

# Norwegian Splendor

with Copenhagen

July 29-August 13, 2024

**16 days from \$8,394 total price from New York**  
(\$7,795 air & land inclusive plus \$599 airline taxes and fees)



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*Featuring Professor Dan L. Perlman*

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join Brandeis Travelers on a spectacular journey to Norway and Denmark. From the cosmopolitan to magnificent fjord country, you'll experience the majestic lands of the Midnight Sun at their most vibrant.

Explore the Danish capital of Copenhagen with visits to the Rosenborg Castle and Christiansborg Palace. Discover Elsinore, made famous by Shakespeare's Hamlet, and the Karen Blixen Museum. Board an overnight ferry to Oslo, traveling from Gaala to Geiranger along Norway's "roof," and enjoy views of the dramatic Geirangerfjord. Tour picturesque Bergen, then travel through the breathtaking Western Fjord District to Lofthus. Board the storied Flåm Railway for a thrilling excursion. The Scandinavian sojourn ends with an exploration of Oslo, including its nautical museums. Continue your journey with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension to Stockholm.

In partnership with local guides and experts, our tour will be led by Dan L. Perlman, professor of biology at Brandeis, who will enrich and inform the journey with his deep knowledge of ecology, conservation biology, animal behavior, and environmental studies.

Enjoy 14 nights of accommodations, with one night aboard the DFDS Ferry, offering a host of amenities and activities that will delight your senses and create a memorable experience.

Join us for a uniquely Brandeis experience — one that offers stimulating conversation, camaraderie, and connection with other intellectually curious alumni and friends. Make your reservation today as space is limited and we expect this small-group tour will fill quickly.

Sincerely,



F. Patricia Fisher  
Vice President, Alumni Relations  
Brandeis University

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To reserve your place on tour, **please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

**If you prefer**, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

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I/We would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_

I/We request an air upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_

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I request a single room (limited availability) ☐

Post-Tour "Stockholm – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up ☐

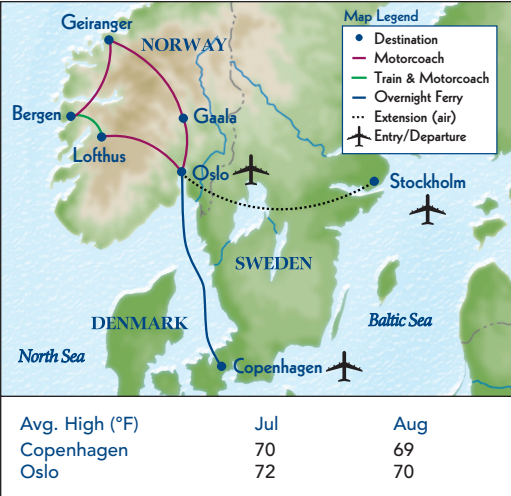


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*As the Midnight Sun turns night into day, Scandinavia shines. It's the perfect time to visit, with the majestic countryside at its loveliest, and the cities at their liveliest. From the cosmopolitan capitals of Copenhagen and Oslo to Norway's magnificent fjord country, our small group encounters Scandinavia at its best, both on and off the beaten path.*



### Small Group Tour Highlights

Copenhagen sightseeing, including Rosenborg Castle and Christiansborg Palace • Excursion to Elsinore • Karen Blixen House and Museum • Overnight ferry to Oslo • Norway's stunning Western Fjord District: Hardangerfjord, Sognefjord, Geirangerfjord • Thrilling Flåm Railway excursion • Picturesque Bergen • Oslo touring, including Museum of Cultural History and Kon-Tiki Museum • Norway's outstanding natural scenery

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Copenhagen		
2-4	Copenhagen	Scandic Copenhagen	First Class
5	Overnight ferry	DFDS Ferry	Not rated
6	Gaala	Wadahl Hotel	Not rated
7-8	Geiranger	Hotel Union	First Class
9-10	Bergen	Radisson Blu Royal	Sup. First Class
11-12	Lofthus	Hotel Ullensvang	Sup. First Class
13-15	Oslo	Thon Hotel Opera	First Class
16	Depart Oslo for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

