



# JEWELS OF SCANDINAVIA & THE BALTIC CAPITALS

***Your 15-night journey includes: 10-night small ship cruise with Rønne, Gdask, Visby, Riga, Tallinn, Helsinki & Mariehamn; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Copenhagen; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Stockholm***

Meander into the Baltic on this culture-rich voyage that promises a beguiling blend of music, architecture, and gastronomy. Embark Vantage Deluxe World Travel's 5-star luxury vessel, Ocean Odyssey, and call on captivating ports in six nations, from beloved cultural capitals such as Helsinki to smaller ports that only small ships like ours can reach — like the medieval port of Visby and charming Rønne, gateway to the seldom-visited “Gourmet Island” of Bornholm.

Throughout your small ship ocean cruise, a total of 24 included features and Cultural Discoveries will pull back the curtains on centuries of history that laid the foundations of this region. You'll also travel in summer — the perfect time of year to explore the Viking ship Vasa at Stockholm's renowned museum, the Solidarity Route of Gdask, the art nouveau treasures of Riga, the remarkably-preserved Old Town of Tallinn, and much more.

During intriguing sessions with your onboard Resident Lecturer, learn about the powerful Hanseatic League that once ruled the seas, the liberation of Poland, and the region's inspiring “Singing Revolution.” Experience — and taste! — the food cultures of Bornholm Island and Copenhagen firsthand during exclusive market visits. Your Northern European sojourn is bookended by land stays in Stockholm and Copenhagen, two of Scandinavia's most celebrated cities.

When you're not spellbound by the beauty of the Baltics, indulge in the numerous amenities of the Ocean Odyssey. Treat yourself to a massage at the onboard spa, relax in the hot tubs, get energized in the gym, or sip a cocktail on the panoramic sundeck. Our small passenger-to-crew ratio ensures optimum service and its small size — just 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins — allows you

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to berth in many ports and walk right off the ship into the heart of your destination (please note: tendering is required in some port cities).

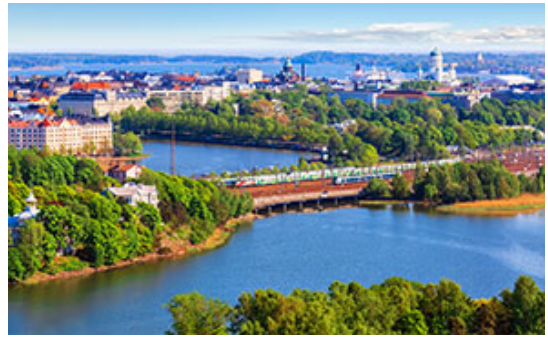
# JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

## OCEAN ODYSSEY



Discover Northern Europe on the Ocean Odyssey

## HELSINKI



Contrast green and graceful Helsinki with the other Baltic capitals you'll visit

## COPENHAGEN



Tour delightful Copenhagen, home of the Little Mermaid, Tivoli Gardens, and inviting districts perfect for strolling

## STOCKHOLM



Explore Stockholm, a charming city built on 14 islands connected by more than 57 bridges

## RESIDENT LECTURER



Gain deeper insights into your destinations with talks and discussions by an onboard Resident Lecturer

## TALLINN OLD TOWN



Feel the magic of Tallinn, northern Europe's best-preserved medieval city, as you explore the Upper and Lower towns

## SOLIDARITY ROUTE



Learn how the shipyards of Gdask gave birth to Poland's legendary Solidarity movement

## ART NOUVEAU DISTRICT, RIGA



Discover the world's greatest collection of art nouveau architecture on your tour of Riga, Latvia's capital

## VISBY



Step back in time on your visit to Visby, the medieval island port that formed a key link in the powerful Hanseatic League trading empire

# YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Port charges of \$777 per person are included** in the base price as a courtesy to our *Ocean Odyssey* travelers
- **Accommodations:** 14 nights, with 10 nights on board the *Ocean Odyssey*, 2 nights at the *Radisson Strand Hotel* (or similar) and 2 nights at the *Tivoli Hotel & Congress Center* (or similar)
- **35 meals:** 14 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 12 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
- **24 included features and Cultural Discoveries** with state-of-the-art portable audio headsets on all shore excursions throughout your journey
- **4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** Visby; Riga; Tallinn; and Suomenlinna Fortress
- **The services of a Cruise Director**, plus shipboard commentary, regional experts, and private motorcoach for excursions
- **Complimentary Destination Manager** on board ship to assist with all your personal requests
- **Small-group escorted shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- **Gratuities for local guides & drivers**
- **Onboard lecturer** to present curated lecture series
- **All transportation on tour**
- **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



