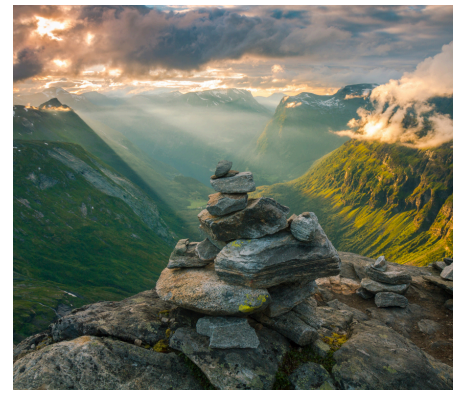
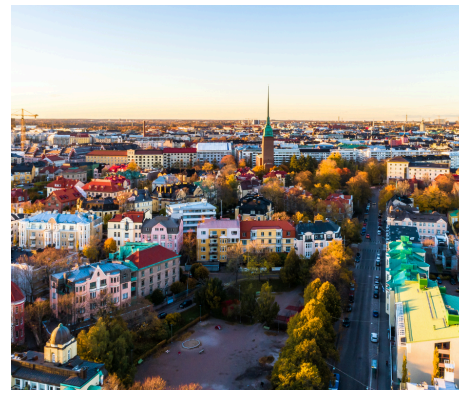




Travel with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte ***Scandinavia Unveiled: A Cultural and Scenic Odyssey*** ***Across Norway, Sweden, and Denmark***

*****Optional 2-Day Extension to the northern capital of light and sea,
Helsinki, Finland*****



May 29th - June 11th, 2026

Optional 2-day extension to Helsinki, Finland (June 11th - June 13th, 2026)

All accommodations are top-of-the-line hotels. All breakfasts, ten (10) lunches, and eight (8) dinners are included in the cost of the trip.

Prices for the trip and Helsinki, Finland can be found on Page 23.

A nonrefundable deposit of \$1,000 is due as soon as possible to secure your seat for the trip.
(Deposits are refundable until December 30th, 2025)

Full nonrefundable payment is due as soon as possible but the final date is March 16th, 2026.

Space is limited, and deposits are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. We will continue to accept deposits as long as space is available on the trip. Contact Susannah Knight at Knight Travel for airfare quotes at travel2knight@yahoo.com. We do have a group block available. Info provided on page 23.

Please contact Madison NeeSmith at the World Affairs Council of Charlotte via [email](#) or call 704-687-7758 if you have any questions or require additional information about the trip.

Why Travel to Norway, Sweden & Copenhagen?

1. Spectacular Natural Beauty: Scandinavia showcases some of Europe's most breathtaking landscapes, and your journey brings you directly into their heart. From Oslo's serene fjord setting to the dramatic Sognefjord, Fjaerlandfjord, and Geirangerfjord, travelers experience towering mountains, sparkling lakes, powerful waterfalls, and ancient glaciers such as Briksdal. Sweden's island-dotted Stockholm archipelago and Denmark's scenic coastal waterways add a gentle contrast to Norway's rugged grandeur, creating a beautifully varied natural experience.

2. Deep History, Culture & Heritage: This trip immerses you in more than a thousand years of Scandinavian history—from Viking ships in Oslo and medieval stave church architecture in Gol to the Hanseatic wharf of Bryggen in Bergen and the royal palaces of Stockholm and Copenhagen. Museums such as the Kon-Tiki Museum, the Vasa Museum, and Stockholm City Hall provide powerful insights into exploration, maritime achievements, and cultural milestones. Visits to Frederiksborg Palace and Sofiero Castle showcase Scandinavia's royal and architectural legacy.

3. Distinctive Nordic Cuisine & Culinary Traditions: Scandinavia's food culture blends fresh local ingredients with centuries-old traditions. Enjoy classic Norwegian fare along the fjords, a traditional smörgåsbord in Balestrand, seafood markets in Bergen, and award-winning cuisine in Sweden's Småland region. Whether savoring Stockholm's waterfront dining or Copenhagen's modern culinary scene, each meal reflects Nordic craftsmanship, seasonal flavors, and a passion for simple, high-quality ingredients.

