



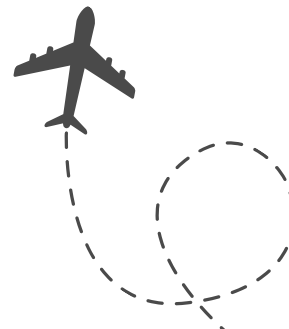
Old Town, Bergen, Norway



# Pilgrimage to Denmark & Norway



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## Your Pilgrimage Includes:

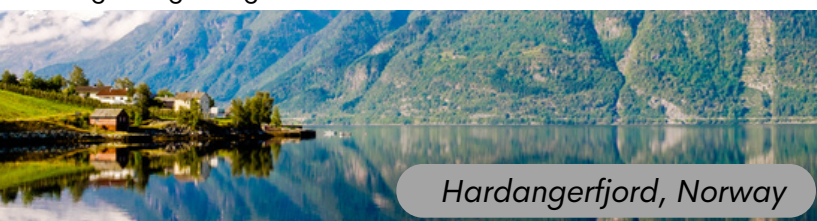
- Round-trip Airfare
- Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- 8 Nights Accommodation at Centrally Located Hotels and Ferry as follows: (or similar)
  - 2 nights: Sep 13 – 15: Hotel Imperial Copenhagen, Denmark
  - 1 night: Sep 15 – 16: Scandic Jacob Gade, Vejle, Denmark
  - 1 night: Sep 16 – 17: Fjord Line, outside cabins on overnight ferry
  - 1 night: Sep 17 – 18 : Scandic Bergen, Bergen, Norway
  - 1 night: Sep 18 – 19: Voeringfoss Hotel, Eidfjord, Norway
  - 2 nights: Sep 19 – 21: Radisson Blu Plaza, Oslo, Norway
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Wine and Mineral Water with Dinners
- Transfers as per Itinerary
- Transportation by Air-Conditioned Motor Coach
- Whisper Headsets Where Needed
- Assistance of a Professional Local Catholic Guide
- Sightseeing and Admissions Fees as per Itinerary
- Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities
- Luggage Handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight Bag & Digital Confirmation of All Travel Documents

## September 12 – 21, 2024

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Viking Ship, Museum of Roskilde, Denmark

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# Sample Daily Itinerary

## **Day 1, Thu, Sep 12: Depart for Denmark**

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight(s). Your meals will be served on board.

## **Day 2, Fri, Sep 13: Arrival in Copenhagen**

Upon landing into Copenhagen airport, make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the arrival's hall, where you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Transfer to your hotel. Dinner at the hotel followed by a visit to the glittering lights and enchanting atmosphere of the world-famous Tivoli Gardens. Overnight at your hotel in Copenhagen.

## **Day 3, Sat, Sep 14: Copenhagen -Kronborg -Copenhagen**

After breakfast we will enjoy a guided tour of Copenhagen; Meet Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid gazing wistfully across the harbor, followed by a visit inside the Christiansborg Palace, seat of the Danish Government, to marvel at the opulent interior. Celebrate Mass at Saint Ansgar's Cathedral. Saint Ansgar is known for his missionary activities in Scandinavia, bringing the message of Christ to the people of these lands. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Copenhagen.

## **Day 4, Sun, Sep 15: Copenhagen - Roskilde - Odense - Vejle**

This morning following breakfast we travel to Roskilde, where we will visit the Cathedral, the earliest major ecclesiastical building in brick in north Europe and an outstanding example of a Cathedral complex. It is especially noteworthy for successive architectural styles used in the ancillary chapels and porches added over many centuries, during which it has served as the mausoleum of the Danish royal family. While in Roskilde we also visit the fascinating Viking Ship Museum and enjoy a cruise on Roskilde Fjord including tea/coffee, Danish pastries and cheese. Light lunch at leisure in Roskilde before continuing our journey to Odense. While in Odense we visit the Hans Christian Andersen Childhood Home, followed by a visit to Funen Village, an open-air museum where you can experience a village as it was at the time of Hans Christian Andersen. With living history, activities and theatre performances you can enjoy the atmosphere of an afternoon in the country in 18th century Denmark. Continue across the island of Funen to Jutland, the main peninsula of Denmark. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in the region of Vejle.

