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ARCTIC NORTHERN LIGHTS & ICEBREAKER TOUR ICELAND, DENMARK, NORWAY, FINLAND & SWEDEN

Cities Covered: Copenhagen, Oslo, Kirkenes, Bygoynes, Inari, Saariselka, Rovaniemi, Kemi, Tornio, Helsinki, Stockholm & Reykjavik

Tour Package Includes

- * Roundtrip International Flight from Los Angeles
- * **39** Meals & Admissions as Stated
- * Visits to the first Swedish UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Drottningholm Palace
- * Arctic Safaris
 - King Crab Safari
 - Ice Fishing Safari
 - Husky Safari
- * Once in a life time experience
 - Swimming in the Arctic Ocean
 - Crossing the Arctic Circle
- * Meeting the only United Nations certified Santa Claus
- * Experience the world's only passenger carrying Icebreaker cruise
- * Overnight Cruises from Copenhagen to Oslo and from Helsinki to Stockholm
- * Experience Local Specialty Cuisine:
 - Danish style local cuisine
 - Norway Local Fish Soup
 - Fresh catch King Crab
 - Finland Venison
- * Golden Circle Tour
- * Blue Lagoon Hot Springs
- * Viewing the Mysterious Northern Lights



Traveling Dates:

**Mar 27 – Apr 11, 2018
(16 Days)**

Price per person:

\$ 8,488

**Incl: Tax & Fuel Charge
Single Supp: \$ 2,100**

Scandinavia is comprised of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. It is a historical and cultural-linguistic region in Northern Europe characterized by a common ethno-cultural North Germanic heritage and language. The term Scandinavia is also used to include Iceland and Finland because of their historical association with the Scandinavian people and languages. Aurora Borealis, also commonly called the Northern Lights, is a natural light display in the sky, predominantly seen in and near the Arctic Circle. This natural phenomenon is most likely in the evening hours from September to April. Let's experience the unforgettable Icebreaker Tour on the world's only passenger carrying icebreaker. We will pass amidst vast ice fields as the huge vessel breaks a trail through the ice. A once-in-a-lifetime experience: Arctic Northern Lights & Icebreaker Tour.



Northern Light, Finland



Sampo Icebreaker, Finland



The Blue Lagoon, Iceland



King Crab, Norway

OptionalMarch 26****Honolulu – Los Angeles →**

We start our vacation by boarding a domestic flight to Los Angeles and stay there overnight.

Hotel Accommodation: Holiday Inn Los Angeles International Airport

Day 1March 27****Los Angeles – Copenhagen →**

Today we will fly from Los Angeles to Copenhagen via Amsterdam. Overnight onboard. Meals and snacks will be served on the plane.

Day 2March 28****Copenhagen****(D)**

Copenhagen Airport, originally called Kastrup Airport is the largest airport in the Nordic countries and one of the oldest international airports in Europe. Copenhagen is the capital and most populated city of Denmark. It is the cultural, economic and governmental center of Denmark and is one of the major financial centers of Northern Europe with the Copenhagen Stock Exchange. Upon arrival at Copenhagen Airport, an Air & Sea Travel representative will greet and escort us to our hotel. A Welcome Dinner featuring Danish style local cuisine will be arranged.

Hotel Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Copenhagen Towers or Similar

Day 3March 29****Copenhagen – Oslo****(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, a City Tour of Copenhagen is arranged to show us unique sights of the city. First, we will stop by the Gefion Fountain, City Hall, and the world famous Little Mermaid, sculpted by Edvard Eriksen who got his inspiration from the Little Mermaid story. After lunch, we will visit Amalienborg Palace, the residence of the Royal Family of Copenhagen. Then we head to the pier and board a DFDS overnight cruise to Oslo, the capital of Norway. We will enjoy a Seafood Buffet Dinner on board.