4. Vibrant Cities with Timeless Charm: The capitals—Oslo, Stockholm, and Copenhagen—offer a dynamic blend of old-world beauty and modern Scandinavian design. Oslo's museums and green

cityscape, Stockholm's 14 islands and historic Gamla Stan, and Copenhagen's canals, Tivoli Gardens, and iconic waterfronts provide a vibrant urban counterpoint to the tranquility of the countryside. Bergen, with its colorful Bryggen district and maritime character, adds its own unmistakable charm to the journey.

5. Warm Hospitality, Comfort & Unforgettable Experiences: Throughout Scandinavia, travelers encounter welcoming cultures, exceptional service, and thoughtfully curated experiences. Stays at historic and beautifully located hotels—such as the fjordside Kviknes Hotel, the elegant Continental in Oslo, the Loenfjord Hotel near the Nordfjord, and Copenhagen's iconic Royal Hotel—enhance the journey. Scenic ferry crossings, glacier walks, castle visits, and leisurely city strolls create a balanced itinerary filled with meaningful moments and lasting memories.

Day 1: Friday, May 29th, 2026

Charlotte/Oslo

Depart from Charlotte-Douglas International Airport from Charlotte to Oslo, Norway, where you will arrive the next morning (overnight flight). **Time-appropriate meals and in-flight services will be provided.**

Day 2: Saturday, May 30th, 2026

Oslo

Welcome to Oslo, the capital of Norway!

After clearing customs, immigration formalities, and collecting your luggage, please proceed to the ARRIVALS HALL where you will be met by your Tour Manager and transfer as a group to your hotel, the [Continental](#), one of Norway's leading Five-Star hotels, where you will stay for the next two nights.

Hotel Continental stands in the center of Oslo and is within walking distance from a number of attractions,



such as Aker Brygge, Tjuvholmen, the Royal Palace, the National Theatre, and the Storting (parliament) building.

Oslo is located at the end of the scenic Oslo Fjord, where countless Viking ships embarked on historic voyages to distant lands. From the fjord, the city sprawls out to the north and south on both sides of the fjord, giving the city area a slight U-shape.

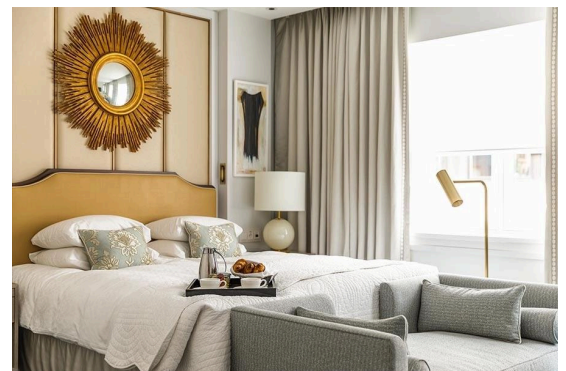
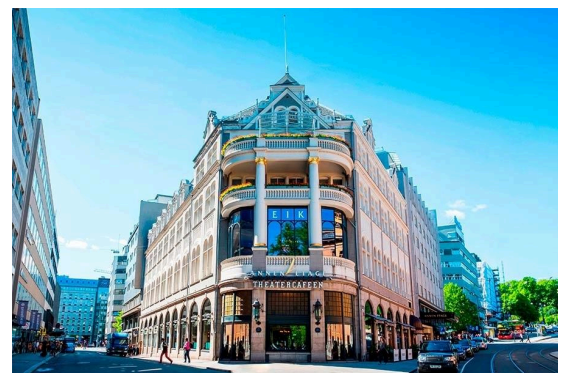
Although Oslo's population is small compared to most European capitals, it occupies a large land area covered by forests, hills, and lakes. It boasts sites and museums that testify to its 1,000-year history, such as the Viking Ship Museum and the Museum of Oslo. And if you're a foodie, you'll revel in Oslo's many restaurants, bars, and pubs. Norwegians are serious about their coffee, and you'll find an abundance of coffee bars and shops in Oslo.

Enjoy the remainder of the day and evening at your leisure.

