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Princess® welcomes you to your Scandinavia & Russia cruise and to the Shore Excursion program. All of our excursions involve some walking. We recommend passengers wear comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes while on tour. To assist in your tour selection, please note the symbol(s) accompanying each tour description. They represent the following:

Icon Definitions



Easy

Although primarily sightseeing tours, these excursions do include walking for short distances over relatively level terrain. They also may include getting into/out of a helicopter or floatplane.



Moderate

Slightly more active, these excursions may include sitting for a period of time aboard a river raft or extended periods of standing, as while sportfishing, for example.



Strenuous

For the adventurous, these are our most active shore excursions. Activities such as canoeing, biking, hiking or kayaking are examples.



Wheelchair Accessible

This symbol indicates tours that can accommodate passengers who utilize a wheelchair. Most tour operators require that wheelchairs are collapsible. Space restrictions may preclude transport of electric wheelchairs and walkers.

Please notify the Shore Excursion Manager onboard your ship so that arrangements may be made prior to your arrival in port.



Meal Included

A meal and beverage is provided.



Snack Included

A snack is provided.



Shopping Opportunity

Shopping opportunities will be available during this excursion.

Categories

Sightseeing & City Tours

Guided tours that show you many of the top highlights of our port city and/or the local area.

Nature & Wildlife

Excursions that allow you to enjoy wilderness areas, view/interact with local fauna or marine life.

Activities & Adventures

Fun, exciting explorations that get you outdoors in the sun or surf: hikes, rides, water sports, beach visits, ziplines, flightseeing and more!

Special Interests

Focused excursions and walking tours that visit select highlights while exploring particular aspects of the port's appeal in greater depth: Cuisine, History, Art/Culture, Religion, or Guided Shopping.

Exploring On Your Own

Resources that help you make the most of an independent exploration of the area.

Badges

Most Popular

Our TOP recommendation as the ONE most representative experience for each port, these tours are always among the most popular excursions we offer.

Connoisseur

Intimate, exclusive experiences to groups no larger than 20 passengers. Each includes a special dining experience, special access or unique hard-to-duplicate experiences not offered on other tours.

Kid-Friendly

Specially designed to be enjoyable for children under 12. Lasting no more than four hours, they visit a limited number of individual sites specifically chosen based on interest/appeal to kids, offer kid-oriented commentary, activities and meals – and are priced affordably.

Off the Beaten Path

These excursions showcase distinctive, more unusual but less-frequented attractions of the port city or local area – perfect for return visitors or those looking for “something different.”

World Heritage Site

These tours visit one or more UNESCO World Heritage List properties.



Copenhagen, Denmark

Copenhagen was founded during the 12th century. The city owes much of its charm to the buildings erected by Denmark's monarchs, and boasts a treasure trove of late-Renaissance and Rococo architecture.

Copenhagen deserves its accolade as the Venice of the North. Founded on a series of islands and islets, the city today is laced with graceful canals and boasts some of the most delightful architecture in Northern Europe. See the fabled statue of Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid, a symbol of the city. Stroll along the old harbor of Nyhavn, lined with cafés, restaurants and 500-year-old gabled houses. Browse the superb shops on the world-famous Stroget or view the Rococo palaces lining Amalienborg Square. Best of all, savor the taste of local delicacies while wandering the paths of Tivoli Gardens, one of Europe's most celebrated pleasure gardens.

Sightseeing & City Tours

City Drive & Tivoli Gardens

CPH-225 Approximately 4 hours / From \$119



After stepping aboard your motorcoach you'll travel through Denmark's capital city to take in some of the most popular sights. Your four-hour narrated tour will pass by the Nyhavn waterfront, home to 500-year-old gabled houses and the Old Stock Exchange, once the center of Copenhagen's finance and trade; at over 370 years old, this building is one of the city's oldest. Note the structure's 196-foot "dragon-spire" tower topped with three golden crowns symbolizing the union of the Nordic countries. Next to the Old Stock Exchange is Holmens Church. Built in 1563, it was the site of the 1967 royal wedding of Queen Margrethe, Denmark's reigning monarch. Near City Hall Square sits City Hall, one of the tallest buildings in Copenhagen.

Next, you'll head to the center of Copenhagen to Tivoli Gardens, one of the world's oldest amusement parks. Your guide will lead you to a designated meeting place where you will have nearly 90 minutes to explore Tivoli on your own. Known for its beautiful parade of flowers, restaurants, cafés, and a concert hall, it's also famous for two spectacular rides. The wooden roller coaster that was built in 1914 is not only the world's oldest but it's still in operation! Plus, the Star Flyer ride is the world's highest carousel, standing over 262 feet high! Take a walk around Tivoli Lake, visit the Tivoli Aquarium or hop on one of the many fun and exhilarating rides.

Before returning back to the pier you will make a stop by the Little Mermaid. No visit to Copenhagen is complete without seeing the city's most famous symbol. Completed in 1913, this famous statue was erected to express gratitude to Hans Christian Andersen and his world-known fairy tales.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Fair rides, etc. in Tivoli are not included in the tour price.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Copenhagen.

City Drive

CPH-290 Approximately 3 hours / From \$65



Designed for those who prefer little or no walking and want plenty of photo opportunities, this excursion offers the best of both. Sit back and relax in your motorcoach as your guide points out many of the city's most interesting and breathtaking attractions.

As you travel through this amazing city, you'll pass the Old Stock Exchange, once the center of Copenhagen's finance and trade. Over 370 years old, the building is one of the city's oldest. Note the structure's 196-foot "dragon-spire" tower topped with three golden crowns symbolizing the union of the Nordic countries. Next to the Old Stock Exchange is Holmens Church. Built in 1563, it was the site of the 1967 royal wedding of Queen Margrethe, Denmark's reigning monarch. Nearby is the 800-year-old Christiansborg Palace, home to Denmark's Parliament. Another site you'll see is the famed Tivoli Gardens, one of the oldest amusement parks in the world.

Your first photo stop is Amalienborg Palace, the prime residence of the Royal Family, consisting of four equal-sized rococo palaces situated and considered as one of the most beautiful squares in Europe.

Next is a visit to the Gefion Fountain, the largest monument in Copenhagen. The fountain's sculptures depict the Norse myth of the powerful goddess Gefion who turned her sons into oxen and plowed through the earth and sea to create Zealand, an island off the coast of Denmark.

No visit to Copenhagen is complete without seeing the city's most famous symbol - The Little Mermaid. Completed in 1913, this famous statue was erected to express gratitude to Hans Christian Andersen and his world-known fairy tales.

Your return trip back to your ship travels along the same scenic route. Or, you may opt to remain in Copenhagen for independent shopping or sightseeing; however, you're responsible for your own return trip to the ship.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

There are cobbled stones at Amalienborg Palace.

On some calls a motorcoach with wheelchair lift may be available. Space is extremely limited and requests can only be made onboard. Priority will be given to wheelchair-confined passengers. Prior to confirmation onboard, please verify with the Shore Excursion Desk if a special vehicle is available.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Copenhagen.

Debark Tour - City Drive & Tivoli Gardens **CPH-960 Approximately 5 hours / From \$99**



After stepping aboard your motorcoach you'll travel through Denmark's capital city to take in some of the most popular sights. Near the pier, resting on a pile of granite boulders in Copenhagen's harbor, is the five-foot-tall bronze statue of The Little Mermaid, based on the immortal tale by Hans Christian Andersen. Continuing on your five-hour narrated tour you will pass by the Nyhavn waterfront, home to 500-year-old gabled houses and the Old Stock Exchange, once the center of Copenhagen's finance and trade; over 370 years old, the building is one of the city's oldest. Note the structure's 196-foot "dragon-spire" tower topped with three golden crowns symbolizing the union of the Nordic countries. Next to the Old Stock Exchange is Holmens Church. Built in 1563, it was the site of the 1967 royal wedding of Queen Margrethe, Denmark's reigning monarch. Near City Hall Square sits City Hall, one of the tallest buildings in Copenhagen.

Next, you'll head to the center of Copenhagen to Tivoli Gardens, one of the world's oldest amusement parks. Your guide will lead you to a designated meeting place where you will have nearly 90 minutes to explore Tivoli on your own. Known for its beautiful parade of flowers, restaurants, cafés, and a concert hall, it's also famous for two spectacular rides. The wooden roller coaster that was built in 1914 is not only the world's oldest but it's still in operation! Plus, the Star Flyer ride is the world's highest carousel standing over 262 feet high! Take a walk around Tivoli Lake, visit the Tivoli Aquarium or hop on one of the many fun and exhilarating rides.

At the conclusion of your tour, you'll re-board your motorcoach for the ride to the airport, where you'll need to pick up your luggage.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

This tour is offered only on the day of disembarkation in Copenhagen to passengers with late flights after 4:30 p.m. Passengers who have purchased a Princess Transfer will be able to purchase this tour at a reduced rate. Please see Tour Office onboard.

Passengers with Princess Air should book a customized air flight ticket to be sure they can participate on a tour the day of disembarkation. Passengers without a customized air flight may not be booked on a flight which will prohibit them from participating on a tour on the day of disembarkation.

Tour ends at Copenhagen Airport, where you will need to pick up your luggage. Copenhagen airport restricts check-in to no earlier than 2.5 hours prior to the flight departure time.

Fair rides, etc. in Tivoli are not included in the tour price.

Debark Tour - City Drive & Dragoer Fishing Village **CPH-965 Approximately 4 hours / From \$79**



Climb aboard your motorcoach at the pier for a scenic tour of one of the most historic cities in the Baltic region. As you make your way through Copenhagen, your guide will point out many of the most interesting and popular attractions en route to Dragør.

Near the pier, resting on a pile of granite boulders in Copenhagen's harbor, is the five-foot-tall bronze statue of The Little Mermaid, based on the immortal tale by Hans Christian Andersen. Continuing on through the city, you'll have perfect views of Amalienborg Palace, a beautiful complex of four palaces where the Queen and the royal family reside during the winter months, and Christiansborg Palace, site of the Danish Parliament. In the heart of the city sits City Hall Square, home of Copenhagen's mayor and city council. One of the main features of the 100-year-old City Hall building is its 350-foot tall tower. Nearby is the famed Tivoli Gardens. Founded in 1843, it's one of the oldest amusement parks in the world. Known for its beautiful parade of flowers, restaurants,

cafés, and a concert hall, it's also famous for two spectacular rides. The wooden roller coaster that was built in 1914 is not only the world's oldest but it's still in operation! Plus, the Star Flyer ride is the world's highest carousel standing over 262 feet high! Further on, you'll drive along the colorful canal area known as Nyhavn and pass by the Carlsberg Glyptotek Art Museum, which holds a large collection of Egyptian, Greek, Roman and Etruscan art.

Heading south out of the city, you'll make your way to the small fishing village of Dragør on the island of Amager. Narrow, cobbled streets and butter-yellow houses topped with thatched rooftops give the village a fairytale look. When you step off the motorcoach, you may see fishermen at the harbor hauling in their daily catch (be prepared for swans, ducks and other birds to swarm you begging for food).

The tour ends at the Copenhagen Airport, where you will need to pick up your luggage.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

This tour may be offered on the day of disembarkation to passengers with late flights after 3:45pm. Passengers who have purchased a Princess Transfer will be able to purchase this tour at a reduced rate. Please see Tour Office onboard.

Passengers with Princess Air should book a customized air flight ticket to be sure they can participate on a tour the day of disembarkation. Passengers without a customized air flight may not be booked on a flight, which will prohibit them from participating on a tour on the day of disembarkation.

Tour ends at Copenhagen Airport, where you will need to pick up your luggage. Copenhagen airport restricts check-in to no earlier than 2.5 hours prior to the flight departure time.

Tour involves walking in Dragør fishing village, and is therefore not recommended for passengers with wheelchairs and limited mobility.

Debarb Tour - City Drive

CPH-970 Approximately 3 hours / From \$75



Designed for those who prefer little or no walking and want plenty of photo opportunities, this excursion offers the best of both worlds. Sit back and relax in your motorcoach as your guide points out many of the city's most interesting and breathtaking attractions.

As you travel through this amazing city, you'll pass the Old Stock Exchange, once the center of Copenhagen's finance and trade. Over 370 years old, this building is one of the city's oldest. Note the structure's 196-foot "dragon-spire" tower topped with three golden crowns symbolizing the union of the Nordic countries. Next to the Old Stock Exchange is Holmens Church. Built in 1563, it was the site of the 1967 royal wedding of Queen Margrethe, Denmark's reigning monarch. Nearby is the 800-year-old Christiansborg Palace, home to Denmark's Parliament. Another site you'll see is the famed Tivoli Gardens, one of the oldest amusement parks in the world.

Your first photo stop is Amalienborg Palace, the winter residence of the Royal Family, consisting of four equal-sized rococo palaces situated and considered as one of the most beautiful squares in Europe.

Next is a visit to the Gefion Fountain, the largest monument in Copenhagen. The fountain's sculptures depict the Norse myth of the powerful goddess Gefion, who turned her sons into oxen and plowed through the earth and sea to create Zealand, an island off the coast of Denmark.

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The tour ends at the Copenhagen Airport, where you will need to pick up your luggage.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour may be offered on the day of disembarkation to passengers with late flights after 3:00 p.m. Passengers who have purchased a Princess Transfer will be able to purchase this tour at a reduced rate. Please see Tour Office onboard.

Passengers with Princess Air should book a customized air flight ticket to be sure they can participate on a tour the day of disembarkation. Passengers without a customized air flight may not be booked on a flight, which will prohibit them from participating on a tour on the day of disembarkation.

Tour ends at Copenhagen Airport, where you will need to pick up your luggage. Copenhagen Airport restricts check-in to no earlier than 2.5 hours prior to the flight departure time.

There are cobble stones at Amalienborg Palace.

Tour not recommended for passengers in wheelchairs and with limited mobility

Hamlet's & Frederiksborg Castles CPH-120 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$219



Climb aboard your motorcoach to begin your tour driving through the lush Danish countryside of rolling farmlands and beautiful thatched-roof houses towards the town of Hilleroed. Visit the most charming fairy tale castle, Frederiksborg Castle, considered by many to be the finest example of Danish renaissance architecture and the most magnificent castle in Denmark. The castle was originally built by Christian IV in the early 17th century, and after a fire in 1859 it was later rebuilt and opened up as a museum of Danish national art and history. The museum has a considerable collection of historical paintings and portraits, as well as art and furniture associated with the various periods shown. There is a small chapel with the oldest organ in the world still in use - the Compenius organ dating from 1610.

En route to Fredensborg Castle, you will travel to an inn in Hilleroed Asminderød Kro Tavern for lunch. Then continue to Fredensborg for a brief photo stop. Fredensborg is the summer residence of the Royal Family.

Your drive continues to visit your last castle of the day - Kronborg Castle - immortalized when Shakespeare chose it for the setting of his play Hamlet. Kronborg Castle is situated by Øresund, a narrow strip of water that separates Denmark and Sweden - perfect for controlling the passing ships, forcing them to pay toll. In the 16th century, the purpose of this castle was to control the traffic on the strait, making ships pay toll before continuing north or into the Baltic region. At that time the southern part of Sweden was Danish, and so opposite the strait the king had a fortification so no ships could ignore the toll - if they tried, cannons would be aimed at them.

Continue along the coastal road with the lovely view of sea past impressive manor houses and small marinas. Before returning back to the pier you will make a stop by the Little Mermaid. No visit to Copenhagen is complete without seeing the city's most famous symbol. Completed in 1913, this famous statue was erected to express gratitude to Hans Christian Andersen and his world-known fairy tales

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The drive between Copenhagen and Frederiksborg is approximately one hour each way.

Flash photos are not permitted in Frederiksborg Castle.

Due to approximately 100 stairs at the Frederiksborg castle and Kronborg Castle and some walking on cobblestone roads, this tour is not recommended for passengers with wheelchairs or walking difficulties.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Copenhagen.

Debarb Tour - City Drive & Christiansborg Palace CPH-975 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$109



Denmark is home to the oldest monarchy in the world and on this tour you will see the three royal palaces of Copenhagen and enjoy an inside visit to one of them. Start your tour with a visit to the most cherished landmark of Copenhagen - the famous Little Mermaid statue, watching over the port of Copenhagen.

Your tour will take you past some of the Danish Royal landmarks and institutions, such as the Royal Library and the Royal Theater as well as many others of the city's plentiful sights. Make a photo stop at Amalienborg Palace, the present residence of the Danish Royal Family. The spacious octagonal palace square is surrounded by four identical rococo palaces and is widely considered to be one of the most beautiful palace squares in Northern Europe.

Then enjoy an inside visit of Christiansborg Palace. Christiansborg is the only building in the world to be seat of all three supreme powers of a nation; the executive, the legislative, and the judicial. The neo-baroque palace from 1907 is the third palace to occupy the historic space on Slotsholmen Island where kings have traditionally ruled over Denmark since the earliest days of Danish history. A

visit is made to the Royal Reception rooms, used by the Danish Queen when entertaining VIP visitors and foreign heads of state. Of special interest are the new tapestries given to the Queen on her 50th birthday in 1990 and they were only completed in 2000 and decorate the large banqueting hall.

Your tour will end at the Princess Cruises Post Cruise Hotel.

Special Notes

This tour may be offered on the day of disembarkation to passengers who have purchased a Princess Post-Cruise Hotel option. Tour ends at the Princess Cruise Post-Cruise hotel at check-in time avoiding waiting at the hotel for your room to be ready.

Visit to the Castle will involve stairs and there are no seating possibilities. There are approx.100 steps to be negotiated in the castle and therefore this tour is not suitable for passengers in wheelchairs and with walking difficulties.

Camera and video is not permitted in Christiansborg Castle. Slippers must be worn over footwear at Christiansborg.

Visit to Rosenborg Castle will replace Christiansborg Palace should the Danish Queen have an audience at Christiansborg. This will occur on August 19, 2013 (Emerald Princess Voyage E322)



Oslo, Norway

Forest-clad slopes plummet to an island-studded fjord. Welcome to Oslo, Scandinavia's oldest capital city. The commercial center of Norway, Oslo has been a major trading port for over a millennium. Its harbor is crowded with shipping that ranges from cruise ships to workaday shrimp boats. Though a relatively modest city in size - some 550,000 Norwegians call it home - Oslo is one of the largest capital cities in the world in terms of area. The hills and lakes of its outlying countryside are a paradise for lovers of winter sports. And the city itself boasts a sophisticated, yet cozy charm, with a blend of 19th- and 20th-century buildings, many decorated with woodcarvings and bright frescoes, and wide avenues dotted with public squares and parks.

Oslo is the least populous capital in Scandinavia. The city offers excellent theater, great cafés and quality shopping.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Vigeland Sculpture, Museums & Ski Jump **OSL-100 Approximately 8 hours / From \$229**



Board your motorcoach and drive past imposing Akershus Castle and City Hall. Dedicated in 1950 to commemorate Oslo's 900-year anniversary, the redbrick Radhus is the city's most familiar landmark. Your route travels past Parliament and heads down Karl Johansgaten, one of Oslo's two main boulevards. See the National Theatre, the University and the Royal Palace. Continue through residential districts with their colorful wooden houses to the Bygdøy Peninsula. The Peninsula is home to a number of Oslo's major attractions.

Your first destination is the Viking Ship Museum, home to three Viking long boats uncovered during 19th and early 20th century excavations. The 9th century Oseberg ship and 10th century Goksted Ship are whole, uncovered in Viking burial mounds. The Tune Ship, which also dates to the 10th century, is a fragment. In addition to the superbly crafted, clinker-built ships, the museum displays sleds, jewelry and other artifacts found on board the vessels.