Overnight: DFDS Ferry – Ocean View Cabin

Day 4March 30****Oslo****(B, L, D)**

We will arrive in Oslo in the morning. After breakfast on the ship, we will start our City Tour of Oslo. Our route includes the visiting of legendary Akershus Fortress, a medieval defense structure that once served as a prison for unruly men; viewing the Oslo Opera House, a stunning contemporary building by the shoreline and home of the National Opera & Ballet; and Oslo City Hall, the famous site where the Nobel Peace Prize Award ceremony takes place. We will then visit Frogner Park, the most popular tourist attraction of Norway. Within the park is the Vigeland Sculpture Installation, an extraordinary open-air showcase of work by Norway's best-loved sculptor, Gustav Vigeland. It is brimming with 212 granite and bronze sculptures by Vigeland. The most renowned one is Sinataggen (Little Hot-Head), portraying a London child in a mood of particularly ill humor. After lunch, enjoy some free leisure time and stroll around to explore this charming city. We will enjoy our dinner together, and head back to the hotel to rest.

Hotel Accommodation: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Oslo or Similar

Day 5March 31****Oslo – Kirkenes – Bygoynes – Kirkenes →****(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will transfer to the airport for the flight to Kirkenes, Norway. Kirkenes is a small town in far northeastern Norway, known for its views of the Northern Lights and King Crab. We will have lunch when we arrive in Kirkenes before continuing to the unique town of Bygoynes, where we will have a life time experience, Swimming in the Artic Ocean. Don't worry about the coldness of the water because it will be followed by a Warm Smoke Sauna. After returning to our hotel, we will enjoy dinner together, featuring the Fresh Local Fish Soup.

** The Arctic Ocean is the smallest and shallowest of the world's five major oceans.*

Accommodation: Kirkenes Thon Hotel or Similar

Day 6April 1****Kirkenes****(B, L, D)**

Today's highlight is the King Crab Safari. Kirkenes is the King Crab Capital of Norway and the only Norwegian border point to Russia. King Crab is an important export product in the north. This fascinating crustacean, originally from Russia, can grow up to 2 meters between the claws and weigh up to 33 lbs. After a tour around Kirkenes, we head to the Russian border and get an insight into Norwegian and Russian relations. From the Russian border, we move to the fjord where we can catch and get to know Live King Crabs. Then everyone will be served King Crab in wonderful surroundings while getting more information about crabs and this area so far north. We will return to our hotel for overnight. If we are lucky, we may see the mysterious northern lights at night.

Day 7 April 2****Kirkenes – Saariselka****(B, L, D)**

Today, we will experience another exciting safari, the Ice Fishing Safari. After breakfast, we will head to Northern Finland, Saariselka. In this unique northern countryside, there are national parks, lake areas, rivers and highland fells that offer a wealth of opportunities for year-round recreation. In winter, the Northern Lights dance across the sky up to 200 days a year. Once we arrive at the frozen lake, our guides will show us the skills needed for ice fishing, and find us the best spot for ice fishing. We can try our luck to catch fish under 12 inches of ice. We can try the Traditional Lapland Broth at lunch today in an outdoor setting. After that, we will visit a Reindeer Farm. Take this for an opportunity to experience the life of a reindeer herder, visit the Sami Tribe, and listen to the Sami story about the reindeer. Traditional Sami tribes include reindeer management, hunting and gathering of natural products, small-scale agriculture and handicrafts.

Hotel Accommodation: Santa's Hotel tunturi or Similar

Day 8 April 3****Saariselka****(B, L, D)**

A Husky Safari is scheduled for today. It is a truly thrilling experience, especially when we may have the chance to be a musher in control of our own team of dogs. Experience the excitement of the dogs as they eagerly wait to pull us at a speedy pace through the breathtaking Lappish scenery. We will travel to a Husky Farm by minivan or coach and meet the friendly dogs and their keepers. Our guide will provide information about the dogs and the ride before we enjoy our outing. After Dinner, we are not going back to the hotel to sleep! We will get on a Northern Light Hunting Bus to see the Northern Lights or the Aurora Borealis. The bright dancing Lights of the Aurora are actually collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun that enter the earth's atmosphere. We can enjoy the Northern Light show in quiet and comfortable surroundings.

