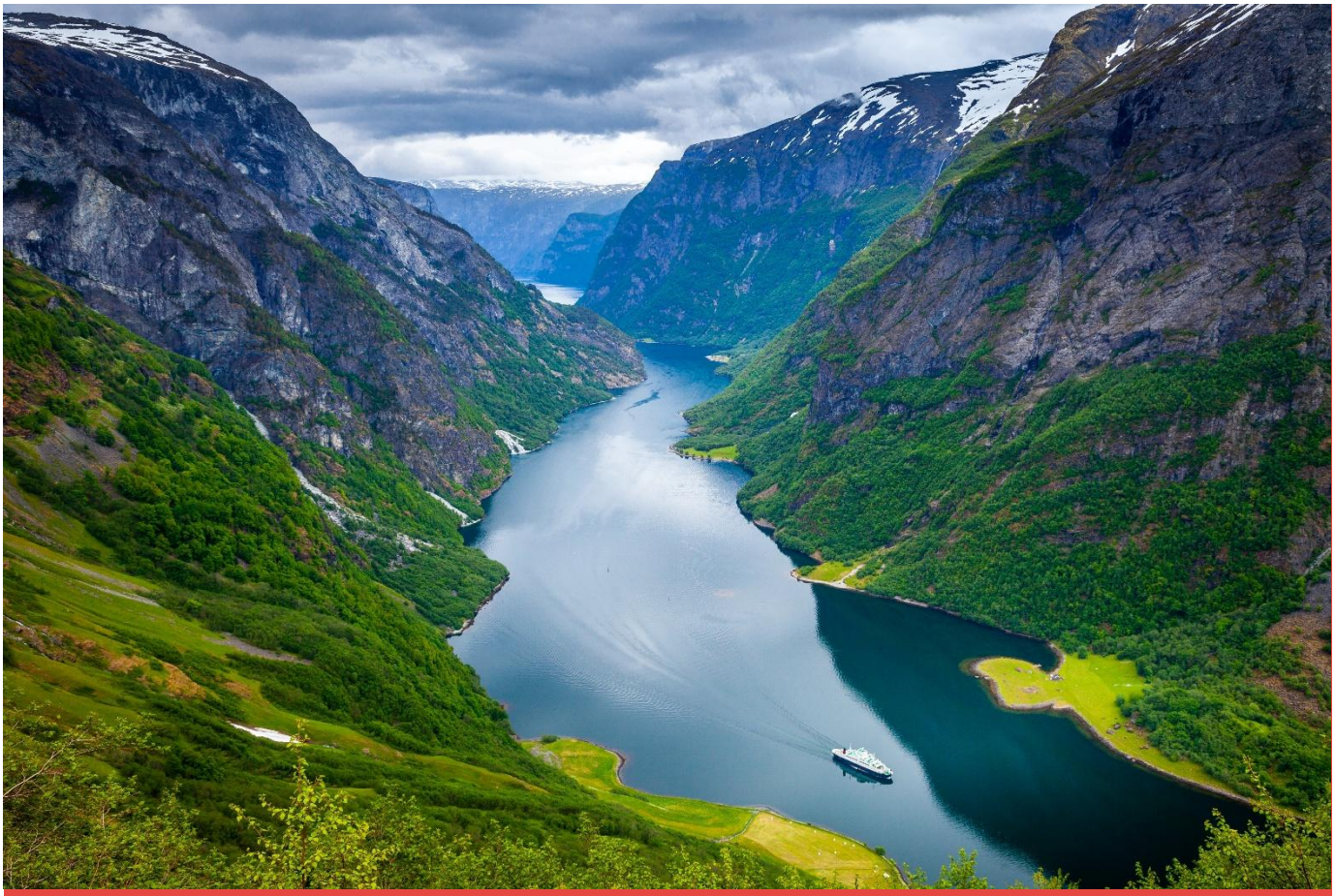

SCANDINAVIA & THE BALTICS UNCOVERED

Classic Flex Tour | 27 Days | Physical Level 1

Warsaw – Masurian District – Vilnius – Riga – Tallinn – Helsinki – Stockholm – Orebro – Fredrikstad – Oslo – Hardanger – Bergen – Copenhagen

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Northern Europe, from the grand capitals and medieval towns of the Baltics to Scandinavia's elegant cities and breathtaking landscapes. Discover ancient castles, tranquil lakes and rich traditions before travelling through Norway's soaring mountains, cascading waterfalls and spectacular fjords by scenic railway and boat.

