

Scandinavia Orchestra tour

50 – 150 persons

June 2014

12 day/10 night tour

Day 1 Flight to Copenhagen

Flight from the North America to Copenhagen, Denmark.

Day 2 Copenhagen (D)

Velkommen i København ! / Welcome to Copenhagen. Upon arrival in Copenhagen, After you picked-up your luggage you will meet your tour manager in the arrivals hall.

Board your private coach and drive to the centre of Copenhagen, Scandinavia's largest and most cosmopolitan capital city.

Enjoy a **Guided Tour of Copenhagen**. You will see the main sights such as the Town Hall, Amalienborg Palace, Christianborg Palace, the Marble Church, the Opera House and of course the famous Little Mermaid.

After the tour you will check-in at your hotel.

Welcome dinner and overnight in Copenhagen.

Day 3 Copenhagen & Roskilde (B,D) – Performance #1

After breakfast transfer (1 hour drive) with your private coach to Roskilde for a **visit of the Viking Ship Museum**. The Viking Ship Museum in Roskilde offers the opportunity to experience the Viking Age 5 original 11th-century Viking ships, excavated from Roskilde Fjord in 1962, are on display .

In the afternoon **Visit Tivoli Gardens**, the 19th century amusement park that inspired Walt Disney to create his own park.

1st possible performance: Tivoli Gardens, Bakken Amusement Park, Queens Hall of the Royal Library (supplement), Concert Hall of the Royal Danish Academy of Music (supplement)

Dinner and overnight in Copenhagen.

Day 4 North Sealand & Castle (B,D)

After breakfast your private coach you will drive north of Copenhagen to experience the beautiful Danish countryside of North Sealand.

Guided visit of Kronborg Castle. Kronborg Castle in Elsinore, at the Sound Øresund, is one of northern Europe's most important Renaissance castles. Known all over the world from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, it is also the most famous castle in Denmark

Return to Copenhagen and enjoy some free time for sightseeing on your own.

Dinner and overnight in Copenhagen.

Day 5 Cruise to Oslo (B,D)

Enjoy some free time in Copenhagen. Maybe stroll along the beautiful shops and workplaces where famous Danish design is offered? Your tourmanager will assist you.

Afternoon transfer to the harbour of Copenhagen to board the DFDS Seaways overnight ferry to Oslo, the Norwegian capital (duration 16 ½ hour).

Departure 4.45 PM (subject to change).

Dinner on board and accommodation in 4-berth cabins.

Day 6 Oslo (B,D)

During your large Scandinavian breakfast buffet you will see the natural scenery of this part of Scandinavia. Disembark in the morning in Oslo. **Guided City Tour of Oslo.** Oslo, situated at the end of a 70-mile long fjord, is Norway's capital and its largest city, rich in culture and folklore with a fascinating Viking history. During your tour you will see the City Hall, National Theater, Parliament, Royal Palace and the Cathedral of Oslo. Your tour will end with a **Visit of Gustav Vigeland Park.** The park covers 80 acres (320,000 m²) and features 212 bronze and granite sculptures created by

After the tour check-in at your hotel.

Dinner and overnight in Oslo.

Day 7 Oslo (B,D) – Performance #2

After breakfast you will take the **city ferry to Bygdøy peninsula**, the museum island. **Visit the the Norwegian Folk Museum.** This open-air museum is a showcase of Norway's culture and history. Reproductions of traditional houses are dotted around the museum area with hosts dressed in folk costumes. The largest

attraction is the authentic Gol Stave Church from 1200 AD.

In the afternoon you will have time at leisure to visit one of the other museums like the maritime museum, viking museum, kon-tiki or the fram museum about the expedition of Amundsen who was the first to reach the South Pole.

2nd possible performance: The Norwegian Folk Museum, Akerhus Castle or the concert hall of the University of Oslo (supplement)

Dinner and overnight in Oslo.

Day 8 Oslo (B,D)

After breakfast **visit the National Gallery of Oslo**, Norway's largest public art collection showcasing a wide range of Norwegian and foreign artwork including paintings by El Greco and Amedeo Modigliani. Highlight is the *Scream* of Edvard Munch.

Afternoon at leisure.

Dinner and overnight in Oslo

Day 9 Oslo – Stockholm (B,D)

After an early breakfast you will board your private coach for a long but scenic coast to coast drive along the Great Lakes of Sweden to Stockholm, the Swedish capital.

In the late afternoon you will arrive in Stockholm, **the Royal Capital of Sweden.** **Discover a city like no other - a city built on 14 islands, where you are never far from the water. Well-preserved medieval buildings stand alongside modern architecture.** **And just outside the city, the archipelago of 24 000 islands is waiting to be explored.** Dinner and overnight in at your hotel in Stockholm.

Oslo to Stockholm: 335 miles - 9 hours drive including stops

Day 10 Stockholm (B,D) – performance #3

After breakfast a guided City Tour of Stockholm is scheduled. Go back 750 years in time and feel the medieval atmosphere of the Old Town "Gamla Stan". See the 17th century merchant houses, the winding medieval streets, the Kungliga Slottet (the 18th century Royal Palace of the Swedish Royal Family), Riddarhuset - The House of Nobility, the Storkyrkan (Stockholm Cathedral) dating back from the 13th century and more.

Afternoon at leisure to explore the old town on your own.

3rd possible performance: Kungsholmen Gymnasium, Konserthuset concert hall (supplement) or main hall of The Royal College of Music in Stockholm (supplement)

Dinner and overnight in Stockholm.

Day 11 Stockholm (B,D)

After breakfast you will be transferred to harbour where you will start your Guided Archipelago Tour. During this excursion you will discover the beautiful nature around Stockholm made by countless islands and traditional houses.

After you return from the boat tripe you will have the afternoon at leisure.

Dinner and overnight in Stockholm.

21st of June – Midsummer celebration

If the group has the possibility they should plan to be in Stockholm on the 21st of June in 2014 to take part of Sweden's traditional midsummer celebration, a true cultural highlight. In that case the itinerary would be as follows:

After breakfast you will be transferred to the harbour where you will board your boat who will take you on a one hour trip through the northern part of Stockholms Archipelago to Vaxholm. Vaxholm is just like Venice. The town and municipality of Vaxholm cover 112 square kilometres of land and water, spreading across 64 islands. Take part in a traditional Midsummer Celebration: dancing and singing around the maypole. The traditional way to welcome the Swedish summer with its long days and short nights.

During this social gatherings you will be able to give Midsummer outdoor concert.

In the evening you will enjoy a typical summer dinner. A typical Midsummer menu features different kinds of pickled herring, boiled new potatoes with fresh dill and of course the famous Swedish meat balls. In addition, crisp bread – the King of Breads (and very healthy) with Vasterbotten cheese. And for dessert a Strawberry cake – it can't be more Swedish than that! Return by boat to Stockholm for your dinner and overnight.

Day 12 Flight Home

Transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

Note: unexpected circumstances may cause changes to the events outlined in the itinerary.