## ART & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Northern Europe offers a rich repository of art, architecture, and crafts that reflect centuries of culture and history. Here are a few ways you can witness it for yourself:

- Admire a wealth of alluring architecture on your journey — from Riga’s art nouveau district to striking cathedrals and Copenhagen’s clean, modern masterpieces
- During your time on the Danish island of Bornholm, you can

explore numerous shops and studios for renowned Danish pottery and glass

- Delight in an array of both onboard entertainment and local performances, including Latvian folk musicians and dancers, a stirring organ performance in Riga, and more!



## UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Center of the Viking Age and the mercantile might of the Hanseatic League, the Baltics are steeped in history. Immerse yourself in their rich and fascinating past!

- Visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Visby; Riga; Tallinn; and Suomenlinna Fortress
- Enjoy stunning coastline vistas and a slice of ancient architecture at Hammershus, the largest castle ruin in northern Europe, and a mysterious castle at that — archaeologists are still uncertain who built this famous Danish fortification, and when

- Trace the Solidarity Route to the historic shipyards of Gdask, Poland, where Lech Walesa sparked a social movement that eventually ushered in a new world order of democracy in eastern Europe
- See Stockholm’s Vasa Museum, featuring the amazing “ghost ship” of the same name, the world’s only fully intact 17th -century warship. In 1628, the state-of-the-art (and very expensive) Vasa set sail, on her maiden voyage with great pomp and circumstance and promptly sank in Stockholm Harbor, with the king looking on. Preserved in mud for three centuries, the ship was finally recovered and is now displayed in all its glory



## PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

You’ll enjoy a spectrum of picturesque sights and scenes on this expedition — from established cultural capitals such as Copenhagen to up-and-coming destinations like Riga, Latvia, and Tallinn, Estonia. Here are a few tips to help you photograph them along the way:

- Don’t be afraid of the dark! Exploring cities and landmarks at night offers different lighting and unique new perspectives — just

make sure you have a tripod or your camera comes equipped with a night feature!

- 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



## MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

You'll get a taste for eastern European music on this tour — from traditional song and dance to a pipe organ concert in Riga. Here's a sampling of the music you'll enjoy:

- Enjoy a special pipe organ concert at St. John's Church in Riga and an authentic evening with food and folklore
- Learn the importance of song to Baltic independence during a lecture on the Singing Revolution that helped eject the Soviet Union from Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania
- Helsinki onboard entertainment



## RELIGIOUS HIGHLIGHTS

From Jewish history to ornate cathedrals, here are a few ways you'll explore religion on this tour:

- Visit Riga Cathedral, the largest medieval church in the Baltic states
- Visit one of Bornholm Island's 12th-century round churches
- Explore Riga's Jewish District
- Visit St. Mary's Church as you follow the Solidarity Route through Gdask





## 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
  - A lively social media night and musical performances most nights
  - Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
  - Onboard entertainment, lectures, and cooking demonstrations
- Health and wellness options, including onboard spa, jacuzzis, and a gym



**CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS** Prior to your expedition 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@vantagetrip.com](mailto:Concierge@vantagetrip.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.

# COPENHAGEN TO STOCKHOLM

- DAY 1: Board an overnight flight to Copenhagen
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- DAY 2: Copenhagen arrival  
*Tivoli Hotel & Congress Center or similar*
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- DAY 3: Panoramic city tour of Copenhagen  
*Tivoli Hotel & Congress Center or similar*
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- DAY 4: Exploring Copenhagen with private canal cruise, embark the Ocean Odyssey  
*Ocean Odyssey >*
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- DAY 5: Cliff-top castles and Danish gastronomy of Bornholm  
*Ocean Odyssey >*
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- DAY 6: The Solidarity Route through historic Gdask, Poland  
*Ocean Odyssey >*
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- DAY 7: The Hanseatic gem of Visby, Sweden  
*Ocean Odyssey >*
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- DAY 8: Enjoy the cobbled streets of Riga with an included organ concert and a special dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey >*
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- DAY 9: Riga at leisure  
*Ocean Odyssey >*
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- DAY 15: Explore Stockholm on your own  
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DAY 16: Return home

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**DAY 1:** Board an overnight flight to Copenhagen

Today you'll board an overnight flight to Denmark. Or, depart earlier for your pre-extension to Copenhagen.