- Experience all five Baltic countries, plus Sweden, Norway & Denmark
- Visit Hitler's Wolf's Lair headquarters
- Enjoy a Polish vodka tasting
- Visit a secret Soviet bunker in Latvia
- Cruise through the spectacular Nærøyfjord
- Ride on the iconic Flam Railway

TOUR MAP

SCANDINAVIA & THE BALTICS UNCOVERED TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- All accommodation
- Meals as specified
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- English speaking National Escort (if your group is 10 or more passengers) or Local Guides
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- Comprehensive travel guides

The only thing you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, customary tipping, early check in or late check out and other items not specified on the itinerary.

CLASSIC FLEX TOURS:

Classic Flex tours let you see the iconic sites and signature experiences of each destination on an excellent-value, fully escorted group tour, with a little more freedom to do things your own way. Your international flights, accommodation, transportation, touring and most meals are all arranged, so you can travel with complete peace of mind. Where it works best for the destination, personal time is woven into the itinerary, giving you the chance to explore independently, seek out a local restaurant, or simply relax at your own pace. Throughout, your National Escort's unparalleled knowledge will bring each destination to life and turn your holiday into an unforgettable experience.

PHYSICAL LEVEL 1:

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights. 'Scandinavia & the Baltics Uncovered' is rated 1 on the physical level scale. A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and ferries, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

- There will be sightseeing on foot for both short and extended periods of time
- Sightseeing at nearly all the palaces, fortresses and some temples involves climbing several steps, often without handrails

Of course, our National Escorts will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary. If you require any more information about the pace of our tours, please contact our reservations team who will be happy to answer your questions.

JOINING YOUR TOUR:

The tour is 27 days in duration including return international flights, and the same duration based on 'Land Only'. Join the tour on Day 2 in Warsaw and end the tour on Day 26 in Copenhagen.

Travellers booked on 'Land Only', the price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour, or when booking pre/post night accommodation with Wendy Wu Tours.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Days 1-2: Fly to Warsaw Meals: D

Fly to the Polish capital of Warsaw. On arrival, you will be met in the arrivals hall. Together with all other group members who may be arriving at a similar time, you will transfer to your hotel.

Additional nights' before and after your tour can be arranged. Please contact our Reservations team to book.

Destination Information

Warsaw – Poland's capital is a city of contrasts, where beautifully restored historic buildings stand alongside modern architecture. At its heart is the colourful Market Square, surrounded by ornate townhouses, while the impressive Royal Castle stands at the entrance to the Old Town.

Day 3: Discover Warsaw Meals: B, L, D

Begin your journey with a guided tour of Warsaw, exploring the beautifully restored Old Town, Castle Square, Royal Castle, St John's Cathedral and the atmospheric Old Town Market Square.

After lunch, explore Warsaw's Communist-era heritage. See the imposing Palace of Culture and Science before visiting the Polish Vodka Museum. Learn about the 500-year history of Polish vodka production and finish with a tasting of selected varieties.

Destination Information

Old Town – Almost completely destroyed during the Second World War, Warsaw's Old Town was painstakingly rebuilt using historic paintings and plans, and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Castle Square – Castle Square is one of the city's most impressive historic squares. At its centre stands the Sigismund III Vasa Column, erected in 1644 and one of Warsaw's best-known landmarks. The square is dominated by the striking red-brick Royal Castle, which was rebuilt after being destroyed during the Second World War and was once the official residence of Poland's monarchs.

St John's Cathedral – St John's Cathedral dates back to the 14th century and has played an important role in the city's history. Originally built in the Gothic style, the cathedral was almost completely destroyed during the Second World War before being carefully reconstructed. Inside, its impressive brick interior houses historic tombs, chapels and a magnificent organ.

Day 4: Wolf's Lair & the Masurian Lakes Meals: B, L, D

Journey north into the beautiful Masurian Lake District, a region of tranquil lakes and dense forests.

Along the way, visit Wolf's Lair, Hitler's former Eastern Front headquarters. Explore the atmospheric ruins of this vast wartime complex and learn about its role during the Second World War, including the famous 1944 assassination attempt. Continue into the peaceful Masurian countryside.

Destination Information

Masurian Lake District – Known as the 'land of a thousand lakes', it is a popular destination for boating and outdoor activities, with tranquil waterways surrounded by lush woodland and traditional villages. The region also has a fascinating history, with remnants of medieval castles and former German and Prussian settlements scattered throughout.

Wolf's Lair – Hidden deep within the forests of north-eastern Poland, the Wolf's Lair was Adolf Hitler's heavily fortified military headquarters during the Second World War. Constructed in 1941, the vast complex included bunkers, barracks and command buildings concealed among the trees. It was here that the failed 20 July 1944 assassination attempt on Hitler took place, led by Claus von Stauffenberg.