Continue to the Fram Museum. Dedicated to Norway's great polar explorers, the museum houses the three-mast schooner built for Fridtjof Nansen, Otto Sverdup and Roald Amundsen's expeditions to the North and South Poles. In fact, Fram has the distinction of sailing further north and further south than any other wooden hulled ship. Her last polar expedition was Amundsen's successful race to the South Pole in 1911. Tour the vessel, which still features its original interior.

Next up is the Norwegian Folk Museum. Founded in 1894, this open-air museum boasts over 150 historic buildings collected from around Norway. The buildings include the 13th century Gol Stave Church and the 14th century Rauland Cabin. The Museum also boasts an extensive photo archive as well as a collection of Sami or Lapp artifacts, art objects and clothing.

Board your motorcoach and drive to Holmenkollen. Perched high above Oslo, Holmenkollen is the birthplace of ski jumping - the first ski jump was built here in 1892. Holmenkollen was the site of the 1952 Olympic ski jumping competition. The 2011 FIS Nordic World Ski championships were held at Holmenkollen National Arena. A nearby restaurant is the setting for a traditional Norwegian buffet featuring seafood, hot and cold dishes and salad accompanied by coffee, tea or mineral water.

Following lunch, drive to the Vigeland Sculpture Park. Once a source of controversy, the park is now regarded as one of Oslo's favorite attractions. Your guided walk visits the stone, iron and bronze sculptures of Gustav Vigeland. Over a period of 30 years, Vigeland created 200 hundred sculptures arranged over an area of almost 80 acres. A 55-foot granite monolith carved with 121 figures forms the park's centerpiece.

Your tour ends at Oslo's Stortorget, the city's central square. Enjoy approximately 45 minutes of free time to browse for art, crafts, gifts, and souvenirs. Shuttles are available during this period for the return to ship.

Child Price
12 & under reduced

Special Notes
Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and light jacket or windbreaker.

Flash photography is not allowed inside the buildings at the Norwegian Open-Air Folk Museum.

Best of Oslo

OSL-200 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$85



Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through beautiful Oslo en route to Holmenkollen. Perched high above Oslo, Holmenkollen is the cradle of ski jumping and the site of the 1952 Olympic ski-jumping competition. Recently chosen to host the 2011 Ski Jump Championship competition, a photo opportunity in the area is a wonderful way to capture a piece of sport's history.

Continue your drive through Oslo, passed such national landmarks as the Parliament building, with its two imposing lion statues at the main entrance, the National Theater and the magnificent Royal Palace, official residence of the present Norwegian Monarch. Your tour will take you outside of the city through charming suburban areas where beautiful homes are set within manicured gardens.

A guided walk through the extraordinary Vigeland Sculpture Park, the largest sculpture park in the world created by one single artist, is invigorating and inspiring. The park covers eighty acres and was designed by renowned Norwegian sculptor Gustav Vigeland who created the over 200 iron and bronze statues. The sculptures artistically depict a complete human lifecycle from birth to death and are displayed in five different areas throughout the park. After your guided walk, you may explore the park independently. The gardens are vast and Vigeland also designed the impressive lawns and straight avenues flanked by maple trees perfect for strolling.

The celebration of Norway's cultural heritage continues with a visit to The National Gallery, home to the largest collection of Norwegian art. Wander through the galleries and take in Norwegian painting and sculpture from the 19th century. One of the highlights is a collection of the major works by Edvard Munch, including his most famous, "The Scream." Also on display are works by international painters and sculptors, including the French impressionists, Henri Matisse, Paul Cézanne, and Vincent van Gogh. Works by Danish and Swedish painters are also featured.

At the completion of the tour, a lovely scenic drive through Oslo brings you back to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour will not operate on Mondays when the National Gallery is closed. For 2014, tour is not available on voyage 1424/07 July.

Most Popular

Viking Ship Museum, Vigeland Sculpture & Ski Jump

OSL-205 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$109



Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through beautiful Oslo en route to Holmenkollen, the site of the 1952 Olympic ski-jumping competition. Perched high above Oslo, and host to the 2011 Ski Jump Championship competition, a photo opportunity in the area is a wonderful way to capture a piece of sport's history.

Continue your drive through beautiful Oslo, passing such national landmarks as the Parliament building with its two imposing lion statues at its main entrance, the National Theater and the magnificent Royal Palace, official residence of the present Norwegian Monarch. Your tour will take you out of the city through charming suburban areas where wood homes are set within manicured gardens.

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Your next stop is the unique Viking Ship Museum, built in 1927 and designed by Arnstein Arneberg, one of the best-known Norwegian architects. This impressive museum houses three enormous Viking ships and a host of artifacts and treasures found in royal burial mounds in the Oslo fjord. The three Viking ships, Oseberg, Gokstad and Tune are exquisitely preserved and artifacts rarely recovered from the Viking age, are on exhibit. Much of our knowledge daily life in the Viking Age comes from these archaeological finds. The museum also has a gift shop with an extensive inventory of books and souvenirs.

At the conclusion of your tour, you may choose to remain in Oslo for independent sightseeing or shopping. You are then responsible for your own return transportation to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Sequence of tour stops may vary.

Open-Air Museum, Vigeland Sculpture & Ski Jump

OSL-210 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$75



Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through beautiful Oslo en route to Holmenkollen. Perched high above the city, Holmenkollen is the cradle of ski jumping and was the site of the 1952 Olympic ski-jumping competition. Chosen to host the 2011 Ski Jump Championship competition, a photo opportunity in the area is a wonderful way to capture a piece of sport's history.

Continue your drive through Oslo, passing such national landmarks as the Parliament building with its two imposing lion statues at its main entrance, the National Theater, which opened its doors in 1899 and the magnificent Royal Palace, the official residence of the present Norwegian Monarch. Your tour will take you out of the city and through the charming suburban areas where wood homes are set within manicured gardens.

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Step back in time at the quaint Open-Air Folk Museum where a guided walking tour takes you through a wooded forest to a traditional Norwegian village. The authentic village features 158 buildings from rural and urban Norway, each representing a different historical time period and region. You will see a 13th-century Gol Stave Church with its steep stepped-roofs and wood-carved dragons, Hovestova, built for houseguests attending a three-day wedding, a collection of farmhouses, and the old village of Christiana. Enjoy a hike on the walking paths through this scenic farmland and historic landscape.

At the conclusion of your tour, you may choose to remain in Oslo for independent sightseeing or shopping. You are then responsible for your own return transportation to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Flash photography is not allowed inside the buildings at the Norwegian Open-Air Folk Museum.

Fram, Maritime Museum & Harbor Cruise

OSL-220 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$109



A short walk along the pier brings you to one of the beautiful old sailing vessels of Norway. Fully restored to its former glory, the boat features open-deck seating allowing for wonderful views of Oslofjord and its inlets.

Set sail and enjoy the highlights of the Oslo harbor and fjord, including the ruins of a 12th-century monastery on the island of Hovedoya and the nearby Dyna lighthouse. You will see the Bygdoy Peninsula, where many maritime museums are located, the beaches of Oslo including Huk Bay, the fortress/castle of Akershus, and the two characteristic towers of the Town Hall that were inaugurated in 1950 for the city's 900th anniversary. Follow the coastline of the Nesodden Peninsula, and see one of the city's charming suburbs.

Your voyage ends at Bygdoynes on the lovely, wooded peninsula of Bygdoy, which the King of Norway once used as hunting grounds. Here, you will step ashore and begin a walking tour that will take you to both the Norwegian Maritime Museum and the Fram Museum.

A beautiful park-like setting and an architectural award-winning building are the home of the Norwegian Maritime Museum. Celebrating Norway's coast and maritime traditions, the permanent exhibits center on coastal culture and maritime history. Peruse fascinating environmental exhibitions and learn about fishing, shipbuilding and marine archeology as well as viewing an impressive collection of boat models and marine paintings and artwork. An informative multi-screen 20-minute film gives you a panoramic experience of the ocean and sea. The facility has an extensive library and museum shop for your enjoyment.

A short walk will take you to the uniquely designed Fram Museum, showcasing Nordic exploration and the world famous polar ship built in 1892. The Fram has traveled further north and south than any other surface vessel. Roald Amundsen and Fritjof Nansen made several Arctic and Antarctic expeditions on the boat in the late 19th and early 20th century and the museum is a testament to their spirit and courage. The interactive museum houses their historical ship, displayed in its original condition. The interior contains original artifacts and visitors are welcomed to go below to experience the living conditions. Additional displays feature the animals of the Polar region, a vast collection of books and there is a well-appointed gift shop for souvenirs of your visit.

A motorcoach meets you in Bygdoy and your tour continues with a scenic drive along the harbor. You'll see many pleasure boats and occasionally, the King's yacht. View the charming Oscarshall Castle and a number of other popular sights on your return drive to the pier.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

A variety of different types and sizes of boats may be used for this tour.

City Drive

OSL-290 Approximately 2 hours / From \$55



Board your motorcoach and begin winding your way through the charming streets of Oslo. You'll pass the stately 13th-century Akershus Fortress, an important national landmark and military building; the fortress overlooks the harbor and is used today for State functions.

Drive past "Stortorget" - the big market square. You will also see the magnificent Oslo Cathedral, with its ornate bronze doorway built in 1697, the Parliament Building, the impressive home to the Norwegian legislature, then proceed down Karl Johan Street, named after an early 19th century Swedish-Norwegian king. Along the way, pass the oldest part of Oslo University, which dates back to 1813.

The Royal Palace, situated on a rise, comes into view. This beautiful neo-classical building was originally built in 1848. It is upgraded and modernized with the advent of a new monarch and it is the primary residence of the Royal Family.

Carry on past the gates to the Vigeland Sculpture Park, the largest and most-noted sculpture garden in the world and begin the climb up Holmenkollen Hill.

Perched high above Oslo, Holmenkollen is the cradle of ski jumping and was the site of the 1952 Olympic ski-jumping competition. Chosen to host the 2011 Ski Jump Championship competition, a photo opportunity in the area is a wonderful way to capture a piece of sport's history.

Returning towards the town center you make a detour to the Bygdøy Peninsula where all the seafaring museums are located, like the Viking Ship Museum, the Fram Polar Ship Museum or the Kon-Tiki Museum. You will make a short photo-stop at the end of the peninsula with a wonderful view of Oslo harbour.

From there you will travel back into the centre, passing the City Hall, inaugurated in 1950 at Oslo's 900-year jubilee. The building is renowned for its unique architectural design, and it is here that the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded each year on December 10th. Each hour, a 49-bell carillon can be heard cheerfully ringing from the East tower.

Your return drive to the pier follows the tranquil shoreline.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

On some calls a motorcoach with wheelchair lift may be available. Space is extremely limited and requests can only be made onboard. Priority will be given to wheelchair confined passengers.

Most Popular

Viking Ship Museum, Vigeland Sculpture & Ski Jump (Guided in Mandarin)



OSL-990 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$89

Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through beautiful Oslo en route to Holmenkollen, the site of the 1952 Olympic ski-jumping competition. Perched high above Oslo, and host to the 2011 Ski Jump Championship competition, a photo opportunity in the area is a wonderful way to capture a piece of sport's history.

Continue your drive through beautiful Oslo, passing such national landmarks as the Parliament building with its two imposing lion statues at its main entrance, the National Theater and the magnificent Royal Palace, official residence of the present Norwegian Monarch. Your tour will take you out of the city through charming suburban areas where wood homes are set within manicured gardens.

A guided walk through the extraordinary Vigeland Sculpture Park, the largest sculpture park in the world created by one single artist, is invigorating and inspiring. The park covers eighty acres and was designed by renowned Norwegian sculptor Gustav Vigeland who created the over 200 iron and bronze statues. The sculptures artistically depict a complete human lifecycle from birth to death and are displayed in five different areas throughout the park. After your guided walk, you may explore the park independently. The gardens are vast and Vigeland also designed the impressive lawns and straight avenues flanked by maple trees perfect for strolling.

Your next stop is the unique Viking Ship Museum, built in 1927 and designed by Arnstein Arneberg, one of the best-known Norwegian architects. This impressive museum houses three enormous Viking ships and a host of artifacts and treasures found in royal burial mounds in the Oslo fjord. The three Viking ships, Oseberg, Gokstad and Tune are exquisitely preserved and artifacts rarely recovered from the Viking age, are on exhibit. Much of our knowledge daily life in the Viking Age comes from these archaeological finds. The museum also has a gift shop with an extensive inventory of books and souvenirs.

At the conclusion of your tour, you may choose to remain in Oslo for independent sightseeing or shopping. You are then responsible for your own return transportation to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Sequence of tour stops may vary.

City Drive (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)

OSL-291 Approximately 2 hours / From \$49



Board your motorcoach and begin winding your way through the charming streets of Oslo. You'll pass the stately 13th-century Akershus Fortress, an important national landmark and military building; the fortress overlooks the harbor and is used today for State functions.

Drive past "Stortorget" - the big market square. You will also see the magnificent Oslo Cathedral, with its ornate bronze doorway built in 1697, the Parliament Building, the impressive home to the Norwegian legislature, then proceed down Karl Johan Street, named after an early 19th century Swedish-Norwegian king. Along the way, pass the oldest part of Oslo University, which dates back to 1813.

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Returning towards the town center you make a detour to the Bygdøy Peninsula where all the seafaring museums are located, like the Viking Ship Museum, the Fram Polar Ship Museum or the Kon-Tiki Museum. You will make a short photo-stop at the end of the peninsula with a wonderful view of Oslo harbour.

From there you will travel back into the centre, passing the City Hall, inaugurated in 1950 at Oslo's 900-year jubilee. The building is renown for it's unique architectural design, and it is here that the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded each year on December 10th. Each hour, a 49-bell carillon can be heard cheerfully ringing from the East tower.

Your return drive to the pier follows the tranquil shoreline.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This is the same tour as OSL-290. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book OSL-290. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance you during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

Special Interests

Best of Oslo (Guided in Spanish)

OSL-202 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$79



Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through beautiful Oslo en route to Holmenkollen. Perched high above Oslo, Holmenkollen is the cradle of ski jumping and the site of the 1952 Olympic ski-jumping competition. Recently chosen to host the 2011 Ski Jump Championship competition, a photo opportunity in the area is a wonderful way to capture a piece of sport's history.

Continue your drive through Oslo, passed such national landmarks as the Parliament building, with its two imposing lion statues at

the main entrance, the National Theater and the magnificent Royal Palace, official residence of the present Norwegian Monarch. Your tour will take you outside of the city through charming suburban areas where beautiful homes are set within manicured gardens.

A guided walk through the extraordinary Vigeland Sculpture Park, the largest sculpture park in the world created by one single artist, is invigorating and inspiring. The park covers eighty acres and was designed by renowned Norwegian sculptor Gustav Vigeland who created the over 200 iron and bronze statues. The sculptures artistically depict a complete human lifecycle from birth to death and are displayed in five different areas throughout the park. After your guided walk, you may explore the park independently. The gardens are vast and Vigeland also designed the impressive lawns and straight avenues flanked by maple trees perfect for strolling.

The celebration of Norway's cultural heritage continues with a visit to The National Gallery, home to the largest collection of Norwegian art. Wander through the galleries and take in Norwegian painting and sculpture from the 19th century. One of the highlights is a collection of the major works by Edvard Munch, including his most famous, "The Scream." Also on display are works by international painters and sculptors, including the French impressionists, Henri Matisse, Paul Cézanne, and Vincent van Gogh. Works by Danish and Swedish painters are also featured.

At the completion of the tour, a lovely scenic drive through Oslo brings you back to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour will not operate on voyages, E216 and E223, (Emerald Princess sailing dates - 4 June and 20 August) as the National Gallery is closed on Mondays.

Sequence of tour stops may vary.

Viking Ship Museum, Vigeland Sculpture & Ski Jump (Guided in German)



OSL-208 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$89

Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through beautiful Oslo en route to Holmenkollen, the site of the 1952 Olympic ski-jumping competition. Perched high above Oslo, and host to the 2011 Ski Jump Championship competition, a photo opportunity in the area is a wonderful way to capture a piece of sport's history.

Continue your drive through beautiful Oslo, passing such national landmarks as the Parliament building with its two imposing lion statues at its main entrance, the National Theater and the magnificent Royal Palace, official residence of the present Norwegian Monarch. Your tour will take you out of the city through charming suburban areas where wood homes are set within manicured gardens.

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At the conclusion of your tour, you may choose to remain in Oslo for independent sightseeing or shopping. You are then responsible for your own return transportation to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Sequence of tour stops may vary.

Fram, Kon-Tiki & Viking Museums



OSL-215 Approximately 3 hours / From \$89

Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through Oslo en route to the Bygdøy Peninsula. Your route passes such city landmarks as the architecturally striking City Hall, the magnificent Royal Palace and the historic National Theater.

Sitting on a peninsula, Bygdøy is a residential district in Oslo, that boast a number of museums all dedicated to the country's maritime history. The countryside scenery makes it a lovely and charming area to stroll.

Begin with the unique Viking Ship Museum, built in 1927 and designed by Arnstein Arneberg, one of the best-known Norwegian architects. This impressive museum houses three enormous Viking ships and a host of artifacts and treasures found in royal burial mounds in the Oslo fjord. The three Viking ships, Oseberg, Gokstad and Tune are exquisitely preserved and artifacts rarely recovered from the Viking age are on exhibit. Much of our knowledge of daily life in the Viking Age comes from these archaeological finds. The museum also has a gift shop with an extensive inventory of books and souvenirs.

Then, explore the Kon-Tiki Museum showcasing the famous expeditions of Norwegian adventurer Thor Heyerdahl who sailed the Pacific Ocean from South America to Polynesia in 1947. See Heyerdahl's famed Kon-Tiki raft, as well as his later vessel, the papyrus boat Ra II, on which Heyerdahl crossed the Atlantic at this exceptional museum filled with seafaring history. Among the fascinating displays you'll find a spectacular 30-foot whale shark, the largest fish in the ocean as well as an interactive replica of the Easter Island cave.

Your final stop is the uniquely designed Fram Museum, showcasing Nordic exploration and the world famous polar ship built in 1892. The vessel Fram has traveled further north and south than any other surface vessel. Roald Amundsend and Fritjof Nansen made several Arctic and Antarctic expeditions on the vessel in the late 19th and early 20th century and the museum is a testament to their spirit and courage. The interactive facility houses their historical vessel, displayed in its original condition. The interior contains original artifacts and visitors are welcomed to go below to experience the living conditions. Additional displays feature the animals of the Polar region, a vast collection of books and there is a gift shop.

Return to the pier by motorcoach via a lovely scenic route.

Child Price
12 & under reduced

Viking Ship Museum & Hadeland Glassworks **OSL-260 Approximately 5.5 hours / From \$119**



Board a motorcoach for a relaxing drive through the core of Oslo. Founded in 1000, the city is Scandinavia's oldest capital. Continue through the modern suburbs and into the lush, rolling countryside of Jevnaker County. Your journey to Hadeland Glassworks is a wonderful way to experience the beauty of this picturesque setting.

Norway's proud heritage of fine glassmaking is on display at the exquisite Hadeland Glassworks gallery and museum. Founded in 1762, the glassworks is the oldest industrial company in Norway and has been in continuous operation since it opened. Situated in Jevnaker, the beautiful country surroundings create an idyllic backdrop to the artwork on display.

Inside, you are invited to watch the age-old tradition of blowing glass, an art form that has been practiced in the region for more than 200 years. You may even have the opportunity to try your hand at glass blowing and glass-design. A lovely museum displays Norwegian glass from the 1700s to the 19th century and showcases unique and intricate designs. Learn about the art and the artisans as you wander through the colorful galleries.

Refreshments are served in one of the facility's old, picturesque houses and you will be given ample time to shop for these beautiful objects d'art in the gift store.

