The Women's Travel Group Goes Viking August 14-24 Norway Sweden Denmark (Sweden August 24-26)

Price \$4999 Return travelers get a \$100 discount

SINGLE: additional \$1299 (very limited) Deposit: \$500 main tour \$200 Sweden.

This is a small group guarantee, escorted, inclusive except for some lunches. We visit breathtaking fjords, gorgeous countryside, cities and charming farms, fine hotels, ancient and modern sightseeing all hand picked for our group. We include one group transfer at 12:30PM inbound and one 8AM outbound.

Arrange your flights into Bergen and out of Copenhagen. For a good use of ff miles, fly to London, then take a second local flight via <a href="www.opodo.-co.uk">www.opodo.-co.uk</a> or <a href="www.expedia.co.uk">www.expedia.co.uk</a> or <a href="www.kayak.com">www.kayak.com</a>, entering 'multicity'.



# August 15: Arrive Bergen Norway [D]

Bergen, the second largest city in Norway, is between mountains and fjords. Founded in 1070 it is the capital of fjord country. Seafaring Bergen gave us two icons -- playwright Henrik Ibsen and composer Edvard Grieg. Late AM, drive to Troldhaugen, home of Grieg. This typical 19th c residence with a panoramic tower and veranda overlooks Nordas Lake. Visit the house where Greig spent his last years, museum, graveyard, and hut where he composed. Light lunch (on own) at Troldhaugen Café. Tour ends at our hotel. Remaining time at leisure to explore the old city. Welcome dinner at a local restaurant. **Hotel Scandic Oernen.** 

# August 16: Bergen [B/D]

Start with walking tour of Bergen. A UNESCO World Heritage city, ancient Bergen looms in Viking sagas. In 1360, the German Hanseatic League set up offices at Bryggen, dominating trade for 400 years. We join our guide for a walk along historic Bryggen wharf and visit the Hanseatic Museum, an old merchant house. Stroll through narrow alleys from lively Fish Market to Bergenhus Fortress, passing boutiques with crafts. End with a funicular to the top of Mt. Fløyen for magnificent views. Dinner at local restaurant is included. Overnight in Bergen.

### August 17: Bergen / Flam / Lofthus [B/D]

We venture into the heart of Fjord region with the most breathtaking scenery. A day begins with a drive to Voss and express train to Myrdal and famous Flam Railway for an thrilling ride descending 2,600 feet through tunnels, waterfalls and mountains to the village of Flam. Enjoy a leisurely cruise through majestic Sognefjord with the grandeur of cliffs that flank the fjord. Rejoin our coach in Gudvangen and drive via Stalheim Canyon to Lofthus, an enchanting village on shores of Hardangerfjord. Our landmark hotel faces the fjord. **Hotel Ullensvang**.

## August 18: Hardangerfjord [B/D]

Lofthus is on the shores of Hardangerfjord, in a region with stunning natural beauty and snow-capped mountains, pristine fjords and fertile land. Tour to a farm included today.

## August 19: Lofthus/ Oslo [B/D]

Journey though scenic countryside with a stop at mighty Voeringfoss Waterfall cascading 600ft. Arrive Oslo for guided tour of the old Viking capital. Visit Vigeland Sculpture Park with impressive sculptures, City Hall, waterfront, Holmenkollen Ski Jump. **Hotel Scandic St Olavs Plass**.

### August 20: Oslo [B/D]

Explore Oslo with the <u>Resistance Museum</u> in medieval Akershus Fortress. It documents Norway's occupation and resistance in WWII. On the peninsula Bygdoy, visit the <u>Viking Ship Museum</u> with ships and artifacts dating from 800AD. Marvel at <u>City Hall's</u> murals, where the Nobel Peace Prize is announced. Norway's leading artists, including Edvard Munch, contributed. The tour ends at the hotel.

### August 21: Oslo – Overnight Cruise [B/D]

Morning free to explore. Mid afternoon transfer to board the overnight ferry to Copenhagen. Dinner included onboard. DFDS Overnight Ferry-Outside Cabins.

### August 22: Copenhagen [B/L]

Arrive Copenhagen, Denmark's capital and cultural center. Leave the ship, then enjoye sight-seeing. Our tour features Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid, Christiansborg Palace, and Nyhavn, world famous recently restored district. Our hotel is centrally located near parks, cafes, restaurants, shops. Visit Tivoli Gardens, a famous pleasure garden. The park opened in 1843 and is second-oldest operating amusement park in the world. Enjoy group lunch in the park and free time to explore. Overnight in Copenhagen **Hotel Imperial** 

## August 23: Copenhagen [B/D]

This is a royals day trip to North Zealand. We explore <u>Frederiksborg Castle</u>, walk through rooms like: Coronation Chapel. Stroll through French Baroque gardens with a guide. We visit Helsinger Castle (Hamlet), a UNESCO Heritage Site. Tonight enjoy a food tour in Copenhagen.

#### August 24: Copenhagen – USA [B]

In the morning transfer to the airport for flights home or continue to Stockholm

**Included:** Airport transfers one group each way All sightseeing and entrance fees as noted Private bus with English speaking tour manager & local guides. Porterage at hotels 1 bag each. Meals as noted. **Not included:** All airfares In some cities there is a local bed tax to be paid at each hotel. Items of a personal nature Any item not mentioned. Tips to guides and escort.

#### Stockholm Post tour Aug 24-26

We are offering a Stockholm add on. It will include fast train to Stockholm from Copenhagen, 2 nights hotel with breakfast, porterage of 1 bag per person at hotels. And we will add a walking tour.

**Price:** \$535 with 5 going. \$170 additional for single occupancy. Hotel is Nordic C Hotel. To book, fill out the Booking Form completely, and sign it. You may scan it and email to us, or book on the phone as long as we receive the form within 7 days We will debit your credit card upon receipt and send you a confirmation.