Day 5: Trakai & Lake Galve Meals: B, L

Cross into Lithuania and travel to Trakai, the former capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. Discover its multicultural heritage and the traditions of the Karaim community during a hands-on workshop to prepare traditional kibinai, followed by lunch.

Later, cruise across Lake Galvė for views of the magnificent Trakai Island Castle before continuing to Vilnius.

Destination Information

Trakai – Surrounded by lakes and woodland, the historic town of Trakai was once the medieval capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. Its most famous landmark is the striking Trakai Island Castle, built on an island in Lake Galvė during the 14th and 15th centuries.

Vilnius – Lithuania's elegant capital is renowned for its atmospheric Old Town, one of the largest surviving medieval old towns in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its winding cobbled streets are lined with colourful Baroque, Gothic and Neoclassical buildings, while the city's many churches and courtyards reflect its rich and varied history.

Day 6: Vilnius Meals: B, D

Explore Lithuania's capital, Vilnius, on a guided walking tour through its UNESCO-listed Old Town. Discover grand churches, historic streets and atmospheric courtyards before continuing to Užupis, the city's bohemian artists' quarter. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore Vilnius at your own pace before dinner in a local restaurant.

Destination Information

Uzupis – Once a run-down district, Užupis has become known for its colourful street art, galleries, cafés and independent spirit. In 1997, local artists declared Užupis an independent republic, complete with its own constitution, flag and unofficial president, creating one of the city's most unusual attractions.

Day 7: Rundāle Palace Meals: B, L, D

Journey towards Latvia, stopping at Lithuania's extraordinary Hill of Crosses, a powerful symbol of faith, hope and resistance. After lunch, cross into Latvia to visit magnificent Rundāle Palace, exploring its Baroque interiors and elegant French-style gardens. Continue to Riga for dinner.

Destination Information

Hill of Crosses – Rising from the countryside near Šiauliai, thousands of crosses have been placed here over centuries, creating a remarkable landscape of wooden, metal and stone crosses of all shapes and sizes. The site became a powerful symbol of Lithuanian faith and national identity, particularly during the Soviet occupation, when attempts were made to remove the crosses.

Rundāle Palace – Set among the peaceful countryside of southern Latvia, Rundāle Palace is one of the finest examples of Baroque and Rococo architecture in the Baltic states. Built in the 18th century as a summer residence for the Dukes of Courland, the palace features lavishly decorated state rooms, ornate stucco work and elaborate ceilings. Its beautifully landscaped French-style gardens provide a striking setting for this grand historic residence.

Riga – Founded in 1201, Riga has been shaped by centuries of German, Swedish and Russian influence, reflected in its diverse architecture and cultural heritage. Its UNESCO-listed Old Town is filled with cobbled streets, historic churches and colourful buildings, while the city's Art Nouveau district showcases some of Europe's finest examples of the style.

Day 8: Riga Meals: B, L

Explore Riga on a guided tour, discovering its medieval Old Town and admiring the city's spectacular Art Nouveau architecture. Visit Riga Cathedral and enjoy a short live organ performance before continuing to the lively Riga Central Market, housed within former Zeppelin hangars. Sample local delicacies and taste the city's famous Riga Black Balsam, a traditional herbal liqueur. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Destination Information

Riga Cathedral – Built in 1211, the cathedral has been rebuilt and altered several times over the centuries, creating a distinctive blend of Romanesque, Gothic, Baroque and Art Nouveau influences. Its impressive interior is also home to a renowned 19th-century organ, once one of the largest in the world.

Riga Central Market – Housed within five enormous former German Zeppelin hangars, Riga Central Market is one of the largest and most distinctive markets in Europe. Opened in 1930, its vast pavilions are filled with stalls selling fresh produce, meat, fish, bread and local specialities remaining a lively part of everyday life in the city.

Day 9: Gauja National Park Meals: B, L

Travel through the scenic landscapes of Gauja National Park before stepping behind the Iron Curtain at a secret Soviet bunker. Hidden beneath a former rehabilitation centre, this remarkably preserved Cold War time capsule reveals original maps, communications equipment and propaganda materials. Continue into Estonia for a local cider tasting, paired with regional cheeses, before arriving in Tallinn.

Destination Information

Gauja National Park – Stretching through the picturesque Gauja River Valley, Gauja National Park is Latvia's largest and oldest national park known for its dense forests, sandstone cliffs, caves and winding river landscapes. The park is also rich in history, with medieval castles and historic estates scattered among the countryside.

