



SCANDINAVIAN SHORES: STOCKHOLM TO BERGEN

Your 15-night journey includes: 10-night small ship cruise to Visby, Rønne, Warnemünde, Fredericia, Aarhus, Helsingborg, Gothenburg, Stavanger; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Stockholm; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Bergen

Step aboard the elegant Ocean Odyssey, and explore the quaint villages and coastal towns of Scandinavia on a Vantage Deluxe World Travel small ship cruise.

You'll take in historic sites and long-standing landmarks as you make your way from Sweden to Norway. Step back to medieval times on the island port of Visby, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore the quiet, cobblestone streets of Rønne's enchanting Old Town. Spend time in Aarhus, where you'll visit its 12th-century cathedral, the tallest church in Denmark. In all, you'll enjoy 13 included features and Cultural Discoveries throughout this incredible, luxury small ship cruise.

When you're not in port uncovering the beauty of the destinations you'll visit, indulge in the numerous amenities of the 5-star Ocean Odyssey. Treat yourself to a pampering massage at the onboard spa, relax in one of the top-deck hot tubs, sip a cocktail at the panoramic Observation Lounge, and savor delectable cuisine at one of several onboard dining venues. Our small passenger-to-crew ratio ensures personalized service and your ship's small size allows us to visit many intimate ports that larger ships are unable to access.

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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

OCEAN ODYSSEY



Discover more of Scandinavia aboard the luxurious Ocean Odyssey

STOCKHOLM



Explore Stockholm, a charming city built on 14 islands connected by bridges

VISBY



Step back in time during your visit to the medieval island port of Visby

BERGEN



Tour Bergen and discover Bryggen Wharf, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

RØNNE



Stroll down the quiet, cobblestone streets of Rønne's enchanting Old Town on a guided walking tour

WARNEMÜNDE



Discover Germany's laidback side in the enchanting seaside town of Warnemünde

FREDERICIA



Explore the historical town of Fredericia, part of Denmark's Triangle Region

AARHUS CATHEDRAL



Spend time at the 12th-century Aarhus Cathedral, the tallest church in Denmark

HELSINGBORG



Set out on a walking tour of the Swedish coastal city of Helsingborg

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Accommodations:** 2 nights at the *Radisson Strand Hotel* (or similar) in Stockholm, 10 nights on board the *Ocean Odyssey*, and 2 nights at the *Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret* (or similar) in Bergen
- **35 meals:** 15 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 11 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
- **13 included features and Cultural Discoveries**
- **1 UNESCO World Heritage Site:** Hanseatic Town of Visby
- **The services of a Vantage Cruise Director and Program Manager**, plus shipboard commentary, regional experts, and private motorcoach for excursions
- **Complimentary Destination Manager service on board** ship to assist with all your personal requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and other special requests in port
- **Complimentary Vantage Deluxe Concierge Service** prior to your journey, to plan celebrations, activities, or provide regional expertise. Log into My Portfolio and submit a request, or send an email any time up to two weeks prior to your departure at Concierge@vantagetravel.com
- **Complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi**
- **Gratuities for local guides and drivers**
- **All transfers and baggage handling overseas**, beginning with your first hotel
- **Vantage's 5% Travel Reward**, received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage journey

SPECIAL INTEREST



SMALL SHIP CRUISING HIGHLIGHTS Our 5-star fleet offers an authentic sailing experience to make your journey unforgettable. While onboard, indulge in a relaxing massage at the spa, or try hot-rock cooking at the onboard restaurant. Then, disembark for an eye-opening visit to a local winery or a walking tour of some of the world's most iconic cities and undiscovered gems. All the while, enjoy these world-class ship amenities:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins, most of which have full walk-out balconies, for the most flexible style of travel

— plus, suites designed for comfortable triple-occupancy as well as adjoining room options

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining incorporating regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Knowledgeable staff by region
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- Entertainment programming with 100 movie titles
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption
- Dynamic positioning technology
- State-of-the-art safety technology, Polar Code 6 compliant, and fully compliant with the latest SOLAS requirements in expedition cruising
- Rolls-Royce stabilizer system; "Safe Return to Port" technology



UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Stockholm's Vasa Museum, the world's only fully intact 17th-century warship
- Discover UNESCO-listed Visby, a charming seaside treasure located on the large Swedish island of Gotland
- Set out on a walking tour along the quiet, cobblestone streets of Rønne's enchanting Old Town
- Explore the historical town of Fredericia, located at the southeastern point of Denmark's Jutland peninsula and part of the Triangle Region that includes the neighboring cities of Kolding and Vejle
- Spend time at the 12th-century Aarhus Cathedral, the tallest church in Denmark at 315-feet-tall
- Set out on a walking tour of the Swedish coastal city of Helsingborg, situated across the Øresund Strait from Denmark, and known for its historic old town and its Kärnan Tower
- Head ashore to explore the historic coastal village of Stavanger, which dates back to the 12th century and is characterized by the white-washed wooden buildings that line its quaint cobbled lanes



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS You'll enjoy a spectrum of picturesque sights on this journey. Here are a few tips to help you photograph them along the way:

- Change your perspective. Try shooting from a different angle, for example. Climb a stairwell and shoot a landscape from up high or, alternately, get low and shoot a scene from the ground. Wherever you are, embrace this artistic challenge by getting out of your comfort zone!
 - Take a selfie! You'll be glad to have a few portraits of yourself at the distinctive landmarks you'll find on this journey
- Look beyond the landmarks — sometimes everyday scenes are just as inspiring, and provide a lesson in embracing the unexpected and seizing the moment in front of you



SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS On this small ship ocean cruise, independent travelers will enjoy solo-friendly features, such as:

- Onboard Destination Manager to personalize your expedition
- Water-sport opportunities, depending on the location
- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
- Onboard entertainment, lectures, and cooking demonstrations

- Health and wellness options, including onboard spa, hot tubs, and a gym



CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS Prior to your cruise, our complimentary Concierge service will be available to help you customize your journey. Here are just a few services your Concierge can provide:

- Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, family reunion or other important event you want to celebrate on board? Let your Concierge know and he or she can make all the special arrangements, whether it's a private reception in your suite, a

gathering in the lounge, and more

- Restaurant reservations. Just notify your Concierge of your interests, and he or she will be happy to make recommendations, and will call ahead to reserve your table
- Special excursions. Would you like a limo to take you for a special night in the city? Perhaps you'd like to look up long-lost relatives. Your Concierge is here to help!
- Extend your stay! Your Concierge can help modify your hotel reservations and flights if you decide to stay on
- Tickets to local concerts, exhibits, theater, sporting events, and more

Take advantage of this free, start-to-finish service by making your requests prior to your journey or during your journey. We are one of the only companies to offer this level of service! Call 1-888-982-6824 or email Concierge@vantagetravel.com to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into My Portfolio up to two weeks prior to departure. During your journey, your onboard Destination Manager can assist with any special requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and more.

STOCKHOLM TO BERGEN

DAY 1: Fly overnight to Stockholm

DAY 2: Arrive in Stockholm today
Radisson Collection Strand Hotel or similar

DAY 3: Enjoy the sights of Stockholm
Radisson Collection Strand Hotel or similar

DAY 4: Embark the Ocean Odyssey today
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DAY 5: Visit the Hanseatic gem of Visby
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Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret or similar

DAY 15: Discover Norway's heritage in Bergen and Troidhaugen
Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret or similar

DAY 16: Return home today



DAY 1: Fly overnight to Stockholm

Today, you'll board an overnight flight to Stockholm, Sweden. Or, depart earlier for your pre-trip extension in Stockholm.