### Day 1: Depart U.S. for Copenhagen, Denmark

**Day 2: Arrive Copenhagen** After arriving in the Danish capital today, this evening we meet our fellow travelers and tour director at a briefing about the journey ahead. Tonight, we enjoy a welcome dinner at festive Tivoli Gardens. *D*

**Day 3: Copenhagen** A half-day tour introduces us to this most livable of cosmopolitan cities. We visit Christiansborg Palace, seat of the Danish Parliament; visit the popular Little Mermaid statue; and stroll along the narrow, historic streets of downtown to City Hall Square. The remainder of the day is free to explore independently. *B*

**Day 4: Copenhagen** We embark this morning on a full-day excursion, first to Elsinore (*Helsingør* in Danish), site of Kronborg Castle – the infamous setting of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* – where our tour includes the Royal Chambers and Ballroom. This afternoon we visit the Karen Blixen House and Museum in coastal Rungsted. Save for her years in Africa, the writer known as Isak Dinesen (*Out of Africa*) spent most of her life here where she was born in 1885. The house boasts its original furniture and décor; the site itself comprises the house, a museum, bird sanctuary, and park. *B,L*

**Day 5: Copenhagen/Oslo, Norway** Today we set off for the cozy fishing village of Dragør, with its historic buildings and cobblestone streets, and where we visit Rosenborg Castle housing the dazzling crown jewels. Later we board the overnight DFDS ferry to Oslo, settling in our private outside cabins and enjoying dinner on board. *B,D*

**Day 6: Oslo/Lillehammer/Gaala** Upon disembarkation this morning, we board our coach for the journey north to ski country. We stop along the way in Lillehammer (site of the 1994 Winter Olympics) to visit the open-air museum at Maihaugen, among Norway's most visited cultural attractions. Mid-afternoon we depart for the village of Gaala and our ski lodge hotel. *B,L,D*



Copenhagen's lively Nyhavn waterfront area

**Day 7: Gaala/Geiranger** A day of beautiful scenery is in store as we travel from Gaala to Geiranger, en route negotiating hairpin bends to the summit of Mount Dalsnibba (alt. 4,900 feet) for stunning views of Geirangerfjord and the mountains, lakes, and waterfalls beyond. We reach the popular village of Geiranger mid-afternoon and get our first up-close look at Norway's most dramatic fjord. A UNESCO site, it measures 15 miles long and 960 feet deep. *B,D*

**Day 8: Geiranger** Today's excursion on Eagle Road to Herdalssetra promises abundant thrills as we ride along 11 hairpin turns through mountain passes, catching glimpses of the dramatic fjord along the way. We visit a local farm for lunch then return to Geiranger mid-afternoon. Before dinner at our hotel tonight, we enjoy a reception there to view a private vintage car collection. *B,L,D*

**Day 9: Geiranger/Bergen** We can expect scenic overload on our full-day journey to Bergen from Geiranger. A series of ferry rides takes us across Geirangerfjord, past tiny villages, tumbling waterfalls, and amid steep mountains plunging into the fjord's placid waters. Upon arrival in Bergen this evening, we enjoy dinner together. *B,D*

**Day 10: Bergen** We see the highlights of this beautiful city, Norway's second largest, on a morning tour, including Trolhaugen, country home of composer Edvard Grieg; the lively fish market; the colorful 14<sup>th</sup>-century Hanseatic merchants' quarter of Bryggen (a UNESCO site); and 16<sup>th</sup>-century Bergenhus fortress. The afternoon is free to enjoy Bergen as we wish, with lunch and dinner on our own in this city known for its fish and seafood. *B*

**Day 11: Bergen/Lofthus** On today's journey to Lofthus, we travel through the breathtaking scenery of Norway's Western Fjord District. Along the way, we stop to see the 150-foot Steindal Waterfall then at a floating salmon farm in this premier fish farm region. Last, we visit Steinstoe, one of the country's largest orchards, where we enjoy a tour led by the family of the owner then get to know them over cake and coffee. Mid-day we reach our hotel, with the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner tonight is at our hotel. *B,D*