Tallinn – Founded in the 13th century, Estonia's capital was an important trading centre of the Hanseatic League, and its historic centre is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Medieval towers, grand churches and atmospheric squares sit alongside a lively collection of cafés, restaurants and modern galleries.

Day 10: Tallinn Meals: B, D

Discover Tallinn's beautifully preserved medieval Old Town on a guided tour, exploring its winding streets and historic landmarks, including Toompea Castle, Town Hall Square and the magnificent Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore at your own pace before stepping back 700 years this evening with a medieval dinner experience, enjoying traditional dishes in a candlelit Hanseatic setting.

Destination Information

Toompea Castle – Perched above Tallinn's Old Town, Toompea Castle has been a centre of power in Estonia for centuries. Originally established as a medieval fortress, the castle has been rebuilt and expanded over time, creating a striking blend of architectural styles. Today, the grand pink Baroque façade houses Estonia's Parliament, while the castle's historic walls and towers remain a reminder of Tallinn's medieval past.

Alexander Nevsky Cathedral – Built in the late 19th century during the Russian Empire, the grand Orthodox cathedral is known for its ornate façade, striking onion domes and richly decorated interior. Its impressive collection of icons and bells adds to the cathedral's grandeur, while its position overlooking the Old Town makes it an unmistakable part of Tallinn's skyline.

Day 11: Ferry to Helsinki Meals: B, L

Cross the Baltic Sea by ferry to Helsinki, Finland's elegant capital and a fascinating meeting point between Western and Eastern cultures. Discover the city's highlights on a guided tour before enjoying lunch in the city centre. Later, take a short ferry ride across Helsinki's harbour to Suomenlinna, the UNESCO-listed sea fortress built over three centuries under Swedish, Russian and Finnish rule.

Destination Information

Helsinki – Finland's capital sits on the shores of the Baltic Sea and is known for its elegant architecture, green spaces and lively waterfront. Founded in 1550, the city blends historic Neoclassical buildings with striking examples of Nordic design. Its harbour, bustling Market Square and distinctive churches showcase Helsinki's maritime heritage, while its cafés, shops and wide streets give the city a relaxed atmosphere.

Suomenlinna – Spread across six islands off the coast of Helsinki, Suomenlinna is one of Finland's most important historic sites. Built by the Swedes in the 18th century, the sea fortress was designed to protect the city and became part of the Russian Empire before Finnish independence.

Day 12: Helsinki Meals: B, D

Enjoy a free day in Helsinki to explore at your own pace. Browse Finnish design boutiques, discover the city's renowned music scene or relax in a traditional Finnish sauna. Alternatively, join an optional excursion to Porvoo, one of Finland's oldest towns, with its charming Old Town and colourful wooden houses.

Destination Information

Finnish Sauna – An important part of Finnish culture, the sauna has been enjoyed in Finland for centuries and remains a popular part of everyday life. Traditionally heated with wood, saunas are warm, relaxing spaces where people gather to unwind and socialise.

Porvoo – One of Finland's oldest towns, Porvoo was founded in the 14th century, and is known for its cobbled streets, colourful wooden houses and small shops, cafés and galleries. Its red-painted riverside warehouses are among Porvoo's most recognisable sights, while the medieval Porvoo Cathedral stands high above the Old Town.

Day 13: Fly to Stockholm Meals: B, D

Fly to the Swedish capital of Stockholm. The remainder of the day is at leisure, before enjoying dinner with the group tonight.

Destination Information

Stockholm – Built across 14 islands and linked by numerous bridges, Stockholm is known for its waterways, historic buildings and green spaces. At its heart is Gamla Stan, the medieval Old Town, with narrow cobbled streets, colourful buildings and the Royal Palace. Beyond the city lies the Stockholm Archipelago, made up of more than 30,000 islands and islets.

Day 14: Discover Stockholm Meals: B, L

Begin your Scandinavian adventure on a guided tour of Stockholm, discovering the cobbled streets of Gamla Stan, the Royal Palace and other historic landmarks.

Enjoy a street food lunch featuring traditional Swedish flavours, followed by the Swedish tradition of fika – coffee and something sweet.

This afternoon, visit the remarkable Vasa Museum and discover the story of the magnificent 17th-century warship, salvaged more than 300 years after sinking on her maiden voyage.

Destination Information

Gamla Stan – Stockholm's oldest district, dating back to the 13th century. Wander through its narrow cobbled streets lined with colourful historic buildings, passing small squares, cafés and shops as you explore the medieval heart of the city.