Hotel Accommodation: Santa's Hotel tunturi or Similar

Day 9 April 4****Saariselka – Rovaniemi – Kemi - Tornio****(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will visit the incredible Santa Claus Village, an amusement park in Rovaniemi and the only hometown of Santa Claus certified by the United Nations. Make friends and relatives happy by ordering a **Santa Claus Letter**, which will be sent by Santa Claus before Christmas. All letters will be hand stamped using the Special Postmark of the Santa Claus Post Office. You can **take photos with Santa Claus** before visiting the **Arctic Circle Monument** written in four languages. Another attraction that makes this amusement park popular for tourism is The Arctic Circle, which cuts right through Santa Claus Village. A white line denoting the Arctic Circle is painted across the park. We officially enter the Arctic area when we cross the line. Let's enter The Arctic area together and get an **Arctic Circle Crossing Certificate**. Afterwards, we will visit Arktikum Science Museum, which is a museum, science center and conference venue right on the Arctic Circle to learn about the culture, history, and modern life in the Arctic. Tonight, we will stay overnight in Tornio.

Hotel Accommodation: Hotel Mustaparta or Similar

Day 10 April 5****Tornio – Kemi – Helsinki****(B, L, D)**

The highlight of the trip – Icebreaker Cruise! Before we start the most exciting activity of the day, we will head to the gorgeous Snow Castle, the biggest snow fort in the world. Every winter, it is rebuilt in a different architectural style. Snow Sculpture Display Room, Snow Restaurant, Snow Chapel, and the most amazing spot – Snow Hotel are a few of the structures in the compound. Could we imagine that we just need one blanket to stay one night? Yes, Kemi Snow Castle is beautiful and a 'must see' place. After this, we our four-hour winter adventure on the Sampo Icebreaking Cruise! **It is the only tourism icebreaker in the world.** The mighty Sampo Icebreaker operates on the northern Gulf of Bothnia out of **Kemi in Finnish Lapland.** After a presentation on board, we will get to see the massive engine room and bridge. We will be able to see the surrounding ice fields as they are being broken up by the huge vessel. We can enjoy a Warm Meal in a cozy restaurant on board the ship. In the middle of the largest ice field in Europe, we will Drop into the Sea and Float! After this special experience, we will take an overnight train to Helsinki.

Overnight train to Helsinki

Day 11 April 6****Helsinki – Stockholm****(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will visit the charming harbor city of Helsinki, the capital of Finland, also known as **“Daughter of the Baltic”**. We will visit the Helsinki Cathedral (the White Church), an Evangelic Lutheran church, a symbol of Helsinki – a true jewel of the neoclassical architecture; Temppeliaukio Church (Rock Church), one of the most

visited tourist attractions; the Sibelius Monument; and the Market Square next to East Harbor. In the late afternoon we will take an overnight ferry to Stockholm, the beautiful capital of Sweden. The city was founded in the 13th century and built on fourteen islands connected by dozens of bridges. Enjoy a [Seafood Buffet Dinner](#) on board.

Overnight: Tallink Silja Line – Promenade Cabin

Day 12 April 7** **Stockholm** **(B, L, D)**

After a fabulous breakfast buffet on the ferry, we arrive in Stockholm, capital of Sweden. We will start our city tour by stopping by Gamla Stan (The Old Town), one of the largest and best preserved medieval city centers in Europe and one of the foremost attractions in Stockholm. This is where Stockholm was founded in 1252. After lunch, we will have a guided tour of the Municipal Council building. It is the venue of the Nobel Prize banquet and is one of Stockholm's major tourist attractions. Royal Domain of Drottningholm is the first Swedish site to be placed on the [UNESCO World Heritage List](#). The palace is regarded as the best preserved example of an 18th-century palace in Sweden and is representative of all European royal architecture that used Versailles as its model. Afterwards, we proceed to Vasa Museum on the island of Djurgården. Here we will see a perfectly preserved 17th-century warship that was raised from Stockholm's inner harbor in the 1960's and painstakingly restored.