- **Independent Dinner**
- **Overnight at The Continental**



[Photo: Ballet House \(Oslo\) by Reinhard-Karl Üblacker - Pixabay](#)



[Photos: The Continental \(Link\)](#)

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

After breakfast, you'll set out on a full-day tour of Oslo that introduces you to key sites, including a visit to Vigeland Sculpture Park, where the work of Norway's beloved sculptor, Gustav Vigeland.

The [sculpture park](#) is Gustav Vigeland's life work, comprising over 200 sculptures in granite, bronze, and wrought iron. It was installed mainly between 1940 and 1949, but it is nevertheless the result of over 40 years of work. The starting point for the park is Vigeland's Fountain, which was initially meant to be placed at Eidsvolls plass in front of the Parliament. These plans were never realized, and the Fountain later became part of Vigeland's more extensive park plans.

In 1924, the city council agreed that the sculptor's monumental Fountain was to be erected in Frogner Park. At that time, Vigeland's park project had expanded to include the Monolith and the Bridge.

Lunch is included today at a local restaurant.

After lunch, you will visit the Kon Tiki Museum, housing vessels and maps from the Kon-Tiki expedition.

The [Kon-Tiki Museum](#) shows Thor Heyerdahl's famous life's work, which is characterized by a desire for research, environmental protection, and sustainability, and deep respect for indigenous peoples. The exhibits include the original balsa raft from the Kon-Tiki expedition and the reed boat Ra II. In addition, stories are told from Heyerdahl's journey



[Photo: Sculpture Park \(Oslo\) by Reinhard-Karl Üblacker - Pixabay](#)



to Fatu Hiva, together with his wife, Liv, trips to the Galapagos and Easter Island, and the Tigris voyage.

Once back, you will have time to clean up before meeting up with your group for a Welcome Dinner at a nearby local restaurant.

- **Breakfast included**
- **Lunch included**
- **Dinner included**
- **Overnight at the Continental**



[Photos: Thor Heyerdahl and Kon-Tiki Museum - Kon-Tiki Museum Website](#)

Day 4: Monday, June 1st, 2026

Oslo/Balestrand via Gol

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

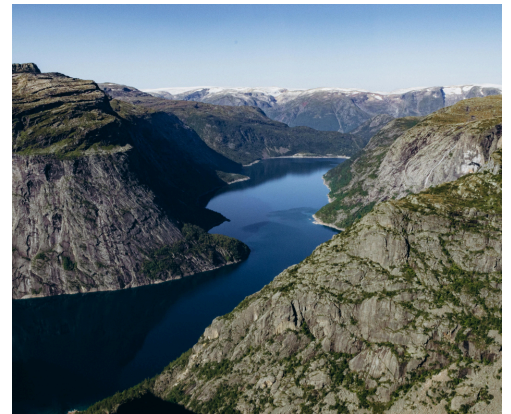
This morning, you will depart from your hotel and begin a full-day journey into Norway's legendary fjord country. As you travel northwest, the landscape gradually transforms, revealing the first breathtaking views of the Norwegian Fjords.

Here, the scenery unfolds into long, narrow sea inlets framed by towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and quiet coastal villages that can only be fully appreciated on a fjordland excursion. This dramatic natural setting offers panoramic vistas at every turn, highlighting the rugged beauty that has made the fjords world-famous.

Today's experience is further enriched by two scenic ferry crossings: the Manhaller–Fodness and Hella–Dragsvik. These allow you to glide directly through the heart of this spectacular landscape. As you cross the deep, glassy waters surrounded by sheer mountain walls, you'll witness some of Norway's most awe-inspiring natural wonders from an unforgettable vantage point.

Included on today's fjordland journey is a stop in Gol to visit a traditional Stave Church, in addition to scenic ferry crossings as we travel along the breathtaking Sognefjord.

- A Gol Stave Church is a traditional wooden church from Norway.
- It is characterized by its unique stave construction, using vertical wooden posts.
- The architecture features intricate carvings and decorative motifs, often depicting biblical scenes.
- Gol Stave Church dates back to the 12th century and is a prime example of medieval Norwegian



architecture.

- Many stave churches, including Gol, were built to withstand harsh weather conditions.
- Today, Gol Stave Church is preserved as a historical site and is a popular tourist attraction.

Lunch is included at a local restaurant as a group.

