Itinerary

15 Day Midnight Sun Cruise & Tour [Sweden, Finland & Norway]

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.**

Day 1: Arrive Stockholm, Sweden

Welcome to Sweden, a country known for its rich history, stunning landscapes, and vibrant cities. As you arrive in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, you'll feel the energy of this cultural hub, famous for its blend of old-world charm and modern Scandinavian design. Depending on your arrival time, you'll have the option to either unwind and settle in at the hotel or venture out to explore the city's many attractions. Wander through the charming streets of Stockholm, perhaps taking a stroll along the waterfront, or simply enjoy a fika, the Swedish tradition of coffee and cake, at one of the local cafés.
In the evening, we'll meet at the hotel, where you'll have the chance to get to know your Tour Manager and the rest of the group. A welcome dinner awaits, featuring a delicious three-course set menu or a buffet filled with Scandinavian culinary delights. It's a perfect way to kick off the adventure ahead and get a taste of Sweden's culinary traditions.

MEALS: Dinner

OVERNIGHT: 4 Star Hotel, Stockholm

Day 2: Stockholm ~ Helsinki, Finland

After breakfast, we'll dive into Stockholm's rich history and vibrant culture with a private, four-hour guided tour of the city. Your coach will take us through Stockholm's most famous sites, offering views of its stunning architecture, waterways, and green spaces.
One of the highlights of your day is a walking tour through Gamla Stan, Stockholm's old town, where the cobblestone streets and colourful buildings offer a glimpse into the city's medieval past. It's the heart of Stockholm, full of narrow alleyways, quaint shops, and historic landmarks.

Next, we'll visit City Hall, one of the most iconic buildings in Stockholm, known for its distinctive tower and the Nobel Prize banquet held in its Blue Hall. Inside, we'll admire the Golden Hall, whose walls are covered in over 18 million gold mosaic tiles, depicting Swedish history and culture.

The city tour will end back at the hotel, where you'll have some free time to relax or continue exploring Stockholm at your own pace.

Later, a coach will pick us up from the hotel to head to the ferry terminal. We'll board the Tallink Silja ferry, a luxurious way to travel to Helsinki, with stunning views of the Swedish archipelago as you sail through the Åland Islands, a fascinating region made up of thousands of skerries and islets. Enjoy a buffet dinner on board, with the islands providing a beautiful backdrop to your meal. After dinner, retire to your cabin for

a restful night at sea.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Tallink Silja Ferry

Day 3: Helsinki

We'll start the day with a buffet breakfast onboard the ferry, enjoying the views of the Gulf of Finland as you approach Helsinki. Once we've docked, we'll meet your local guide, who will introduce us to the best of Finland's capital on a three-hour private tour.
Your tour includes the spectacular Temppeliaukio Church, better known as the Rock Church. Built directly into solid rock, this unique church is a prime example of Finnish architecture and is a serene and atmospheric space, with natural light streaming through its copper dome.

We'll also visit the Sibelius Monument, a massive sculpture dedicated to Finland's most famous composer, Jean Sibelius. Located in Sibelius Park, the monument is made of over 600 steel pipes and is a beautiful tribute to the composer's influence on Finnish culture.

After your city tour, we'll check in at your hotel, where you'll have the afternoon free to explore Helsinki further at your leisure. The city centre is full of hidden gems, from the grand Senate Square and Helsinki Cathedral to its many cosy cafés and boutique shops. Take some time to immerse yourself in the lively, design-forward atmosphere of Helsinki before settling in for the night.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 4 Star Hotel, Helsinki

Day 4: Helsinki ~ Rovaniemi

After enjoying breakfast at your Helsinki hotel, we'll make our way to the train station, ready to begin our journey north aboard the Santa Claus Express. Today, we'll travel deep into Finland's heartland, crossing the Arctic Circle as the iconic train weaves its way toward Rovaniemi—the reputed home of Santa Claus.?

The scenery transforms dramatically as we leave behind city streets for the ever-changing vistas of the Finnish wilderness. In place of snowy scenes and frost-laden forests, we'lll be greeted by vibrant meadows, sparkling rivers, and endless stretches of greenery. The soft radiance of the Midnight Sun blankets the landscape, illuminating the forests and lakes on both sides of the train as we journey further into the land of the north.?