Overnight: Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel Stockholm or Similar

Day 13 April 8** **Stockholm – Reykjavik** → **(B, D)**

Today, we will transfer to Stockholm Airport for a flight to Reykjavik. Stockholm Airport is the largest airport in Sweden, a major gateway for international air travel, and the third-largest airport in the Nordic countries. We will have time to shop for Scandinavian souvenirs and food before flying to Reykjavik. Reykjavik is the capital and largest city of Iceland. This world's most northerly capital combines colorful buildings, quirky and creative people, eye-popping design, and wild nightlife. Located in southwestern Iceland, it is the center of culture and life of the Icelandic people as well as being one of the focal points of tourism in Iceland. Upon arrival, transfer to our hotel and enjoy dinner.

Hotel Accommodation: Grand Hotel Reykjavik or Similar

Day 14 April 9** **Reykjavik** **(B, D)**

Today we will have a City Tour. First, we will visit the Hallgrímskirkja Church, one of the tallest structures in Iceland. Then we will have a view of the Perlan Building, "The Pearl", built on water tanks that hold the city's hot water supply. Here we can enjoy the spectacular view of Reykjavik and the surrounding areas. As we go to the old town center where the Parliament House and City Hall are located, we will pass Höfði House where Reagan and Gorbachev met in 1986 to begin the process of ending the Cold War. We will also drive through the city center, the harbor area, the University campus, pass the Elliðaár River, and go through Laugardalur Valley. Finally, we will visit the famous Blue Lagoon, a unique geothermal spa situated in the youngest lava field in west Iceland. The Lagoon's milky blue waters are rich with special silica algae which gives it its healing powers. And we will have a good time experiencing it.

Day 15 April 10** **Reykjavik** **(B, L, D)**

Today we will embark on the famous Golden Circle Tour which allows us to visit some of Iceland's most stunning sights, starting with the Geysir Geothermal Area where the Strokkur geyser shoots a column of water up to 30 meters (98 ft.) into the air every 48 minutes in a thrilling display of nature's forces. The visit continues with Gullfoss Waterfall (Golden Falls) created by the river Hvítá, which tumbles and plunges into a crevice some 32 meters (105 ft.) deep. The tour also includes Thingvellir National Park, a historical and geological wonder where the American and Eurasian tectonic plates are pulling apart at a rate of a few centimeters per year. A visit to the idyllic Friðheimar Greenhouse Cultivation Centre is arranged.

Day 16 April 11** **Reykjavik – Los Angeles** → **(B)**

After breakfast, we will transfer to Reykjavik Airport and take a flight to Los Angeles. We will stay overnight in Los Angeles.

Hotel Accommodation: Holiday Inn Los Angeles International Airport

Optional April 12** **Los Angeles – Honolulu** →

Today, we will take a flight back to Honolulu, taking home lasting memories of this magnificent trip.



Remarks:

- ✦ International Airfares from Los Angeles
- ✦ \$880 additional if departing from and returning to Honolulu (Fee incl. Honolulu – Los Angeles round-trip airfare & 2 nights LA hotel accommodations with Twin-sharing room)
- ✦ Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees
- ✦ Business class is available, please call your agent for price
- ✦ Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
- ✦ Local English speaking tour guide service
- ✦ All Meals & Admissions as Stated
- ✦ All transfers and sightseeing by air conditioned coach
- ✦ Refer to “General Condition of Air & Sea”
- ✦ We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
- ✦ Tips and Gratuities are not included
- ✦ Tour price is subject to change according to any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
- ✦ Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at time of listing and pricing on Jul.18th, 2017

Payment Policy:

CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY. A deposit of **\$1,500** per person is required at the time of application. The balance is due on **January 10th, 2018**. In the event balance payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a service fee for cancellation. Written notice is required for any cancellation. \$180.00 of the deposit is non-refundable due to security deposit of domestic ticket within Europe & Icebreaker cruise.

The cancellation fee will be as follow:

- **At the time of application, \$180 of the deposit is non-refundable
- **December 15, 2017 – January 15, 2018: \$1,500 deposit per person is non-refundable;
- **January 16 – February 15, 2018: 50% of total price plus any other service fee caused from the cancellation;
- ** From February 16, 2018 to departure or withdrawal during the tour shall be shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, 100% of the total price, and the request for other service as substitute shall not be accepted.
- **Also we strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make your reservation****