

## **Northern Europe : 07 Nights / 08 Days**

**Overview:** Northern Europe consists of the Scandinavian peninsula, the peninsula of Jutland, the Baltic plain that lies to the east and the many islands that lie offshore from mainland northern Europe, Greenland and the main European continent. The region is defined by the volcanic islands of the far northwest, notably Iceland and Jan Mayen, the mountainous western seaboard, extending from the mountainous sections to the Scandinavian mountains, the central north mountains and hills of Sweden.

### **Day 01: Arrival into Stockholm**

Upon arrival, you will be met by your travel escort and transferred to your Hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Stockholm is built across 14 islands and is often called the Venice of the North, situated at the point where the vast Lake Mälaren flows into the Baltic Sea and was built on this strategic spot in the mid 13th century, enabling the founder to tax merchant vessels going in and out of the lake.

### **Day 02: Stockholm - City Hop On Hop off Boat Tour.**

Breakfast, proceed for a city tour of Stockholm on an open boat. Your boat takes you to the Royal Palace where you can watch the changing of the guard all year round. At the Nybroviken terminal you can take another boat to Fjäderholmarna and Djurgården. If you have your mind set on history, you don't want to miss the Vasa museum and Nordiska Museet. Have a good time at the classic amusement park Gröna Lund or visit Skansen with its variety of traditional buildings and wild animals.

### **Day 03: Stockholm – Copenhagen**

After breakfast, check out to the hotel and transfer to Airport for your onward journey to Copenhagen. Arrival in Copenhagen. Transfer to the hotel.

Copenhagen is the largest metropolis in Scandinavia and considered as a centre of culture and arts with plenty of sightseeing and entertainment activities to offer visitors - together with multitude of shopping facilities and the longest pedestrian street system in the world.

Copenhagen is the seat of the National Parliament (Folketinget) - the Royal Residence and Supreme High Court. Overnight at the Hotel.

### **Day 04: Copenhagen – Half day City Tour**

Breakfast, start your day with a half day tour of Copenhagen. The tour will cover all the major sights of the capital. Pass by the 'Tivoli Gardens' and the 'Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek', drive through the colourful canal district, past the 'National Museum' to 'Christiansborg Palace', home to the Danish Parliament and visit the old 'Stock Exchange' and across 'Kongens Nytorv', where we see the 'Royal Theatre', world famous for its Royal Ballet. The tour continues past the colourful harbour district of 'Nyhavn' to 'Amalienborg Palace', the winter residence of the Royal Family. This is followed by a visit to the 'Gefion Fountain' and the 'Little Mermaid', inspired by Andersen's fairytale. We then pay a visit to one of the many magnificent churches in Copenhagen and past 'Rosenborg Castle', where the crown jewels are protected by the Royal Guard.

### **Day 05: Copenhagen – Day Free at Leisure**

Breakfast, day is free to explore by own or advise you to take **Helmet Castle tour Countryside**. On this Castle Tour of North Sealand, first visit the beautiful Frederiksborg Castle, in the

magnificent surroundings of Hillerod. Visit here includes the outstanding National History Museum, the Chapel of Orders and the Knights' Hall.

The tour continues past the Royal Family's summer residence - Fredensborg Palace, in the middle of a lovely park. Subsequently you will visit the interesting city Elsinore and see the impressive Kronborg Castle. This very castle was the setting of Shakespeare's play "Hamlet". Hamlet Castle was built between 1574-1585, to protect Danish interests, but also with the purpose of collecting tolls from ships passing through the narrow strait.

#### **Day 06: Copenhagen – Prague**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Prague. Arrival in Prague. Transfer to the hotel.

**Prague** is a favorite destination for many travelers. Miraculously, the city emerged from the 20th century's wars unscathed and today it is the best preserved Baroque city in Europe. When you look out over the city from Hradcany Castle, one thousand years of history is laid at your feet. Check in to the hotel in Prague. Overnight at the Hotel.

#### **Day 07: Prague – Grand City Tour**

After breakfast, begin your discovery of Prague with a Cityrama Prague walking tour. This tour runs on Fridays and Sundays at 9:30 and lasts for 3 hours. (If the tour does not run on the day you are visiting, we will replace it with another tour). You will see the historic centre of the capital. From the Powder Tower you will walk along the Royal Route to the Old Town Square. The walk will continue along Karlova Street, then Charles Street to Charles Bridge. (From here you will have a magical view of Prague Castle.)

#### **Day 08: Departure from Prague**

After breakfast check out to the hotel and you will be transferred to airport for your return journey.

#### **Preferred Hotels:**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>3 Star</b>	<b>4 star</b>	<b>5 Star</b>
<b>Stockholm</b>	Best Western Kom	Clarion Stockholm	Sheraton Hotel
<b>Copenhagen</b>	Ibsens	Bella Sky Comwell	Marriot
<b>Prague</b>	Merkur	Movenpick Hotel Prague	Corinthia