



A Scandinavian Journey: Denmark to Sweden 2025

Immerse yourself in a region of myths and legends – where footsteps from bygone eras echo in fabled castles, bracing sea air swells through quaint coastal towns and insightful museums overflow with fascinating artefacts. Step into the script of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, feel the power exuding from thousand-year-old Viking ships and share inspiration with local artisans on this spectacular tour. By sea and by land, Scandinavia's stories are woven – and now, your own tale awaits.





About your tour notes

These tour notes contain everything you need to know before your tour departs – from where to meet your fellow guests and local guide to what essentials to pack for your journey. We recommend you print this document out and bring it with you on your tour. Give a copy to loved ones at home so they can follow your adventure, too.

Important: please refresh this document as close to your departure as possible to ensure you're equipped with the latest information available.

Hotel Absalon @ 18.00

Helgolandsgade 15, Copenhagen, 1653

Klara Mälärstrand Ferry Port @ 15:00

Klara Mälärstrand Ferry Port - 11 52, Stockholm

Worth noting

If you join our Scandinavian journey on 21 September, you'll visit the haunting ruins of Brahehus Castle instead of Skukkaryd Moose Park.



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Tour highlights

- ✓ Travel back in time as you discover genuine Viking ships at The Viking Ship Museum
- ✓ Ferry to the traditional, idyllic Swedish fishing village of Hönö
- ✓ Explore Kronborg Castle, the dazzling inspiration behind Shakespeare's Elsinor in *Hamlet*
- ✓ Take a leisurely canal boat ride to Sweden's captivating capital, Stockholm

More inclusions

- ✓ 10 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- ✓ 10 nights in thoughtfully selected accommodation
- ✓ Luxury minicoach

Currencies you'll use

- Denmark - DKK
- Sweden - SEK



Included meals

Breakfast (B) is included daily.

Some of your lunches and dinners are also included, either in hotels or local restaurants. These are indicated by (L) and (D) in the itinerary.

Please note that drinks will not always be included.

We will do our best to accommodate any specific dietary requirements you may have. Please ensure to make these clear to us before your tour begins so we can communicate them to our hotels, restaurants and suppliers.

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Your itinerary

Day 1 | Copenhagen (Denmark)

Our Scandinavian journey begins in Denmark's vibrant capital: Copenhagen. Here, you'll meet our expert Tour Leader and the people we'll be sharing this unique experience with. This evening, get to know one another better over delectable local cuisine at our welcome dinner.

Included today



Accommodation

Absalon Hotel (or similar)



Meals

+ Dinner

Day 2 | Copenhagen – Helsingør – Roskilde

Let's embark along the road less travelled! Our first stop of the day awaits us at Kronborg Slott in Helsingør, a beautiful stronghold also known as Hamlet's Castle – the inspiration behind the opulent setting of Elsinor in Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Here, we'll explore the castle's rich past among its vast, luxuriant rooms. Onwards to the charming city of Roskilde where we've got an appointment to keep with The Viking Ship Museum. Hosting five Skuldelev Ships, feed your curiosity during an afternoon that rewinds the clock 1,000 years. Later, we'll clink glasses over an included dinner and share our savoured moments of the adventure so far.

Included today



Accommodation

Skjoldenæsholm Slot (or similar)



Meals

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

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Day 3 | Roskilde – Odense – Ribe

After breakfast, we'll traverse to Odense, birthplace of literary genius Hans Christian Anderson. Our passionate Tour Leader will guide us through the cobbled streets, pointing out pastel-coloured houses, Odense Cathedral and other local attractions before ending the walking tour in front of Anderson's humble childhood home. Historic intrigue filled, there is free time to enjoy a leisurely lunch. Next: we'll learn about the magic of ceramic art during a visit to Keramikmuseum. Tonight, relax among the locals and take in the Danish atmosphere.

Included today



Accommodation

Dagmar Hotel (or similar)



Meals

+ Breakfast

Day 4 | Ribe - Hjørring

Today, we're taking our journey underground. Our destination: Mønsted Kalkgruber Lime Pits. This unique part of the globe is home to the world's largest man-made limestone pits created a millennium ago via hand and pickaxe. We'll roam through majestic caves, awe-inspiring vaults and curved passages witnessing tranquil lakes, shimmering lights and plunging darkness along the way. Later, we'll venture onwards to our home for the next two nights: Hjørring.