Royal Palace – This grand Baroque palace has been the official residence of Sweden's monarchs since the 18th century. Visitors can explore its lavish state rooms, royal apartments and historic halls, with more than 600 rooms contained within the palace.

Vasa Museum – Home to the Vasa, a 17th-century warship that sank on its maiden voyage in Stockholm harbour in 1628. The remarkably preserved ship was raised from the seabed in 1961 and is displayed in the museum alongside exhibitions about its construction and dramatic recovery.

Day 15: Stockholm Cruise Meals: B, D

Enjoy a free day to explore Stockholm at your own pace. Discover its museums and galleries, browse its stylish shops or perhaps visit the ABBA Museum.

This evening, enjoy a dinner cruise through Stockholm's waterways, with views of the city's islands, historic buildings and waterfronts.

Destination Information

ABBA Museum – Explore the story of Sweden's most famous pop group through costumes, photographs, instruments and memorabilia from their career. Visitors can also see the original recording booth and interact with exhibits that let you sing, dance and perform alongside virtual versions of ABBA.

Day 16: Sigtuna & Örebro Castle Meals: B, L

Journey into the Swedish countryside and visit Sigtuna, Sweden's oldest town, exploring its charming historic centre and medieval heritage.

Continue to Örebro to see its impressive castle, dramatically set on an island in the heart of the city.

Destination Information

Sigtuna – Founded in 980, Sigtuna is Sweden's oldest town and was an important centre of trade during the Viking Age. Explore its historic streets, colourful wooden buildings and medieval church ruins, with ancient rune stones found throughout the town.

Örebro – Also one of Sweden's oldest cities, it is centred around the impressive Örebro Castle, which stands on a small island in the Svartån River. Built as a medieval fortress and later transformed into a Renaissance palace, the castle has played an important role in Sweden's history.

Day 17: Fredrikstad Meals: B

Continue westwards into Norway, stopping in Fredrikstad to explore Gamlebyen, one of Scandinavia's best-preserved fortified old towns. Wander its cobbled streets and historic defensive walls before travelling onwards to Oslo.

Destination Information

Gamlebyen – The historic fortified quarter of Fredrikstad, surrounded by well-preserved 17th-century walls and a moat. It's cobbled streets are iconic, lined with colourful wooden buildings, small shops and cafés, with the old fortifications still shaping the town today.

Oslo – Norway's capital sits at the head of the Oslofjord, surrounded by forests and islands. Founded in 1040, the city is home to the medieval Akershus Fortress, the striking Oslo Opera House and the Vigeland Sculpture Park, which contains more than 200 works by Norwegian sculptor Gustav Vigeland. The city's waterfront has also been transformed in recent decades, with museums, galleries and public spaces along the harbour.

Day 18: Explore Oslo Meals: B

Discover Oslo on a guided city tour, seeing the Royal Palace, City Hall, Akershus Fortress and spectacular views across the Oslo Fjord from Holmenkollen Hill. The afternoon is free to explore at your own pace. Perhaps visit the Fram Museum, home to the legendary polar exploration ship, or relax in one of the city's waterfront cafés.

Destination Information

Royal Palace – Built in the 19th century, the Royal Palace is the official residence of the Norwegian monarch in Oslo. Set at the end of Karl Johans gate, the palace is surrounded by the Palace Park, with its gardens, statues and tree-lined paths.

City Hall – Completed in 1950 to mark Oslo's 900th anniversary, Oslo City Hall is recognisable for its distinctive red-brick towers overlooking the harbour. Its interior is decorated with murals depicting scenes from Norwegian history and daily life, and it hosts the annual Nobel Peace Prize ceremony.

Akershus Fortress – Built in the late 13th century to protect Oslo from attack, Akershus Fortress has served as a royal residence, military stronghold and prison. Its medieval castle, defensive walls and ramparts overlook the Oslofjord, offering views across the harbour.

Holmenkollen Hill – Rising above Oslo, Holmenkollen is home to the famous Holmenkollen Ski Jump, which has hosted ski competitions since 1892. The current tower was completed in 2010 and rises around 60 metres above the ground, while the site also houses the world's oldest ski museum.

Day 19: Flåm Railway Meals: B, L

Travel west from Oslo through Norway's changing landscapes of mountains and valleys. Board the iconic Flåmsbana Railway for a breathtaking journey between Flåm and Myrdal, passing waterfalls and dramatic mountain scenery. Continue to the Stegastein Viewpoint for sweeping fjord views before arriving in the Hardangerfjord region.

