

## 18 Day Northern Europe Explorer Tour

Amsterdam - Hamburg - Copenhagen - Oslo - Stockholm - Helsinki - Tallinn -  
Riga - Vilnius - Warsaw - Berlin

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From **\$3,199** Typically \$4,885 pp Twin Share

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Explore the canals of Amsterdam

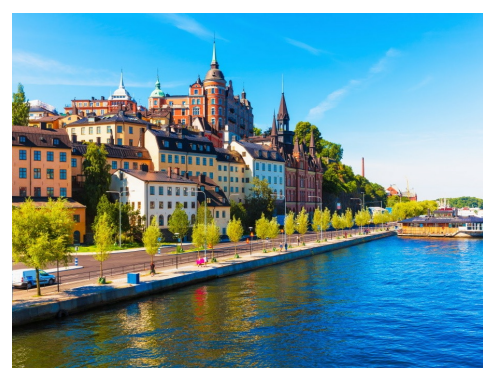
Be amazed at the incredible natural beauty of Norway

Get off the beaten path with visits to Tallinn, Riga & Vilnius

17 Nights accommodation, including an overnight ferry!

A range of meals, excursions and transfers included + more!

## Description



Adventure through Scandinavia, eastern and central Europe and explore ten fabulous countries from Amsterdam to Estonia.

Starting in stunning Amsterdam, you will learn about the three Dutch 'C's; clogs, cheese and canals! Enjoy wandering the city streets, visiting flower markets and enjoying the vibrant culture before journeying onward to the hip cities of Copenhagen and Berlin. Experience the Scandinavian sophistication of Oslo, Norway and see what all the fuss is about in the world's happiest cities, Stockholm and Helsinki. Journey through Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania; Baltic states where the rhythm of life has remained unchanged over the decades. Connect with ancient culture in Warsaw and drink authentic German beer in vibrant Berlin. Want to get off the beaten path, and experience Scandinavia and the Baltics? This Northern Explorer tour is exactly what you've been looking for!



## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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#### Amsterdam

Welcome to Amsterdam and the start of your Northern Explorer tour! Your tour leader will be waiting to meet you at our accommodation this morning. After everyone is checked in, enjoy free time to spend as you wish this afternoon before enjoying a canal cruise of Amsterdam early this evening! Cruising the canals is one of the best ways to see this amazing city and its sights! Following the cruise, enjoy a dinner in the city centre. Afterwards, discover more of the city at your own pace during free time this evening. Stroll around the canals (don't forget to keep an eye out for the bicycles!) as you explore this fascinating and picturesque city!

Meals: Dinner

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### Day 2

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#### Amsterdam Hamburg

Depart Amsterdam this morning and travel towards Germany. The first stop of the day is a fun visit to a local Dutch farm. See how clogs (traditional Dutch footwear) and local cheeses are produced the traditional way. After sampling some delicious cheese (this is the perfect place to pick up a souvenir of your time in the Netherlands), travel onward to a photo stop at a nearby windmill - a common sight in the Dutch countryside! Next, journey through northern Germany, arriving in Hamburg for a quick comfort stop in the late afternoon. After a brief stop in the city, travel on to the accommodation for the night.

Meals: Breakfast

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### Day 3

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#### Hamburg Odense Copenhagen

The journey continues to Scandinavia after breakfast. Cross the border into Denmark and head towards the Danish capital, Copenhagen. The drive offers fantastic views as well as a crossing of Europe's longest bridge. En route, enjoy a visit to Odense, the birthplace of fairytale author Hans Christian Andersen! Arrive in Copenhagen and enjoy an orientation tour of the city. It'll soon be evident why this charming city has been voted one of the world's most liveable so many years in a row! It's clean, safe, and very easy to get around and blessed with cosy cafés and world-famous restaurants!

Meals: Breakfast

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## Day 4

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**Copenhagen**  **Helsingor**  **Gothenburg**  **Oslo**

The tour will visit three countries today; Denmark, Sweden and Norway! Depart Copenhagen and take a short drive to the port town of Helsingør this morning. This town is home to Kronborg Castle, the setting for Shakespeare's Hamlet. See the castle from the water as we take a short ferry ride to Sweden. Then, enjoy a drive from the port of Helsingborg through the stunning rural Swedish scenery while travelling towards Gothenburg, Sweden's second city and the home of Volvo. Here, join your tour leader for an orientation tour and find a spot to enjoy lunch. Next, cross the border into Norway and travel north to Oslo. Norway's capital city is full of Scandinavian culture and charm! Enjoy a free evening to explore the city.

Meals: Breakfast

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## Day 5

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**Oslo**

Look forward to exploring Oslo today! Begin with a locally guided tour of Norway's cool, compact and captivating capital city. Oslo is surrounded by stunning scenery and is famous for its green spaces and museums. A local expert will showcase the city's highlights including Akershus Castle, the Royal Palace and the Oslo Opera House. After the city tour, the rest of the day is free to explore as you wish. Why not visit one of the city's famous museums or galleries, stroll around town admiring the architecture or choose a local spot to enjoy lunch and dinner?