On arrival in Rovaniemi, our transfer awaits at the railway station to carry you to your hotel for check-in. The rest of the day and evening are yours to spend as you wish. Perhaps choose to dine under the lingering daylight at the renowned Sky Kitchen & View, or set out to experience this northern gateway during the endless summer twilight.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 4 Star Hotel, Rovaniemi

Day 5: Rovaniemi ~ Saariselkä

In the morning, we'll board a tour bus and head to Santa Claus Village, a magical place that brings out the inner child in all of us. As the official home of Santa, this is where you can meet reindeer, explore the many quaint shops, and even meet Santa himself, who enjoys a peaceful summer here before his busy winter season.

From there, we'll continue your journey north, stopping in the village of Sodankylä to see its beautiful Old Church, built in 1689. It's one of Finland's oldest wooden churches and a lovely spot to appreciate the local architecture.

After some free time for lunch, we'll press on to Saariselkä, a stunning location in the heart of Lapland's wilderness. Here, we'll check into the Midnight Sun Village, where you'll stay in a unique cabin with a 360-degree glass roof. This is one of the best places in the world to experience the Midnight Sun, allowing you to enjoy the beautiful Arctic landscape from the comfort of your own room.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: 4 Star Hotel, Saariselkä

Day 6: Saariselkä

You'll have the morning to relax and soak in the tranquillity of Saariselkä, or if you're feeling adventurous, join one of the optional excursions, such as an electric fat bike safari.
After lunch at the hotel, we'll embark on a unique and exciting adventure: a hike through the wilderness with Siberian huskies. These energetic dogs will be your companions as you hike through the stunning Arctic landscapes, with each dog attached to your waist belt to help guide you along the way. Your knowledgeable guide will teach you about the local flora and fauna, and you'll have the opportunity to pick fresh berries and drink from pristine mountain streams as you go. The hike includes a moderate climb, making it perfect for those with some hiking experience.

After your exhilarating afternoon, we'll return to the hotel for dinner.

In the evening, we'll embark on a Midnight Sun Photography Expedition. We'll make a stop at the serene Lake Inari, an important site in Sámi mythology, before heading to a wilderness camp by the lake. Here, we'll enjoy warm drinks and prepare a traditional Lapland midnight snack while waiting for the sun to dip near the horizon, providing perfect conditions for capturing the magical Arctic light.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: 4 Star Hotel, Saariselkä

Day 7: Saariselkä ~ Kirkenes, Norway

After breakfast, we'll board a private coach and continue your journey through the stunning landscapes of Finnish Lapland. Your first stop will be the small town of Inari, where we'll visit the SIIDA Museum, dedicated to the culture and history of the Sámi, the indigenous people of Lapland. The museum's open-air exhibition provides an immersive look into the traditional way of life of the Sámi people, with artefacts and exhibits that showcase their deep connection to the land.
We'll have lunch at the museum restaurant before continuing your journey north, crossing the border into Norway and arriving in Kirkenes in the afternoon. This frontier town has a fascinating history, having played a significant role during WWII, and today, it's known for its rich king crab fishing industry.

In the evening, we'll check into your hotel in Kirkenes, where you can relax you prepare for the next phase of your adventure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 4 Star Hotel, Kirkenes

Day 8: Kirkenes ~ Embark Ship

After breakfast, we'll visit the famous Snowhotel Kirkenes 365, a truly unique hotel made entirely of snow and ice. Even in the middle of summer, this winter wonderland offers a magical escape. During your guided tour, you'll learn about the fascinating construction of the hotel and enjoy a welcome drink. You'll also have the chance to meet the resident huskies and reindeer, with the excited pups sure to steal your heart.
After your visit, we'll head to the pier to board your ship. Please note that there is no porterage service at Kirkenes pier, and your tour manager will bid the group farewell after embarkation.Once aboard, settle into your cabin and take some time to explore the ship. Your voyage along Norway's beautiful coast is about to begin!

TIME IN PORT:

Depart Kirkenes: 12:30

Vardø: 16:05 - 17:00

Båtsfjord: 20:00 - 20:30

Berlevåg: 22:25 - 22:35

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Hurtigruten Coastal Vessel

Day 9: Honningsvåg ~ Tromsø

Your ship will make brief stops at Mehamn and Kjøllefjord during the night before arriving in Hammerfest, once the northernmost town in the world. You'll have time to explore Hammerfest, where you can visit the UNESCO-listed Meridian Column or stop by the Polar Bear Society to learn more about the Arctic's wildlife.
We'll continue south along Norway's rugged coastline, stopping at Øksfjord and Skjervøy, a charming town surrounded by dramatic mountain peaks.

By evening, we'll arrive in Tromsø, often called the Gateway to the Arctic. We'll stay in port for a couple of hours, giving you the chance to take a midnight stroll under the glow of the Midnight Sun. If you're feeling adventurous, join one of the optional excursions, such as a midnight boat ride or a classical concert at Tromsø's iconic Arctic Cathedral.