Your tour continues with a visit to the unique Viking Ship Museum, built in 1927 and designed by Arnstein Arneberg, one of the best-known Norwegian architects. This impressive museum houses three enormous Viking ships and a host of artifacts and treasures found in royal burial mounds in the Oslo fjord. The three Viking vessels, Oseberg, Gokstad and Tune are exquisitely preserved and artifacts rarely recovered from the Viking age, are on exhibit. Much of our knowledge of daily life in the Viking Age comes from these archaeological finds. The museum also has a gift shop with an extensive inventory of books and souvenirs. Your return motorcoach ride to the ship takes you along the shores of Lake Tyrifjord, a particularly striking setting with coastal and mountain views.

Child Price
12 years and under

Special Notes
The journey to Hadeland Glassworks is approximately 90 minutes each way.

City Walk & City Hall **OSL-380 Approximately 3 hours / From \$49**



Begin your walk at the pier where your guide will point out the statue of Franklin D. Roosevelt, which overlooks the harbor of Oslo.

Stroll down the wide streets to Oslo's City Hall, an architecturally designed modern landmark that not only houses the city council but an impressive collection of frescoes, woodcarvings, sculptures, and murals representing many aspects of Norwegian life. A visit inside the building will acquaint you with the history of this more than 900-year old city and its thriving culture.

Pass by two sites that pay homage to the city's theatrical heritage. See The National Theater, Norway's principle venue for the

performing arts and continue to the restored apartment of the great playwright Henrik Ibsen.

Dramatically situated on a rise, the Royal Palace and its surrounding gardens are an elegant showpiece of neo-classic design. The palace is the primary residence of the Royal Family and this picture perfect building has been the symbol of the Norwegian monarch since 1814.

The wide main street of Oslo, known as Karl Johan is alive with activity and home to a number of historic attractions. Close by you will see the sprawling University of Oslo, ranked one of the world's top 100 universities. Henrik Ibsen reportedly walked through this collegiate atmosphere everyday and you'll follow in his footsteps to his destination, the Grand Café, meeting point of the "Bohemians" in the 1890's.

As you begin your return walk to the ship, you'll see the impressive Parliament Building founded in 1866 and the splendid medieval Akershus Fortress that dominates the landscape.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Passengers must be able to walk approximately 2.5 miles, over even paved and cobblestone surfaces, with inclines involved, to reach the Akershus Castle. Low heeled, comfortable walking shoes and comfortable, loose clothing are recommended.

This tour will operate in all weather conditions, so participants should take appropriate weather gear with them.

If the City Hall is closed for any unexpected official function, passengers will walk to the New Opera house and the Opera House roof for a photo stop.

Viking Ship Museum, Vigeland Sculpture & Ski Jump
(Guided in Portuguese)



OSL-209 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$89

Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through beautiful Oslo en route to Holmenkollen, the site of the 1952 Olympic ski-jumping competition. Perched high above Oslo, and host to the 2011 Ski Jump Championship competition, a photo opportunity in the area is a wonderful way to capture a piece of sport's history.

Continue your drive through beautiful Oslo, passing such national landmarks as the Parliament building with its two imposing lion statues at its main entrance, the National Theater and the magnificent Royal Palace, official residence of the present Norwegian Monarch. Your tour will take you out of the city through charming suburban areas where wood homes are set within manicured gardens.

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Your next stop is the unique Viking Ship Museum, built in 1927 and designed by Arnstein Arneberg, one of the best-known Norwegian architects. This impressive museum houses three enormous Viking ships and a host of artifacts and treasures found in royal burial mounds in the Oslo fjord. The three Viking ships, Oseberg, Gokstad and Tune are exquisitely preserved and artifacts rarely recovered from the Viking age, are on exhibit. Much of our knowledge daily life in the Viking Age comes from these archaeological finds. The museum also has a gift shop with an extensive inventory of books and souvenirs.

At the conclusion of your tour, you may choose to remain in Oslo for independent sightseeing or shopping. You are then responsible for your own return transportation to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Sequence of tour stops may vary.

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Gothenburg, Sweden

Sweden's second largest city - and the largest port in Scandinavia - was founded by King Gustavus Adolphus in 1621 at the mouth of the Göta River. Gustavus Adolphus hired Dutch architects and builders to lay out Gothenburg, so it should come as no surprise that the city is laced with a network of gracious canals lined with elegant buildings. Like all great seaports, Gothenburg is a cosmopolitan city with a wealth of cultural attractions, from its ancient University to its beloved pleasure garden at Liseberg Amusement Park. The city is also the gateway to the archipelagoes and picturesque fishing villages of Sweden's West Coast - the country's favorite vacation playground.

Gothenburg's cultural hub is the Götaplatsen. Here Carl Milles' dramatic bronze figure of Poseidon stands watch over the central square, home to the city's Museum of fine Arts, Concert Hall, Municipal Theatre and City Library.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

Best of Gothenburg

GOT-200 Approximately 3 hours / From \$129



This exhilarating three-hour guided tour is designed to showcase everything Gothenburg has to offer and is perfect for those who prefer little or no walking but want to take in all the sights.

After boarding your comfortable motorcoach your guide will share his knowledge of Gothenburg as you cross over the Älvsborgs Bridge and travel into the heart of the city. Gazing out your window you'll no doubt be captivated by Gothenburg's Old World charm. But as you make your way around the pleasant boulevards and past the canals, you may get the feeling that you're in a Dutch city. Founded in 1621, Gothenburg was heavily influenced by the Dutch who were contracted by King Gustavus Adolphus to migrate here. Using their skills and talents, they designed Gothenburg to resemble towns back home in the Netherlands. Gothenburg grew quickly into an important trade and maritime city and today, it's Sweden's second largest city. After a short ride you'll arrive at your first destination - the view point by the picturesque Masthuggs Church, where you have one of the best views of Gothenburg. Its location on a high hill assures that it's the first and last sight visitors see of Gothenburg when arriving by sea and although it has the appearance of a medieval church it was actually built in 1914.

Have your cameras ready as you travel down Avenyn, Gothenburg's main boulevard, home to exclusive boutiques, many popular restaurants and bars, and past Feskekyrkan, which is known as the "fish church". This 140-year-old Gothic-looking structure on one of the city's many canals is actually an indoor fish market. Then, you'll enjoy a photo stop at Götaplatsen, a large public square that's home to a number of splendid sights. Here, you'll find the Art Deco-designed Gothenburg Concert Hall, the Gothenburg Art Museum, and the Poseidon Fountain, famous for the bronze sculpture that rises from the fountain's center was designed by noted Swedish artist Carl Milles. Next, is your opportunity to see Gothenburg from a different perspective - from a seat on a paddan boat gliding gently down a canal. After you step off the motorcoach you'll step on the boat for a 50-minute exhilarating ride that will take you past a 17th century moat that was once a part of the city's fortress, 17th and 18th century houses and the harbor. You'll also pass under a series of incredibly low bridges. How low do they go? So low that you'll be instructed to crouch down inside your boat.

At the end of your tour, you'll rejoin your motorcoach for the return drive back to your ship having seen the best of Gothenburg.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing suited to the day's conditions. Bring a hat and a light jacket.

During the canal cruise, one of the bridges is very low and you will need to sit down on the floor of the boat when passing under.

Sequence of tour stops may vary.

City Drive & Botanical Gardens

GOT-205 Approximately 4 hours / From \$69



Feel the pulse of Gothenburg during this three-hour excursion that includes a narrated tour through town with stops at some of the city's most celebrated landmarks. One of your visits includes the celebrated Botanical Garden so remember to bring a camera to capture each colorful moment.

After boarding your comfortable motorcoach your guide will share his knowledge of Gothenburg as you cross over the Älvsborgs Bridge and travel into the heart of the city. Gazing out your window you'll no doubt be captivated by Gothenburg's Old World charm. But as you make your way around the pleasant boulevards and past the canals, you may get the feeling that you're in a Dutch city. Founded in 1621, Gothenburg was heavily influenced by the Dutch who were contracted by King Gustavus Adolphus to migrate here. Using their skills and talents, they designed Gothenburg to resemble towns back home in the Netherlands. Gothenburg grew quickly into an important trade and maritime city and today, it's Sweden's second largest city.

Next you'll arrive at your first destination the picturesque Masthuggs Church. Its location on a high hill assures that it's the first and last sight visitors see of Gothenburg when arriving by sea and although it has the appearance of a medieval church it was actually built in 1914. Outside, the 203-foot tower dominates the skyline while the interior's pegged timber ceiling is reminiscent of ancient stave churches from the Viking Age.

Back on the motorcoach, your city tour continues with a relaxing drive past Götaplatsen, a large public square that's home to a number of splendid sights. Here, you'll find the Art Deco-designed Gothenburg Concert Hall, the Gothenburg Art Museum, and the Poseidon Fountain, famous for the bronze sculpture that rises from the fountain's center was designed by noted Swedish artist Carl Milles. Travel down Avenyn, Gothenburg's main boulevard and home to exclusive boutiques many popular bars and restaurants before continuing on to the splendid plaza known as Gustaf Adolf Square, home to Gothenburg City Hall, courts and the city's main canal. Next on your itinerary is the lovely Botanical Garden. The largest in Sweden, the garden boasts 20,000 species spread out over a sprawling 430 acres. Once you disembark, you'll have 40 minutes to wander around the beautiful floral collections of the Rock Garden, the Japanese Glade, the Rhododendron Valley, the Kitchen Garden or whatever is at its best for the season.

On your way back to the ship you'll travel past the famous Feskekyrkan, which is known as the "fish church". This 140-year-old Gothic-looking structure located on the banks of one of the city's many canals is actually an indoor fish market.

Special Notes

Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing suited to the day's conditions. Bring a hat and a light jacket.

Inside visit to the Church is subject to no function taking place.

Sequence of tour stops may vary.

West Coast Islands

GOT-215 Approximately 4 hours / From \$85



Rolling hills in varying green hues, lush mystical forests, crystal clear lakes and enchanting isles are just a few of the wonders you'll encounter during this four-hour excursion to Sweden's famous West Coast Islands. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes and don't forget to bring a camera to record the area's awe-inspiring beauty.

Your odyssey begins when you step aboard your air-conditioned motorcoach and travel through Gothenburg towards your first destination the 1,000 year-old town of Kungälv. Have your cameras ready as you drive by the impressive ruins of the 14th century Bohus Fästning Fortress. Located high on a 131-foot high cliff, the fortress was one of the north's largest, strongest and most massive fortresses. Its intriguing history began in 1308 when King Haakon Magnuson of Norway built the fortress as part of his defense network against Sweden and through the centuries Bohus Fästning Fortress would change hands between Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Much of it was dismantled during the 18th century and many of the houses you see in Kungälv were built from the fortress' stone. Continuing on through the picturesque countryside you'll pass through the village of Stenungsund and stop for photos at the Tjörn Bridge, which connects mainland Sweden to Tjörn. From this vantage point you have the perfect view of the Bohuslän coast. Stretching 105 miles north from Gothenburg to the Norwegian border, the Bohuslän includes the Western Archipelago with over 8,000 islands just off its rugged shores.

Back on the motorcoach, you'll drive over the bridge and onto the quaint island of Tjörn, the sixth largest island in Sweden. As you make your way around this treasured isle, you'll no doubt be charmed by the island's red clapboard farmhouses, sweeping meadows studded with granite boulders, and shimmering lakes. Your next stop is Klädesholmen, an old fishing village that dates back to the 15th century. Once you disembark you'll have a 40-minute guided tour around this quaint little hamlet of only about 385 people. Like most of the Swedish islands and coastal communities, herring played an important part in the town's development, and even today, salting houses and canneries dot the tiny harbor. Another scenic drive awaits you as you step back aboard your motorcoach and ride north to the seaside village of Skärhamn. The island's largest town, Skärhamn has a pretty harbor that's full of yachts during the summer and is one of the bases of the Swedish navy. Here, you'll have 30-minutes of free time to meander around the narrow streets lined with white clapboard houses and some small shops.

Finally, you'll return to your motorcoach, your heart filled with wild and wonderful memories, for a relaxing scenic ride back over the Tjörn Bridge and onto your ship in Gothenburg setting course for the next port on your itinerary.

Special Notes

Bring SEK or credit cards for additional purchases.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing suited to the day's conditions. Bring a hat and a light jacket.

Off the Beaten Path

Northern Archipelago

GOT-240 Approximately 4 hours / From \$79



Located right on the coast, Gothenburg serves as the gateway to the Western Archipelago off the Bohuslän coast. Extending all the way to the Norwegian border, the northern part of the archipelago is dominated by the Öckerö municipality, which consists of ten inhabited islands.

This four-hour tour is perfect for those who prefer little or no walking but desire an abundance of scenery, views and photo opportunities. So remember to bring along a camera to record landscapes that will take your breath away. Sit back and relax for a scenic drive aboard your motorcoach as you travel to the small hamlet of Lilla Varholmen. Here, your coach will drive on to the ferry for the brief journey to Öckerö. With a total area of just ten miles, Öckerö is one of the smallest municipalities in Sweden. As you approach the island, you'll notice its dramatic features: houses perched on towering cliffs above soft, sandy beaches.

Arriving on Öckerö you'll be whisked away on a sightseeing tour of the island. From your seat, you'll have the perfect vantage point to snap photos of the island's magnificent meadows, mountains and moors. Then, you'll travel over the bridge that connects Öckerö and Hönö for a photo stop at the famed Öckerö Church. Built around 1450 on the site of an earlier wooden church, the building you visit today was restored in the 18th century. Next, is a visit to the charming Folklore Center where you can enjoy a cup of coffee and delicious pastry before returning to your motorcoach. Continuing south, you'll travel through Hönö's enchanting countryside before climbing over another bridge that will take you to the rocky island of Fotö. As you make your way over the sparkling sea, you're sure to marvel at the jaw-dropping sight of the archipelago stretched out just outside your window. After you arrive in Fotö, you'll set out on a guided walk around the village and the harbor, which is dotted with charming white houses adorned with red roofs.

At the conclusion of your walk, you'll begin your return trip back to Gothenburg with another memorable drive through the picturesque islands to the ferry in Lilla Varholmen, which will take you back to the city and the pier after a relaxing day of island hopping.

Special Interests

City Drive & Volvo Museum

GOT-220 Approximately 3 hours / From \$59



Did you know that the luxury car company Volvo was named after a ball bearing or that its name in Latin means "I roll"? Learn these facts and more on a guided tour of the Volvo Museum. This three-hour excursion also includes a city-wide tour that showcases some of Gothenburg's most famous landmarks.

After boarding your air-conditioned motorcoach your guide will share his knowledge of Gothenburg as you cross over the Älvsborgs Bridge and travel along the welcoming wide streets and into the heart of the city. Gazing out your window you'll no doubt be captivated by Gothenburg's Old World charm. But as you make your way around the pleasant boulevards and past the canals, you may get the feeling that you're in a Dutch city. Founded in 1621, Gothenburg was heavily influenced by the Dutch who were contracted by King Gustavus Adolphus to migrate here. Using their skills and talents, they designed Gothenburg to resemble towns back home in the Netherlands. Gothenburg grew quickly into an important trade and maritime city and today, it's Sweden's second largest city. It's also the birthplace of the world known automobile maker, Volvo. Founded in 1927, the company's headquarters are still based here and is a living testament to the development and success one of the world's most powerful and respected brand names. Situated in a bright, modern building on the city's harbor, the museum's collection contains around 100 vehicles and engines, Amazon rally cars, one-off concept cars, buses, tractor cabs, fire trucks and more.

As you reach the heart of the city, one of the first sights you'll see is trendy Avenyn, Gothenburg's main boulevard, which is the site of exclusive boutiques, many popular bars and restaurants. Then, you'll have a photo stop at Götaplatsen, a large public square that's home to the Art Deco-designed Gothenburg Concert Hall, the Gothenburg Art Museum, and the Poseidon Fountain, famous for the bronze sculpture that rises from the fountain's center was designed by noted Swedish artist Carl Milles. Continue past Feskekyrkan, famously known as the "fish church". You're sure to want to take a picture of this 140-year-old Gothic looking structure, which is actually an indoor fish market. Your motorcoach will continue on to Gustav Adolfs Square, which is the site of City Hall, the Court House and the Stock Exchange.

Next you will head off to the Volvo Museum. After your tour, you'll have as much free time as you wish to browse for Volvo key rings, jackets, toys and other souvenirs in the museum gift shop. Or relax in the café next door before returning to your Ship on foot.

Special Notes

Sequence of tour stops may vary



Berlin (Warnemunde), Germany

Berlin is a worthy rival to London or Paris in terms of history, art and culture. The city's highlights include the restored Reichstag Building with its magnificent glass dome and the stunning Pergamon Museum.

Warnemünde is a seaside resort near the harbor entrance to Rostock, one of the city-states that formed the medieval Hanseatic League. Originally a fishing village turned spa and resort. Explore the old Cold War hot spots and view the Brandenburg Gate, restored to its original magnificence. Or, stroll along the Kurfurstendamm and take coffee in a local cafe. Warnemünde is also your gateway to Mecklenburg and the German countryside.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

Best of Berlin

ZWD-100 Approximately 12.5 hours / From \$329



Your tour begins as you board a chartered train for a three-hour ride to East Berlin, enjoying a breakfast snack accompanied by tea and coffee along the way.

Upon arriving, you'll board your motorcoach for a city drive to your first photo stop to one of the few surviving pieces of the Berlin Wall.

Keep your camera ready for Checkpoint Charlie, the point separating east and west, and for some East Germans, a gateway to freedom. Soviet and American tanks briefly faced off at this location during the Berlin Crisis of 1961.

You'll continue to Gendarmenmarkt, a 17th-century square, the site of the twin French and German cathedrals and the Schauspielhaus Concert Hall, a masterpiece of German classical architecture. Next, you'll pass Unter Linden, a tree-lined, east-west thoroughfare through the city of Berlin, and witness such sites as the State Library and Humboldt University, Berlin's oldest university.

Driving past Bebelplatz, you'll witness the square where the burgeoning Nazi Party held its infamous book burning. Next, you'll make a stop at the WWII Memorial, where you'll view Käthe Kollwitz's emotionally moving sculpture of a mother and her dying son.

You'll head to a five-star hotel where a luncheon awaits. After an authentic German meal, you'll make your way to your next photo stop, the Brandenburg Gate. As the only remaining city gate of Berlin, formerly used to represent the separation of the city between East and West Berlin, the Brandenburg Gate has now come to symbolize German unity.

Just a short stroll away is the Reichstag. Originally constructed to house the parliament of the newly founded German Empire, the glass dome designed by architect Sir Norman Foster is one of the city's major landmarks today.

You'll drive by the Victory Column, a landmark that celebrates the military successes of Prussia over Denmark, and pass Bellevue Palace, the official residence of the President of Germany, and Congress Hall.

Now it's time to shop 'til you drop on Kurfurstendamm, Germany's most famous shopping boulevard. You're free to stroll along the broad, tree-lined avenue, boasting luxury department stores, designer boutiques, shops, cafes, clubs and restaurants.

As your tour winds down, you'll board your motorcoach and pass by Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, an anti-war memorial to peace and reconciliation, on your way to the Allied Museum. The museum commemorates the U.S., British and French presence in Berlin from 1945 to 1994, tracing the history of Cold War Berlin. Here you'll find the original Checkpoint Charlie guardhouse, a Berlin Wall watchtower, a plane from the Berlin Airlift, and an American spy tunnel.

When it's time to call it a day, you'll travel back to the train station. On the train your host will hand out a snack box and drinks can be purchased from the trolley service during the train ride back to the pier.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The train ride between Warnemünde and Berlin is approximately three hours each way. The train is not air-conditioned.