After lunch, you will embark to our next home and hotel, the [Kviknes Hotel](#) in Balestrand.

Afterwards, the group will partake in a traditional Smörgåsbord dinner at our hotel.

- A smorgasbord is a buffet-style meal featuring a variety of dishes.
- It typically includes cold and hot foods, such as herring, meatballs, and cheeses.
- Guests serve themselves from a long table filled with diverse options.
- It is often enjoyed during festive occasions and celebrations.
- The meal encourages socializing and sharing among diners.
- Traditional smorgasbords may also feature bread, salads, and desserts.

At Kviknes Hotel, the tradition of hospitality dates back to 1752. The Kvikne family, who now own the hotel, took over in 1877. The hotel was built in the Swiss style and has retained its distinctive character even after several renovations and expansions.

The hotel is idyllically situated by the Sognefjord in a national romantic setting. The list of prominent guests at Kviknes Hotel is very long. Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany was a frequent guest in Balestrand. In addition, royalty, emperors, presidents, prime ministers, movie stars, and



[Photos: Kviknes Hotel \(Link\)](#)

artists from many countries can be found on the guest list.

- **Breakfast included**
- **Lunch included**
- **Dinner included**
- **Overnight at the Kviknes Hotel**

Day 5: Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026

Balestrand/Loen

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Following breakfast, you will continue your journey through Norway's legendary landscapes, beginning with a scenic boat trip along the awe-inspiring [Fjaerland Fjord](#). Surrounded by steep mountains and shimmering glacial waters, this peaceful fjord cruise offers a dramatic introduction to the natural wonders of West Norway.

Upon arrival, you will continue by land to the [Norsk Bremuseum](#) (Glacier Museum), where interactive exhibits and hands-on displays provide an engaging overview of the region's natural history and the powerful forces that shaped its glaciers.

Afterward, your journey continues along a chain of beautiful lakes to [Skei](#), where you will enjoy an **included lunch** at a local restaurant.

Following lunch, you will travel to one of Norway's most inspiring natural wonders, [Briksdal Glacier](#). Here, you will experience the roaring waterfalls, soaring cliffs, and towering peaks that rise at the end of one of the Nordfjord's three dramatic branches.



[Photo: Norsk Bremuseum Website - Link](#)

A ride on a motorized Troll Car will take you partway up the valley, followed by a short hike to the foot of the glacier, where magnificent views await.

To close your day, you will check into the welcoming [Loenfjord Hotel](#), where you will stay for the next two nights and enjoy a group dinner in this peaceful fjordside setting.

The Hotel Loenfjord is a charming, cozy, and informal hotel idyllically located in the middle of Loen, by the Loelva river and the Nordfjord. Hotel Loenfjord is within walking distance to both the Loen Skylift, Loen Play, Loen Active, Via Ferrata Loen, the swimming area, and water activities such as kayaking and SUP.

- **Breakfast included**
- **Lunch included**
- **Dinner included**
- **Overnight at the Loenfjord Hotel**



[Photo: Briksdal Glacier Website - Link](#)



[Photo: Hotel Loenfjord \(Link\)](#)

Day 6: Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026

Loen

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

After breakfast at the hotel, you will embark on a scenic drive to [Dalsnibba](#), weather permitting.

Dalsnibba is the region's highest point, reached only by road, where magnificent vistas are possible on a clear day. Then we will descend to the waters of the Geirangerfjord, where we will embark on a ferry and cruise along its beautiful waters, where the dramatic scenery unfolds as we ride past cascading waterfalls



[Photo: Dalsnibba Website - Link](#)

and lush vegetation to Hellesylt.

Lunch is included today at the historic Hotel Union Øye, dating back to 1891. This "romantic Fjord Palace" was a favorite retreat of the aristocracy.

After lunch, we will return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure and/or independent activities, followed by dinner at the hotel.

- **Breakfast included**
- **Lunch included**
- **Dinner included**
- **Overnight at the Loenfjord Hotel**



[Photos: Hotel Union Øye Website - Link](#)

Day 7: Thursday, June 4th, 2026

Loen/Bergen

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

After breakfast, you will travel southward through the Norwegian fjordlands, with yet another scenic ferry ride.