Included today



Accommodation

Phønix Hotel (or similar)



Meals

+ Breakfast



Day 5 | Hjørring - Skagen - Hjørring

Once we've savoured a leisurely breakfast, we'll continue our Scandinavian journey to Denmark's northernmost town of Skagen to explore its quaint buildings and picturesque coast. Here, we'll unearth Den Tilsandede Kirke which translates as 'The Buried Church'. Despite its name, the 14th century church is not buried beneath the earth; rather, the ancient building is partially covered by sand. Past congregations had to dig out the entrance each time they ventured inside until it was abandoned in 1795. Later, we'll return to Hjørring where we invite you to relax for the remainder of the evening.

Included today



Accommodation

Phønix Hotel (or similar)



Meals

+ Breakfast

Day 6 | Hjørring - Frederikshavn - Gothenburg (Sweden)

This morning, we'll take to the water by ferry, imagining the Vikings and their legendary ships from Day 2. Our journey won't be as treacherous as we make our way to Gothenburg – a city that basks in light by night and showcases its colourful buildings by day. Our Tour Leader will guide us through the Swedish city's streets, pointing out the 17th century structures which remain to this day alongside enchanting gardens filled with mesmerising colours and bewitching scents. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Included today



Accommodation

ProfilHotels Opera (or similar)



Meals

+ Breakfast



Day 7 | Gothenburg – Hönö – Gothenburg

On today's agenda: the idyllic island of Hönö. With a plethora of cosy restaurants, independent shops and staggering scenery, it is a traveller's paradisaical insight into a Swedish fishing village. After ferrying here, you'll have time for a local lunch, before heading to the Fishing Museum. Inside, we'll learn about the tools and boats that were used in the past as well as the tragic events that occurred during the Second World War. Upon our return to Gothenburg via ferry, the evening is yours to unwind.

Included today



Accommodation

ProfilHotels Opera (or similar)



Meals

+ Breakfast

Day 8 | Gothenburg – Trollhättan – Gränna

Our next stop along the road less travelled boasts a wealth of history and nature. Its name: Trollhättan, which translates as 'Goblin's hat' in Swedish. We'll spend some time in the town, passing by the impressive Koberg Castle, the city's Gothic church as well as its magnificent canal lock system where past meets present. We'll then continue to Gränna, our home for the next two nights where an enticing group dinner awaits.

Included today



Accommodation

Gyllene Uttern (or similar)



Meals

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner



Day 9 | Gränna

This morning, prepare to meet the Scandinavian kings of the forest at Skukkaryd Moose Park where we'll amble through the nature reserve on a tractor-led safari wagon. Our local guide will point out characters along the way, sharing stories and facts about how imperative these wild animals are to the surrounding environment. Upon our return to Gränna, we'll learn the history behind local sweets at the Candy Stick Factory with an expert who'll also lead a candy demonstration, giving us full insight into a Swedish sweet-tooth delicacy. Later, discover more culinary delights at a restaurant of your choosing before we retire to the hotel for the night.

Included today



Accommodation

Gyllene Uttern (or similar)



Meals

+ Breakfast

Day 10 | Gränna – Örebro – Rural Stockholm County

Appetites satiated with breakfast, our adventure takes us to Örebro – home to Wadköping open-air museum where we'll spend some time exploring historic farms and alleys as well as the childhood home of literary heroine and food connoisseur, Cajsa Warg. After delving into Sweden of old, we'll drive onwards for a spectacular overnight stay in a castle. And tonight, we'll clink our glasses during an included final dinner in celebration of a wonderful journey with newfound friends.

Included today



Accommodation

Engholms Slott (or similar)



Meals

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

Day 11 | Rural Stockholm County – Stockholm

Before we say our goodbyes, we'll visit Drottningholm Palace – the exquisite private residence of the Royal family and UNESCO World Heritage site. Then, we'll catch a canal boat to Stockholm where our Scandinavian journey ends.

Included today



Meals

+ Breakfast

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Travel advice

Finances

Changing money

Cash: Foreign money can be changed at banks, airports, some railway and tube stations, and at major hotels (though at a less favourable rate).

Credit cards: Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted. American Express is only accepted in some larger establishments.

Cash machines: ATMS are widely available.

Tipping

Tipping is entirely at your discretion. If you feel you have received exceptional service, it is recommended that you tip £1-2/€ per day for Drivers and £4- 5/€ per day for Tour Leaders.