Please note: If you're taking advantage of the pre-trip extension to Copenhagen, you will follow the pre-trip itinerary until Day 4, when you'll board the Ocean Odyssey and join your fellow

base travelers for the rest of the journey. All activities and inclusions will be covered; please see the pre-trip extension itinerary for details.

**DAY 2:** Copenhagen arrival

Welcome to Copenhagen, Denmark's cosmopolitan capital. If you purchased your airfare from Vantage, a representative will meet you at the airport and assist with the transfer to your hotel. Enjoy free time at leisure to acclimate before an evening Welcome Briefing. Tonight, enjoy a welcome drink and Welcome Dinner with your fellow travelers at the hotel.

Included meals: Dinner  
*Tivoli Hotel & Congress Center or similar*

**DAY 3:** Panoramic city tour of Copenhagen

Get acquainted with this charming city on an

included panoramic tour. View the famed Little Mermaid statue on her watery perch, visit the Nyhavn canal district, swing by towered and turreted Rosenborg Castle, and contrast that with the more-dignified Amalienborg Castle where Denmark's Queen Margrethe II resides today. We've planned your arrival at the royal residence to coincide with the Changing of the Guard.

Next, visit the Torvehallerne food market to taste the freshest local fare and interact with the people who live here and grow produce, flowers, and more. Peruse among the more than 60 stalls for a delicious lunch on your own before enjoying the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner is on your own tonight, and from renowned Noma restaurant to an upcropping of other Michelin-starred gems, food has become Copenhagen's main attraction!

**Included Feature:**

- Copenhagen city tour

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Visit Torvehallerne food market  
Included meals: Breakfast  
*Tivoli Hotel & Congress Center or similar*

**DAY 4:** Exploring Copenhagen with private canal cruise, embark the Ocean Odyssey

You have the morning to uncover the delights of Copenhagen on your own. Perhaps you'll explore the Nyhavn district with its character-rich boats endlessly bobbing in the harbor, colorful lines of buildings standing at attention, and umbrella-fronted cafés. You may also want to stroll the city's famed Strøget, one of the longest pedestrian streets in the world. To get around more quickly, perhaps rent a bicycle and join the many locals who use two wheels as their primary

mode of transportation. This afternoon, enjoy a private and exclusive canal boat ride and take in this lovely cityscape from the water. Don't forget your camera — this is an experience not to be missed!

Later, embark the Ocean Odyssey. Get settled in your cabin, then explore the ship's many amenities, including an observation lounge, and fitness center. Perhaps you'll visit the Destination Manager to plan a spa appointment. After, gather for a port talk to learn about our next thrilling Scandinavian capital. In the elegant dining room, savor a special Captain's Welcome Dinner, the first of many sumptuous meals we've curated for this journey.

**Included Feature:**

- Vantage-exclusive private canal boat cruise  
Scenic Sailing:  
• Enjoy panoramic views of the vibrant colors of Copenhagen as you cruise toward your next destination

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey >*

**DAY 5:** Cliff-top castles and Danish gastronomy of Bornholm

This morning you'll explore Bornholm Island, where the open fields and granite headlands get more days of sunshine than anywhere else in Denmark, drawing summer tourists to the sandy beaches. On your island tour, you'll stop for photos at the dramatic cliff-top ruins of Hammershus, a medieval castle. Stop in the quaint fishing village of Svaneke, one of the best-preserved market towns on the island.

During your visit, you'll sample firsthand the island's burgeoning reputation as a food destination. Not only is its climate ideal for

growing a common fig known as the Bornholm Diamond, but the island also embraces the products grown on its many farms. You'll stop for tastings at the Garden, a food and cultural house that showcases Bornholm's exciting flavors before returning to the ship for lunch.

Relax this evening with a lecture on the region, then savor dinner and attend a port talk to learn about tomorrow's explorations.

**Included Feature:**

- Scenic and culinary tour of Bornholm

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Onboard lecture

Scenic Sailing:

- Admire all the charm of Rønne from the unique vantage of the open sea as you depart  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 6:** The Solidarity Route through historic Gdask, Poland

The Ocean Odyssey arrives to Gdask this morning. Gdask was a powerful member of the Hanseatic League, the maritime organization that controlled much of medieval trade in the area. Today, the legacy of its prosperity has been lovingly restored. On a morning tour, set out to explore this great maritime city whose great shipyards served as the incubator for the legendary Solidarity movement of 1980, the first crack in what would ultimately be the crumbling of the entire Soviet Union. You'll follow the Solidarity Route through this historic seaport, including the charming Old Town and massive St. Mary's Church, one of the largest brick churches in the world. A visit to the European Solidarity Centre reveals the Solidarity story in impressive detail; you will follow an English-

language audio tour through the captivating exhibits.