We will embark on a scenic journey across the vast [Sognefjord](#) in Norway with the ferry service between Oppedal and Lavik. Enjoy the beauty of the country's longest fjord and the smooth sailing experience.

Bergen stands out as a famous landmark and is among the most photographed areas of Bergen. The picturesque line



of colorful houses facing the [Vågen \(harbor\)](#) is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The area played an important role in the Hanseatic League's trading empire, which dominated European trade for 400 years.

The colorful wooden houses mainly accommodate restaurants, bars, cafes, and souvenir shops. Make sure to step into the narrow alleyways between the houses to discover small shops selling jewelry and local crafts.

Lunch is included

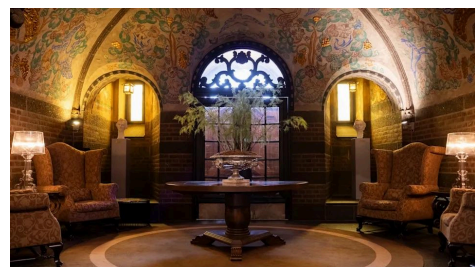
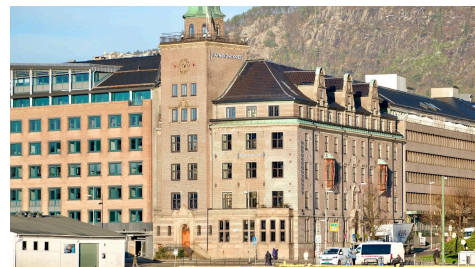
Your accommodation during your stay in Bergen is at the Hagenkontoret, located in easy walking distance of the historic wharf district, Bryggen, one of Europe's oldest port cities and a revered UNESCO World Heritage site.

The Hagenkontoret is a fashionable hotel housed in a Neoclassical 1920s stone building in the historic Bryggen area of Bergen.

- **Breakfast included**
- **Lunch included**
- **Independent dinner**
- **Overnight at the The Hagenkontoret**



Bergen, Norway



[Photos: Hagenkontoret Hotel
Bergen - Website](#)

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Today, you will begin your exploration of Bergen, one of Norway's most historic and picturesque coastal cities. Your morning starts with an informative walking tour led by a local guide, giving you an inside look at this vibrant Hanseatic port. After your tour, you will enjoy **lunch together** at a local restaurant.

As you stroll Bergen's charming streets, you will discover many of the city's highlights, including Torgallmenningen, Bergen's lively main square, and the [Bergen Cathedral](#), whose origins date back to the 12th century.

A visit to the famous [Fish Market](#) offers a window into Bergen's maritime heritage, where fresh seafood has been traded for centuries. The sights, sounds, and aromas of the market perfectly capture the city's deep connection to the sea.

The historic district of Bryggen awaits with its colorful wooden buildings, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that reflects Bergen's importance in the Hanseatic League. Walking through the narrow alleyways of Bryggen feels like stepping back in time to the 14th century. St. Mary's Church, the oldest building in Bergen, showcases exquisite Romanesque architecture and dates back to the 12th century.

This afternoon, you will have free time to enjoy Bergen at your own pace. Whether you choose to shop, wander through additional cultural sites, or make an independent visit to the beautiful Edvard Grieg home, the remainder of the day is entirely yours to explore as you wish.

- **Breakfast included**
- **Lunch included**
- **Independent dinner**



Bergen, Norway



[Photo: Bergen Cathedral](#)

[Website - Visit Bergen](#)



[Photo: Bergen Fish Market - Visit Bergen](#)

- **Overnight at the The Hagenekontoret**

Day 9: Saturday, June 6th, 2026

Bergen/Stockholm

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

After breakfast, transfer to Bergen Airport. Fly from Bergen to Stockholm. Upon arrival in Stockholm, enjoy a transfer to your hotel, the [Reisen](#).

