

SCANDINAVIA *Splendor*



This is your special invitation to join us next June for *Scandinavia Splendor* as we explore Denmark, Sweden, and Norway along with their beautiful gardens, grand castles, and breathtaking scenery. Known for Ikea, fjords, the aurora borealis, and tall blondes, Scandinavia also has remarkable gardens that belong to castles, palaces, and universities. And the scenery is extraordinary. In fact, we spend one entire day traveling across Norway on trains, boats, and coaches in an adventure called, **Norway in a Nutshell.**

DATES: June 18 - July 2, 2024

COST: \$7460.00 per person

(Double occupancy, including airfare from Dulles to Scandinavia and return)

Deadline to Register: March 5, 2024

Come along with us for this spectacular gardens and castles adventure!



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

In Denmark:

Copenhagen • Egeskov Castle and Gardens • Fredensborg Palace Garden
Frederiksborg Castle • Copenhagen Botanical Garden

In Sweden:

Stockholm • Private Gardens • Sofiero Castle Gardens • The English Garden
Kalmar Castle • Brändaholm Allotments • Stockholm Harbor Dinner Cruise
Vasa Museum • Drottningholm Castle and Gardens

In Norway:

Oslo • Viking Ship Museum • 'Norway in a Nutshell' train-boat fjord tour • Bergen

TOUR AT A GLANCE

Our adventure begins in Copenhagen, Denmark. We then cross the Øresund Strait into Sweden, eventually making our way up the east coast of Sweden to Stockholm. From there we fly to Oslo to board a coach-train-boat tour called, "Norway in a Nutshell." That tour takes us to Bergen on the west coast, before flying home to Washington.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Flight from Washington to Copenhagen and return from Bergen, Norway
- All entrance fees to places on the itinerary
- All breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners
- Professional local experts and guides
- Transportation in deluxe air-conditioned coaches
- Perfectly located first-class 4-star hotels

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to and from your local airport to Washington, DC
- Trip Insurance
- Tips to drivers, tour guides, and hotel staff
- Additional meals not in the itinerary, and any other items not listed in the itinerary



The Historic Nyhavn Harbor

ITINERARY

This itinerary is subject to change.

Included meals: (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (T) Tea (D) Dinner

Day One – Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Our journey begins with an afternoon flight out of Washington Dulles Airport to Copenhagen, Denmark.

Day Two – Wednesday, June 19

Welcome to wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen, the premier capital of northern Europe and Scandinavia's most fantastic city. Once we clear passport



The King's Garden, Copenhagen

control and customs, we stop for coffee and a Danish before strolling through Haveselskabets Have, the Garden Association's Garden. Then we're off to downtown Copenhagen for a Canal Cruise and lunch. After checking into our hotel, we go on a walking tour of two urban gardens not far from our hotel: The King's Garden and the Botanical Garden. We also stop briefly at Tage Andersen Florist, close to our hotel. Our hotel is a

repurposed historic spice warehouse, overlooking the old ships of the Nyhavn harbor district. The

interior of the hotel still has exposed wooden beams with thick plaster walls adorned with paintings by prominent Danish artists. We finish the day with a get-acquainted dinner. We stay in Copenhagen for three nights. Lodging: Copenhagen (B)(L)(D)



Copenhagen Botanical Garden



Tage Andersen's Flower Shop and Museum



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Day Three – Thursday, June 20

It's a royal day today as we make our way to North Zealand, an area sometimes described as the Danish Riviera because of its lakes, forests, and beaches. Just to the north of Copenhagen, Zealand also has three royal castles: Fredensborg, followed by Frederiksborg, and finally, Kronborg. Kronborg Castle is well known as the Castle of Elsinore in Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Lodging: Copenhagen (B)



Frederiksborg Castle Gardens

Day Four – Friday, June 21

The country of Denmark is made up of over 1,000 islands, and today we travel westward to the third largest island, Funen. Here we find two excellent gardens: Langeskov Planteskole, an outstanding garden center (where we also have lunch), and then in the afternoon, we see the great gardens of Egeskov Castle with its best-preserved moat in all of Europe. Lodging: Copenhagen (B)(L)



Egeskov Castle Gardens

Day Five – Saturday, June 22

Today we have the day free in Copenhagen to explore this beautiful city on our own. It's a good day to visit the Design Museum of Copenhagen or Tivoli Gardens amusement park. In late afternoon, we depart Copenhagen and cross over the Øresund Bridge into Sweden. Lodging: Malmö (B)