Return to the ship for lunch, then utilize the shuttle service from the ship back to Gdask's Old Town. Stroll down Long Street, also known as the Royal Route for the kingly processions it once hosted, to witness reconstructions of its beautiful 17th-century buildings.

Learn about the liberation of Poland during a captivating lecture, then enjoy another gourmet dinner and a port talk about your next remarkable city.

**Vantage Exclusive:**

- Follow the Solidarity Route of Gdask including Old Town, St Mary's Church, and the European Solidarity Center

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Lecture on the liberation of Poland

Scenic Sailing:

- Arrive in Gdask and admire all the vivid splashes of color of this popular Polish coastal city  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 7:** The Hanseatic gem of Visby, Sweden

Enjoy breakfast this morning as the ship arrives in Visby. This charming seaside treasure is located on the large Swedish island of Gotland. Rightfully declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site for the extraordinary preservation of its medieval port area, Visby was a key link in the powerful Hanseatic League. Enjoy morning panoramic and walking tour of Visby, including panoramic tour, with a stop by the town wall and a walking tour of Visby Old Town (Almedalen,

Powder Tower, Fish Alley and Visby Cathedral). Join our knowledgeable guides who will unlock the doors to exciting worlds where time has stood still. Then return to the ship for lunch. Leisure time in the afternoon allows you more time to return to favorite spots on your own; perhaps you will duck into the cathedral to admire its lovely stained glass and ornate altarpiece. Or, enjoy the ship's amenities — maybe you'll reserve a massage, hit the gym, or even pick up some items in the boutique. Before dinner, hear another fascinating lecture, followed by a port talk on tomorrow's adventures.

Savor dinner on board this evening as you cruise to your next destination — cosmopolitan Riga, the capital of Latvia.

**Included Feature:**

- Highlights of Visby

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Onboard lecture

Scenic Sailing:

- The landscape changes once again as we sail into the remarkably preserved medieval city of Visby and are greeted by rural farmhouses and low-slug cottages

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 8:** Enjoy the cobbled streets of Riga with an included organ concert and a special dinner

When you awake this morning, you'll be sailing in the Gulf of Riga, headed for the Latvian capital of the same name. After lunch on board, set out into the largest city of the Baltic States for a rewarding tour by coach and by foot. Begin on the eastern bank of the Daugava River, where Vecrga, or Old Riga, is punctuated by the three spires of St. Peter's, the Dome Cathedral, and

St. Jacob's. These streets are dripping with charm and beauty, much of it embodied in graceful art nouveau architecture. After exploring, pause at St. John's Church for an included concert on the church's splendid organ that's sure to inspire you.

Head to a celebrated local restaurant for a special dinner where you'll get a taste of traditional Latvian food and watch a festive performance of traditional Rigan organ music and dancing.

You will overnight on board in Riga. Take some time to attend this evening's port talk to learn how you may further explore this charming city tomorrow.

Vantage Exclusive:

- Riga city tour with organ concert

Cultural Discovery:

- Traditional Latvian dinner with Rigan folk music and dance performance — a Vantage exclusive!

Scenic Sailing:

- Keep cameras out upon arrival in Riga: The city that is said to possess the world's highest concentration of art nouveau buildings
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 9:** Riga at leisure

You'll have free time this morning to explore as you please, and you can take advantage of complimentary shuttle service between the ship and Riga's Old Town for your convenience. You may also check with our Destination Manager to

plan a unique and exciting excursion. Perhaps you'd like to visit one of the beautiful beaches on the Gulf of Riga or explore the atmospheric Vecrga. After, participate in an insightful lecture on the Singing Revolution of the Baltic states as we sail away from Riga this afternoon. Our port talk previews our next exciting destination before another delicious dinner on board as the ship begins its overnight sail to Estonia.

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Lecture and discussion on the Singing Revolution

**Scenic Sailing:**

- When sailing towards your next adventure, once again enjoy the stunning views of this eclectic city

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 10:** Medieval splendors in Tallinn

Tallinn, one of the Hanseatic League's trading centers, has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its remarkable preservation. After breakfast, attend a lecture that will offer some insight into your explorations of Tallinn today.