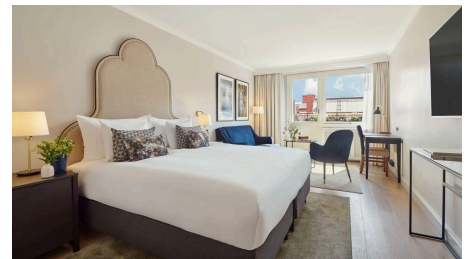
The Hotel Reisen is directly on Stockholm's scenic waterfront and uses the historic Old Town as its picturesque and telling backdrop. The building's foundation dates back to 1617 — a time when Gustavus Adolphus the Great was the King of Sweden and the world had just invented telescopes and steam turbines.

Welcome to Stockholm, the capital of Sweden and its largest city, and the largest of the five Scandinavian capitals.

That might be why it calls itself the capital of Scandinavia, though other countries might disagree. This beautiful and historic city is built on 14 islands, and you can see the city from the vantage point of the water. It's a city filled with museums, palaces, top-shelf restaurants and bars, a happening nightlife scene, and abundant music venues and shows. It prides itself as a place that welcomes all viewpoints and ideas, and everyone should feel welcome in Stockholm.

Dinner tonight is in a local restaurant.

- **Breakfast included**
- **Independent lunch**
- **Dinner included**
- **Overnight at the Reisen**



[Photos: Reisen Hotel - Website](#)



Stockholm, Sweden

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

After breakfast, you will begin touring Sweden's capital with sightseeing that includes a guided visit to Stockholm's iconic [City Hall](#), where the annual Nobel Prize award festivities take place.

Afterwards, you will stop by the [Vasa Museum](#) before a lunch stop in Gamla Stan (Old Town) with a skyline of 17th- and 18th-century buildings. Additionally, you will stroll along the elegant Strandvagen waterfront and the inner harbor and walk past the Royal Palace, the Cathedral and [Parliament](#).

Enjoy lunch together in a local restaurant.

Later that afternoon, you will experience a wonderful archipelago cruise that will guide you through scenic wonders of the 30,000 islands between Stockholm and the Baltic Sea. You will experience a combination of history, natural beauty, and culture.

- **Breakfast included**
- **Lunch included**
- **Independent dinner**
- **Overnight at the Reisen**



City Hall, Stockholm



Vasa Museum



[Photo: Archipelago Cruise Tour - Red Sightseeing](#)

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

After breakfast, you will continue your scenic journey south toward [Norrköping](#), where you will pause for an **included lunch**.

Following lunch, you will travel onward to the charming town of Gränna and the shores of [Lake Vättern](#), Sweden's second-largest lake, known for its striking scenery and traditional candy-making heritage.

You will then arrive in [Växjö](#), located in the heart of the Småland region, where you will check in to your hotel for the night, the [PM & Vänner](#).

This modern and stylish property features the award-winning PM & Vänner gourmet restaurant, as well as an outdoor rooftop pool, bar area, and sun terrace.

This evening, you will enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant.

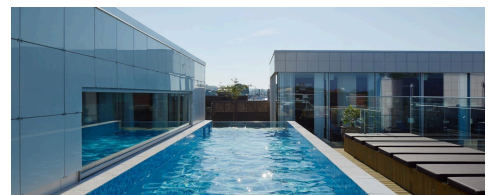
- **Breakfast included**
- **Lunch included**
- **Dinner included**
- **Overnight at the PM & Vänner**



Norrköping, Sweden



Lake Vättern, Sweden



[Photos: PM & Vänner - Website](#)

Day 12: Tuesday, June 9th, 2026

Vaxjo/Copenhagen

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

After breakfast, you will depart for Copenhagen, traveling first to Helsingborg for a guided visit to [Sofiero Slott](#), one of Sweden's most beautiful and historic castles.

"Once voted Europe's most beautiful park, Sofiero is perfect for picnics among thousands of blooming rhododendrons."
- [VisitSkane.com](#)

Following your visit, you will **enjoy lunch** at a local restaurant before continuing south to Malmö.

From here, you will cross the impressive [Öresund Bridge](#), the iconic link between Sweden and Denmark, before arriving in Copenhagen later this afternoon.

Upon arrival, you will have time for an introductory walking tour of the city, offering your first glimpse of Copenhagen's blend of modern design, historic charm, canals, and waterfront scenery.