Destination Information

Flåm Railway – One of Norway's most famous railway journeys, the Flåm Railway descends from Myrdal to Flåm, dropping around 865 metres over just 20 kilometres. The line passes through steep valleys, waterfalls and mountain scenery, including the dramatic Kjosfossen waterfall.

Norwegian Fjords – Carved by glaciers over millions of years, Norway's fjords are characterised by deep blue waterways surrounded by steep mountains, waterfalls and small settlements. The country has more than 1,000 fjords, with the UNESCO-listed Sognefjord and Geirangerfjord among the best known.

Day 20: Hardanger & Nærøyfjord Cruise to Gudvangen — Meals: B

Discover the highlights of Hardanger, including the impressive Vøringsfoss waterfall, before travelling to Flåm. Cruise through the UNESCO-listed Nærøyfjord, renowned for its narrow waters and towering mountains, arriving in Gudvangen. Enjoy free time for lunch before returning to your hotel.

Destination Information

Hardanger – Known for its dramatic fjords, orchards and mountain scenery, the Hardanger region surrounds the Hardangerfjord, Norway's second-longest fjord. In spring, the hillsides are covered with blossoming apple and cherry trees, while the region is also home to the Folgefonna glacier and traditional farming communities.

Vøringsfoss Waterfall – One of Norway's most famous waterfalls, Vøringsfoss plunges around 182 metres into the Måbødalen valley. The waterfall is fed by the Bjoreio River and has several viewpoints offering dramatic views across the gorge and surrounding mountains.

Nærøyfjord – A narrow branch of the Sognefjord, Nærøyfjord stretches for around 18 kilometres between steep mountains that rise more than 1,000 metres above the water. At its narrowest point, the fjord is just 250 metres wide, creating a dramatic landscape of cliffs, waterfalls and small farms.

Day 21: Odda & Apple Farm Meals: B, L

Experience the charm of Hardanger's apple-growing region with a visit to a traditional apple farm, where you can taste locally produced apple juice and cider. Continue through Kinsarvik and Odda, travelling through Folgefonna National Park before reaching Bergen.

Destination Information

Folgefonna National Park – Established in 2005, Folgefonna National Park protects Norway's third-largest glacier, covering more than 200 square kilometres. The park is characterised by ice fields, steep valleys, waterfalls and rugged mountains, with the Folgefonna glacier reaching elevations of more than 1,600 metres.

Bergen – Norway's second-largest city is surrounded by seven mountains and seven hills, with its historic centre facing the Byfjorden. The colourful wooden buildings of Bryggen, once an important Hanseatic trading centre, form the city's most recognisable landmark and are now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 22: Discover Bergen Meals: B, D

Explore Bergen on a guided tour, taking in its historic harbour, colourful Bryggen district and lively fish market. Ride the Fløibanen funicular for panoramic views across the city and surrounding fjords, followed by free time to explore at your own pace.

Destination Information

Bryggen – Established as a trading centre in the 14th century, Bryggen's merchants traded goods including dried fish and grain across Northern Europe. The distinctive buildings were rebuilt several times after fires and now form a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Fløibanen funicular – Connecting Bergen's city centre with the summit of Mount Fløyen, the Fløibanen climbs around 320 metres in just six minutes. The funicular has operated since 1918 and offers panoramic views across Bergen, the harbour and surrounding mountains from the summit.

Day 23: Ferry to Denmark Meals: B

Enjoy breakfast and some free time in Bergen before boarding your overnight ferry to Hirtshals. Relax on board as you sail along Norway's rugged coastline and across the open North Sea – a memorable farewell to Norway.

Please note: Standard outside cabins are compact (approximately 8 sqm), but comfortably equipped with a private bathroom, shower and WC.

Destination Information

Hirtshals – Set on Denmark's northern coast, Hirtshals is a small fishing and ferry port overlooking the Skagerrak, the sea passage between Denmark, Norway and Sweden. The town is known for its long sandy beaches, fishing harbour and Hirtshals Lighthouse, which has stood on the coast since 1863.

Day 24: Aarhus & Odense Meals: B, L

Travel south through Denmark, stopping in Aarhus to explore its historic centre and waterfront, with views of Marselisborg Palace.

Continue to Odense, birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen, for lunch and a stroll through its charming old town before arriving in Copenhagen.

Destination Information

Aarhus – Denmark's second-largest city, Aarhus is a historic port on the east coast of Jutland with a history dating back to the Viking Age.

Marselisborg Palace – Built in 1902 as a wedding gift to King Christian X and Queen Alexandrine, Marselisborg Palace remains the Danish royal family's summer residence. The palace is surrounded by extensive gardens featuring sculptures, lawns and woodland, and when the royal family is in residence, the changing of the guard takes place at midday.