After an early lunch on board, embark on a panoramic tour of the city. The two-level Tallinn has an enchantment all its own, which you'll discover from the winding streets of the Lower Town to the fortified Upper Town on Toompea Hill, where you can take in the amazing view from the Patkuli viewing platform. You'll also see the Dome Church and the Opera House before heading to the Song Festival Grounds to see the spot where locals raised their singing voices in protest to eject the Soviets in a "Singing

Revolution."

Tallinn boasts a thriving high-tech economy, too, which has earned it a reputation as Europe's Silicon Valley. The young, entrepreneurial population supports a lively cultural and dining scene.

Back on board this evening, enjoy another sumptuous dinner in the shipboard dining room.

**Included Feature:**

- Panoramic tour of Tallinn

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Onboard lecture

**Scenic Sailing:**

- Marvel at the fairy-tale town of Tallinn as you

sail into Estonia's enchanting cultural hub  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 11:** Helsinki's grand squares and sacred Cathedral

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning, with scenic Helsinki Harbor acting as a backdrop as we sail from Tallinn to Helsinki, passing UNESCO-listed Suomenlinna Fortress. Enjoy an informative lecture and lunch on board before heading out on a panoramic afternoon tour of this magnificent city. Whether you're viewing Helsinki's 1852 cathedral, crossing one of its many parks or squares, or seeing yourself reflected in the glass of a brand-new building, you'll find that there's an appealing orderliness and grace to this northern capital. Your tour includes the bustling waterside Market Square (known locally as the Kauppatori) and Old Market Hall.

As you admire the stately government buildings

of Senate Square, the impressive green domes of the Helsinki Cathedral watch over your progress. This neoclassical wonder — completed in 1852 as a tribute to Czar Nicholas I of Russia, the Grand Duke of Finland at the time — crowns the cityscape like a jewel. Today, it is the worship house for the city's Evangelical Lutherans. Its high perch and its rooftop statues of the Twelve Apostles remind the devout of Helsinki that their god is ever-present.

You'll also pass the Sibelius Monument, sculpted in tribute to the famed Finnish composer, and the remarkable Temppeliaukio Church, built into solid rock. Dinner this evening will be on the ship, followed by onboard entertainment.

**Included Feature:**

- Helsinki city tour

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Onboard lecture
- Onboard entertainment by local musicians

**Scenic Sailing:**

- Behold the magnificent views of Helsinki's Scandinavian style and venture toward your next destination

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 12:** Another day of Finnish discoveries in Helsinki

Relax with a morning of leisure and a delicious lunch on your ship before heading out for another day of exploration in Helsinki. You'll have the opportunity to choose your preferred tour — the charming town of Porvoo or UNESCO-listed Suomenlinna Fortress.

Located just 45 minutes east of Helsinki, you'll

find the idyllic town of Porvoo. This is a haven of art, design, history, and architecture, surrounded by soothing nature. This is the second oldest city in Finland, best known for its cobblestone streets, charming cafés and boutiques, and vermilion-hued riverside warehouses — one of the most photographed landscapes in Finland. You'll admire the colorful wooden houses, stroll along winding streets, and pop into a local café for refreshments. Following your guided tour, you'll have free time to explore the many antique shops and handicraft vendors on your own before returning to the ship for lunch.

Your other tour option, Suomenlinna Fortress, is a cultural treasure. Located on a group of islands off the coast of Helsinki, you'll board a local ferry for a short ride to the 18th-century structure, one of Finland's most impressive UNESCO World Heritage sites. A guided walking tour will provide you with the history of this maritime fortress, originally constructed in 1748 by the Swedish Parliament when it was deemed necessary to reinforce Finland's defences. Your tour includes admission to both the Suomenlinna Museum and the Ehrenvårds Museum, as well as cake and coffee or tea at one of the local cafés.

Following your tour, you'll return to the ship for lunch on board and an afternoon lecture as you sail towards your next destination.

**Included Feature:**

- Choice of tours in Porvoo or Suomenlinna

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Onboard lecture

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >



**DAY 13:** Welcome to Mariehamn, the heart of the Baltic Sea

Situated halfway between Finland and Sweden is the welcoming port of Mariehamn, the capital of Åland. Small in stature — but big in beauty — this tiny port town has a population of only 11,000 inhabitants, and is characterized by a hospitable islander lifestyle and a strong maritime culture. You'll have a choice of two tours today — a panoramic tour of picturesque Mariehamn and its countryside, or a tour of the historically-rich municipality of Sund.