Insurance

Before travelling with Back-Roads Touring, it is compulsory for all guests to take out comprehensive travel insurance. Please ensure your insurance covers medical expenses (including repatriation), cancellation cover, loss or damage to baggage and personal effects, money and personal liability.

We recommend you carry your insurance details with you at all times. You may be asked to provide details of your medical insurance or a payment guarantee in some countries before medical assistance can be provided.

For more information, please see our [FAQ page](#).

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our friendly Customer Service team [here](#).

Passports and visas

Please ensure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your tour. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain



countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your tour's departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

Please note: Some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure as requirements do change periodically.

We advise you to either carry a photocopy of your passport (and visa, if applicable) with you while abroad, or to ensure that you leave a copy with relatives back at home. This will enable the local embassy or high commission to arrange a replacement if the original should be lost or stolen. If you do take copies with you on your tour, please ensure that you keep these separate from your original documents.

Medication and mobility

Whilst on your tour, we want you to have the smoothest journey possible which requires x mobility conditions:

- You must be fit enough to get on and off the vehicle on a regular basis, and to walk around towns and villages or to attractions.
- You must be able to walk up and down stairs and use a shower over the bath.

Please note that, unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate mobility scooter or wheelchair users as we frequently stay in traditional-style hotels and the majority do not have lifts or ground-floor rooms.

If you take medicine for certain conditions, such as diabetes or heart problems, please carry it with you at all times.

Please declare any medical conditions you may have in advance of your tour. If you are in any doubt as to whether our tours are suitable for you, please contact our friendly Customer Service team [here](#).



Mental health and wellbeing

Culture shock, homesickness and periods of feeling down happen regardless of age. Be rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Tour Leader and Driver will do their utmost to make you smile.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- Call loved ones. Hearing a familiar voice whilst in an unfamiliar destination can help ground you and remind you you're not alone.
- Eat well. Nobody feels their best when they're hungry. There are plenty of nutritious culinary delights to be savoured along the road!
- Integrate with your fellow guests. The more you socialise with the group, the less likely you'll feel homesick.

Transport

We travel in premium mini-coaches equipped with comfortable seats, air conditioning and large windows for enjoying the view.

With far more flexibility than a standard-size coach, we're able to take the scenic route – winding through beautiful countryside to the heart of tiny villages and coastal towns.

Will I have regular access to Wi-Fi?

Most accommodation we stay in will offer free Wi-Fi as well as many restaurants and cafes you may visit. If you would like more regular internet access without large roaming fees, you can purchase a Back-Roads Touring eSIM [here](#).



What to Pack

Based on our experience, the following items are essential.

Please note, this is a general packing list for Back-Roads Touring tours. What you pack will depend on the countries you're visiting as well as the time of year you plan to travel.

Clothing

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| ✓ Sun hat | ✓ Long-sleeved tops | ✓ Light jacket |
| ✓ Sunglasses | ✓ Short-sleeved tops | ✓ Waterproof jacket |
| ✓ Sleepwear | ✓ Shorts/skirts | ✓ Trousers |
| ✓ Warm jacket | ✓ Socks | ✓ Swimwear |
| ✓ Underwear | ✓ Smart casual evening wear | ✓ Walking/comfortable shoes |

Other essentials

- | | | |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------|
| ✓ Multi-use adapter plug | ✓ Toiletries | ✓ Camera |
| ✓ Batteries | ✓ Sunscreen | ✓ Towel |
| ✓ Umbrella | ✓ Reusable water bottle | ✓ Insect repellent |
| ✓ Any personal medication | ✓ Basic medical kit (paracetamol, aspirin, plasters etc) | |

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How much luggage can I bring

As we travel in mini-coaches, luggage space is limited. Here's what you can take with you on tour:



1 x suitcase



1 x small carry-on bag
(backpack or handbag)

If you have more luggage, please make arrangements to store it prior to joining the tour. **We are unable to carry extra luggage on the mini-coach.**

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FAQs

What type of coach is used?

As with all our tours, you can expect to travel in one of our luxury minicoaches. Specifically for this trip, fuller tours may use a slightly larger coach. This ensures your comfort and gives you the option of a window seat on our scenic drives – cameras at the ready!

That's everything!

We can't wait to welcome you on tour.

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