Meals: Breakfast

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## Day 6

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**Oslo**  **Sigtuna**  **Stockholm**

Wave farewell to Norway as the tour travels back to Sweden. Find out why Sweden is ranked as one of the most naturally beautiful countries in Europe on a drive through various landscapes. Pass Karlstad on the shores of Lake Vänern before arriving in Örebro where the group has free time for lunch. After lunch, it's time to visit Sigtuna. This beautiful mediaeval town is the oldest in Sweden. It's home to old church ruins as well as the oldest main street in Sweden - Stora Gatan. Next, the tour continues to Stockholm, Sweden's gorgeous capital! Arrive in the evening and absorb the vibrant atmosphere of the Scandinavian capital city. Enjoy an included dinner with the group tonight.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 7

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### Stockholm

See the highlights of Stockholm on a full day in this city that is spread over 14 islands! First, discover the top attractions and learn all about Sweden's capital city on a locally guided tour. See the Royal Palace, the AF Chapman Ship and take a walk through Gamla Stan; Stockholm's famous Old Town. From lunchtime onwards, you are free to explore more of Stockholm as you wish. Choose to visit one of the city's world-famous museums or experience Skansen - the world's first open air museum. Perhaps, spend the afternoon relaxing in one of Stockholm's green spaces or enjoy a few more hours exploring the cobblestone lanes and historic buildings in Gamla Stan. Be sure to sample the local cuisine during your day in Stockholm!

Meals: Breakfast

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## Day 8

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### Oslo Overnight Ferry to Helsinki

Spend time this morning exploring the city of Stockholm! The numerous islands that make up the town offer fascinating walks, especially through the Djurgården, where you have the option to visit the Vasa Museum. Otherwise, spot beautiful old ships in the harbour and visit some of the many world-class museums and art galleries. See if you can catch the changing of the guards at the Royal Palace! This afternoon it's time to travel to the next destination - Finland! This afternoon, take an overnight ferry, arriving in Helsinki, Finland, tomorrow morning.

Meals: Breakfast

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## Day 9

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### Helsinki

Arrive in Helsinki in the late morning and head off on a tour of the city with a local guide. See the highlights of Helsinki including the Helsinki Cathedral and Senate Square. You will have the afternoon to explore the Finnish capital at your own pace. An effortlessly cool city, Helsinki prides itself on being slightly off-the-wall, playing with decor and design traditions to humorous effect. Elegant cafés, magnificent museums and impressive Art Nouveau architecture all combine to create a city that is certain to leave an impression! Enjoy an included dinner with the group tonight.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 10

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### Helsinki Tallinn

Today it's time to travel to the Baltic States! Catch a ferry from the port in Helsinki, cross the Gulf of Finland and arrive in Tallinn, Estonia. With the strong mediaeval influence combined with modern structures, Tallinn is one of Europe's most enchanting cities! Enjoy an included group lunch at a local restaurant before seeing the highlights and wonderful historic sights of Tallinn with a local guide on a walking tour. Explore the UNESCO-listed historic centre, see Town Hall Square, St Olav's Church and more! Enjoy a free evening to discover more of the city.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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## Day 11

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### Tallinn Riga

Today it's time to travel onwards to Latvia! Depart Tallinn and head towards Riga, Latvia's capital city. En route, visit the seaside town of Saulkrasti in Latvia before a sombering visit to the Latvian War Cemetery, dedicated to the soldiers who fought in WWI. Later, arrive in Riga - possibly the most vibrant of the Baltic cities, and blessed with a culture that you'll find irresistible! In contrast to its smaller neighbours, Riga goes all out with a buzzing atmosphere and impressive Art Nouveau architecture. Join your tour leader on a walking tour. Explore some of its most notable landmarks and sights, including the famous central markets and many beautiful churches.

Meals: Breakfast

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## Day 12

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### Riga Hill of Crosses Vilnius

Lithuania is calling today! The first stop of the day is the Hill of Crosses - a pilgrimage site loaded with around 100,000 crosses which is an impressive sight to behold. Arrive in Vilnius, Lithuania's capital, and set off on an orientation tour of the city before enjoying some free time. Lithuania's capital exudes Old Town charm, so much so that it's been added to UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites. In contrast to the medieval history, there are also reminders of Vilnius' more recent and darker past, including remnants of the ghettos where the Jewish community lived during Nazi occupation, and the influence of the Soviet Union. It is an intriguing city to discover.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 13

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**Vilnius** 🚌 **Trakai N.P** 🚌 **Warsaw**

This morning, travel to the final destination in Lithuania - Trakai National Park. The main attraction is undoubtedly a view of the iconic brick-built castle at its centre, which lies on an island surrounded by crystal clear water. Next, head towards the Polish border. En route to Warsaw, your tour guide will offer insights into the city and its surroundings on a driving tour. As the cultural hub of Poland, Warsaw is a city of energy and action, racing to replace what was lost after being utterly destroyed in World War II. Arrive at the hotel, check in and join the group for an included dinner this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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## Day 14

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**Warsaw**

Enjoy a city tour of Warsaw's Old Town with a local guide this morning. Meet your guide at the hotel and then embark on the tour, taking in a number of highlights and seeing the bustling square at the heart of the old town. This afternoon is yours to spend as you wish! Visit some of the highly regarded museums, such as the Museum of the History of Polish Jews, the Chopin Museum, or the extensive collections of the National Museum. On a Sunday, you can enjoy free entry to the Royal Palace and the occasional free music concert in Łazienki Park. Alternatively, you can further explore the Old Town and make the most of your time in this charming city.