DAY 2: Arrive in Stockholm today

Welcome to Sweden! If you purchased your airfare from Vantage, a representative will meet you at the airport to assist with transfers to your hotel. Following check-in, you'll have the afternoon at leisure. Dinner tonight will be at your hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner
Radisson Collection Strand Hotel or similar

DAY 3: Enjoy the sights of Stockholm

Become acquainted with Stockholm's irresistible charms and remarkable history on a cultural tour of this "Venice of the North." You'll walk through the narrow streets of delightful Gamla Stan, or Old Town, and enjoy views of Stockholm City Hall. Your tour includes a visit to the Vasa Museum, where you'll see the amazing "ghost ship" of the same name. This massive vessel is the world's only fully intact 17th-century warship. It sank just offshore during its maiden voyage in 1628, and was preserved in mud for three centuries before being recovered. You'll have free time following your tour to continue exploring Stockholm on your own.

Included Feature:

- Panoramic tour of Stockholm

Cultural Discovery:

- Vasa Museum visit
Included meals: Breakfast
Radisson Collection Strand Hotel or similar

DAY 4: Embark the Ocean Odyssey today

Today, you'll embark the Ocean Odyssey. Get settled in your luxurious stateroom, then take time to acquaint yourself with the ship's many amenities. Enjoy a cocktail at the panoramic Observation Lounge, pop into the fitness center, or visit the Destination Manager to book a spa treatment. Tonight, enjoy the first of many delicious meals prepared by your skilled onboard chefs.

Onboard Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional onboard experience. Enhance your time on board with one of our Vantage-exclusive activities, including wine and whiskey tastings, a multicourse Chef's Table Dinner, or an exclusive wine-pairing dinner.

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Included meals: Breakfast & dinner
Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 5: Visit the Hanseatic gem of Visby

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning against the scenic backdrop of Visby, a UNESCO World Heritage Centre. This charming seaside treasure is located on the large Swedish island of Gotland, and was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to the extraordinary preservation of its medieval port area. You'll discover the town's beauty during a walking tour from Almedalen, the former harbor that is now a scenic park. Your knowledgeable guides will tell stories about Visby's rich and fascinating history, and provide insight into the daily lives of its residents. As you walk through medieval alleys, past gabled houses, and medieval ruins, you'll see some of city's main attractions, such as

Powder Tower, Fish Alley, and Visby Cathedral. Following your tour, return to the ship for lunch, then enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Included Feature:

- Panoramic and walking tour of Visby
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 6: Be captivated by enchanting Rønne today

Today, you'll arrive at the rocky Danish island of Bornholm and step ashore in Rønne Harbour at the foot of St. Nicolai Church. Set out on a walking tour along the quiet, cobblestone streets of Rønne's enchanting Old Town. You'll be delighted by the sight of quaint half-timbered houses and colorful gardens, the scent of lilacs and fruit trees, and the melodies of local songbirds. There will be time after your walking tour to continue exploring the charms of this lovely town on your own.

Included Feature:

- Rønne walking tour
Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Head out on a full-day private bus tour of Bornholm Island with an included lunch and beer tasting. Learn More
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 7: Discover Germany's laidback side

Situated along the coast of the Baltic Sea, you'll find the German resort town of Warnemünde. This appealing little town is one of northern Europe's lesser-known destinations, but it's a hidden gem that should definitely be on your radar. Drawing visitors in with its gentle spirit, Warnemünde offers a sweetly picturesque

alternative to busier German ports. You'll have the opportunity to experience this laidback town for yourself on an included walking tour of its highlights. You'll also spend time in the festive city of Rostock, home to many of Germany's major maritime events, including the annual Hanse Sail festival. Later, enjoy leisure time on your own to take in even more of this lovely port.

Included Feature:

- Warnemünde and Rostock walking tour
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 8: Find Danish delights in Fredericia

Located at the southeastern point of Denmark's Jutland peninsula, you'll find the historic town of Fredericia, part of the Triangle Region that includes the neighboring cities of Kolding and Vejle. Founded in 1650 by King Frederick III as a royal fortification, Fredericia's town center is encircled by well-preserved ramparts. Today, the town is part of the East Jutland metropolitan area and a major barracks for the Royal Danish Army's Signals regiment. Delve into the unique history and culture of the city, and explore the amazing nature that surrounds it, during a guided walking tour.