TIME IN PORT:

Mehamn: 01:20 - 01:30

Kjøllefjord: 03:25 - 03:35

Honningsvåg: 05:45 - 06:00

Havøysund: 08:00 - 08:15

Hammerfest: 11:00 - 12:45

Øksfjord: 15:50 - 16:05

Skjervøy: 19:30 - 19:45

Tromsø: 23:45 - 01:30

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Hurtigruten Coastal Vessel

Day 10: Tromsø ~ Stokmarknes ~ Svolvær ~ Stamsund

Today, we'll sail through the breathtaking Lofoten and Vesterålen archipelagos, some of Norway's most famous and beautiful regions. Your early morning stop is in Harstad, where you can join an optional excursion to explore the scenic landscapes and cultural heritage of Vesterålen.
We'll sail through the narrow Risøyrenna channel, built specifically for Hurtigruten ships, offering spectacular views of the islands.

As you continue south, we'll pass through the Raftsund, a narrow strait flanked by towering peaks that rise 1,000 metres from the sea. If conditions allow, we'll enter the stunning Trollfjord, an unforgettable experience where the cliffs seem close enough to touch.

We'll dock in Svolvær, Lofoten's largest town, where you'll have the option to explore the charming fishing village or join one of several optional excursions.

TIME IN PORT:

Tromsø: 23:45 - 01:30

Finnsnes: 04:20 - 04:40

Harstad: 08:00 - 08:30

Risøyhamn: 10:45 - 11:00

Sortland: 12:30 - 13:00

Stokmarknes: 14:15 - 15:15

Svolvær: 18:30 - 20:30

Stamsund: 22:15 - 22:30

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Hurtigruten Coastal Vessel

Day 11: Bodø ~ Brønnøysund ~ Rørvik

Today, we'll cross the Arctic Circle, marking an important rite of passage. We'll celebrate this milestone on deck with a traditional spoonful of cod liver oil, a true Arctic experience!
As you sail along the Helgeland coast, we'll pass the famous Torghatten mountain, known for the hole through its centre, formed during the Ice Age.

We'll also sail by the Seven Sisters Mountain range, a series of stunning peaks that are steeped in local legend. After brief stops in Nesna and Sandnessjøen, we'll arrive in Brønnøysund, where you can join an optional excursion to the Norwegian Aquaculture Centre to learn about the region's fish farming industry and enjoy a taste of fresh salmon.

TIME IN PORT:

Bodø: 02:30 - 03:30

Ørnes: 06:25 - 06:35

Nesna: 10:25 - 10:35

Sandnessjøen: 11:45 - 12:15

Brønnøysund: 15:00 - 17:25

Rørvik: 21:00 - 21:30

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Hurtigruten Coastal Vessel

Day 12: Trondheim ~ Kristiansund ~ Molde

In the morning, we'll arrive in Trondheim, Norway's historic royal city. Here, you'll have the opportunity to visit Nidaros Cathedral, a magnificent Gothic structure built over the burial site of King Olav II.
We'll continue your voyage past Kristiansund, known for its dried cod industry, and Molde, the "City of Roses." You can join an optional excursion along the scenic Atlantic Road, a National Scenic Route known for its spectacular coastal views or visit the Bergtatt marble mine for a unique underground experience.

TIME IN PORT:

Trondheim: 06:30 - 09:30

Kristiansund: 16:30 - 17:30

Molde: 21:15 - 21:45

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Hurtigruten Coastal Vessel

Day 13: Ålesund ~ Bergen

Your final day on board includes stops at Ålesund, Torvik, and Måløy before you dock in Bergen, Norway's second-largest city.

After disembarking, we'll enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Bergen, including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Bryggen Wharf, St Mary's Church, and Håkon's Hall.

The tour will end at your hotel, where you'll have the afternoon free to explore Bergen at your own pace. Take a stroll through the vibrant fish market or visit the charming Hanseatic wharf for some last-minute souvenir shopping.

TIME IN PORT:

Ålesund: 00:30 - 01:20

Torvik: 02:35 - 02:45

Måløy: 05:45 - 06:00

Florø: 08:15 - 08:30

Arrive Bergen: 14:45

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 4 Star Hotel, Bergen

Day 14: Bergen

Today, you'll have a full day to explore Bergen at your leisure. Known as the Gateway to the Fjords, Bergen is surrounded by stunning mountains and offers a perfect blend of natural beauty and rich culture. Take a ride on the Fløibanen funicular to the top of Mount Fløyen for breathtaking views of the city and surrounding fjords. Alternatively, explore the KODE museums, home to an impressive collection of Norwegian and international art.