Local currency is recommended for shopping. Shopping location may vary as most shops are closed on Sundays.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Warnemunde.

Berlin & River Spree Cruise

ZWD-105 Approximately 12.5 hours / From \$329



Your tour begins as you board a chartered train for a three-hour ride to East Berlin, enjoying a breakfast snack accompanied by tea and coffee along the way.

Upon arriving, you'll board your motorcoach for a city drive to your first photo stop at surviving pieces of the Berlin Wall.

Keep your camera ready for Checkpoint Charlie, the point separating east and west, and for some East Germans, a gateway to freedom. Soviet and American tanks briefly faced off at this location during the Berlin Crisis of 1961.

You'll pass Unter Linden, a tree-lined, east-west thoroughfare through the city of Berlin, and witness such sights as the State Library, and Humboldt University, Berlin's oldest University. See also the Nikolai Quarter, where the city of Berlin was founded and home to the Red Town Hall, the current seat of the city's government, on your way to the next highlight, the Brandenburg Gate. As the only remaining city gate of Berlin, formerly used to represent the separation of the city between East and West Berlin, the Brandenburg Gate has now come to symbolize German unity.

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Next, you'll head to a traditional beer-style German restaurant where a lunch awaits. After a delicious meal, it's all aboard for a scenic motor-launch cruise along the Spree River, taking in the sights and sounds of the capital from the water. The route passes through the inner city, giving you a view of Museum Island, the Berlin Cathedral and the Reichstag. Also in view is the impressive Chancellery.

You'll board your motorcoach and drive by the Victory Column, a landmark that celebrates the military successes of Prussia over Denmark, and pass Bellevue Palace, the official residence of the President of Germany. Also on your route is the Congress Hall.

Now it's time to shop 'til you drop on Kurfurstendamm, Germany's most famous shopping boulevard. You're free to stroll along the broad, tree-lined avenue, boasting luxury department stores, designer boutiques, shops, cafes, clubs and restaurants.

When it's time to call it a day, you'll travel back to the train station. Water and a snack box lunch are yours to enjoy on your return train ride back to the pier.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The train ride between Warnemünde and Berlin is approximately three hours each way. The train is not air-conditioned.

Approximately 20 steep steps are required to access the pier for the Spree riverboats.

Local currency is recommended for shopping. Shopping location may vary as most shops are closed on Sundays.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Warnemunde.

Off the Beaten Path

Schwerin Castle, Lake Schwerin Cruise & Rostock

ZWD-120 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$219



Your tour begins as you board a motorcoach for a scenic, 90-minute drive to Schwerin, the capital of Mecklenburg founded in the 12th century by Henry the Lion. En route, you'll travel on the famed Autobahn and take in views of the north German countryside with its small farms and windmills.

Upon arriving in Schwerin, you'll embark on a 30-minute boat ride on Lake Schwerin, Germany's third-largest lake. You'll witness "Kaninchenwerder," a small island in the middle of the lake, the skyline of the quaint old town of Schwerin, and the Schwerin Castle, a "fairy-tale" palace set on the banks of the lake.

A walking tour is next on your itinerary as you explore the city center of Schwerin. Because sightseeing can work up a hearty appetite, you'll stop for a three-course meal at a local wine house in the historic city center, followed by free time to browse and shop for souvenirs.

After picking up a gift or two, you'll board a trolley train for a 20-minute ride to the Schwerin Castle through the city center. You'll pass the old market, the Town Hall and the Schelfstadt district, popular for its half-timbered houses, and the Schelf Church.

The Schwerin Castle will take your breath away as your guide details its countless accouterments. The former living, social and ceremonial rooms are now used by the palace museum to exhibit pictures, sculptures, furniture, weapons, medals, jewelry and other objets d'art. Keep your camera ready as you witness the Sylvester Gallery, the Red Audience Room and Floral Room, and step outside to walk between the Orangerie and lush gardens.

Next, you'll travel to Rostock for a walking tour of this medieval town. You'll stroll through the Market Square lined with well-preserved medieval buildings boasting gabled roofs and timbered façades, and continue on to the Town Hall and St. Mary's Church, the most famous of Rostock's seven medieval churches. Constructed in the 13th century, St. Mary's is patronized by wealthy merchants and nobles, and features an exquisite, working astrological clock that is today maintained by the mathematics faculty of the University of Rostock.

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Your tour concludes with a return to the pier in Warnemünde, passing Heinkel Aircraft Memorial along the way.

Child Price
12 & under reduced

Special Notes
The drive between Warnemünde and Schwerin is approximately 90 minutes.

Schwerin Castle may close without notice due to governmental meetings.

Wear comfortable low-heeled walking shoes.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Warnemünde.

World Heritage Site **Connoisseur**

Berlin's Cultural Sights & Private Organ Recital
ZWD-150 Approximately 12.5 hours / From \$399



Your tour begins as you board a chartered train for a three-hour ride to East Berlin, enjoying a breakfast snack and beverage along the way.

Upon arriving, you'll board your motorcoach for a city drive to your first photo stop, the Berlin Wall, where you can see a few surviving pieces.

Keep your camera ready for Checkpoint Charlie, the point separating East and West, and for some East Germans, a gateway to freedom. Soviet and American tanks briefly faced off at this location during the Berlin Crisis of 1961.

You'll pass Unter Linden, a tree-lined, east-west thoroughfare through the city of Berlin, and witness such sights as the State Library, and Humboldt University, Berlin's oldest university.

You'll make your way to your next photo stop, the Brandenburg Gate. As the only remaining city gate of Berlin, formerly used to represent the separation of the city between East and West Berlin, the Brandenburg Gate has now come to symbolize German unity.

Just a short stroll away is the Reichstag. Originally constructed to house the parliament of the newly founded German Empire, the glass dome designed by architect Sir Norman Foster is one of the city's major landmarks today.

Next, you'll head to your lunch venue in the heart of the city. Enjoy a delicious 3 course lunch before your afternoon sightseeing begins. After a delicious meal, you'll continue to the Pergamon Museum on Museum Island. The five museums on the island were built between 1824 and 1930, and today are considered a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. You'll embark on a 60-minute self-guided acoustic tour of the Pergamon, witnessing spectacular works of archaeological antiquities, including collections of Greek, Assyrian, Islamic and Far Eastern art.

Next on your itinerary is the Berlin Cathedral for a special organ recital. The cathedral, built at the turn of the 19th century, was the parish church for Germany's Imperial family, the Hohenzollerns, and is the largest and most beautiful Protestant church in all of Berlin.

Your tour continues with a drive by the Victory Column, a landmark that celebrates the military successes of Prussia over Denmark, and pass Bellevue Palace, the official residence of the President of Germany, and Congress Hall.

Your tour concludes with a drive to the train station. On the train your host will hand out a snack box to the guests; drinks can be purchased from the trolley service during the train ride back to the pier.

Child Price
12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The train ride between Warnemünde and Berlin is approximately three hours each way. The train is not air-conditioned.

Local currency is recommended for shopping.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Warnemunde.

Rostock Old Town & Trotzenburg Micro-Brewery
ZWD-310 Approximately 4 hours / From \$109



Your tour begins with a short transfer of approximately 30 minutes from your port of Warnemunde to the city center of Rostock. You'll disembark your motorcoach at the main street of Rostock (Lange Strasse) close to the University Square.

Here, you'll start your leisurely walking tour through the picturesque square, past the nearly 600-year-old Rostock University into the courtyard of the Holy Cross Convent. Erected in 1270 by Queen Margarete of Denmark, it's the site of a cultural museum today and a highlight of the tour. Other sights are the Fountain of Joy, dedicated to the city's rebirth after World War II, and the Kröpelin Gate. Built in 1270, it's one of the only surviving gates that helped fortify the city during the Middle Ages. Continuing on your guide will lead you along Kröpeliner street which is lined with well-preserved buildings featuring gabled roofs and timbered façades towards the historic Town Hall, seat of the town council for almost 800 years.

Next is a visit to St. Mary's Church, the most famous of Rostock's seven medieval churches. Founded in the 13th century, St. Mary's Church is famed for its many attractions. The stunning stained-glass window, which features the Day of Judgment, measures 85 feet tall and is one of the largest single stained glass windows in Europe. Another awe-inspiring sight is the church's astronomical clock. Built in 1472, it sits behind the church's high altar and is the only one of its kind still in working condition and with its original clockworks. On the hour the apostles cross before Jesus for a blessing, but Judas, the last in line, is refused. The clock's middle portion features the daily time, a zodiac, moon phases and the month. At the bottom is a calendar that's dated until 2017.

Then, you'll have free time to shop for souvenirs in Market Square before going to the exclusive Trotzenburg Micro-Brewery. After seeing the brewing kettle and learning the process of brewing beer, you'll be treated to a freshly brewed glass of beer and a delicious German pretzel. Before leaving, you'll be given a Trotzenburg beer glass to take home as a souvenir.

At the conclusion of your visit, you'll return by motor coach to Warnemunde, the Baltic beach resort purchased as a small fishing village in 1323 by the rich merchants of Rostock to safeguard their access to the sea.

Child Price
12 years and under

Special Notes

This tour involves extensive walking and is not recommended for passengers with limited mobility.

Passengers must be 18 years or older to participate in the beer tasting.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Warnemunde.

Most Popular

Best of Berlin (Guided in Mandarin)
ZWD-990 Approximately 12.5 hours / From \$299



Your tour begins as you board a chartered train for a three-hour ride to East Berlin, enjoying a breakfast snack accompanied by tea and coffee along the way.

Upon arriving, you'll board your motorcoach for a city drive to your first photo stop to one of the few surviving pieces of the Berlin Wall.

Keep your camera ready for Checkpoint Charlie, the point separating east and west, and for some East Germans, a gateway to freedom. Soviet and American tanks briefly faced off at this location during the Berlin Crisis of 1961.

You'll continue to Gendarmenmarket, a 17th-century square, the site of the twin French and German cathedrals and the Schauspielhaus Concert Hall, a masterpiece of German classical architecture. Next, you'll pass Unter Linden, a tree-lined, east-west thoroughfare through the city of Berlin, and witness such sites as the State Library and Humboldt University, Berlin's oldest university.

Driving past Bebelplatz, you'll witness the square where the burgeoning Nazi Party held its infamous book burning. Next, you'll make a stop at the WWII Memorial, where you'll view Käthe Kollwitz's emotionally moving sculpture of a mother and her dying son.

You'll head to a five-star hotel where a luncheon awaits. After an authentic German meal, you'll make your way to your next photo

stop, the Brandenburg Gate. As the only remaining city gate of Berlin, formerly used to represent the separation of the city between East and West Berlin, the Brandenburg Gate has now come to symbolize German unity.

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You'll drive by the Victory Column, a landmark that celebrates the military successes of Prussia over Denmark, and pass Bellevue Palace, the official residence of the President of Germany, and Congress Hall.

Now it's time to shop 'til you drop on Kurfurstendamm, Germany's most famous shopping boulevard. You're free to stroll along the broad, tree-lined avenue, boasting luxury department stores, designer boutiques, shops, cafes, clubs and restaurants.

As your tour winds down, you'll board your motorcoach and pass by Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, an anti-war memorial to peace and reconciliation, on your way to the Allied Museum. The museum commemorates the U.S., British and French presence in Berlin from 1945 to 1994, tracing the history of Cold War Berlin. Here you'll find the original Checkpoint Charlie guardhouse, a Berlin Wall watchtower, a plane from the Berlin Airlift, and an American spy tunnel.

When it's time to call it a day, you'll travel back to the train station. On the train your host will hand out a snack box and drinks can be purchased from the trolley service during the train ride back to the pier.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The train ride between Warnemünde and Berlin is approximately three hours each way. The train is not air-conditioned.

Local currency is recommended for shopping. Shopping location may vary as most shops are closed on Sundays.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Warnemunde.

Most Popular

Best of Berlin (Guided in Cantonese)

ZWD-991 Approximately 12.5 hours / From \$299



Your tour begins as you board a chartered train for a three-hour ride to East Berlin, enjoying a breakfast snack accompanied by tea and coffee along the way.

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When it's time to call it a day, you'll travel back to the train station. On the train your host will hand out a snack box and drinks can be purchased from the trolley service during the train ride back to the pier.

Child Price
12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The train ride between Warnemünde and Berlin is approximately three hours each way. The train is not air-conditioned.

Local currency is recommended for shopping. Shopping location may vary as most shops are closed on Sundays.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Warnemünde.

Special Interests

Best of Berlin (Guided in Spanish)

ZWD-102 Approximately 12.5 hours / From \$299



Your tour begins as you board a chartered train for a three-hour ride to East Berlin, enjoying a breakfast snack accompanied by tea and coffee along the way.

Upon arriving, you'll board your motorcoach for a city drive to your first photo stop to one of the few surviving pieces of the Berlin Wall.

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You'll continue to Gendarmenmarkt, a 17th-century square, the site of the twin French and German cathedrals and the Schauspielhaus Concert Hall, a masterpiece of German classical architecture. Next, you'll pass Unter Linden, a tree-lined, east-west thoroughfare through the city of Berlin, and witness such sites as the State Library and Humboldt University, Berlin's oldest university.

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When it's time to call it a day, you'll travel back to the train station. On the train your host will hand out a snack box and drinks can be purchased from the trolley service during the train ride back to the pier.

Child Price
12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The train ride between Warnemünde and Berlin is approximately three hours each way. The train is not air-conditioned.

Local currency is recommended for shopping. Shopping location may vary as most shops are closed on Sundays.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Warnemünde.

Berlin City Drive, Jewish Museum & Holocaust Memorial

ZWD-115 Approximately 12.5 hours / From \$319



Your tour begins as you board a chartered train for a three-hour ride to East Berlin, enjoying a breakfast snack accompanied by tea and coffee along the way.

Upon arriving, you'll board your motorcoach for a city drive to your first photo stop, the Berlin Wall where you can see a few surviving pieces.

Keep your camera ready for Checkpoint Charlie, the point separating East and West, and for some East Germans, a gateway to freedom. Soviet and American tanks briefly faced off at this location during the Berlin Crisis of 1961.

You'll pass Unter Linden, a tree-lined, east-west thoroughfare through the city of Berlin, and witness such sights as the State Library, and Humboldt University, Berlin's oldest university.

You'll make your way to your next photo stop, the Brandenburg Gate. As the only remaining city gate of Berlin, formerly used to represent the separation of the city between East and West Berlin, the Brandenburg Gate has now come to symbolize German unity.

Just a short stroll away is the Reichstag. Originally constructed to house the parliament of the newly founded German Empire, the glass dome designed by architect Sir Norman Foster is one of the city's major landmarks today.

Driving past Bebelplatz, you'll witness the square where the burgeoning Nazi Party held its infamous book burning.

Next you'll make a stop at the Holocaust Memorial, a poignant and powerful landmark, also a place of hope in the heart of Europe and Germany's capital.

You'll continue to the old Jewish Quarter to visit the new Synagogue/Centrum Judaicum, giving you insight to the Jewish life in Berlin in historic and modern times.

Afterwards, you will make a visit to the Jewish Museum, where you'll enjoy a complimentary cold box lunch, and take a partly guided tour of this modern building shaped a bit like the Star of David. Designed by Daniel Libeskind and completed in 2001, the museum offers insight into German-Jewish life, including a brief inside look at the Holocaust through numerous personal documents and objects. The building's special features include spiraling walls, sloping floors, a windowless Holocaust Tower, and symbolic lines of windows that resemble wounds.

You'll continue to the western sector and drive by the Victory Column, a landmark that celebrates the military successes of Prussia over Denmark, and pass Bellevue Palace, the official residence of the President of Germany, and Congress Hall.

When it's time to call it a day, you'll travel back to the train station. Water and a snack box lunch are yours to enjoy on your return train ride back to the pier.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The train ride between Warnemunde and Berlin is approximately three hours each way. The train is not air-conditioned.

For security reasons, passengers must check large bags at the museum entrance and undergo a security screening to enter the museum.

On Saturdays the Synagogue will be closed; instead an extended photo stop at the Holocaust Memorial and extended free time at the Jewish Museum will be provided. Passengers should wear appropriate conservative clothing which covers shoulders and knees. Photography is not allowed inside the synagogues.

Local currency is recommended for shopping.

Wi Fi is not available on the train.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Warnemunde.

Off the Beaten Path

Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp & Memorial

ZWD-160 Approximately 12.5 hours / From \$319



After boarding your chartered train at the pier, you'll travel through Germany's rural countryside, passing the medieval towns of Mecklenburg and Brandenburg. A breakfast snack and refreshments will be provided during the two-and-a-half hour train journey en route to Oranienburg where the Sachsenhausen Memorial Camp is located. Once you arrive at the station, you'll transfer by a motorcoach for the ride to the camp.

Established in 1936, Sachsenhausen was one of the first concentration camps built by the Nazis. During your guided tour (with

headsets) you'll learn the history and the horrors as you walk by Guard Tower A (which housed the offices of the camp administration), the execution chamber, the laundry (which, today, is the site of a chapel), Station Z, and more.

As your guide leads you to the front entrance you'll notice the plaque on the gate that reads "Arbeit Macht Frei," a German phrase meaning "work will make you free." The prisoners were forced to work, making bricks for public buildings in Berlin. Sachsenhausen was also the site of one of the largest counterfeiting operations during World War II. Determined to undermine the economies of Britain and the United States, the Nazis forced inmates to forge American and British currency.

Over 200,000 people passed through the gates between 1936 and 1945; 30,000 inmates died from exhaustion, disease, malnutrition or pneumonia from the freezing winter cold. Many were executed or died as the result of brutal medical experimentation.

After World War II, when the Soviets divided the country, the camp was converted to a gulag to house political enemies where thousands more perished.

At the conclusion of your tour you'll board a motorcoach to Berlin where you'll enjoy a typical German lunch followed by a tour of the city. You'll spend the afternoon visiting some of the most poignant symbols of the German reunification. Some of your stops include the Reichstag, the seat of the German Parliament and one of Berlin's most historical landmarks. Nearby is the massive Brandenburg Gate. Constructed in the 18th century as a symbol of peace, it gained notoriety as a symbol of a divided city during the Cold War. And no tour of the Berlin Wall would be complete without a stop at Checkpoint Charlie, the name of the crossing point between East and West Berlin.

You'll continue on to the Holocaust Memorial. Dedicated to the memory of the six million Jews who were murdered by Hitler and the Nazis during World War II, the memorial encompasses 205,000 square feet and contains 2,711 grey stone slabs.

On your return trip, a snack box and water will be served as the train takes you back to your ship.

Special Notes

The train ride is approximately three hours each way. The train is not air-conditioned.

Local currency is recommended for shopping.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Warnemunde.

Exploring On Your Own

Berlin on Your Own

ZWD-185 Approximately 12.5 hours / From \$159



Your tour begins as you board a chartered train for a three-hour ride through the countryside to Berlin, enjoying a breakfast snack accompanied by coffee and tea along the way.

Arriving in Berlin, travel by motorcoach to Gendarmenmarkt, a 17th-century square, where you'll receive a map of the city and have approximately four to five hours of free time to explore, sightsee and shop on your own.

Keep your camera ready for Checkpoint Charlie, the point separating East and West, and for some East Germans, a gateway to freedom. Soviet and American tanks briefly faced off at this location during the Berlin Crisis of 1961. Close by you will also find surviving parts of the Berlin Wall – always worth a visit.

Be sure to make your way to the Brandenburg Gate. As the only remaining city gate of Berlin, formerly used to represent the separation of the city between East and West Berlin, the Brandenburg Gate has now come to symbolize German unity.