Included Feature:

- Guided walking tour of Fredericia
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 9: Explore historic Aarhus on a guided walking tour

Aarhus, Denmark's second largest city, is at the center of the Aarhus Region. This area is known as a modern, active, and creative region, holding infinite options for visitors, whether you are

looking for active pursuits, beautiful scenery, or big-city atmosphere. Founded in the late 8th century as a harbor settlement at the mouth of the Aarhus River, Aarhus quickly became a trade hub, and the first Christian church was built here in approximately AD 900. At 315-feet-tall, the 12th-century Aarhus Cathedral is the longest and tallest church in Denmark, and serves as the main edifice of the diocese of Aarhus for the Church of Denmark, dedicated to St. Clemens, the patron saint of sailors. You'll visit this Romanesque-style cathedral during your walking tour of this historic town. Later, enjoy time on your own to continue your explorations at your own pace.

Included Feature:

- Aarhus walking tour and cathedral visit
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 10: Visit Helsingborg's historic old town

Following breakfast on board this morning, you'll set out on a walking tour of the Swedish coastal city of Helsingborg. Situated across the Øresund Strait from Denmark, Helsingborg is known for its historic old town and Kärnan Tower. This notable site is the only remaining part of the late 19th-century Danish fortress that once resided here. Nearby you'll find St. Mary's Church, the city's oldest religious structure, dating back to the 12th century; and the neo-Gothic Town Hall, magnificent with its ornate angular towers and arched stained-glass windows. There will be leisure time after your tour to continue exploring this lovely town on your own.

Included Feature:

- Helsingborg walking tour
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

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DAY 11: Explore the Swedish city of Gothenburg

Today you'll have a chance to dive into Swedish tradition with a morning city tour of Gothenburg. You'll board a private motorcoach and drive by a few of the city's major attractions, including the Maritiman floating maritime museum on the Göta älv River and the Göteborgsoperan opera house. Enjoy a walk through the charming Haga district, a traditional neighborhood of picturesque wooden buildings and narrow cobblestone streets. Finally, you'll visit Feskekôrka, a popular indoor fish market, and Store Saluhall, the main indoor market. Here, you'll have the opportunity to sample a few local delicacies.

Included Feature:

- Gothenburg city tour

Cultural Discoveries:

- Feskekôrka fish market visit
- Stora Saluhallen visit

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Explore the industrial side of Sweden on an optional tour of the Volvo Museum, or wander through beautiful flowers and greenery during an optional visit to the botanical gardens. Learn

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Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 12: Relax on board with a day at sea

Enjoy a day at sea as the Ocean Odyssey makes its way to Stavanger. Visit the spa, get in a workout at the gym, relax on the sun deck with a great book, and enjoy the fabulous cuisine the chefs are creating just for you!

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DAY 13: Stroll the cobblestone streets of Stavanger

Today, you'll explore the coastal village of Stavanger, Norway. This historical village dates back to the 12th century, and is characterized by the white-washed wooden buildings that line its quaint cobbled lanes. Noted by UNESCO as one of Norway's most well-preserved cities, Old Stavanger is a popular residential area. Throughout your walking tour, you'll see many galleries and artisanal boutiques, as well as the Stavanger Maritime Museum, the Norwegian Printing Museum, and the Norwegian Canning Museum.

Included Feature:

- Stavanger walking tour
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 14: Disembark the Ocean Odyssey in Bergen

Following breakfast on board, you'll disembark and transfer to your hotel in beautiful Bergen. You'll have afternoon and evening at your leisure, with lunch and dinner on your own.

Included meals: Breakfast
Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret or similar

DAY 15: Discover Norway's heritage in Bergen and Troidhaugen

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel today, then head out to explore Bergen and Troidhaugen aboard a

private motorcoach. The centuries-old city of Bergen, Norway's second-largest city, has a vibrant, colorful waterfront. With its abundance of wooden homes, narrow lanes, and cozy cafés, Bergen has a lovely small-town feel and welcoming atmosphere. Built after the Great Fire of 1702, the traditional wooden houses and unusual street patterns inspired UNESCO to declare the city a World Heritage Site in 1979. Then you'll learn about Norway's musical legacy with a visit to Troidhaugen, Edvard Grieg's summer home. As one of the most influential Romantic composers of the 19th century, his work helped launch the country into international musical prominence. During a tour of Grieg's home — now a fascinating museum — we'll delve further into his cultural contributions.