Copenhagen is Denmark's capital and largest city, a modern metropolis that still reflects its origins as a 12th-century fishing village. Its long harbor faces the Öresund Strait, and the city's many canals highlight its deep maritime heritage. [Tivoli Gardens](#), founded in 1843 and the second-oldest amusement park in the world, remains one of its most beloved attractions.

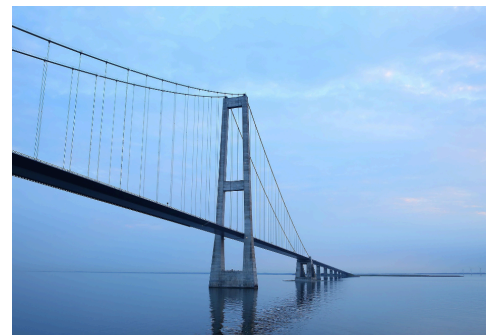
"Since opening in Tivoli Castle in 2021, Villa Vendetta, Tivoli Gardens' award-winning haunted house, has been thrilling guests with its eerie charm. Visitors brave a 150-meter journey through 12 fright-filled rooms,



Helsingborg, Sweden



Sofiero Slott Castle



Öresund Bridge

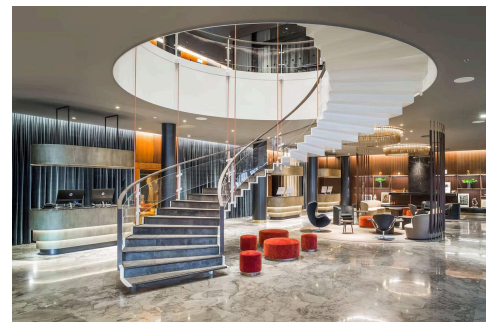
encountering chilling performers throughout the 800-square-meter darkened space. This immersive experience makes Villa Vendetta Denmark’s largest permanent haunted house.” - [Learn more](#)

You will then check into your hotel, the [Royal Hotel](#), an architectural icon built in 1960 that continues to define the city skyline. Its sleek interiors and central location place you within easy walking distance of Tivoli Gardens, Central Station, and many of Copenhagen’s vibrant cultural attractions.

- **Breakfast included**
- **Lunch included**
- **Independent Dinner**
- **Overnight at the Royal Hotel**



Tivoli Gardens



[Photo: Royal Hotel Copenhagen - Website](#)

Day 13: Wednesday, June 10th, 2026

Copenhagen

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet a local guide who will introduce you to several of Copenhagen’s most iconic sights, including the beloved [Little Mermaid statue](#), inspired by Hans Christian Andersen’s famous tale.

You will then continue to one of Denmark’s most treasured landmarks, the 17th-century Frederiksborg Palace. Often called the Versailles of Denmark and considered one of the finest examples of Dutch Renaissance architecture, the palace showcases 500 years of Danish history through its



elaborate interiors, grand halls, and extraordinary decorative art.

You will have time for an independent lunch.

Afterwards, you will embark on an exclusive VIP after-hours private tour of the Frederiksborg Palace. Just a short distance from Copenhagen lies the serene beauty of Frederiksborg Castle, the largest Renaissance castle in Scandinavia. Set across three small islands and encircled by a scenic lake, the castle is surrounded by stunning gardens, sprawling parkland, and beautifully maintained grounds that create an unforgettable setting.

This evening, you will gather with your WACC group for a special Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant, a memorable conclusion to your Scandinavian journey.

- **Breakfast included**
- **Independent lunch**
- **Dinner included**
- **Overnight at the Royal Hotel**



Day 14: Thursday, June 11th, 2026

Copenhagen/Charlotte

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

This morning after breakfast, you will depart for the airport to check in for your flight home to Charlotte.

Time-appropriate meals are served in-flight.

WELCOME HOME!

Optional 2-Day Extension to Helsinki, Finland

Day 14: Thursday, June 11th, 2026

Copenhagen/Helsinki

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Today, you will depart Copenhagen and fly to Helsinki, Finland's vibrant capital, where urban culture and pristine nature exist in perfect balance.

Whether you're here for world-class design and architecture, the sustainable culinary scene, or the restorative power of the sauna, Helsinki offers a uniquely Nordic balance of city energy and natural serenity. Take in the midnight sun by the sea, embrace the warmth of a lakeside sauna, or stroll through the Design District.