Meals: Breakfast

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## Day 15

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**Warsaw** 🚌 **Poznan** 🚌 **Berlin**

Heading west through Poland, stop in Poznań, a city famous for its historic old town. Enjoy your free time to have lunch and admire the colourful buildings and beautiful architecture of the Old Market Square. Cross the border into Germany and continue to the city of Berlin! The German capital prospered under the rule of the Nazis leading up to the Second World War, and then endured division during the Cold War, which is symbolised in the infamous Berlin Wall. Reminders of the past are everywhere, but Berlin has been reborn and is filled with vibrant modern culture today. Take a driving tour through the city and see some of the more famous landmarks, including Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 16

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### Berlin

Today is a free day in Berlin. Revisit some of the sights from yesterday's driving tour, or strike out on your own to discover more of the city for yourself. Alternatively, choose to join the fascinating Berlin+ tour for a trip into the past. For an incredible bird's eye view of the city, head up the Berlin TV tower - located close to Alexanderplatz, it has become an icon of the capital. If you fancy some museum action, head over to the museum island, a collection of five world-famous museums in the heart of Berlin's city centre. Want to let your hair down after a day of exploring? Berlin has you covered, offering an incredibly vibrant nightlife complete with bars, clubs and shows - from theatre to cabaret.

Meals: Breakfast

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## Day 17

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### Berlin Amsterdam

After breakfast, it's time to say goodbye to Berlin and travel back to the Netherlands, enjoying the beautiful German and Dutch landscapes during the drive. Arrive back at the Amsterdam hotel for tonight, and the evening is free to do as you wish. To celebrate the last night of the tour, and say farewell to your tour leader, driver and fellow passengers, join in for the optional farewell dinner.

Meals: Breakfast

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## Day 18

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### Amsterdam

Today, the tour concludes after breakfast. By now, you will have enjoyed 18 days on tour, visiting amazing countries and making unforgettable memories! Be sure to share your contact details with your fellow travellers. We hope you've enjoyed your Northern Explorer Tour as much as we have! You can extend your stay in Amsterdam and explore more of this incredible city. Please contact our team for more information.

Meals: Breakfast

## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

- 17 nights' accommodation in twin rooms and/or cabins with private en-suite facilities
  - 17 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 6 dinners (\*Vegetarian options available for all meals on request)
  - Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and toilet onboard
  - Overnight ferry from Stockholm to Helsinki
  - A range of fantastic experiences, including:
    - See how Dutch cheese and clogs are crafted
    - Cruise along Amsterdam's canals
    - Welcome dinner in Amsterdam
    - Visit Odense; birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen
    - Tour Copenhagen; the capital of Denmark
    - Cruise from Helsingør to Helsingborg by ferry
    - Enjoy a scenic drive through the Swedish countryside
    - Visit Gothenburg; Sweden's second city
    - See the highlights of Oslo with a local guide
    - Visit Sigtuna; Sweden's oldest town
    - Eat Swedish meatballs in Stockholm
    - Explore Stockholm with a local guide
    - Catch an overnight ferry to Finland
    - Discover the highlights of Helsinki with a local guide
    - Helsinki to Tallinn ferry crossing
    - Enjoy a walking tour of Tallinn with a local guide
    - Learn about Latvian history at the Latvian War Cemetery
    - Discover Riga; Latvia's vibrant capital
    - See the Hill of Crosses in Lithuania
    - Explore Vilnius; capital of Lithuania
    - See Warsaw's highlights on a driving tour
    - Discover Warsaw's Old Town with a local guide
    - See iconic sights on a driving tour of Berlin
  - Services of your tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip
  - All taxes and fees included
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### Exclusions

- International flights
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Meals & sightseeing not specified
- Optional tours
- Tipping & gratuities (optional)
- Items of a personal nature, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc
- Any items or services not listed in the above inclusions

## Important Info and Terms & Conditions



**Child Policy:** No children under 10 years of age are allowed on this tour. Contact us if you are after a family-friendly trip!

**Single supplement:** Travelling solo? The single supplement is \$1000 and is available on check-out.

**Fitness levels:** These tours require a moderate level of fitness and are not ideal for people travelling with wheelchairs or severe mobility issues.

**Travel Insurance:** We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).

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