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

Price \$4999 Return travelers & bookings by 2/1/2019 \$100 discount

SINGLE: additional \$1299 (very limited) Deposit: \$500 main tour \$200 Sweden. This trip was very popular in 2018!

This is a small group guarantee, fully escorted, with many meals. We visit breathtaking fjords, spunky cities and charming farms, fine hotels, ancient and modern sightseeing all hand picked for us. We include one group transfer at 12:30PM inbound/ one 8AM outbound. Arrange flights into Bergen and out of Copenhagen. For a good use of ff miles, fly to London, then take a local flight via www.opodo.co.uk or www.expedia.co.uk or <a href="www.exped



August 15: Arrive Bergen Norway [D]

Bergen is between mountains and fjords. Founded in 1070 it is the capital of fjord country. Seafaring Bergen gave us playwright Henrik Ibsen and composer Edvard Grieg. After check in at the hotel the day is at leisure to explore the old city. Enjoy welcome dinner at a local restaurant (walking transfer to restaurant/back to hotel.) Overnight in Bergen Hotel Scandic Oernen

August 16: Bergen [B/D]

Start the day with a walking tour of Bergen. A UNESCO World Heritage city, which looms large in Viking sagas. Until the 14th century, it was the seat of medieval Norway. In 1360, the German Hanseatic League set up one of import and export offices, dominating trade for 400 years. History comes alive as we join our English-speaking guide for a walk along the historic Bryggen wharf and visit the Hanseatic Museum, an old merchant house (possible renovation closing). Stroll through narrow alleyways and overhanging galleries of a bygone era, from the lively Fish Market to the Bergenhus Fortress, with cafés and boutiques selling unique crafts. Enjoy a funicular trip to the top of Mt. Fløyen for a magnificent view of Bergen and its surroundings.

Late morning, drive to Troldhaugen, home of Edvard Grieg. This typical 19th century residence overlooks Nordas Lake. Visit the house where Greig spent his last 22 years, the museum, the graveyard, and the hut where he composed music. After time for a light lunch (on own) at the Café, enjoy a concert of Grieg's music in a special concert hall (public concert at 1:00pm). Tour ends at the hotel and the remaining of the day is at leisure to explore the old city. Dinner at local restaurant is included. (a walking transfer to restaurant and back to hotel) Overnight in Bergen

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

We venture into Fjords- the most breathtaking scenery. We begin with a drive to Voss and express train to Myrdal and famous Flam Railway for an thrilling ride descending 2,600 feet through waterfalls and mountains to the village of Flam. Enjoy a cruise through majestic Sognefjord with the grandeur of cliffs that flank the fjord. Rejoin our coach in Gudvangen, drive via Stalheim Canyon to Lofthus, on shores of Hardangerfjord. Our landmark 19th c hotel faces the fjord. Hotel Ullensvang. You have never had buffet dinners like the ones here: endless shellfish, fish, hot and cold dishes, desserts to tantalize you.

August 18: Hardangerfjord [B/D]

Lofthus is on the shores of Hardangerfjord, has stunning natural beauty, mountains, pristine fjords and fertile land. Tour to a farm today- you will be fascinated by the woman farmer who addresses us. Explore this 19c jewel of a hotel with its pool, spa and lovely outside spaces. Hotel Ullensvang

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. **Radisson Blue Scandinavia**

August 20: Oslo [B]

Explore Oslo with the <u>Resistance Museum</u> in medieval Akershus Fortress. It documents Norway's occupation 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. There are many casual restaurants nearby. **Radisson Blue Scandinavia**

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

Morning free to-and Oslo is easy for a wander. 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 enjoy sightseeing. Our tour features Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid, Christiansborg Palace, and Nyhavn, world famous restored district. Our hotel is centrally located near parks, cafes, restaurants, shops. Visit Tivoli Gardens, a famous pleasure garden, opened in 1843 and second-oldest operating amusement park in the world. Enjoy group lunch in the park and free time. Overnight in Copenhagen **Vesterbro Hotel**

August 23: Copenhagen [B/D]

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

August 24: Copenhagen – USA [B]

In the morning transfer to the airport at 8AM 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:** Airfare, 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

Include fast train to Stockholm,guide and transfer to the hotel, 2 nights hotel with breakfast, porterage of 1 bag per person at hotels and a half day tour. Our tour will include: Town Hall where the Nobel Prize banquets are held, Gamla Stan, the fascinating medieval old town where are the Royal Palace, Parliament and Riddarholm Church. Visit to Vasa museum is included. The tour concludes at our upscale hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore on your own. The group last year loved Stockholm.

Price: \$850 5 going. \$175 additional for single occupancy. Hotel is Scandic Park. To book, fill out and sign the Booking Form. You may scan it and email to us, or book on the phone as long as we receive the form within 7 days.