (B)

**Day 4, Mon. HAMBURG-LÜBECK-PUTTGARDEN-RØDBY FERRY-COPENHAGEN AREA, DENMARK.** Your day begins with the guided walking tour of Hamburg, one of Germany's greatest maritime cities. Marvel at the impressive Town Hall; the landmark St. Michael's Church; the ruins of St. Nicholas' Church, the tallest building in the world from 1874 to 1876; the unusual Elbe Philharmonic Hall; and more. Later, drive to Lübeck, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is considered the cultural capital of northern Germany. Enjoy a pleasant FERRY ride from Puttgarden in Germany across the Fehmarn Belt Strait to Rødby, Denmark, and arrive in Copenhagen. (B,D)

**Day 5, Tue. COPENHAGEN.** Spend the whole day exploring the capital of the oldest kingdom in the world. On your included guided city tour, see the city's many fascinating landmarks, architectural masterpieces, and celebrated sights, including the world-famous *Little Mermaid* sculpture. An optional tour of Zealand's castles is also available. (B)

**Day 6, Wed. COPENHAGEN AREA-MALMÖ, SWEDEN-HELSINGBORG-HALMSTAD-GOTENBURG.** Via the ORESUND BRIDGE, the longest bridge in Europe, travel across the strait that separates Denmark and Sweden. Stop in Malmö to view the stunning contemporary high-rise known as the "Turning Torso," the tallest building in the Nordic countries. Via Helsingborg, stop in Halmstad on the Nissan River with its 17th-century castle. Walk along the stone streets of the town centre, lined with cafés, and admire the Pablo Picasso sculpture, *Female Head*, before heading towards Gothenburg. (B,D)

**Day 7, Thu. GOTENBURG-OSLO, NORWAY.** This morning, get to know Gothenburg, Sweden's thriving, second-largest city, which is one of Europe's major seaports. Take the scenic route along the Skagerrak coastline, then cross the border into Norway and head for the ancient capital city of Oslo. (B)

**Day 8, Fri. OSLO.** Your guided sightseeing begins with stunning vistas of Akershus Castle, the 14th-century fortress guarding the harbour, followed by the CITY HALL, National Theatre, Parliament, Royal Palace, Broadcasting House, and Gustav Vigeland's distinctive sculptures in FROGNER PARK. This afternoon, enjoy leisure time to relax or explore on your own. (B)

**Day 9, Sat. OSLO-HØNEFOSS-FLÅ-GOL-BORGUND-FLÅM AREA.** A scenic drive today through Hallingdal Valley via the peaceful village of Flå. Forest-clad dales and soaring mountain peaks are around every bend on your scenic journey to Gol, where we stop for a visit before heading towards Borgund, famous for its stave church. This intricate structure was built

around 1180 AD and is dedicated to the Apostle Andrew. Arrive in the quaint area of Flåm, nestled at the entrance to the stunning Aurlandsfjord. (B,D)

**Day 10, Sun. FLÅM AREA-SOGNEFJORD-BERGEN.** Today, experience breathtaking Norway with a special treat! Start the day on the renowned FLÅM TRAIN, witnessing some of the world's most scenic wilderness. Along the way, see mighty waterfalls, towering mountains, and verdant valleys. Later, a leisurely CRUISE showcases one of Norway's most famous fjords, the Sognefjord. Continue to Bergen through the heart of Fjordland. (B)

**Day 11, Mon. BERGEN.** With fjords on one side and 1,000-foot-high Mount Fløyen on the other, Bergen is hailed as the "City of Seven Mountains." Your guided sightseeing tour takes in the main sights, including the Bryggen Hanseatic wharf, one of the landmarks of Bergen's bayside area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B)

**Day 12, Tue. BERGEN.** Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning.

#### TOUR 4830 DATES & PRICES

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Departure Number	Start	Amsterdam	End	Bergen	Land Only	Departure Number	Start	Amsterdam	End	Bergen	Land Only	Departure Number	Start	Amsterdam	End	Bergen	Land Only
0511	Fri	11 May	Tue	22 May	1969	0629	Fri	29 Jun	Tue	10 Jul	2039	0810	Fri	10 Aug	Tue	21 Aug	2039
0518	Fri	18 May	Tue	29 May	2039	0706	Fri	06 Jul	Tue	17 Jul	2039	0817	Fri	17 Aug	Tue	28 Aug	2039
0601	Fri	01 Jun	Tue	12 Jun	2039	0713	Fri	13 Jul	Tue	24 Jul	2039	0824	Fri	24 Aug	Tue	04 Sep	2039
0608	Fri	08 Jun	Tue	19 Jun	2039	0720	Fri	20 Jul	Tue	31 Jul	2039	0831	Fri	31 Aug	Tue	11 Sep	1969
0615	Fri	15 Jun	Tue	26 Jun	2039	0727	Fri	27 Jul	Tue	07 Aug	2039						
0622	Fri	22 Jun	Tue	03 Jul	2039	0803	Fri	03 Aug	Tue	14 Aug	2039						

Prices are per person, based on double room occupancy. Single room supplement \$584; guaranteed shares: see page 5; no triple room reduction.

**Extra nights per person in Amsterdam:**  
In single room \$131, in twin / in triple \$73  
**Extra nights per person in Bergen:**  
In single room \$161, in twin / in triple \$101