Just a short stroll away is the Reichstag. Originally constructed to house the parliament of the newly founded German Empire, the glass dome designed by architect Sir Norman Foster is one of the city's major landmarks today.

Perhaps you'd like to visit the old Jewish Quarter, passing the newly gilded Synagogue/Centrum Judaicum on your way to the western sector. Pergamon Museum on Museum Island is a "must" for history buffs, with spectacular works of archaeological antiquities, including collections of Greek, Assyrian, Islamic and Far Eastern art.

Of course you can shop 'til you drop on Kurfurstendamm, Germany's most famous shopping boulevard. Stroll along the broad, tree-lined avenue, boasting luxury department stores, designer boutiques, shops, cafes, clubs and restaurants.

When it's time to call it a day, you'll travel back by train to the pier as you enjoy water and a snack box.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Transport to Berlin can be via motorcoach or train depending on transport availability on the day of the call. The train is not air-conditioned.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Warnemunde.

Majority of shops are closed on Sundays.

Berlin Scenic Drive & Time on Your Own (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)



ZWD-181 Approximately 12.5 hours / From \$219

Start your day as you board a chartered train for a three-hour journey to Berlin. During the train ride a host will hand out a breakfast snack and informational material on the way.

Once you arrive in Berlin meet your guide on the platform and follow them to your waiting motorcoach. Your morning driving tour of Berlin will include photo stops outside of at the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie and the Gendarmenmarkt. You will also pass by other sights such as the famous surviving pieces of the Berlin Wall, Tiergarten Park and the Victory Column to give you a good overview of the city.

Your guided tour ends at the famous Gendarmenmarkt. From here you can explore Berlin independently in the afternoon. Go for a walk, do some shopping or have lunch in one of the many cafes and restaurants. Your independent time coming to an end, meet your fellow travellers and guide for the transfer to the train station. Passengers will also be given an "emergency kit" with important telephone numbers and of course the meeting time and place for your return journey. After you arrive at the train station board your train for the 3 hour journey home. Your host will hand out a little snack on the way before you arrive back at your ship.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

Special Notes

This is the same tour as ZWD-180. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book ZWD-180. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

The train ride between Warnemünde and Berlin is approximately three hours each way. The train is not air-conditioned.

This tour is not available to passengers beginning or ending their cruise in Warnemunde.

Local currency is recommended for shopping.

Majority of shops are closed on Sundays.

Berlin Scenic Drive & Time on Your Own



ZWD-180 Approximately 12.5 hours / From \$219

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Tallinn, Estonia

Like Latvia and Lithuania, the Baltic republic of Estonia has survived a turbulent history. The small nation was conquered and ruled by the likes of Teutonic Knights, Polish princes and Russian Tsars. For 51 years, Estonia remained a pawn in the Soviet empire, until the burgeoning freedom movement led to independence for the Baltic Republics in 1991. Like its sister republics, Estonia maintained its ties to the Western tradition, retaining the Latin alphabet and Catholic and Protestant faiths. Once a member of the historic Hanseatic League, Tallinn is the political, commercial and cultural center of Estonia.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Old Town Tallinn & Rakvere

TLL-105 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$109



Board your motorcoach and travel picturesque country roads to historic Rakvere and its brooding 14th century castle. Today this fortification, built by the warrior monks of the Livonian Order in 1346, is both historic ruin and medieval experience centre. Tour the castle and view its catapults and working cannon. Explore the expansive dungeons including its Torture and Hell Chambers, complete with examples of medieval forms of torture. Lunch is served at the castle's inn.

Following your meal, board your coach for the return drive to Tallinn and a guided walking tour of Toompea Hill. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Toompea Hill is named after the massive, medieval stone castle that is today home to Estonia's parliament. Standing next to the castle is Pikk Hermann - a medieval stone tower some 150 feet in height. A huge Estonian flag floats above the tower's battlements.

Stroll to Palace Square, site of Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. The Russian Orthodox basilica, complete with golden crosses and black onion-shaped domes was built in the late 19th century during a period of "Russification." The church is named after the prince who defeated the crusading Teutonic Knights in 1242's "Battle on the Ice," fought on the frozen surface of nearby Lake Peipus. Step inside the cathedral to view the icons and mosaics lining its walls.

Your walking tour next visits Tallinn's beloved Dome Church. The oldest church in Tallinn it is first mentioned in a letter to the Pope dated 1233. St. Mary's Cathedral served as the burial site for nobility since the 15th century. The current façade dates from the 15th century while its ornate copper spire was added 200 years later. The cathedral boasts a fascinating collection of old unique tombstones and stone sarcophagi.

Enjoy free time to shop for souvenirs, gifts and examples of local crafts and goods before returning to the ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

On Sundays and in the event of religious events, the Dome Church will be seen from the outside only due to church services.

Flash photography or video cameras are not permitted in the Dome Church or Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.

Euro is the currency of Estonia. US currency is not normally accepted at many of the venues. Credit cards are recommended when shopping for souvenirs.

Tour order may vary.

Most Popular World Heritage Site

Best of Tallinn

TLL-200 Approximately 5 hours / From \$85



Board your motorcoach for the short transfer to Toompea Hill, where you begin your walking tour through medieval Tallinn, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Toompea Hill is named after the massive, medieval stone castle that is today home to Estonia's parliament. Standing next to the castle is Pikk Hermann - a medieval tower some 150 feet in height. A huge Estonian flag floats above the tower's battlements.

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Head downhill into the Lower Old Town or "All-linn." Medieval Tallinn was the northernmost member of the powerful merchant alliance called the Hanseatic League, and the Lower Old Town is the heart of the old trading city. Enjoy a coffee break before walking to Town Hall Square. The city's Gothic Town Hall was completed in 1404. The Hall is topped with a weathervane depicting "Old Thomas," an ancient city guardian considered the city's enduring symbol. Enjoy free time to explore on your own and enjoy a nice coffee break. The other major landmarks include the 13th century St. Olav's Church and the 14th century Church of the Holy Spirit. St. Olav's elegant Baroque spire, added at the beginning of the 15th century, was once the tallest church spire in the world. The Church of the Holy Spirit boasts the city's oldest timepiece, a painted clock dating to the 1600s.

Continue to Stout Margaret Tower, a huge bastion in the city walls overlooking the harbor. Today the Tower is home to maritime exhibits. A climb of 120 steps brings you to the top of the tower for views of the harbor and the old town. Stroll to St. Catherine's Passage, a medieval walkway. The Passage is home to St. Catherine's Guild, a collection of artisan studios that feature Baltic glassware, quilts, hats and other traditional crafts. Enjoy free time to shop for souvenirs and gifts before rejoining your motorcoach.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour involves extensive walking over uneven and cobblestone surfaces. Not recommended for guests with limited mobility. Flash photography and video cameras are not allowed inside Alexander Nevsky Cathedral or the Dome Church. During Sunday port calls, exterior viewing only is available at both the cathedral and the Dome Church due to religious services and other events.

Euro is the currency of Estonia. Bring credit cards for purchases. Most vendors do not accept US currency.

Tour order may vary.

World Heritage Site

Upper Old Town & Panoramic Drive

TLL-205 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$55



Experience Tallinn, Estonia's Capital City, on a narrated drive and walking tour during this exciting half-day journey. Drive along the seashore, passing Pirita, where a marina was built for the 1980 Olympic Regatta. Continue on past the ruins of St. Bridget's Convent, a historic site dating back to the 15th Century. Drive around the Old City's medieval walls, gates and watchtowers before disembarking your motorcoach near Toompea Hill for the short walk into the Upper Town of Old Tallinn.

Toompea which is also referred to as "Upper Old Town" is the home of some of Tallinn's oldest architectural wonders. From Toompea Hill, take a short walk to Palace Square. In the square you will see Toompea Castle, the current home of Estonia's Parliament. On the southwest side of the castle stands the Pikk Hermann Tower, topped by the national Estonian flag of blue, black and white.

Next visit a historic Russian Orthodox Cathedral. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral serves as the dominating landmark in Palace Square. This cathedral serves as a living relic of the Russian Empire, and a strong testament to the influence of years under the rule of Russian Tsars on Estonia. Gaze towards the sky to witness the cathedral's cupolas and golden crosses rising high above the rooftops of the Upper Old Town. You will have a chance to step inside this working cathedral to view the golden icons and mosaics, which still line the walls today.

Your next stop will be the Gothic St. Mary's Cathedral. Simply called the "Dome Church" by the locals, St. Mary's Cathedral is the city's oldest church and an architectural landmark that has played a prominent role in Tallinn's history. It has served as a burial site for the nobility since the 15th century, and inside you will see elaborate medieval tombs and more than 60 medieval coats of arms.

After enjoying the architecture of Upper Old Town, head to the outlook point beyond Dome Church and take in panoramic views of Tallinn's red-gabled rooftops and copper church spires. Relax and browse for local souvenirs as you wander the cobblestone streets. Finally, board your motorcoach and return to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

On Sundays and days of religious events, the Dome Church will be seen from the outside only due to church services.

Photography or video cameras are not permitted in the Dome Church or Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.

Tour order may vary in order to avoid crowding at venues.

World Heritage Site

Upper Old Town & Kadriorg Palace

TLL-210 Approximately 4 hours / From \$65



Experience Tallinn, Estonia's Capital City, on a narrated drive and walking tour during this exciting half-day journey. Board your motorcoach for a ride to Toompea Hill. Drive around the Old City's medieval walls, gates and watchtowers before disembarking your motorcoach near Toompea Hill for the short walk into the Upper Town of Old Tallinn.

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Board your transportation and head to Kadriorg Park. Once you arrive at the park, travel through the grounds to Kadriorg Palace. Founded by Peter the Great, the well-preserved palace's main hall is one of the best examples of Baroque architecture in all of Northern Europe. Besides Russian and Italian artists, masters from Stockholm, Riga and Tallinn contributed to the construction of the palace. Since the Russian Revolution, the ornate palace rooms have been used as part of the Art Museum of Estonia. Enjoy the museum's historic collection. After visiting the museum, enjoy a short stroll in the colorful gardens surrounding the palace. Finally, board your motorcoach and return to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Kadriorg Palace is closed to the public on Mondays; a special opening will be arranged for Princess tour passengers.

On Sundays and days of religious events, the Dome Church will be seen from the outside only due to church services.

Photography or video cameras are not permitted in the Dome Church or Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. Flash photography is not permitted in Kadriorg Palace.

World Heritage Site

Toompea Hill & Alexander Nevsky

TLL-290 Approximately 2.5 hours / From \$45



Experience Tallinn, Estonia's Capital City, on a narrated drive and short walking tour. Drive along the seashore, passing Pirita, where a marina was built for the 1980 Olympic Regatta. Continue on past the ruins of St. Bridget's Convent, a historic site dating back to the 15th Century.

Continue on to the Song Festival Ground. This vast concert arena can accommodate 30,000 singers on its vast stage and is home to Song Festival, an Estonian tradition since 1869. The tour will stop at this impressive venue for a photo opportunity. Board your motorcoach and head to the Russalka Monument. Designed by the great Estonian artist Amandus Adamson, the monument commemorates the Russian sailors lost on the battleship Russalka, which sank in the Gulf of Finland in 1893.

Drive around the Old City's medieval walls, gates and watchtowers before continuing to the modern city, passing the Opera and Ballet Theater "Estonia," the Concert Hall and the Viru Center. Finally, disembark your motorcoach near Toompea Hill for the short walk into the Upper Town of Old Tallinn.

Toompea which is also referred to as "Upper Old Town" is the home of some of Tallinn's oldest architectural wonders. From Toompea

Hill, take a short walk to Palace Square. In the square you will see Toompea Castle, the current home of Estonia's Parliament. On the southwest side of the castle stands the Pikk Hermann Tower, topped by the national Estonian flag of blue, black and white.

Next is an optional visit a historic Russian Orthodox Cathedral. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral serves as the dominating landmark in Palace Square. This cathedral serves as a living relic of the Russian Empire, and a strong testament to the influence of years under the rule of Russian Tsars in Estonia. Gaze towards the sky to witness the cathedral's cupolas and golden crosses rising high above the rooftops of the Upper Old Town. You will have a chance to step inside this working cathedral to view the golden icons and mosaics, which still line the walls today.

Relax and browse for local souvenirs amid the cobblestone streets. Finally, board your motorcoach and return to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

There are 15 steps required to enter Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. Passengers who do not wish to visit the cathedral may stay with the bus or in Palace Square.

Photography or video cameras are not permitted in the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.

Tour order may vary.

World Heritage Site

Toompea Hill & Alexander Nevsky (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)



TLL-291 Approximately 2.5 hours / From \$45

Experience Tallinn, Estonia's Capital City, on a narrated drive and short walking tour. Drive along the seashore, passing Pirita, where a marina was built for the 1980 Olympic Regatta. Continue on past the ruins of St. Bridget's Convent, a historic site dating back to the 15th Century.

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Drive around the Old City's medieval walls, gates and watchtowers before continuing to the modern city, passing the Opera and Ballet Theater "Estonia," the Concert Hall and the Viru Center. Finally drive to Upper Town of Old Tallinn to see some of the most important sights.

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Drive past Tallinn's red-gabled rooftops and copper church spires. Finally, after touring in Upper Old Town return to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This is the same tour as TLL-290. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book TLL-290. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance you during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

There are 15 steps required to enter Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. Passengers who do not wish to visit the cathedral may stay with the bus or in Palace Square.

Photography or video cameras are not permitted in the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.

Tour order may vary.

World Heritage Site

Upper Old Town & Panoramic Drive (Guided in Spanish)

TLL-207 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$49



Experience Tallinn, Estonia's Capital City, on a narrated drive and walking tour during this exciting half-day journey. Drive along the seashore, passing Pirita, where a marina was built for the 1980 Olympic Regatta. Continue on past the ruins of St. Bridget's Convent, a historic site dating back to the 15th Century. Drive around the Old City's medieval walls, gates and watchtowers before disembarking your motorcoach near Toompea Hill for the short walk into the Upper Town of Old Tallinn.

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Your next stop will be the Gothic St. Mary's Cathedral. Simply called the "Dome Church" by the locals, St. Mary's Cathedral is the city's oldest church and an architectural landmark that has played a prominent role in Tallinn's history. It has served as a burial site for the nobility since the 15th century, and inside you will see elaborate medieval tombs and more than 60 medieval coats of arms.

After enjoying the architecture of Upper Old Town, head to the outlook point beyond Dome Church and take in panoramic views of Tallinn's red-gabled rooftops and copper church spires. Relax and browse for local souvenirs as you wander the cobblestone streets. Finally, board your motorcoach and return to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

On Sundays and days of religious events, the Dome Church will be seen from the outside only due to church services.

Photography or video cameras are not permitted in the Dome Church or Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.

Tour order may vary in order to avoid crowding at venues.

World Heritage Site

Upper Old Town & Panoramic Drive (Guided in German)

TLL-208 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$49



Experience Tallinn, Estonia's Capital City, on a narrated drive and walking tour during this exciting half-day journey. Drive along the seashore, passing Pirita, where a marina was built for the 1980 Olympic Regatta. Continue on past the ruins of St. Bridget's Convent, a historic site dating back to the 15th Century. Drive around the Old City's medieval walls, gates and watchtowers before disembarking your motorcoach near Toompea Hill for the short walk into the Upper Town of Old Tallinn.

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Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

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World Heritage Site**Lower Old Town & Town Hall Square**

TLL-270 Approximately 3.25 hours / From \$39



Depart from the pier with your guide for a short drive to the Lower Old Town. Along the way pass ancient walls and tower gateways. Arrive at Old Town and follow the twisting cobblestone lanes illuminated by iron street lamps. Witness soaring Gothic spires and shop in medieval markets. This is the city's famous Old Town, home to a mix of historic architecture and cutting-edge culture that defines Tallinn.

Built up from the 13th to 19th centuries, this enclosed neighborhood of colorful houses, half-hidden courtyards and churches is the city's biggest tourist draw. The town is dotted with ancient guard towers its streets and shops are full of old world charm.

Leave your motorcoach at Mere Boulevard and walk to the Müürivahe Knitwear Market where locally produced goods can be purchased. Talk to local craftswomen selling their products in the shadow of the town wall. If you're an adventurous shopper, get ready for the unique mix of old and new in Catherine's Passage.

Easily the most picturesque of Old Town's lanes, St. Catherine's Passage is a narrow walkway that runs between Vene and Müürivahe streets, along the back of what used to be St. Catherine's Church. This interesting passage is home to the St. Catherine's Guild. You might see glasswork, ceramics, leather goods, quilts and other items being created by using traditional methods before your eyes.

During your time in the markets, shoppers can easily find everything from hand crafted items such as hand-knitted woolen sweaters with traditional Estonian folk patterns, carved wooden beer mugs, and felt hats to original art such as graphic prints, handmade jewelry, colorful glassware or fine ceramics. Also, be sure to sample the dark, bittersweet Estonian chocolate and other local sweets produced by the local confectioners.

Stop in Town Hall Square for views of the Gothic Town Hall and browse the small shops. Later, head to Pikk Street to see the Great Guild and the Holy Spirit Church. Briefly explore the craft shops on Viru Street, and then board your motorcoach to return to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Credit cards are accepted in the larger stores and most gift shops. Euros are accepted in local markets.

Tour order may vary in order to avoid crowding at venues.



St. Petersburg, Russia

St. Petersburg has provided a historic stage since the day Peter the Great ordained its construction on the banks of the Neva. In its relatively short history - the city is younger than New York - St. Petersburg has witnessed the rise and fall of Imperial Russia, three shattering revolutions, and civil war. The city survived a long and tragic siege during World War II - indeed St. Petersburg became a symbol of Russian resistance to Nazi invasion.

Russia's "Window on the West," St. Petersburg remains one of the world's most beautiful metropolises. Perched on the banks of the Neva, the city is crisscrossed by canals. Two great architects helped bring Peter the Great's vision of St. Petersburg to life: Rastrelli and Carlo Rossi. The rich architecture that resulted features a mixture of styles from ornate Russian Baroque churches to neo-classical palaces. St. Petersburg has also been the cultural soul of Russia, a repository of priceless art and a home to poets, musicians and composers ranging from Pushkin to Shostakovich.

Peter the Great instilled his near-mania for architecture and building in his successors, making the then capital of Imperial Russia one of the architectural treasures of the world.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular World Heritage Site

Best of St. Petersburg - 2 Day

LED-100 Approximately 18.5 hours / From \$439



The first day of this spectacular tour begins with a visit to the Peter and Paul fortress, which was originally built to protect the city from Swedish attack. The fortress soon became Russia's Tower of London, and a place for imprisoning political prisoners, including Peter the Great's own son. Here, you will also visit the city's second tallest structure, the Peter and Paul Cathedral, which boasts an ornate gilded interior, 18th century paintings, and the tomb of Catherine the Great.

Throughout both days, you will be driving through many of the city's residential and suburban districts - a truly excellent way to absorb the sights. Today, however, your next stop is the historic armored Cruiser Aurora, which is now a museum but fired her guns to signal the beginning of the Bolshevik Revolution.

After a brief photo stop you will head to the impressive Hermitage museum, home to more than three million works of art. Explore the display rooms accompanied by your guide and enjoy viewing paintings by Da Vinci, Picasso, Rembrandt and Renoir.

By now you will have earned your delicious Russian lunch, which will be served in one of the best restaurants in St. Petersburg, and includes a choice of Russian sparkling wine and vodka, red caviar and local entertainment.

Your day continues with a visit to the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, a magnificently restored building that was built on the site of the March 1st, 1881 assassination of Tsar Alexander II.

Your last stop, before heading back to the ship, is the awe-inspiring St. Isaac's Cathedral, which boasts a massive central dome, lavishly covered with 220 pounds of pure gold.