If you select the Mariehamn tour, you'll drive by many of its major sights, such as the Åland Maritime Museum, the early 1900s-era sailing ship, Pommern; and the Sjökvarteret Maritime Museum. You'll gain insight into the history and daily life of the residents that call the Åland Islands home, while heading south to the municipality of Lemland. Known for its 13th-century church — one of the oldest ever built — this minute town has a population of just over 2,100 residents. Get a glimpse of the golden era of Åland during a guided tour of the Skeppargården Pellas homestead, dating back to 1884. You will also enjoy a local treat when you visit Amalia Lemonade Factory for a tour and tasting.

Or, step back in time on an excursion to the island of Sund and learn about the history of the Åland Islands. You'll start with a visit to Kastelholm Castle, a medieval fortification constructed in the 1300s when Åland and Finland were part of the Swedish Empire. Following your castle visit, you'll head further east to the ruins of Bomarsund Fortress. Constructed in the mid-to-late 19th century, the fortress once functioned as both a defensive

structure and a townlike settlement inhabited by military and civilian residents alike. You'll conclude the tour with a visit to a local distillery before heading back to the ship.

**Included Feature:**

- Choice of tours in Mariehamn or Sund

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Choice of tours: Lemonade factory visit or Gin Distillery visit
  - Onboard lecture
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Odyssey* >

**DAY 14:** Disembark the Ocean Odyssey and take a panoramic city tour of Stockholm, with the Vasa Museum

Arrive this morning in Stockholm, Sweden's sophisticated capital, and say goodbye to the ship after breakfast. We hope you enjoyed your time on the Ocean Odyssey, Vantage's second small ship ocean cruising vessel!

Get acquainted with Stockholm's irresistible charms and remarkable history, spread across 14 islands knit together by some 57 bridges. On your cultural tour of this "Venice of the North," you'll walk through the narrow streets of the delightful Gamla Stan, or Old Town, and enjoy views of Stockholm City Hall and the city's equally attractive newer sections. On an included tour, visit the Vasa Museum, where you'll see the amazing "ghost ship" of the same name — the world's only fully intact 17th-century warship. The massive vessel sank just offshore on its maiden voyage in 1628. It lay preserved in the mud for three centuries, before being recovered and displayed in its full glory.

Later, check into your Stockholm hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Lunch and dinner

are both on your own.

**Included Feature:**

- Stockholm city tour

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Visit the Vasa Museum

**Scenic Sailing:**

- Delight in Stockholm's resplendent beauty

upon cruising into this thrilling city

Included meals: Breakfast

*Radisson Collection Strand Hotel or similar*

**DAY 15:** Explore Stockholm on your own

You'll have the entire day to take in the sophisticated pleasures of Stockholm today. Maybe you'll start your day with a lussekatt (a saffron bun), then set out to stroll the endless waterways of the archipelago on which the strikingly beautiful and compact city is built. Return to the cobbled lanes of the Gamla Stan, the Old Town, or visit the renowned Skansen Museum, an open-air recreation of history's traditional Swedish houses.

Celebrate your Baltic journey this evening with a Farewell Drink and Dinner alongside your fellow travelers.

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner

*Radisson Collection Strand Hotel or similar*

**DAY 16:** Return home

After breakfast, transfer to the Stockholm airport for your return flight home, or stay in Stockholm for your post-trip extension.

Please note: Arrive to your destination rested and refreshed! Convenient gateway city stopover options mean you can break up longer flights easily — just ask our Flight Experts for assistance.

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
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager (not available on expeditions)
- 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)
- 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



### Tivoli Hotel & Congress Center ★★★★

The charming Tivoli Hotel offers a magical mix of eye-catching design and tasteful décor inspired by Copenhagen's famous Tivoli Gardens. An indoor pool and soothing sauna offer a relaxing respite after a day of exploring the city, and you can enjoy delicious dining at any of the three onsite restaurants. The hotel is centrally located in the fashionable Vesterbro neighborhood, within walking distance of Tivoli Gardens, the Glyptotek Museum, Strøget shopping street, Copenhagen harbor and Copenhagen Townhall. The elegantly designed guest rooms are equipped with air-conditioning, minibar,...



## 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.