Upon arrival in Helsinki, you will transfer to your hotel, the historic Hotel Kämp. A distinguished Helsinki landmark since 1887, [Hotel Kämp](#) offers refined comfort and a peaceful sanctuary at the heart of the city.

~Time is reserved this afternoon for a possible WACC event.~

This evening, you will enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant in Helsinki.

- **Breakfast included**
- **Independent lunch**
- **Dinner included**
- **Overnight at the Hotel Kämp**



Helsinki, Finland



[Photos: Hotel Kämp - Website](#)

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

After breakfast, you will begin a guided city tour of Helsinki, starting with one of its most remarkable architectural treasures: the [Temppeliaukio Church](#), more commonly known as the Rock Church.

Carved directly into solid bedrock and illuminated by a dramatic copper dome, this extraordinary space is celebrated for both its innovative design and its exceptional acoustics.

Your tour continues with a visit to Helsinki's historic [Old Market Hall](#), a beloved gathering place for locals since 1889. As you stroll through its charming aisles, you will discover traditional Finnish delicacies, fresh produce, artisanal treats, and the lively rhythm of daily life along the harbor.

You will then stop at a local restaurant to **enjoy lunch together**, experiencing Helsinki's blend of Nordic flavors and fresh, seasonal ingredients.

~Time this afternoon is reserved for a possible WACC event.~

You will have the evening and dinner to yourself to continue exploring Helsinki.

- **Breakfast included**
- **Lunch included**
- **Independent dinner**
- **Overnight at the Hotel Kämp**



Temppeliaukio Church



Old Market Hall

After breakfast, you will transfer to Helsinki Airport for your return flight to the United States.

As you bid farewell to Scandinavia, with its fjords, palaces, coastal cities, and Nordic charm, you will carry home the memories, experiences, and friendships made along the way.

Farewell, Scandinavia and welcome home to the USA!

Time-appropriate meals are served in-flight.

WELCOME HOME!

LAND-ONLY PRICE PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY*

Single occupancy rate available for \$2,825.00

All accommodations are top-of-the-line hotels. All breakfasts, ten (10) lunches, and eight (8) dinners are included in the cost of the trip.

Min. 15 Travelers

\$11,504.00

Min. 20 Travelers

\$9,858.00

Min. 25 Travelers

\$9,375.00

AIR TRAVEL:

Please contact Knight Travel for air travel pricing at travel2knight@yahoo.com. There is a discounted group block available through Lufthansa for the flights (for the whole trip plus extension to Helsinki - May 29th - June 13th), which includes fare, fuel, and tax for \$1593.00 (separate price from the trip price). The group block requires a minimum of 10 people. If you are interested in the group block flights, Susannah needs to know by February 1st, 2026. Additionally, you still have the option to book your own flights and/or upgrade to business or first class. If you need help, please contact Susannah directly.

Additional air tickets are needed for Inter-Scandinavia:

- \$225 estimate per person for Bergen/Stockholm Main Tour
- \$235 estimate per person for Copenhagen/Helsinki pricing) Extension

HELSINKI, FINLAND EXTENSION - PRICE PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

Single occupancy rate available for an additional \$520.00

Min. 15 Travelers Min. 20 Travelers Min. 25 Travelers

\$1,879.00

\$1,624.00

\$1,451.00

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- **A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to secure your place on the trip. Since they are first-come, first-served, we will accept deposits until the trip is full. These deposits will only be refundable until December 30th, 2025.**
- **The final full payment is due by March 16th, 2026.**
- If you are traveling alone but would like a roommate, please let us know as soon as possible, and we will work on matching you with another traveler.
- Business or First Class air travel is available. If you are interested in an upgrade, please contact Susannah Knight (travel2knight@yahoo.com) as soon as possible.
- Please note that a 3.5% processing charge will be added to all payments via American Express, and a 3% processing charge will be added to all other credit card payments due to a travel agency requirement. **There is no additional charge if you pay by check.**
- Checks should be mailed to "World Affairs Council of Charlotte, 9201 University City Blvd, CHHS 227, Charlotte, NC 28223."