Day two begins with a tour of the Peterhof Palace and grounds, often called Russia's Versailles. The palace sits atop a hill overlooking the Gulf of Finland, and you will be able to explore the breath-taking 300-acre park and the Grand Cascade fountains, which feature Samson prying open the lion's jaws. Inside, you will marvel at the impressive Throne Room, Portrait Room and stunning White Dining Room.

Savor your lunch feast served at another of St. Petersburg's finest restaurants before enjoying an hour-long canal tour in a small open-air boat along the Fontanka River and the Moika River. Your guide will be on hand to narrate your detailed route while you enjoy a glass of Russian sparkling wine, passing under many picturesque bridges.

Climbing back on to the bus you will head to the magnificent Yusupov Palace, noted as the site of the assassination of the monk Rasputin. Here, you will visit the palace's delicately restored apartments, and view an exhibition of photographs, waxworks, and the actual cellar room where Rasputin was poisoned then shot.

Your super-sized excursion ends with a stop at one of St. Petersburg's souvenir shops, where you will have time to browse and barter for many classical Russian gifts including lacquered boxes and painted nesting dolls.

Excursion Length

9.25 hours each day

Child Price
12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG

Each of the sites included in the tour description will be visited sometime during the two days. Tour order will vary to avoid overcrowding at venues, opening and closing times or other logistical issues.

The fountains at Peterhof are subject to maintenance work without advance notice. Protective overshoes are required inside the palace; these will be provided. Large bags, backpacks and flash photography are not allowed inside the Hermitage Museum.

Your evening after the first day of touring is open allowing you to choose from any of the evening tours available for your cruise. Your touring on the first day will return to the ship at approximately 5PM which allows you to participate on any of the evening tours.

Camera and video fees for the Hermitage, St. Isaac's Cathedral, Yusupov Palace and Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood are included in the tour. Photography is not allowed inside the interiors of Peterhof Palace.

Tour involves walking and stair climbing and is not wheelchair accessible. You might encounter considerable crowds, lines and delays at the venues.

Canal routing may vary; routing can be changed to the Neva River if tidal conditions do not permit entry to the canals. Tour involves walking and stair climbing at the boat pier and is not wheelchair friendly.

World Heritage Site

City Drive & Catherine Palace

LED-105 Approximately 9 hours / From \$199



This full day excursion starts when you board your motorcoach at the pier for a fascinating drive along the Moskovsky prospect, one of the city's largest streets, en route to Tsarskoye Selo, a former summer residence of the tsars.

Accompanied by your guide, you will have a chance to walk through Catherine Park and around the awe-inspiring palace. Designed by Rastrelli, this ornate Baroque building is over 1,000 feet long and boasts a rich blue façade. Wander through the Throne Room, the famous Amber room which was once considered to be "the Eight Wonder of the World", the Portrait Hall, the Crimson Pilaster Room, and admire the building's spectacular domes that crown the palace's north end. You will also be able to view the gallery of Greek and Roman heroic busts that decorate a covered walkway designed for Catherine the Great.

Leaving this unique landmark, you will then head to a local restaurant for a delicious lunch, which includes Russian sparkling wine, vodka, red caviar and a performance from a traditional Russian folk group.

Back on the motorcoach you will then enjoy a brief photo stop at the two impressive Rostral Columns that sit on the Neva River, and were originally built as lighthouses, before driving around the university in the Decembrists' Square, past the Bronze Horseman.

Your next stop is St Isaac's Cathedral, famous for its massive central gold dome that dominates the St Petersburg skyline, and is one of the largest in the world.

The afternoon continues with a cruise past the Admiralty to the Hermitage, which is situated in the centre of St Petersburg and features a striking gold spire. The motorcoach will stop here if the Palace Square is open, and then with no time to spare, you will continue on to your next port of call, the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, for another exciting photo opportunity. This recently restored Russian-style church was originally constructed in 1883 under Alexander II, as a memorial to his father and features more than 7500 square meters of mosaics.

Your day ends with a drive across Trinity Bridge to the Cruiser Aurora, who fired her guns to signal the beginning of the Bolshevik Revolution, and is now a museum.

Throughout the day, you will have the chance to browse for souvenirs, and bargain with local vendors at the various stops, before heading back to the ship laden with gifts and new memories.

Child Price
12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG

Catherine Palace is closed on Tuesdays and the last Monday of the month, but will be open by special arrangement for tour participants.

Camera and video fees for the Catherine Palace are included in the tour.

Flash photography is not allowed in areas displaying paintings. Photography is not allowed in the Amber Room.

Protective overshoes are required inside Catherine Palace; these will be provided.

This tour is not wheelchair friendly due to the amount of steps to climb and walking involved.

World Heritage Site

City Drive, St. Isaac's Cathedral & Hermitage

LED-110 Approximately 8.25 hours / From \$189



On this highly active and full day away from the ship you will have the unique opportunity to soak up some of St Petersburg's finest sights. As the second biggest city in Russia, there's plenty to see and so your day starts with a short drive to the Spit of Vasilievsky Island and a photo stop at the Rostral Columns that sit on granite plinths, and were originally intended to serve as beacons for ships coming into port.

Drive past the Peter and Paul Fortress, the birthplace of the city, which features the Peter and Paul Cathedral, where all the Tsars are buried, including Peter the Great and Alexander III. On top of the cathedral's gilded spire stands a magnificent golden angel holding a cross, one of the most prominent symbols of St Petersburg.

Before arriving at St Isaac's Square drive past the lively Decembrists Square and the impressive Bronze Horseman statue, for your tour of the fourth highest cathedral in the world, the awe-inspiring St. Isaac's Cathedral, which boasts a massive central dome lavishly covered with 220 pounds of pure gold.

Driving past the Admiralty building, near the Hermitage, you will then stop at the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, a spectacular building featuring ornate old Russian-style architecture.

En route to your lunch stop, you will then drive past the Cruiser Aurora, an armored cruiser that fired her guns to signal the beginning of the Bolshevik Revolution.

Lunch consists of a traditional Russian feast and is served at one of the best restaurants in St. Petersburg, accompanied by Russian sparkling wine, vodka, red caviar and Russian folk music.

End the afternoon with a comprehensive tour of the incredible Hermitage Museum, home to more than three million works of arts and featuring more than a thousand rooms. Enjoy works of art from many prominent painters including Da Vinci, Picasso, Rembrandt and Renoir, while you peruse the ornate rooms decorated with gilded ceilings and parquet flooring. The Hermitage also possesses ancient and early medieval items, including objects dating from the Palaeolithic to the Iron Age, as well as a fine Oriental art collection.

During the course of the day you will also have the opportunity to browse the many wonderful gift shops at each location.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG

Camera and video fees for the Hermitage are included in the tour. Large bags, backpacks and flash photography are not allowed inside the Hermitage Museum.

World Heritage Site

Catherine & Peterhof Palaces

LED-120 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$199



Two of St Petersburg's most spectacular palaces are the tent-poles of this full day's excursion, which begins when you meet your friendly guide at the pier.

Your guide will be on hand to point out any passing sights of interest as you head to your first major stop of the day, the ornate Catherine Palace.

Designed by Rastrelli, this Baroque masterpiece was built as a summer residence for Catherine I. Famed for its size and lavish

interior, a gold dome crowns the palace's north end, the site of the chapel. A gallery of Greek and Roman heroic busts decorates a covered walkway. As well as viewing the White Vestibule, Grand Hall, Portrait Hall and Crimson Pilaster Room, you will also have time to enjoy some of the 1,400 acres of manicured gardens. You will also have the opportunity to visit the famous Amber room which was once considered to be "the Eight Wonder of the World!"

Browse the palace's gift shop before driving to one of the best restaurants in Peterhof or Pushkin, where you will enjoy a tasty Russian lunch accompanied by traditional folk music.

Afterwards, you will head to the Peterhof Palace, which was built to rival Versailles and sits atop a hill overlooking the Gulf of Finland. Peter the Great drafted the layout for the awe-inspiring 300-acre park and supervised the design of the palace fountains. The Grand Cascade, the most famous fountain, features Samson prying open the lion's jaws, as water cascades around the centerpiece, down terraced steps.

Your guide will then take you on a tour of the interior of this magnificent building, which includes the stunning Throne Room, Portrait Room and White Dining Room, before heading back to the ship, after a short visit to the palace's gift shop.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG

Catherine Palace is closed on Tuesdays and the last Monday of the month, but will be open by special arrangement for tour participants.

Grand Palace in Peterhof is closed Mondays and the last Tuesday of the month, but will be open by special arrangement for tour participants.

The fountains at Peterhof are subject to maintenance work without advance notice.

Camera and video fees are included in the tour. Restrictions on flash photography apply to certain rooms in the Catherine Palace. Photography is not allowed in the Amber Room and in the Grand Palace of Peterhof.

Protective overshoes are required inside the palace; these will be provided.

Tour involves stair climbing and is not wheelchair friendly; Grand Palace in Peterhof do not have elevators.

World Heritage Site Connoisseur

Hermitage, Gold Room, Peterhof & Catherine - 2 Day **LED-150 Approximately 23.5 hours / From \$619**



St. Petersburg's fascinating history comes alive the moment you board your motorcoach. After a brief journey through the city you'll visit the Peter and Paul Fortress. Built by order of Peter the Great in 1703 to protect the city from Swedish attack, the fortress later became a political prison. Trotsky, Lenin's older brother Alexander, Dostoyevsky, and Peter's own son, Alexei, were once held inside these walls.

In the center stands the impressive 280-year old Peter and Paul Cathedral, the burial place of Russian Emperors and Empresses from Peter the Great to Alexander III. A much-beloved city landmark, it was the first church in St. Petersburg to be made of stone.

Next, is a photo stop at the historic warship, Cruiser Aurora. After seeing action during the Russo-Japanese War of 1904, the ship played a vital role in the Russian Revolution. A single shot fired from the ship signaled the Bolsheviks to storm the Winter Palace.

Your next destination is the renowned Hermitage Museum. Comprised of the Winter Palace and four other buildings, the Hermitage is home to one of the world's greatest art collections. Your knowledgeable guide will lead you through the magnificent display rooms including the Gold Room. Here, you'll see a stunning collection of classical antiquities, and 17th and 18th century jewelry created for the imperial court.

Then, it's a stop at one of the city's best restaurants for a delicious Russian lunch, which includes Russian sparkling wine, vodka and red caviar.

After your meal, you'll visit the famed Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, site of the 1881 assassination of Alexander II. Your final stop before heading back to the ship is the awe-inspiring St. Isaac's Cathedral, which boasts a massive dome that's lavishly covered in 220 pounds of pure gold.

But your first day isn't over yet. Later that evening, you'll relive elegant 18th century court life with a visit to the breathtaking Catherine Palace. First, you'll be taken on a tour of the palaces' imperial coaches while enjoying champagne and canapés. After "Catherine the Great" makes her entrance, you'll sit down for a wonderful dinner accompanied by a Russian folk group performance.

Your second day begins with a tour of the Peterhof Palace. Completed in 1725, the awe-inspiring palace and grounds are often referred to as the Russian Versailles. Situated on top of a picturesque hill overlooking the Gulf of Finland, the panoramic views include a wonderland of greenery and flowers, sweeping vistas and ornate architectural decorations.

After a delicious lunch, you'll hop aboard a small open-air boat for a cruise along the city's canals.

Back on your motorcoach, you'll visit the Yusupov Palace, site of one of Russia's most dramatic historical moments the murder of Rasputin. After a tour of the apartments, you'll visit the cellar room where the mesmerizing monk was assassinated.

At the end of your two-day tour, you'll return to your ship with a warm appreciation of St. Petersburg's historic and natural beauty.

Excursion Length

14.25 hour day 1 / 9.25 hour day 2

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG

Each of the sites included in the tour description will be visited sometime during the two days. Tour order will vary to avoid overcrowding at venues, opening and closing times or other logistical issues. Your touring on the first day will return to the ship at approximately 4:30pm - 5:00pm which allows you to freshen up before the evening touring starts.

Camera and video fees for the Hermitage, Peterhof, St. Isaac's Cathedral, Yusupov Palace and Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood are included in the tour. Photography is not allowed inside interiors of Peterhof Palace and in the Gold Room at the Hermitage. Large bags, backpacks and flash photography are not allowed inside the Hermitage Museum. Camera and video fees for Catherine Palace are included; flash photography is not allowed in areas where paintings are displayed.

The fountains at Peterhof are subject to maintenance work without advance notice.

Protective overshoes are required inside the palace; these will be provided.

Wear elegant casual dress and low-heeled comfortable shoes that will not damage the Palace's floors.

This tour involves stair climbing and is not wheelchair friendly. Tour involves walking and stair climbing and is not wheelchair accessible.

World Heritage Site**Hermitage Museum**

LED-205 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$99



The Hermitage Museum was founded in 1764 by Catherine the Great and is true jewel in the crown of this historic city.

Your half day tour will allow you to fully explore this breath-taking landmark that sits along the Palace Embankment. After meeting your guide, your motorcoach journey will take you through this vibrant city via Vasilevsky Island, to the Palace Square.

Here, your guide will walk you through some of the thousand rooms that house many incredible works of art. Explore the display rooms that showcase paintings by Da Vinci, Rafael, Monet, and Rembrandt, and study some of their Oriental, Russian or Prehistoric art, dating from the Palaeolithic to the Iron Ages.

The palace also boasts a fine collection of French Impressionist art, including works by Van Gogh and Gauguin, as well as modern masterpieces created by the master-strokes of Matisse and Picasso.

Designed by Rastrelli, the baroque Winter Palace is truly a sight to behold thanks to its richly patterned parquet floors, ornate staircases and gilded ceilings.

Linger in the Palace gift shop, before climbing back onto the motorcoach for the journey back to port, passing by the historic Decembrists Square, Peter the Great's famous bronze equestrian statue, and the impressive Admiralty building.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Camera and video fees are included in the tour. Large bags, backpacks and flash photography are not allowed inside the Hermitage Museum.

Tour involves walking and stair climbing. The Hermitage is equipped with an elevator.

Peterhof Palace & Gardens**LED-220 Approximately 5.5 hours / From \$99**

This fascinating half-day tour starts with a motorcoach ride through the colorful city of St. Petersburg, to Peterhof, which sits high on the Gulf of Finland.

Peter the Great chose this site so that he could observe his infant navy at maneuvers, and the views are indeed stunning.

The Palace, and surrounding parklands, are more than three hundred years old, and are constantly being renovated and updated (some of the fountains may be closed for maintenance) but the splendor of the building and grounds are impossible to ignore. Peter the Great himself drafted the layout for the palace and supervised the design of the fountains, which are a huge draw for visitors. The lower gardens feature the Grand Cascade, a breath-taking fountain, which depicts Samson prying open a lion's jaws, as water cascades down terraced steps. It is a unique sight to behold, and as you might expect, there are many other spouting fountains and sculptures to enjoy, including the 'Adam and Eve' fountain, and the black and white chessboard tiling of 'Chess Mountain'.

Your guided tour of the interior of the palace includes a narrated tour around the wonderful Throne Room, which boasts intricate parquet flooring and chandeliers, the richly gilded Portrait Room and the White Dining Room.

No photography is allowed inside the Grand Palace but you will be able to buy delightful keepsakes at the Palace's gift shop, before boarding the motorcoach for the journey back to port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Usually closed on Mondays and the last Tuesdays of the month, the Grand Palace of Peterhof will be open by special arrangement for tour participants

The fountains at Peterhof are subject to maintenance work without advanced notice.

Camera and video fees are included in the tour. No photography is allowed in the Grand Palace.

Protective overshoes are required inside the palace; these will be provided.

Tour involves walking and stair climbing and is not wheelchair friendly. The Grand Palace at Peterhof is not equipped with elevators.

Tour order will vary to avoid overcrowding at venues, opening and closing times or other logistical issues.

St. Petersburg River & Canal Cruise**LED-240 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$79**

Swap your big cruise ship for a small open-air boat on this enjoyable half-day cruise through some of the city's prettiest waterways.

Your excursion begins with an hour-long journey along the Fontanka River and the Moika River, while you enjoy a complimentary glass of Russian sparkling wine.

Peter the Great conceived the Neva as the main thoroughfare of St Petersburg, and to that end, the river was used to transport everything from people to merchandise.

During this gentle cruise, you will pass under numerous picturesque bridges and admire the exteriors of many of St Petersburg's beautiful buildings. Your guide will provide you with a detailed map of the city, enabling you to follow your route as you motor along, enjoying the company of your fellow passengers.

You will then disembark for a short walk or a short motorcoach ride to reach the souvenir market located next to the Church of the Savior on the Spilled Blood. You will have plenty of time to survey the vibrant souvenir market. Barter with the locals for a bargain before boarding your bus for the scenic return journey to the pier.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Canal routing may vary; routing can be changed to the Neva River if tidal conditions do not permit entry to the canals.

Tour involves walking and stair climbing at the boat pier and is not wheelchair friendly.

Tour order will vary to avoid overcrowding at venues, opening and closing times or other logistical issues.

World Heritage Site

Hermitage Museum & St Petersburg On Your Own

LED-280 Approximately 7 hours / From \$99



The Hermitage Museum was founded in 1764 by Catherine the Great and is true jewel in the crown of this historic city. Your full day tour will allow you to fully explore this breath-taking landmark that sits along the Palace Embankment. After meeting your guide, your bus journey will take you through this vibrant city via Vasilievsky Island, to the Palace Square.

Here, your guide will walk you through some of the thousand rooms that house many incredible works of art. Explore the display rooms that showcase paintings by Da Vinci, Rafael, Monet, and Rembrandt, and study some of their Oriental, Russian or Prehistoric art, dating from the Palaeolithic to the Iron Ages.

The palace also boasts a fine collection of French Impressionist art, including works by Van Gogh and Gauguin, as well as modern masterpieces created by the master-strokes of Matisse and Picasso.

Designed by Rastrelli, the baroque Winter Palace is truly a sight to behold thanks to its richly patterned parquet floors, ornate staircases and gilded ceilings.

After your tour of the Hermitage museum climb back onto the bus for the short journey to the city center to enjoy approximately three hours of free time to explore St. Petersburg. Remember this portion of your tour is non-guided and does not include lunch or entrance fees. At a designated time, meet your tour group to return to your motorcoach for the drive back to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Large bags, backpacks and flash photography are not allowed inside the Hermitage Museum.

World Heritage Site

City Drive

LED-290 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$59



This panoramic half-day excursion around St Petersburg is perfect for anyone wishing to experience the wonders of this vibrant city, but without having to walk too far, or tackle many steps.

You will be driven to some of the city's major attractions and landmarks, accompanied by your guide, who will meet you when you board the bus at the pier, and narrate your tour.

The order of stops is subject to change but will include a drive to the Spit of Vasilievsky Island for your first photo stop at the striking Rostral Columns, which are situated on the River Neva by the old St Petersburg Stock Exchange, and were originally lighthouses.

Then you will drive to St Isaac's Square to view the spectacular cathedral, which dominates the city's skyline, and boasts one of the largest gold domes in the world.

After a brief photo stop, you will climb back on to the bus for a drive past the Admiralty building and the Hermitage museum.

During the course of the tour you will also view the Bronze Horseman statue in the Decembrists Square, as well as enjoying a drive around the city's University buildings, and the Peter and Paul Fortress, the birth-place of the city.

Your next photo stop will be the delightful Church of the Savior on the Spilled Blood. This traditional Russian-style building was built on the site of the assassination of Tsar Alexander II, and has been restored to its former ornate glory. Linger on the steps and enjoy the ambience before shopping at some of the local market stalls, where you may barter for a bargain.