Day Six – Sunday, June 23

Leaving Malmö, we drive north to Hjarnarp, where we visit the private garden of Ulf and Lisbeth Jönsson. This hilltop garden displays many wild species with garden sculptures. Afterward we travel to Sofiero Castle in Helsingborg. Sofiero is a garden established by King Gustav VI Adolf at the beginning of the 20th century. It was the summer home for Swedish royalty, featuring thousands of rhododendrons, floral beds, borders and kitchen gardens. In 2010, Sofiero was voted "Europe's Most Beautiful Park." Lodging: Malmö (B)(L)



Sofiero Castle Gardens



The tiny houses and gardens in Brändaholm

Day Seven – Monday, June 24

Today we travel up the southeast coast of Sweden, stopping along the way at three unique gardens. First is Åberg's Garden Cafe for tea and a visit to its garden center. Next, we stop for lunch at a garden called the English Garden. And our last stop is a collection of cottage gardens called Brändaholm. Lodging: Kalmar (B)(T)(L)(D)



Drottningholm Palace and Garden

Day Eight – Tuesday, June 25

We explore what may be Sweden's most striking historically significant building: the bay-and-moat-ringed Kalmar Castle. As we tour the castle's interior and beautiful grounds, we learn about Sweden's 16th-century struggle for independence from the Danes. Our final destination of the day is the city of Stockholm. Lodging: Stockholm (B)(L)

Day Nine – Wednesday, June 26

This morning we tour Drottningholm Palace and Garden, a UNESCO's World Heritage site. This copy of Versailles is one of the best examples of baroque gardens and architecture outside of France. Afterward, we are off for a guided tour of the Vasa Museum, which displays the Vasa, the only intact 17th-century ship that has ever been salvaged. She sank on her maiden voyage in



Vasa Museum



Allotment Garden in the Tanto Allotment

1628. Our coach takes us to the harbor for an exciting and delicious Archipelago Dinner Cruise. Lodging: Stockholm (B)(D)

Day Ten – Thursday, June 27

Allotment gardens are found throughout Europe as a result of food shortages following World War II. These are small plots of land leased to individuals and families where they can cultivate gardens and even build garden cottages and other structures. Tanto Gardens is a large allotment garden and is our first visit

of the day. Here we see how Swedes enjoy the fruits of their gardens. After our visit to Tanto, we visit Rosendals Trädgård. You have the remainder of the afternoon free. Lodging: Stockholm (B)

Day Eleven – Friday June 28

This morning we take a short flight from Stockholm to Oslo, arriving in time for an afternoon walking tour of Oslo's historic city center, followed by free time. Our hotel is located close to the Central Train Station and the Oslo Opera House. Lodging: Oslo (B)



Day Twelve – Saturday, June 29

Our day in Oslo begins with a visit to the Viking Ship Museum to see the world's best-preserved Viking ships along with other finds from Viking tombs found in the Oslo Fjord. Fjords are geologic formations created by glaciers. These 'U' shaped valleys are said to be as deep as the surrounding mountains are high. Norway has some of the most beautiful fjords in the world. Later we are off to the University Botanical Garden. The remainder of the afternoon is free for you to enjoy Oslo. Lodging: Oslo (B)



University Botanical Garden



Viking Ship Museum



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Norway in a Nutshell Train

Day Thirteen – Sunday, June 30

Buckle up as we take the fantastic 'Norway in a Nutshell' tour that starts in Oslo and ends in Bergen. Along the way, we take three train rides, a boat ride through fjords, and a scenic coach ride. Our luggage is shipped to our hotel in Bergen so we can fully enjoy this incredible journey, considered one of the finest scenic tours in all of Europe. Lodging: Bergen (B)



Norway in a Nutshell Fjords

Day Fourteen – Monday, July 1

Our hotel is located right in the harbor of Bergen and we start the day with a walking tour of this beautiful port city. We visit the harbor area and then take a funicular to the top of Mount Floien for a panoramic view of the city. You have the afternoon free to shop or explore Bergen on your own. Lodging: Bergen (B)(D)

Day Fifteen – Tuesday, July 2

All too soon, our journey through Scandinavia comes to a close and it's time to return home. We arrive back at Dulles Airport in the early evening. (B)

Bergen Historic Harbor



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OUR HOTELS

To find out more about our hotels, click on the hotel names below:

[71 Nyhavn Hotel](#), Copenhagen - 3 nights

[Elite Hotel Esplanade](#), Maloe - 2 nights

[Hotel Skansen](#), Kalmar - 1 night

[Hotel Rival](#), Stockholm - 3 nights

[Clarion Hotel The Hub](#), Oslo - 2 nights

[Hotel Havnekontoret](#), Bergen - 2 nights



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

COST:

- \$7460.00 Total cost per person (double/twin occupancy, **airfare included** from Dulles to Copenhagen and return from Bergen.
\$1200.00 Single room supplemental fee
While we attempt to find roommates for single participants, if a roommate is not available, the participant is subject to pay the single supplement fee.