Included Feature:

- Bergen and Troidhaugen motorcoach tour
Included meals: Breakfast
Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret or similar

DAY 16: Return home today

Following breakfast at your hotel, you will transfer to the airport to board your return flight home.

Included meals: Breakfast

Please note: Ocean-cruising is not the same experience as river cruising; as such, you may experience fluctuating tides and weather patterns that may involve some rocking of your vessel. Itineraries will include all activities as planned except in extreme cases that can't be controlled by your shipboard crew. The above day-by-day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Vantage Cruise Director or regional expert.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Ocean Odyssey

The intimate *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey* are the cruise industry's newest and most premier small ships built for global expedition travel, and ready to go to some of the world's most far-reaching destinations. Accommodating just 134 guests, the ship is outfitted with the latest satellite, sustainability, and navigation capabilities, including SOLAS "Safe Return to Port" requirements and ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology, a significant enhancement for smooth sailing in polar seas. On all Vantage expedition cruises, education is an essential component of the journey. Enjoy talks from notable scholars, onboard historians who travel alongside you, and handpicked regional experts. On polar expeditions with Vantage, you'll attend lectures, lessons, and activities offered by a 17-member Expedition Team of experts in fields ranging from biology to oceanography.

In your downtime, you'll find relaxation and luxury aboard the *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey*. Visit the gym or onboard spa for a facial, massage, even a haircut. Soak in the hot tub after a rewarding day of sightseeing. Enjoy gourmet fare for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus outstanding culinary experiences built into your journey. And because there's no more than 134 fellow travelers on expedition cruises, you'll enjoy small group outings by day and share meals, stories, and fun with new friends by night. These fabulous expedition vessels offer:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins
- 30 triple-ready cabins available
- Vantage offers FREE roommate-matching services if you'd like to be paired while you travel
- Spacious, all outside-facing cabins
- 134-guest capacity
- Zodiac trips to get as close as possible to nature
- The latest satellite and navigation capabilities, including ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology
- Intimate crew-to-passenger ration, plus onboard Destination Manager

- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption

Amenities:

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining and regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Hot-rock cooking restaurant
- Multistory lounge and lobby
- Three bars and various lounges
- Top deck observation deck for gatherings, lectures, performances, and more
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
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- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager (not available on expeditions)
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- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- 20+ live TV channels featuring popular U.S. news channels, the Food Network, the Travel Channel, and National Geographic
- Entertainment and video on demand for 250 classic movies



Radisson Collection Strand Hotel
★★★★

The Radisson Collection Strand Hotel is ideally located a short walk away from Stockholm's charming Old Town, the Royal Palace, the Royal Dramatic Theatre, ABBA The Museum, the Modern Museum, cozy cafés, shops, restaurants, nightlife, and more. Rooms are elegantly designed and all fitted with modern amenities, including complimentary Wi-Fi, in-room safes, television, rain shower, hair dryer, coffee- and tea-making facilities, and more. While here, make use of the hotel's fitness room, on-site restaurant and bars, 24-hour front desk, and 24-hour room service to enhance your stay.



Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret ★★★★★

The Superior First Class Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret is ideally located in Bergen, making it easy to explore the city and its many attractions. Situated in the historic facilities of the old harbor control office, this boutique hotel is the perfect hideaway near Bryggen, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This Bergen hotel takes pride in giving services with a personal touch to help you feel at home during your visit to this stunning city. For your convenience, all guest rooms feature cable/satellite TV, wireless Internet access, a coffee-maker, iron and ironing board, and a hair dryer.



Hilton Helsinki Strand ★★★★★

This waterfront hotel is located just around the corner from Hakaniemi Market and the Kallio district, and one kilometer from Helsinki city center. Onsite amenities include a restaurant, cocktail bar, indoor pool, and fitness center. In-room amenities include comfortable bedding, hair dryer, mini-bar, flat-screen television, complimentary Wi-Fi, and room service.