The tour comes to a close with a drive across Trinity Bridge for a last photo stop at the Cruiser Aurora, now a museum on the west bank of the Neva. This armored cruiser Aurora fired her guns to signal the beginning of the Bolshevik Revolution.

Your drive back to the ship takes you along the Nevsky Prospect, one of Russia's most famous streets, which is lined with

magnificent palaces and churches.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG.

World Heritage Site**Moscow & Helsinki Overnight (Double Accommodation)**

LED-800 Approximately 1 day and 12 hours / From \$1199



RUSSIAN VISA REQUIRED - PLEASE SEE SPECIAL NOTES REGARDING VISA REQUIREMENTS

Your adventure begins once you arrive in Moscow via train from St. Petersburg. You'll take in the scenic highlights of Russia's capital on a narrated drive that travels to Red Square, where you'll be able to stop for photos of Lenin's Tomb. Then continue on, touring the Armory, viewing the Imperial Crown Jewels and visiting a cathedral in the Kremlin. (Please read notes regarding the closure of the Kremlin on Thursdays)

After lunch at a local restaurant, you'll explore the city by Metro before boarding an overnight train to Helsinki where your experience of a lifetime continues.

The next morning in Helsinki, board your motorcoach for your narrated tour. You'll travel first into the city and to Senate Square. This is center for arts, culture, religion, politics and education. Four main buildings make up the Square and were designed by famed architect Carl Ludvig Engel in the early 19th Century: Helsinki Cathedral, the Government Palace, the main building of the University of Helsinki and the National Library of Finland. Helsinki Cathedral is arguably Finland's most famous and photographed building; it celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2002.

From here, you'll visit the spectacular Temppeliaukio Church, also known as the Church in the Rock. The underground Rock Church is built inside of a massive block of natural granite in the middle of an ordinary residential square. Natural light pours in from the church's glazed dome and the rough stoned interiors amplify sound, making it an excellent and unique concert venue.

Continuing on, you'll proceed to the beautiful and exceptional Sibelius Monument. Dedicated to famed Finnish composer Jean Sibelius, the park and unique abstract monument was meant to reflect the rugged natural beauty of Finland, as inspired by Sibelius' work Finlandia.

Then it's off to the bustling Market Square. The rows of tents and stalls selling fur clothing, jewelry, food and souvenirs and more make for a fun and festive atmosphere. You'll have time to find your treasures before heading back to your ship.

Passport Requirements

Russian Visa required

Excursion Length

2 Days / 1 Night

Child Price

12 years and under

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG.

All passengers participating on this tour are to be in possession of an individual Russian visa obtained prior to the cruise in the passenger's country of citizenship. This visa is required as the tour goes to Moscow and the Russian border is crossed not on your ship but on the night train from Moscow to Helsinki.

Once confirmed on the overland tour, you will need request documentation to be used when applying for a Russian Visa. Please send a letter including your full name, date of birth, passport details including expiration date, citizenship, and voyage number to olga@arctur.spb.ru Include a fax number or an email address to where this documentation may be returned. After receiving the documentation, you must submit your application and documentation to a visa service agency or Russian Consulate.

The tour is non-refundable unless cancelled 45 days prior to the cruise. Waitlisted requests also become non-refundable if confirmed either onboard or within the 45 day period prior to the cruise. Any cancelled requests inside of 45 days prior to the voyage (i.e. bookings cancelled on the Cruise Personalizer) will be assessed cancellation fees on your shipboard account. Waitlisted requests will be cleared in the order received and are subject to the same cancellation policy; waitlisted requests must be cancelled 45 days prior to the cruise to avoid cancellation costs in the case we are able to accommodate you on the tour.

Final hotel/flight manifests must be provided well in advance of the tour, therefore we recommend passengers book overland options no later than 45 days prior to your voyage.

This tour is not suitable for passengers using wheelchairs.

The Kremlin is closed on Thursdays. On Thursdays, the visit to the Kremlin will be substituted with a Moskva River cruise and a visit to the New Maiden Convent. This change will be made on Royal Princess voyage 1425 (July 24th 2014).

Your fare includes the following:

- * Sightseeing as described subject to timing
- * Transportation via motorcoach, overnight and evening trains
- * English-speaking guide
- * Entrance fees

Your fare does not include the following:

- * Refreshments
- * Telephone calls
- * Laundry
- * Gratuities
- * Evening Meals

A minimum number of participants are required to operate this tour. No credit of Russian Visas will be applied if the tour does not operate.

In the event of religious services and functions, Temppeliaukio Rock Church in Helsinki will be closed to tour groups.

Tour itinerary may be changed based on train schedules or hotel availability. All sightseeing is subject to change based on train arrival and departure times.

World Heritage Site

Moscow & Helsinki Overnight (Single Accommodation)

LED-801 Approximately 1 day and 12 hours / From \$1449



RUSSIAN VISA REQUIRED - PLEASE SEE SPECIAL NOTES REGARDING VISA REQUIREMENTS

Your adventure begins once you arrive in Moscow via train from St. Petersburg. You'll take in the scenic highlights of Russia's capital on a narrated drive that travels to Red Square, where you'll be able to stop for photos of Lenin's Tomb. Then continue on, touring the Armory, viewing the Imperial Crown Jewels and visiting a cathedral in the Kremlin. (Please read notes regarding the closure of the Kremlin on Thursdays)

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Passport Requirements

Russian Visa required

Excursion Length

2 Days / 1 Night

Child Price

12 years and under

Special Notes

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Your fare includes the following:

- * Sightseeing as described subject to timing
- * Transportation via motorcoach, overnight and evening trains
- * English-speaking guide
- * Entrance fees

Your fare does not include the following:

- * Refreshments
- * Telephone calls
- * Laundry
- * Gratuities
- * Evening Meals

A minimum number of participants are required to operate this tour. No credit of Russian Visas will be applied if the tour does not operate.

In the event of religious services and functions, Tempelaukio Rock Church in Helsinki will be closed to tour groups.

Tour itinerary may be changed based on train schedules or hotel availability. All sightseeing is subject to change based on train arrival and departure times.

World Heritage Site

Evening at Catherine Palace

LED-860 Approximately 4.25 hours / From \$199



Travel back in time to 18th century Russia on this delightful evening in the company of "Catherine the Great", at her magnificent gilded palace.

After boarding your motorcoach at the ship you will enjoy a scenic drive through the city's modern suburbs to the countryside, ending up at the palace complex at Tsarskoye Selo. En route, you will view the many industrial and residential areas of St. Petersburg,

including Victory Square, Pulkovo Airport, Pulkovo Heights, the Observatory and the villas in Tsarskoye Selo.

On arrival at the lavish baroque-style palace, which was designed by Rastrelli, and features an ornate blue façade and gold domes, wander through the palace's former stable houses and view a collection of 23 ornate carriages that once belonged to the Imperial family and other Russian high nobles.

Enjoy canapes and Russian vodka to the sounds of the Royal Guardsmen Orchestra who will escort you inside the Catherine palace where you will view the spectacular interiors of this breath-taking building. Visit the White Vestibule, Grand Hall, the Amber Room, Portrait Hall and the stunning Crimson Pilaster Room.

You will then be greeted in the Throne Room at a reception by "Great Catherine", Empress Catherine II. Listen out for the Imperial hussars, who will herald the arrival of this noblewoman with a fanfare of trumpets.

The hall, which is decorated with chandeliers and mirrors, then plays host to a performance of classical music from a string quartet, while dancers in period costume demonstrate courtly dances.

Enjoy the performance at the Court Yard with dancing couples and carriages before boarding the bus for the drive back to the ship through this enchanting city.

Child Price

12 years and under

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Camera and video fees for Catherine Palace are included. Flash photography is not allowed in areas where paintings are displayed.

Wear elegant casual dress and low-heeled comfortable shoes that will not damage the Palace's floors.

This tour involves stair climbing and is not wheelchair friendly.

World Heritage Site

Evening at the Russian Ballet

LED-865 Approximately 4 hours / From \$99



Lovers of art and culture will not want to miss this incredible evening at a classical theater.

St Petersburg is very famous for its rich theatrical life. Russian rulers and aristocracy took a deep interest in ballet, encouraging and supporting construction of theatres in St Petersburg. In old times, the nobility often used to have their own private theatres in their estates. And today St Petersburg has a big number of exquisite 19th century theatrical buildings. There are more than 100 theatres in the city. Several theatres are world famous such as Mariinsky, Imperial theatre on the Fontanka river, Alexandrinsky theatre, Musorgsky Opera & Ballet theatre and many others.

Elegant dress is required on this very special night, which begins with a scenic drive through this fascinating city.

As you arrive to the theatre you will be escorted to your seats. Soon the curtain will go up and you will enjoy one of the greatest romantic ballets of all times. The repertoire of St Petersburg theatres consists mostly of world recognized outstanding ballets like "Swan Lake", "Nutcracker", "Giselle" and "Sleeping Beauty".

You will be deeply moved by a timeless love story told in the mysterious language of classical dance.

Enjoy a complimentary glass of Russian sparkling wine during the intermission, before settling back into your seat to enjoy the rest of the show.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Flash photography and video are not permitted in the theater. Wear elegantly casual dress. Tour involves stair climbing; the theater is not equipped with elevators. This tour is not wheelchair friendly.

While we do all possible to reserve the best available seats, we do not guarantee or confirm advance-seat assignments. Groups may need to separate and be seated individually.

For most calls the ballet will take place at the Rimsky-Korsakov State Opera & Ballet Theatre. The actual ballet performance schedule is not available until one month prior to each call but is most often "Swan Lake."



Evening Russian Folkloric Show

LED-870 Approximately 3.25 hours / From \$85

Your glorious evening of entertainment, which requires elegant casual dress, starts with a scenic motorcoach drive through this incredible city. Your route takes you through Vasilevsky Island and the striking Rostral Columns, which are situated on the River Neva by the old St Petersburg Stock Exchange, and were originally lighthouses. Enjoy the city's fabled 'White Nights', the soft evening glow provided by the well-documented Northern Lights.

After arriving at your concert venue, your traditional Russian performance from one of the country's most highly regarded professional ensembles will begin. Traditional Russian folkloric dance, a mixture of ceremonial music and dance, is performed in villages and cities all over the country, and is a combination of ballet and modern dance. You may even recognize some of the more famous songs as the performance continues.

During the intermission, you will be invited to sip a glass of Russian sparkling wine, before enjoy the second half of this unique program.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Wear elegantly casual clothes.

Individual songs and dances may vary with each performance.

The concert hall is not equipped with elevators. This tour is not wheelchair friendly.



Best of St. Petersburg - 2 Day (Guided in Mandarin)

LED-990 Approximately 18.5 hours / From \$399

The first day of this spectacular tour begins with a visit to the Peter and Paul fortress, which was originally built to protect the city from Swedish attack. The fortress soon became Russia's Tower of London, and a place for imprisoning political prisoners, including Peter the Great's own son. Here, you will also visit the city's second tallest structure, the Peter and Paul Cathedral, which boasts an ornate gilded interior, 18th century paintings, and the tomb of Catherine the Great.

Throughout both days, you will be driving through many of the city's residential and suburban districts - a truly excellent way to absorb the sights. Today, however, your next stop is the historic armored Cruiser Aurora, which is now a museum but fired her guns to signal the beginning of the Bolshevik Revolution.

After a brief photo stop you will head to the impressive Hermitage museum, home to more than three million works of art. Explore the display rooms accompanied by your guide and enjoy viewing paintings by Da Vinci, Picasso, Rembrandt and Renoir.

By now you will have earned your delicious Russian lunch, which will be served in one of the best restaurants in St. Petersburg, and includes a choice of Russian sparkling wine and vodka, red caviar and local entertainment.

Your day continues with a visit to the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, a magnificently restored building that was built on the site of the March 1st, 1881 assassination of Tsar Alexander II.

Your last stop, before heading back to the ship, is the awe-inspiring St. Isaac's Cathedral, which boasts a massive central dome, lavishly covered with 220 pounds of pure gold.

Day two begins with a tour of the Peterhof Palace and grounds, often called Russia's Versailles. The palace sits atop a hill overlooking the Gulf of Finland, and you will be able to explore the breath-taking 300-acre park and the Grand Cascade fountains, which feature Samson prying open the lion's jaws. Inside, you will marvel at the impressive Throne Room, Portrait Room and stunning White Dining Room.

Savor your lunch feast served at another of St. Petersburg's finest restaurants before enjoying an hour-long canal tour in a small open-air boat along the Fontanka River and the Moika River. Your guide will be on hand to narrate your detailed route while you enjoy a glass of Russian sparkling wine, passing under many picturesque bridges.

Climbing back on to the bus you will head to the magnificent Yusupov Palace, noted as the site of the assassination of the monk Rasputin. Here, you will visit the palace's delicately restored apartments, and view an exhibition of photographs, waxworks, and the actual cellar room where Rasputin was poisoned then shot.

Your super-sized excursion ends with a stop at one of St. Petersburg's souvenir shops, where you will have time to browse and barter for many classical Russian gifts including lacquered boxes and painted nesting dolls.

Excursion Length

9.25 hours each day

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG

Each of the sites included in the tour description will be visited sometime during the two days. Tour order will vary to avoid overcrowding at venues, opening and closing times or other logistical issues.

The fountains at Peterhof are subject to maintenance work without advance notice. Protective overshoes are required inside the palace; these will be provided. Large bags, backpacks and flash photography are not allowed inside the Hermitage Museum.

Your evening after the first day of touring is open allowing you to choose from any of the evening tours available for your cruise. Your touring on the first day will return to the ship at approximately 5PM which allows you to participate on any of the evening tours.

Camera and video fees for the Hermitage, St. Isaac's Cathedral, Yusupov Palace and Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood are included in the tour. Photography is not allowed inside the interiors of Peterhof Palace.

Tour involves walking and stair climbing and is not wheelchair accessible. You might encounter considerable crowds, lines and delays at the venues.

Canal routing may vary; routing can be changed to the Neva River if tidal conditions do not permit entry to the canals. Tour involves walking and stair climbing at the boat pier and is not wheelchair friendly.

Special Interests**World Heritage Site****Best of St. Petersburg - 2 Day (guia en Espanol)**

LED-102 Approximately 18.5 hours / From \$439



El primer día de este espectacular tour empieza con una visita a la Fortaleza de Pedro y Pablo, Inicialmente construida para proteger la ciudad de los ataques Suecos. Pronto se convirtió en una prisión para presos políticos, asimilándose a la Torre de Londres, y en cuyas mazmorras estuvo incluso preso el hijo de Pedro el Grande. Ahí visitaremos también la segunda estructura más alta de la ciudad, La catedral de Pedro y Pablo, que alberga en su interior recargados estilos dorados, una colección de pinturas del siglo XVIII y la tumba de Catarina la Grande.

Durante ambos días, será usted conducido a través de los múltiples distritos residenciales y urbanos de la ciudad, sin duda la mejor forma de impregnarse de todas sus vistas. Nuestra próxima parada será el Crucero Aurora, que actualmente alberga un Museo, pero cuyo sitio en la historia rusa se lo dio el disparar sus cañones para dar la señal del comienzo de la revolución bolchevique.

Tras una breve parada para obtener una instantánea del Aurora, nos dirigiremos al Impresionante Museo del Hermitage, de cuyo fondo se afirma que contiene mas de 3 millones de piezas de arte. De la mano de su guía, recorrerá las galería más importantes disfrutando de pinturas de Da Vinci, Picasso, Rembrand o Renoir.

A este punto ya se ha Ganado usted una deliciosa y típica comida rusa, que le será servida en uno de los mejores restaurantes de San Petersburgo, incluyendo vodka, Caviar Rojo y que además será amenizado con un entretenimiento local.

Su día continúa con una visita a la Iglesia de la Resurrección de Cristo (el Salvador sobre la Sangre Derramada), un edificio magníficamente restaurando, que fue construido sobre el lugar donde fue asesinado el Zar Alexander II.

Su última parada antes de regresar abordo es la Catedral de San Isaac, que posee un impresionante bóveda central cubierta con más de 80 Kilogramos de Oro puro.

El Segundo día, empieza con una visita al palacio Petrov y sus alrededores, conocido también como el Versailles Ruso. El palacio se haya en la cima de una colina, divisando el golfo de Finlandia. Se quedará sin respiración al pasear por las 120 Hectáreas de parque y admirar la fuente de la Gran Cascada que representa a Sansón abriendo la boca de un León. Ya en el interior del palacio, quedará boquiabierto al ver el salón del trono, la galería de retratos y el Comedor Blanco.

De Nuevo la comida será servida en otro de los mejores restaurantes de la Ciudad, justo antes de iniciar un pequeño crucero en un barco abierto navegando por los ríos Fontanka, Moika y Neva, donde se le narrarán historias de la ciudad.

Subiendo de Nuevo al Autobús, nos dirigiremos al Palacio Yusupov, lugar donde fue asesinado el Monje Rasputin. En su interior visitaremos, varios pisos restaurados, una exposición de fotografías y trabajos de cera y la celda donde Rasputin fue envenenado.

Esta Mega excursión termina con la parada en una tienda de Souvenir de San Petersburgo, donde tendrá tiempo de decidirse por la extensa producción artesanal rusa, incluyendo sus famosas cajas lacadas o sus matrascas (muñecas anidadas de maderas y finamente decoradas).

Excursion Length

9.25 hours each day

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG

Cada sitio incluido en la descripción será visitado durante algún momento en los dos días. El orden del tour podría variar por razones de logística, relacionada con los horarios de apertura y cierre y con la intención de no sobresaturar los monumentos o espacios visitados.

La noche después del primer día de visita, al concluir el tour sobre las 17:00, le permite no renunciar a disfrutar cualquiera de los tour nocturnos propuestos en el programa durante su estancia en San Petersburgo.

Los permisos para fotografiar y filmar en el Hermitage, la catedral de San Isaac, la Iglesia de la Resurrección y el Palacio Yusupov, están incluidos en el tour. NO ESTÁ PERMITIDA LA FOTOGRAFIA Y FILMACION EN EL INTERIOR DEL PALACIO PETERHOV

Las Fuentes en el Palacio Peterhov, están sujetas a mantenimiento sin previo aviso.

Funda protectoras de Zapato son necesarias y serán provistas.

El tour requiere caminar y subir escaleras y no es accesible para PMR (personas de movilidad restringida) ni confinadas a Silla de ruedas

Podrían producirse colas, retrasos y esperas en algunos monumentos.

World Heritage Site**Stadtrundfahrt St. Isaac's Kathedrale & Hermitage (Geführt in Deutsch)****LED-113 Approximately 8.25 hours / From \$179**

An diesem Tag, den Sie nicht auf dem Schiff verbringen werden, haben Sie die einmalige Möglichkeit die schönsten Sehenswürdigkeiten St. Petersburg kennen zu lernen. Die zweitgrößte Stadt Russlands ermöglicht es Ihnen viel zu sehen und zu erleben. Sie beginnen Ihre Tour mit einer kurzen Fahrt zu der Nehrung der Vasilievsky Insel, wo Sie auch die berühmten Rostral Säulen sehen können. Diese befinden sich auf Granit Sockeln und dienten als Leuchttürme für ankommende Schiffe in der Vergangenheit.

Fahren Sie vorbei an der Peter & Paul's Festung, dem Geburtsort der Stadt, wo sie auch die Peter & Pauls Kirche finden. Hier sind alle Zaren begraben, auch Peter der Große und Alexander der 3. Auf dem Dach des vergoldeten Kirchturms finden Sie einen goldenen Engel der ein Kreuz hält, auch eines der bekanntesten Symbole St. Petersburgs.

Anschließend werden Sie den Admiralspalast sehen, der sich in der Nähe der Hermitage befindet. Sie werden auch an der Bluterlöserkirche (Savior on Spilled Blood) stoppen, eines der spektakulärsten Gebäude Barocker Architektur in St. Petersburg.