## **Day 5, Mon, Sep 16: Vejle - Fyrkat Viking Centre - Børglum Abbey - Hirtshals**

After breakfast we head into the heart of Jutland to visit the Fyrkat Viking Centre, with the historic Fyrkat ring fort and Viking Farmstead, which provides a variety of activities, such as Viking clothing, wool work, bread making, forging and archery. The ring fort was erected in 980 during the reign of Harold Bluetooth, a Danish Viking King. Fyrkat consisted of 16 bow-sided long houses, today indicated by slabs of white stone. One house has been reconstructed outside the fort, built out of oak. After free time for lunch we will continue our journey to northern Jutland to visit Børglum Abbey, first established on the site of a Viking palace in around 1060 as an episcopal residence. In the 12th century, at the request of Archbishop Eskil, the Premonstratensian Order settled here and became the headquarters for its monasteries in Denmark, Norway and Sweden. We arrive this evening at the port of Hirtshals for our overnight ferry crossing to Bergen, in Norway, arriving the following day. Dinner and overnight cabin accommodation on board the ferry.

## **Day 6, Tue, Sep 17: Bergen**

After disembarking of the ferry, we meet our friendly Norwegian guide and enjoy lunch at leisure in a local restaurant before starting our guided tour of Bergen. We will explore Bryggen, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an important part of the city, where strolling through its narrow alleyways and overhanging galleries will be like stepping back in time to a bygone era. The tour includes a ride on the Fløibanen funicular for wonderful panoramic views. This evening we celebrate Mass at the Church of Saint Paulin Bergen. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Bergen.

## **Day 7, Wed, Sep 18: Bergen - Fantoft Stave Church - Hardangerfjord - Eidfjord**

After breakfast we will enjoy scenic journeys through the fjordlands of Norway and, while on our way to Hardangerfjord, we make a stop at Fantoft Stave Church. This reconstructed stave church, originally built in Fortun in Sogn around the year 1150, was threatened by demolition, until it was bought by Consul Fredrik Georg Gade, who had it moved piece by piece to Fantoft in 1883. Outside the church stands a stone cross from Tjora in Sola. We continue to the shore of Hardangerfjord where you will have free time for lunch while admiring the beauty of the scenery, with steep mountain slopes plunging down to the clear water, shimmering with reflections of little houses, forests and fruit orchards. After lunch, we drive along the winding shoreline road until we reach Eidfjord then continue to Måbødalen for a wonderful view of Norway's most famous waterfall, Vøringsfossen, with a vertical drop of 145 meters and a total fall of 182 meters. We return to Eidfjord for a visit of the Hardangervidda Nature Centre, where you'll see an exciting panoramic film by Ivo Caprino and learn more about Norwegian fjords, mountains and waterfalls. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

## **Day 8, Thu, Sep 19: Eidfjord - Heddal Stave Church - Oslo**

After breakfast, our journey east towards Oslo takes us through scenic landscapes of Hardangervidda National Park, which also spans Hardanger mountain plateau. Continue south to visit the Heddal Stave Church. This triple nave stave church is Norway's largest and was constructed at the beginning of the 13th century. After the reformation the church was in very poor condition and a restoration took place during 1849-1851. However, because the restorers lacked the knowledge and skills, there was another restoration in the 1950s, which revealed the interior has markings from the period after the Lutheran Reformation in 1536-1537. Following lunch, we enjoy a leisurely drive through the countryside, passing by the northern shore of Inner Oslo fjord until we reach Oslo, the capital city of Norway. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Oslo.

## **Day 9, Fri, Sep 20: Oslo**

This morning following breakfast, we will be shown the spires of Oslo and tell the story of Blanche of Namur, who arrived there in 1374 to become the consort monarch of King Magnus VII of Norway. You will hear about Saint Bridget of Sweden, who served as Mistress of the Robes to Queen Blanche before leaving for Rome in 1349. The royal couple made large donations to Saint Bridget's planned Vadstena Abbey. Visit Frogner Park, the world's largest sculpture park for a single artist, housing controversial works by Gustav Vigeland, featuring more than 200 sculptures in bronze, granite and wrought iron. After lunch, a guided tour of Akershus Fortress, founded in 1299 during the reign of King Håkon V. The medieval castle had a strategic location at the end of the headland and withstood a number of sieges throughout the ages. King Christian IV (1588-1648) had the castle modernized and converted into a Renaissance royal residence that you see today. Evening Mass at Saint Olav's Cathedral in Oslo. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Oslo.

## **Day 10, Sat, Sep 21: Oslo - Return Home**

After breakfast we check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for our flight back home, saying farewell to our Viking friends.

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