Odense – The birthplace of famous Danish author Hans Christian Andersen, Odense is one of Denmark's oldest cities, with a history dating back more than 1,000 years. The historic centre contains colourful houses, cobbled streets and sites connected to Andersen's life, including his childhood home and museum.

Copenhagen – Denmark's capital is centred around its historic harbour and a maze of cobbled streets, elegant squares and colourful buildings. Founded as a Viking fishing village, Copenhagen is home to Amalienborg Palace, the Rosenborg Castle and the famous Nyhavn waterfront.

Day 25: Copenhagen — Meals: B, D

Explore Copenhagen's highlights on a guided city tour, from the colourful harbour of Nyhavn and Amalienborg Palace to Christiansborg Palace, Tivoli Gardens and the iconic Little Mermaid.

Enjoy free time to discover the city before your farewell dinner.

Destination Information

Nyhavn – Originally built as a busy commercial port, Nyhavn was once home to sailors, merchants and taverns. Hans Christian Andersen lived at several addresses here, including No. 67, where he wrote some of his stories.

Amalienborg Palace – The official residence of the Danish royal family, Amalienborg consists of four identical Rococo palaces arranged around an octagonal square. Built in the 18th century, the complex became the royal residence in 1794 after Christiansborg Palace was destroyed by fire. The daily changing of the guard takes place when the monarch is in residence.

Tivoli Gardens – Opened in 1843, Tivoli Gardens is one of the world's oldest amusement parks and has long been a popular Copenhagen attraction. Set in the heart of the city, its gardens combine historic rides, restaurants, theatres and colourful illuminations, with the wooden Rutschebanen roller coaster dating back to 1914.

Little Mermaid – Sitting on a rock beside Copenhagen's harbour, the Little Mermaid statue was unveiled in 1913 and inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's famous fairy tale. Created by sculptor Edvard Eriksen, the bronze figure stands just 1.25 metres tall and has become one of Copenhagen's most recognisable landmarks.

Days 26-27: Fly Copenhagen to Australia — Meals: B

Transfer to Copenhagen's Airport for your onward flight, arriving home the following day.

SCANDINAVIA & THE BALTICS UNCOVERED TRAVEL INFORMATION

VISAS:

Australian passport holders currently do not require a visa to enter **Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Norway & Denmark.** Please note that visa regulations can change at any time, often at the discretion of the relevant embassy or consulate.

Please note that non-European Union passport holders travelling to the European Union will be required to use the new Entry/Exit System (EES). For more details and to keep up to date with requirements please visit https://help.wendywutours.com.au/knowledge/europe-ees

Please be advised that your passport must have at least six months validity left on it when you arrive back into Australia.

Please note the visa procedures and requirements may change at any time. These changes are often made by the relevant embassy or consulate, Wendy Wu Tours acts as a third party and has no influence on the process of a visa. Wendy Wu Tours does not accept responsibility for lost or undelivered items.

For the latest information on visa procedures, processing times and requirements, please kindly refer to our website https://www.wendywutours.com.au/help-and-advice/passports-and-visas/.

INSURANCE:

It is a condition of your booking that you are insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. At a minimum, the policy is required to cover medical requirements including medical evacuations / repatriations. The choice of insurer is yours. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your deposit. This is because cancellation fees and charges are payable from that time.

We may request you to provide evidence that you have taken out and paid for a policy to comply with this condition. If you fail to provide a certificate of currency of insurance within a reasonable time after our request, then this will be deemed a cancellation by you and standard cancellation fees will apply.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

It is our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate; in these circumstances we will make the best possible arrangements whilst maintaining the integrity of your trip.

EATING IN SCANDINAVIA & THE BALTICS:

The cuisine you'll encounter across Scandinavia and the Baltic states reflects each country's distinct traditions, with influences from Northern and Eastern Europe. Local dishes often make use of fresh, seasonal ingredients, with potatoes, rye bread, cabbage, beetroot, mushrooms and dairy products featuring regularly. Fish, including herring, salmon and smoked fish, is also popular, while meat such as pork, chicken and game is widely available. Depending on where you travel, you may have the opportunity to try specialities such as Swedish meatballs, Finnish salmon soup, Lithuanian cepelinai (potato dumplings), Latvian grey peas with bacon, Estonian kama (a traditional grain-based food) and Danish smørrebrød (open sandwiches). Breakfasts are generally hearty, with bread, cheese, cold meats, eggs, porridge, pastries and yoghurt commonly available.