**Day 12: Lofthus/Flåm** It's a day of extreme beauty and diverse transportation as we travel by coach to Gudvangen, where we board a ferry for Flåm, traversing stunning Naeroyfjord, a UNESCO site. After free time in Flåm, we embark the storied Flåm Railway for a thrilling hour-long, 12-mile route ascending

### Post-Tour Extension

August 13-16, 2024

### Stockholm – On Your Own

4 days/3 nights for \$995 total price

Single Supplement: \$345

*Add an independent stay in the delightful Swedish capital to your Scandinavian sojourn.*

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Oslo/Stockholm, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 3 nights' accommodations at Scandic Continental (First Class)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport



BEHIND THE CLOUDS,  
THE SKY IS ALWAYS BLUE.”

– NORWEGIAN PROVERB

the 2,900-foot-deep Flåm Valley. We pass through 20 tunnels that spiral in and out of mountains, curve around 21 hairpin bends, pass the mighty Kjosfossen Waterfall, and cross the Flåm River three different times. Our exhilarating excursion ends in Myrdal, where we board another train for the brief trip to Voss. Here we meet our coach for the return journey to our hotel via the 4,600-foot Hardanger Bridge, one of the world’s longest suspension bridges. *B,L,D*

**Day 13: Lofthus/Oslo** En route to Oslo, we stop in Eidfjord where we tour the Hardanger Nature Center showcasing the natural and cultural worlds of fjord country. Later we stop for photos at Vøringfoss Waterfall, considered Norway’s most beautiful. We reach Oslo early this evening. *B*

**Day 14: Oslo** This morning we visit the Museum of Cultural History, Norway’s largest collection of cultural artifacts, featuring fascinating Viking Age exhibitions, as well as Egyptian mummies and several ethnographic displays. We also tour the nearby Kon-Tiki Museum, with the original vessels and artifacts from Thor Hyerdahl’s 1947 voyage across the Pacific. This afternoon is free for independent exploration. *B*



Bergen’s Bryggen district

**Day 15: Oslo** A half-day tour of the pastoral Norwegian capital features the Munch Museum, housing an extensive collection of works by the Norwegian Modernist; and Vigeland Sculpture Park, with its intriguing bronze and granite sculptures of human figures by artist Gustav Vigeland. Then this afternoon is free to explore on our own; tonight we gather for a farewell dinner at our hotel. *B,D*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 14 nights’ accommodations: 13 nights in Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels; 1 night aboard DFDS ferry
- 27 meals: 14 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 9 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Ferry, rail, and private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Faculty Lecturer



**Dan L. Perlman** is is Professor of Biology at Brandeis, where he has taught a wide range of courses including ecology, conservation biology, animal behavior, and introductory Environmental Studies. During his tenure he has served as associate provost of innovation in education and director of the Center for Teaching and Learning. Professor Perlman has co-authored three textbooks on conservation biology and ecology: *Conserving Earth’s Biodiversity: With E.O. Wilson*, *Practical Ecology for Planners, Developers, and Citizens* and *Biodiversity: Exploring Values and Priorities in Conservation*. He developed a website ([www.EcoLibrary.org](http://www.EcoLibrary.org)) from which he freely distributes his teaching materials for ecology and environmental studies. He received his B.A. from Yale, and Ph.D. from Harvard. Professor Perlman has led five Brandeis Travelers trips to Alaska, the Galapagos Islands, Australia/New Zealand, the Amazon and the Canadian Rockies.

**Day 16: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to the airport this morning for our return flight to the U.S. *B*

Tour Departs: July 29, 2024

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

New York	\$8,394
Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$8,694
Dallas, Houston, Minneapolis, Orlando, Tampa	\$8,794
Denver, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$8,894
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$7,395

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$599, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,395. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,795 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,595 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrades are in addition to the costs above.

**Please note:** This trip involves considerable walking – between 1-3 miles per day, unassisted – up hills or stairs, and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765 Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time



GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

**Not included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:** If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

**Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

**Responsibility:** The liability of Brandeis University, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. Brandeis University and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

**Health and Medical Issues:** We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Brandeis University and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

**Air Transportation – Important Information:** Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

**Please Note:** The professor's participation is contingent on a minimum number of booked guests.

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