Method of Payment: *by check only*, payable to: MCDUFFTOURS LLC

Included in the Cost

The cost of this tour includes lodging, entrance fees, guides, ground transportation, dinners and lunches as outlined in the Itinerary, plus all breakfasts. Also included is the cost of airfare from Washington Dulles to Scandinavia and return. While we attempt to find roommates for single participants, *if a roommate is not available, the participant is subject to pay the single supplement fee.*

Not included in the Cost

Costs of obtaining passports, visas, excess/overweight baggage charges, items of a purely personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone and optional tours are not included. All meals except those included in the tour are not included. Trip insurance is not included as well as tips to driver/guides and any foreign departure taxes. Transportation from home to Washington Dulles International Airport is not included.

Tour Conditions:

MCDUFFTOURS LLC acts only as agents for the passengers with respect to transportation, hotels and restaurants, and exercise every care possible. MCDUFFTOURS LLC assumes no responsibility to any person or entity for liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, breakdown, disruption of advertised schedules, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any ship, ferry, airplane, train, automobile, motorcoach, carriage, or any other conveyance used in carrying out these tours, or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. We cannot accept responsibility for losses or additional expense due to delay, refusal of visa, or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, violent acts, quarantine, acts of God, or any other causes beyond our control. All such losses will have to be borne by the passenger, as our tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to the itinerary or accommodations as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the tour. The right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour. The price of the program is based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on September 24, 2023, and is subject to adjustment in the event of change in tariffs, taxes or exchange rates. Baggage is at the owner's risk entirely. The acceptance of any service provided as part of tour or any ticket or voucher shall be deemed to be acceptance of, and consent by the tour member to these conditions. Services are subject to the laws of the country where services are provided. For a more detailed Term and Conditions statement from MCDUFFTOURS, please click [HERE](#).



Please note that this tour requires a considerable amount of walking. Since most of the gardens and castles we visit are not wheelchair accessible, participants must be able to walk on uneven paths with steps without wheelchairs or walkers. Participants must also be able to manage their own luggage. If you cannot walk a mile without difficulty, this tour is most likely not the best tour for you.

I understand and accept these terms and conditions:

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cancellation and Refund Policy: The total deposit is refundable until March 13, 2024. If you must cancel between March 13 and May 8, 2024, \$100 of the \$1000 deposit will be retained. After May 8, the \$1000 deposit plus actual expenses incurred in airline and hotel arrangements will be retained and the remainder will be refunded.

OUR COMPANY

MCDUFFTOURS LLC is a travel company founded by Nancy and Robert McDuffie, both former professors at Virginia Tech. Nancy is a soprano and was on faculty in the Department of Music, while Robert is a Landscape Architect and was faculty in the Department of Horticulture as well as Director of the Hahn Horticulture Garden.

After establishing the first Virginia Tech Horticulture group study abroad program 26 years ago, it was a natural progression to now take garden lovers of all ages around the world to see the most beautiful gardens on earth. More than 1600 travelers have joined us on tours in the U.S. and abroad, including visits to England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Costa Rica, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Monaco, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, France, Ecuador, Israel, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, and the Netherlands.

At the heart of our company is our growing 'family' of traveling friends that together experience our special brand of garden and food adventures. And on every tour, one or both of us are on board to lead the group, lecture about gardens, and do whatever it takes to make our travel go smoothly.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please print – each participant must complete this form

Full Legal Name (as on passport) _____

First name for NAME TAG _____ Phone # _____

Birthdate _____ Email _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Passport# _____ Place of issue _____

Date of issue _____ Date of expiration _____

Emergency contact _____ Phone # _____

Special food requirements or allergies _____

Name of preferred roommate _____

Total Tour Fee is \$7460.00 (double occupancy, per person)

_____ \$1000.00 Deposit due: March 13, 2024

_____ \$6460.00 Final payment of the balance due: May 8, 2024

_____ \$1200.00 Supplemental Fee for Single due: May 8, 2024

\$_____ Total payment enclosed

Questions? Ask Robert McDuffie - 540 818 0154 - mcdufftours@yahoo.com

Please mail your completed reservation form, a signed copy of the Terms and Conditions form, and a deposit check by March 13, 2024 to:

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