Vegetarian options are generally available, particularly in larger towns and cities, although choices may be more limited in smaller restaurants and rural areas. If you have any food allergies or specific dietary requirements, please let us know at the time of booking.
Your guide and local suppliers will do their best to accommodate your requirements, although we cannot guarantee that all requests can be met. Meal times may occasionally vary due to sightseeing, travel arrangements or other local circumstances.

Beer, wine and spirits are widely available, and each country has its own traditional drinks and specialities. You may also have the opportunity to try Finnish berry drinks, Lithuanian mead, Latvian Riga Black Balsam or locally produced beers and spirits. Tea and coffee are readily available throughout the region, with coffee particularly popular in Scandinavia. Tap water is generally safe to drink, although bottled water is widely available if preferred.

TRANSPORT:

Road conditions across Scandinavia & the Baltics are generally good, particularly on major routes between the main cities. However, rural roads can be narrower, uneven or less well maintained, and roadworks may occasionally cause delays. Traffic and weather conditions can also affect journey times, particularly during winter. Your National Escort will keep you informed of any changes.

Coaches: Coaches with air conditioning are used throughout the tour.

Train: You will enjoy time on the iconic Flam Railway, which you will need to get on and off unassisted.

Ferry: You will enjoy an overnight sailing aboard Fjord Line's cruise ferry from Bergen to Hirtshals, staying in an outside cabin. The standard outside cabins are compact (approximately 8 sqm), but comfortably equipped with a private bathroom, shower and WC.

DEVELOPMENT AND WHAT TO EXPECT:

Scandinavia and the Baltic states offer a mix of historic cities, beautiful landscapes and cultures shaped by a complex history. The region generally has a high standard of infrastructure, accommodation and public services, particularly in major cities and established tourist destinations. As with travel anywhere in Europe, conditions can vary between urban and rural areas, and you may encounter cobbled streets, uneven surfaces, older buildings, winding roads or historic areas where accessibility and modern conveniences are more limited.

The region's history is visible in its medieval towns, castles and landmarks, alongside architecture reflecting the 20th century and, particularly in the Baltic states, the Soviet period. Major cities and tourist destinations are generally well connected and accustomed to international visitors, while facilities and services may be more limited in smaller towns and rural areas. English is widely spoken throughout Scandinavia and is commonly spoken in the Baltic states, particularly among younger generations and in cities and tourist destinations.

As with any multi-country tour, weather, traffic and local conditions may occasionally affect timings or result in minor delays. All Wendy Wu Tours suppliers meet local safety standards as a minimum.

ACCOMMODATION:

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a modern city hotel to a smaller independent hotel or family-run guesthouse in a town or rural area. Accommodation can vary in size, style and facilities depending on the location and type of property. Hotels are generally rated as local three- to four-star standard, but please note that hotel classification systems vary between countries and are not directly comparable with Australia. Historic properties and smaller hotels may have fewer facilities than larger city hotels, and specific amenities can vary between properties. All group tour hotels have private bathroom facilities and the essential amenities required for a comfortable stay.

If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your National Escort/Local Guide. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards are appropriate for your tour.

VACCINATIONS AND YOUR HEALTH:

We recommend that you contact either your GP or Travelvax (1300 360 164) for advice on vaccinations and travel health. Travelvax has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful www.travelvax.com.au.

GROUP SIZE:

Most of our groups consist of 10 travellers or more and will be accompanied by a National Escort. On Classic Flex Tours, will be no more than 28 travellers in each group although you may encounter other Wendy Wu our groups while you are travelling.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 10 travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so. For groups with fewer than 10 travellers, departures will operate with local guides only.

TIPPING POLICY:

Tipping while on holiday is common in most parts of the world and Scandinavia & the Baltics are no exception. However, it is not always clear who it is appropriate to tip and how much. Furthermore, travellers may not have the right amounts of cash available at the right time. In order to avoid any inconvenience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a tipping policy where a stated amount is given to your National Escort at the beginning of your tour and tips are disbursed to local guides and drivers throughout your tour. The amount is designed to be at a reasonable level for travellers while being fair to the local people and includes a gratuity for the National Escort.

We generally find that most customers appreciate the convenience of our tipping policy but we do recognise that it may not suit everyone. However, as this is a group tour we ask that everyone follows the same protocol to be fair to other group members and to ensure smooth operation of your tour.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with www.smartraveller.gov.au as in the event of an emergency, Australian Consular assistance will be more readily available. You can also access the Australian Government's travel advisory service for up to date information about your destination on the same website.

AFTER YOUR BOOKING:

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice along with a link to our website where you can find your visa information (if applicable) and other important information. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

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