

# ICA Summer 2018 Tour: Russia & Scandinavia + Optional Iceland

Departure SFO: Thursday, July 19, 2018—Return SFO: Sunday, August 5, 2018

INCLUDING

Moscow | St. Petersburg | Helsinki | Stockholm | Oslo | Bergen | Copenhagen



## DAY 1 | DEPART FOR EUROPE

Jet off to the trip of a lifetime waiting you in Europe!

## DAY 2 | MOSCOW, RUSSIA

Arrive, transfer, and check-in to hotel. Relax until it's time for dinner with the group. [D]

## DAY 3 | MOSCOW

After a continental breakfast, we first take you to visit the Kremlin, in the very heart of Russia. Later, on a city tour of Moscow, we visit the world famous Red Square. Next, see Leo Tolstoy Street, Triumphal Arch, White House, Arbat Square, Boulevard Ring, Tverskaya Street and Manezh Square. Lenin Tomb, Place of Skulls. Later, visit the Metro stations of Moscow often called 'the people's palaces'. As a grand finale of your Moscow experience, enjoy a performance at the famous Russian Circus. [B,L,D]

## DAY 4 | MOSCOW / ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

After a continental breakfast, we check out and proceed to the train station for our High Speed train to St. Petersburg. On arrival proceed to a restaurant for lunch. Later, we take you on a guided city tour of St. Petersburg. Visit The Peter and Paul Fortress - the original citadel of St. Petersburg, Russia. Also cover Church of Savior Later, we proceed to the hotel for your check-in. This evening take a cruise on Neva River. [B,L,D]

## DAY 5 | ST. PETERSBURG

After a continental breakfast, we proceed to Catherine Palace. Next, we proceed to visit the Hermitage Museum. After Lunch we visit Peterhof Palace, Tonight, we discover traditional Russian dance and music during an elegant reception at the Russian Folklore show. [B,L,D]

## DAY 6 | NOVOGORD DAY TRIP

Today we take a day trip Learn how the city is one of Russia's most important historically, and the cradle of Russia's Orthodox religion. Straddling the River Volkhov, it once stood on a trade route between Asia and Northern Europe, and became Russia's first capital in the 9th century. After about 2.5 hours, arrive and

admire the churches and medieval monuments as your guide sheds light on their history. Visit other highlights and then return to St. Petersburg for dinner. [B,L,D]

## DAY 7 | ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA / HELSINKI, FINLAND

After a continental breakfast, we check out and drive to Helsinki. On arrival, we check into the hotel. [B,D]

## DAY 8 | HELSINKI, FINLAND / STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN |

After a buffet breakfast, we check out of the hotel and proceed on a guided city tour of Helsinki. See the important and interesting parts of Helsinki - Presidential Palace, Lutheran Church, Senate Square, Opera House and Sibelius Park. Later, we visit to Helsinki Cathedral & Uspenski cathedral. Later, we board the overnight ferry (sea view cabin) to Stockholm. [B,L,D]

## DAY 9 | STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

After a buffet breakfast, we disembark our ferry and proceed on a guided city tour of Stockholm. See the City Hall, Opera House and Alfred Nobel's House. Next, we proceed to visit **Ericson Globe** & the famous Vasa Museum Later, we visit Royal Palace home of the Swedish royal family. [B,L,D]

## DAY 10 | STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

After a buffet breakfast, we proceed to Skansen Open Air Museum. Later, visit the Stockholm City Hall. The Stockholm City Hall is the venue of the Nobel Prize banquet held on 10 December each year. [B,L,D]

## DAY 11 | STOCKHOLM/ BERGEN, NORWAY

After a buffet breakfast, we check-out of the hotel and drive to the airport for your flight to Bergen, (flight included in land cost). On arrival, we begin our guided panoramic city tour of Bergen, including a visit to the popular Flower Market, the famous Bryggen Harbour with its gabled houses, and the old Hanseatic Quarter. Later, we proceed to The Fløibanen Funicular in Bergen. [B, local lunch, D]

## DAY 12 | BERGEN / BALESTRAND

After breakfast at the hotel, take the train from Voss to Myrdal and then a train from Myrdal to Flam. Take a mini-cruise from Flam to Gudvangen. Cross on a ferry from Fodnes to Mannheller.

Welcome to Balestrand, an idyllic village on the main Sognefjord with its narrow fjord branches and scenic and lush mountain landscape. [B,L,D]

## DAY 13 | BALESTRAND/OSLO

After a buffet breakfast, we check-out of the hotel and drive to Oslo from Skjolden with panoramic stops at various places. Lunch is on the way. [B,L,D]

## DAY 14 | OSLO, NORWAY

After a buffet breakfast, we proceed on a guided city tour of Oslo. Later, we visit the Viking Ship Museum. [B,L,D]

## DAY 15 | OSLO, NORWAY / COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

After a buffet breakfast, we check-out of the hotel and drive to Copenhagen. En-route we bypass the cities of Gothenburg and Malmo in Sweden. On reaching Sweden's third largest city Malmo, we proceed on an orientation tour of Malmo city. Later we drive on the Öresund bridge. On arrival in Copenhagen, we check into the hotel. [B,L,D]

## DAY 16 | COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

After a buffet breakfast, we proceed for a guided city tour of Copenhagen. Also see the 'Little Mermaid' the national symbol of Denmark. Next, experience the authentic Carlsberg brewery - and learn the fascinating history of Carlsberg and its world famous beer. Later, we proceed to visit Tivoli Garden, the famous amusement park and pleasure garden. [B,L,D]

## DAY 17 | COPENHAGEN, DENMARK / DEPART

Transfer to the airport

## LAND PACKAGE COST:

Before 2/28/18: \$3,995\* pp  
After 2/28/18: \$4,175\* pp  
\*CPH > BGO flight included; 20kg check-in + 7kg carry on

## INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE:

SFO > DMV x CPH > SFO = XXXXX\*  
\*subject to change and availability

## HOTELS (OR SIMILAR):

Moscow: Holiday Inn Lesnya (St.  
Petersburg: Radisson Royal  
Helsinki: Holiday Inn Helsinki Expo  
Overnight Ferry: Viking Line / Silja Line  
Stockholm: Hotel Scandic  
Bergen: Hotel Clarion Admiral  
Balestrand: Hotel Skjolden  
Oslo: Hotel Quality Expo  
Copenhagen: Hotel Bella Sky  
Reykjavik (Optional): CenterHotel Midgardur

## MEALS + WATER (1 PER DAY)

Daily breakfast in your hotel; Western/local/vegetarian lunches as indicated; Indian/local/vegetarian dinners as indicated; 1 (one) 500ml bottle of water per person per day

## TRANSFERS + SIGHTSEEING:

All transfers, and extensive sightseeing with entrance fees (as specified in itinerary) by an air-conditioned coach, mini-coach, or van. Hotel and train station portage included.

## NOT INCLUDED:

International airfare, visa fees, gratuities (suggested: \$5 per person per day), excess baggage fees, personal expenses of any kind, travel insurance, anything not mentioned

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## OPTIONAL ICELAND:

\$992 pp | CPH > REK Airfare = \$135\*\*