In the evening, we'll come together for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant, such as Bryggeloftet & Stuene, located in the historic Bryggen area. It's the perfect way to celebrate the end of your journey with new friends and fond memories.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: 4 Star Hotel, Bergen

Day 15: Depart Bergen

After breakfast at the hotel, it's time to bid farewell to Bergen and conclude your Scandinavian adventure. Though the tour has come to an end, you'll leave with cherished memories of breathtaking landscapes, rich culture, and unforgettable moments. From photos and souvenirs to new friendships, these experiences will stay with you for years to come. If you'd like to continue exploring, consider extending your journey with a Norway in a Nutshell© extension.
MEALS: Breakfast

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Day 15: Bergen ~ Voss

By 6:30am, please have your large bag that you want transferred to Oslo ready at the reception. After enjoying breakfast, head to the Bergen train station to begin the first part of your Norway in a Nutshell extension. Board the train and relax as you journey through the stunning Norwegian landscape, taking in scenic views of fjords, mountains, and picturesque villages.

Upon arrival in Voss, you will make your own way to your hotel. After checking in, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure. You can explore the charming town of Voss, known for its beautiful surroundings and outdoor activities. Whether you choose to browse local shops, enjoy a meal at a cosy restaurant, or simply relax and soak in the serene atmosphere, your day in Voss will be a delightful experience.

NOTE: Your luggage will be transferred directly to the hotel in Oslo and stored there until your arrival. Since you will not have access to this bag during the extension, please ensure all your necessary items are packed in your overnight bag.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Park Hotel Vossevangen, Voss or similar

Day 16: Voss ~ Gudvangen ~ Flåm

After breakfast, make your way to the Voss bus terminal. Here, you will board a comfortable bus bound for the picturesque village of Gudvangen. The scenic bus ride will take you through stunning landscapes, providing a preview of the natural beauty that awaits you.

Upon arriving in Gudvangen, you will be dropped off conveniently close to the ferry terminal. From here, embark on an unforgettable cruise along the UNESCO-listed Nærøyfjord. As you glide through this breathtaking fjord, marvel at the towering mountains, cascading waterfalls, and quaint villages dotting the landscape. The serene beauty and majestic views make this cruise a highlight of your journey.

Once you arrive in Flåm, make your own way to your hotel to check in. After settling in, you have the rest of the day to explore at your own pace. Spend your time leisurely exploring the charming village of Flåm, visiting local shops, or simply relaxing and taking in the stunning fjord views. Enjoy the tranquility and natural splendor of this beautiful destination.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Flåmsbrygga Hotell, Flåm or similar

Day 17: Flåm ~ Flam Railway ~ Mydal ~ Oslo

After breakfast, make your way to Flåm Train Station to begin the first leg of your journey on the spectacular and world-famous Flåm Railway. This incredible train ride will take you through some of Norway's most stunning landscapes, offering views of deep ravines, cascading waterfalls, and picturesque fjord scenery.

As the train winds its way up the mountains, you'll marvel at the engineering feat that created this steep and scenic railway. The journey includes a brief photo stop at the breathtaking Kjosfossen waterfall, where you can capture the beauty of this natural wonder.

Upon reaching Myrdal, you'll transfer to the Bergen Railway, one of the best train journeys in the world, for the next leg of your trip. This segment of your journey takes you from the mountains to the vibrant city of Oslo. The train will traverse Northern Europe's highest stretch of railway, passing through the wild mountain terrain of the Hardangervidda plateau and offering views of the Hardangerjøkulen glacier.

As you descend into the wooded valleys and open countryside, the scenery gradually changes, showcasing Norway's diverse landscapes. Enjoy the comfortable and relaxing ride as you approach Oslo.

Once you arrive in Oslo, make your way to your hotel to check in where you can collect you luggage. After settling into your accommodations, you have the rest of the day to spend at your leisure. Explore the vibrant city of Oslo, take a stroll along the waterfront, visit local shops and cafes, or simply relax and unwind after your scenic journey. The day is yours to enjoy the capital's rich culture and attractions at your own pace.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Comfort Hotel Grand Central, Oslo or similar

Day 18: Depart Oslo

After breakfast, check out of your hotel where services end. If you prefer to extend your stay and explore more of what Oslo has to offer, MyHoliday2 can arrange additional nights for you.

MEALS: Breakfast