Auf dem Weg zum Mittagessen werden Sie den berühmten Kreuzer Aurora sehen. Von der Aurora wurde der erste Kanonenplatzschuss abgegeben der die Oktoberrevolution von 1917 eingeleitet hat.

Genießen Sie die traditionelle russische Küche mit Sekt, Wodka, rotem Kaviar und Russischer Volksmusik in einem der besten Restaurants.

Ihren Nachmittag werden Sie in dem berühmten Hermitage Museum verbringen. Hier finden Sie mehr als 3 Millionen Kunstwerke in mehr als 1000 Räumen. Sie werden Kunstwerke der Künstler Da Vinci, Picasso, Rembrandt und Renoir sehen und dabei auch die außergewöhnlichen Räume mit Ihren reichen und vergoldeten Deckenverzierungen und Holzfußböden bewundern. Sie werden auch altertümliche und mittelaltertümliche Werke bestaunen, manche davon reichen sogar bis in die Eisenzeit zurück, sie finden aber auch Werke aus dem dem Orientalischen.

Während Ihrer Tour haben Sie natürlich auch die Gelegenheit durch viele kleine Souvenirshops zu stöbern.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG

Kamera und Videogeühren für die Hermitage sind bereits im Preis der Tour enthalten.

Blitzlicht ist nicht erlaubt in der Hermitage.

World Heritage Site

City Drive, St. Isaac's Cathedral & Hermitage (Guided in Portuguese)



LED-114 Approximately 8.25 hours / From \$179

On this highly active and full day away from the ship you will have the unique opportunity to soak up some of St Petersburg's finest sights. As the second biggest city in Russia, there's plenty to see and so your day starts with a short drive to the Spit of Vasilievsky Island and a photo stop at the Rostral Columns that sit on granite plinths, and were originally intended to serve as beacons for ships coming into port.

Drive past the Peter and Paul Fortress, the birthplace of the city, which features the Peter and Paul Cathedral, where all the Tsars are buried, including Peter the Great and Alexander III. On top of the cathedral's gilded spire stands a magnificent golden angel holding a cross, one of the most prominent symbols of St Petersburg.

Before arriving at St Isaac's Square drive past the lively Decembrists Square and the impressive Bronze Horseman statue, for your tour of the fourth highest cathedral in the world, the awe-inspiring St. Isaac's Cathedral, which boasts a massive central dome lavishly covered with 220 pounds of pure gold.

Driving past the Admiralty building, near the Hermitage, you will then stop at the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, a spectacular building featuring ornate old Russian style architecture.

En route to your lunch stop, you will then drive past the Cruiser Aurora, an armored cruiser that fired her guns to signal the beginning of the Bolshevik Revolution.

Lunch consists of a traditional Russian feast and is served at one of the best restaurants in St. Petersburg, accompanied by sparkling wine, vodka, red caviar and Russian folk music.

End the afternoon with a comprehensive tour of the incredible Hermitage Museum, home to more than three million works of arts and featuring more than a thousand rooms. Enjoy works of art from many prominent painters including Da Vinci, Picasso, Rembrandt and Renoir, while you peruse the ornate rooms decorated with gilded ceilings and parquet flooring. The Hermitage also possesses ancient and early medieval items, including objects dating from the Palaeolithic to the Iron Age, as well as a fine Oriental art collection.

During the course of the day you will also have the opportunity to browse the many wonderful gift shops at each location.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

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Camera and video fees for the Hermitage are included in the tour. Large bags, backpacks and flash photography are not allowed inside the Hermitage Museum.

World Heritage Site

Catherine & Peterhof Palaces (Guided in German)



LED-123 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$199

Two of St Petersburg's most spectacular palaces are the tent-poles of this full day's excursion, which begins when you meet your friendly guide at the pier.

Your guide will be on hand to point out any passing sights of interest as you head to your first major stop of the day, the ornate Catherine Palace.

Designed by Rastrelli, this Baroque masterpiece was built as a summer residence for Catherine I. Famed for its size and lavish interior, a gold dome crowns the palace's north end, the site of the chapel. A gallery of Greek and Roman heroic busts decorates a covered walkway, and as well as viewing the White Vestibule, Grand Hall, Portrait Hall and Crimson Pilaster Room, you will also have time to enjoy some of the 1,400 acres of manicured gardens.

Browse the palace's gift shop before driving to one of the best restaurants in Peterhof or Pushkin, where you will enjoy a tasty Russian lunch accompanied by traditional folk music.

Afterwards, you will head to the Peterhof Palace, which was built to rival Versailles and sits atop a hill overlooking the Gulf of Finland. Peter the Great drafted the layout for the awe-inspiring 300-acre park and supervised the design of the palace fountains. The Grand Cascade, the most famous fountain, features Samson prying open the lion's jaws, as water cascades around the centerpiece, down terraced steps.

Your guide will then take you on a tour of the interior of this magnificent building, which includes the stunning Throne Room, Portrait Room and White Dining Room, before heading back to the ship, after a short visit to the palace's gift shop.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG

Catherine Palace is closed on Tuesdays and the last Monday of the month, but will be open by special arrangement for tour participants.

Grand Palace in Peterhof is closed Mondays and the last Tuesday of the month, but will be open by special arrangement for tour participants.

The fountains at Peterhof are subject to maintenance work without advance notice.

Camera and video fees are included in the tour. Restrictions on flash photography apply to certain rooms in the Catherine Palace. Photography is not allowed in the Amber Room and in the Grand Palace of Peterhof.

Protective overshoes are required inside the palace; these will be provided.

Tour involves stair climbing and is not wheelchair friendly; Grand Palace in Peterhof do not have elevators.

World Heritage Site**Catherine & Peterhof Palaces (Guided in Portuguese)**

LED-124 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$199



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Protective overshoes are required inside the palace; these will be provided.

Tour involves stair climbing and is not wheelchair friendly; Grand Palace in Peterhof do not have elevators.

World Heritage Site

St. Petersburg Subways & Walking Tour

LED-380 Approximately 4 hours / From \$69



Meet your guide and descend to the St. Petersburg Metro for a ride into the city center.

Construction on the Metro began in 1940 only to be interrupted by the Second World War. Construction was completed in 1955. Modeled on the Paris Metro, the subway boasts the same elegant style of Belle Epoque stations, though St. Petersburg's Metro lies unusually deep underground, a result of soft upper strata. Stay close to your guide as you descend into the Metro and board your car.

Enjoy a refreshment stop at a restaurant in the city center. Then take a short drive or walk to the Food Market. Browse the stalls, which display an array of produce, from garden vegetables to fresh poultry and local honey. The vendors are warm and welcoming. Then set off on your guided walking tour.

A short motorcoach drive will take you to Art Square, home to a number of Russian cultural treasures. Surrounding the square are the Russian Museum, once the Mikhailovsky Palace, and Philharmonic Hall, the site of important musical premieres by Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev and Shostakovich. The square is adorned with a statue of Russian's revered poet Alexander Pushkin.

Continue past the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood. Recently restored, the church boasts an intricate, fantastic and multicolored façade with Cyrillic crosses and onion domes. The church occupies the spot where Tsar Alexander II was assassinated. Enjoy some time to browse for souvenirs at the craft market near the church.

Meet your motorcoach at the conclusion of your walking tour for the return to your ship.

Child Price

12 & under only

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Please remain with your guide at all times during your walking tour, especially when in the Metro and riding the train.

The tour is not wheelchair friendly. There is no access in the metro in a wheelchair.

World Heritage Site

Hermitage Museum & Gold Room

LED-215 Approximately 4 hours / From \$119



Board your motorcoach for a narrated drive through St. Petersburg. Your route travels through Vasilevsky Island to Palace Square, passing the Rostral Columns and offering views of Peter and Paul Fortress.

The Hermitage comprises the Tsar's former Winter Palace and four other buildings. Together they house one of the world's greatest art collections - over two million works of art - including masterpieces by Da Vinci, Rafael, Rembrandt and Monet, to name a few. Your tour visits the display rooms in the Winter Palace. Designed by Rastrelli, the Baroque palace boasts parquet floors, ornate grand staircases, superbly moulded and decorated ceilings and gilded apartments.

Your visit also includes the newly restored Gold Room. Its collection of jewelry and art objects include classical antiquities, 17th and 19th century jewelry designed for members of the imperial court, and a stunning collection of 18th and 19th century snuff boxes.

After your tour, board your coach for the return trip to the ship, passing Decembrist's Square, the Admiralty and the great bronze

equestrian statue of Peter the Great.

Child Price

12 & under only

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Camera and video fees for the Hermitage are included in the tour. Photography and video cameras are not permitted inside the Gold Room. Large bags, backpacks and flash photography are not allowed inside the Hermitage Museum.

Tour involves walking and stair climbing. The Hermitage Museum is equipped with an elevator.

The Gold Room is closed on Mondays.

World Heritage Site

Catherine, Alexander and Paul Palaces

LED-170 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$179



Board your motorcoach for the drive from St. Petersburg to Tsarskoye Selo, located 15 miles outside the city. En route pass Stalin-era buildings, modern apartment blocs and industrial parks. Continue by Victory Square with its monument to the Heroic Defenders of Leningrad. Pass the first Russian Railway, built in 1837 to connect the imperial capital with the Catherine and Pavlovsk Palaces.

Your visit to Tsarskoye Selo begins with a tour of the Catherine Palace, the ornate Baroque palace designed by Rastelli for the Empress Catherine I. Over 1000 feet long, the palace sports an elaborate blue façade. Onion domes crown the palace's north end, the site of the palace chapel. A gallery of Greek and Roman busts decorate a covered walkway built for Catherine the Great. The grounds encompass over 1400 acres of formal gardens and parkland. Highlights of your interior visit include the White Vestibule, the Grand Hall, the Amber Room, the Portrait Hall and the Crimson Pilaster Room.

Continue to the Alexander Palace, built in 1793 by order of Catherine the Great (the empress Catherine I). The palace was a wedding gift to her grandson, the future Tsar Alexander I. In 1906, the palace became the principal residence of Nicholas II, the last Tsar. The restored palace features 12 halls that are open to visitors. Following your tour, it's time for a lunch featuring traditional Russian cuisine.

Board your motorcoach for the transfer to the nearby town of Pavlovsk, site of the Pavlovsk Palace. Catherine the Great commissioned her favorite architect, the Scot Charles Cameron, to design this palace for her son Paul. The Pavlosk Palace served as an imperial summer palace until 1915. Destroyed during the Great Siege of Leningrad, the palace has been completely restored with its original furnishings, evacuated from the palace in 1941 before the German invasion.

Board your motorcoach for the return trip to the city and your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG.

This tour involves walking and stair climbing; the palaces are not equipped with elevators.

Exploring On Your Own

Private Van With Admission & Guide

LED-915 Approximately 8 hours / From \$899



ST. PETERSBURG BY PRIVATE VAN

Vehicles with an English-speaking guide are offered on full-day (eight hours) basis. Deviations to duration, departure / return time or locations to be visited can be made onboard in advance but will incur an additional charge. This is a private arrangement, those accompanying you are the family or friends with whom you agree to share costs. We do not match groups of passengers to form a private group for the vehicle. Vehicles and guides are of extremely limited availability, reserve early. These are special tours designed to offer the privacy and flexibility of touring with family or friends and the convenience of sightseeing at your own pace. We also recommend private tours for non-ambulatory passengers.

These tours are ordered per vehicle. One person in your party places the order for the vehicle, the entire cost of the vehicle is charged to that person's shipboard account and cannot be divided among the party. A tour ticket will be issued onboard the ship.

and delivered to the cabin of the person booking this tour on embarkation day. Once onboard the ship, you will receive a form requesting the names of each individual in your party. This information is required to allow your party to disembark the ship for the tour. Please provide this information promptly to avoid being denied to participate.

Entrance, photography & video fees are included for the one venue incorporated on your itinerary. Meals, refreshments and gratuities are not included; visiting more than one site with an entrance fee will result in additional charges. It is customary to invite the guide to dine with you, covering his/her meal expenses. Not only will the guide be able to assist you in ordering, but this will also provide you with a valuable opportunity to further discuss topics that might interest you. Your driver will provide his/her own meal and will remain with the vehicle.

St. Petersburg is a large city with the same traffic problems found in other major metropolises. Take locations and travel time into account when planning your visit. We have compiled suggested itineraries to help you maximize your tour. Since these venues are likely to be visited by other tour groups, you may experience crowds at some locations.

OPENING HOURS / DRIVING TIMES

The information is a guideline to assist in your planning, information subject to change without notice due to conditions in Russia.

To visit the Grand Palace in Peterhof, a full day vehicle is required.

The drive between the pier and the center of St. Petersburg is approximately 30- to 45-minutes each way, the following venues are located there:

Hermitage - Opens Tuesday to Saturday, 10:30am - 5:00pm, Sunday 10:30am - 4:00pm, closed Monday.

St. Isaac's Cathedral - Opens Thursday to Tuesday, 11:00am - 6:00pm, closed Wednesday.

Church of the Savior on the Spilled Blood - Opens Thursday to Tuesday, 11:00am - 6:00pm, closed Wednesday.

The drive between the pier and Tsarskoye Selo or Peterhof is approximately 50- to 60-minutes, the following venues are located there:

Grand Palace in Peterhof - Opens Tuesday to Sunday, 10:30am - 5:00pm, closed Monday and the last Tuesday of the month.

Catherine Palace - Opens Wednesday to Monday, 10:00am - 5:00pm, closed Tuesday and the last Monday of the month. Due to expected delays in the afternoon, itineraries offering the Catherine Palace are only offered in the morning.

Special Notes

THIS TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS EMBARKING OR DISEMBARKING IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Maximum capacity of each van is 8 passengers. Please be sure to request this tour by indicating the number of vehicles you wish to have - not the number of passengers. Actual vehicle type varies depending availability and number of passengers in your party.

Private vehicle bookings are nonrefundable after confirmation of the individuals making up your party. Request only one vehicle per group. When requesting this tour, do not indicate the number of passengers in the group.

Vehicles are air-conditioned and come with an English-speaking guide. (Foreign language guides may be requested once on board and may incur additional cost.)



Helsinki, Finland

Perhaps their country's harsh climate encouraged the Finns' love and respect for design and the arts. Whatever the cause, there's no denying that Helsinki is one of the most vibrant and beautiful cities in Scandinavia. Hailed as the "Daughter of the Baltic," Finland's capital is a city of graceful neoclassical buildings, striking modern architecture and spacious boulevards dotted with squares and parks. In the past century, Finland has nurtured some of the major creative talents of Western culture, from the composer Sibelius to architects Eliel & Eero Saarinen and Alvar Aalto.

The center of Finnish commerce and culture, Helsinki is home to some 616,000 people. Much of the city's neoclassical architecture dates from the period of Tsarist rule, which began in 1809 after political control of Finland passed from Sweden to Russia, Finland gained its independence in 1917.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

Best of Helsinki & Porvoo

HEL-100 Approximately 7 hours / From \$169



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From here, you'll proceed to the beautiful and exceptional Sibelius Monument. Dedicated to famed Finnish composer Jean Sibelius, the park and unique abstract monument was meant to reflect the rugged natural beauty of Finland, as inspired by Sibelius' work Finlandia.

After your visit, you'll return to your motorcoach for the scenic ride, past old estates and verdant farms to Porvoo, Finland's second oldest city, founded in 1346. Although it lives in the present, many aspects of the area have been left untouched by the passage of time. You'll have time to explore its narrow lanes, view its historic buildings and visit its central square on a walking tour of the city's historic old quarter, before enjoying some time on your own for shopping and strolling.

By now you'll be ready for a break. Your motorcoach will take you to Kiala Manor, a distinctive restaurant where you'll get to relax and enjoy a delicious traditional Finnish-style lunch.

After your repast, you'll return to Helsinki and more spectacular sightseeing. You'll visit Temppeliaukio Church, also known as the Church in the Rock. The underground Rock Church is built inside of a massive block of natural granite in the middle of an ordinary residential square. Natural light pours in from the church's glazed dome and the rough stoned interiors amplify sound, making it an excellent and unique concert venue.

Your last stop will be at the bustling Market Square. The rows of tents and stalls selling fur clothing, jewelry, food and souvenirs and more make for a fun and festive atmosphere. You'll have time to find your treasures before your day concludes with the short ride back to your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Temppeliaukio Rock Church is sometimes closed for religious observances and private functions; entry not guaranteed.

If Market Square is closed, an alternative shopping area will be visited.

Shopping is extremely limited on Sundays.

Tour order may vary. Tour duration may vary depending on the time in port.

Savijärvi Farm, Porvoo & Temppeliaukio Church

HEL-120 Approximately 7 hours / From \$199



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Leaving Porvoo, you'll get to experience life in the country as you visit Savijärvi Farm, located amidst the forests of the Sipoo district. This 100-year-old farm is famous for breeding horses. You'll enjoy a warm greeting and a welcome beverage before getting to observe life on a traditional working farm. Then, the lady of the house will prepare a traditional country lunch for you, and invite you to stroll through the interior of the home.

After your repast, you'll return to Helsinki and more spectacular sightseeing. You'll visit Temppeliaukio Church, also known as the Church in the Rock. The underground Rock Church is built inside of a massive block of natural granite in the middle of an ordinary residential square. Natural light pours in from the church's glazed dome and the rough stoned interiors amplify sound, making it an excellent and unique concert venue.

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Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Temppeliaukio Rock Church is sometimes closed for religious observances and private functions; entry not guaranteed.

This tour operates only for Grand Class ships.

If Market Square is closed, an alternative shopping area will be visited.

Shopping is extremely limited on Sundays.

This tour has an extremely limited availability. Tour order may vary.

Helsinki Highlights

HEL-200 Approximately 3 hours / From \$79



Departing your ship, you'll board your motorcoach as you begin your narrated tour, traveling along the shoreline for views of Suomenlinna Fortress, the "Gibraltar of the North" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and past the Esplanade, Helsinki's famous design street. You'll pass by the Market Place and the Presidential Palace before continuing on Mannerheim Street - the city's longest avenue - passing the Olympic Stadium, Opera House, Finlandia Hall, National Museum, Parliament and Kiasma - the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Your first stop is at Senate Square. This is center for arts, culture, religion, politics and education. Four main buildings make up the Square and were designed by famed architect Carl Ludvig Engel in the early 19th Century: Helsinki Cathedral, the Government Palace, the main building of the University of Helsinki and the National Library of Finland. Helsinki Cathedral is arguably Finland's most famous and photographed building; it celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2002. You can also visit the bustling Market Square. The rows of tents and stalls selling fur clothing, jewelry, food and souvenirs and more make for a fun and festive atmosphere.

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Afterwards the tour continues with a short ride back to your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Temppeliaukio Rock Church is sometimes closed for religious observances and private functions, so entry is not guaranteed.

If Market Square is closed, an alternative shopping area will be visited

Shopping is extremely limited on Sundays.

Tour order may vary.

Porvoo & Savijärvi Farm**HEL-205 Approximately 5 hours / From \$139**

Board your motorcoach and travel along the shoreline for views of Suomenlinna Fortress. Hailed as the "Gibraltar of the North," this UNESCO World Heritage Site occupies a series of rocky skerries in Helsinki Bay. Continue past the Market Place and the Presidential Palace before venturing into woodlands on the approximately .75-hour drive to Savijärvi Farm.

Originally a large dairy farm, this country manor in the Sipoo District has become famed for its horse breeding operation. The farm produces horses for show jumping as well as carriage horses for competition. Tour the farm before watching a horse presentation. Enjoy refreshments including homemade cakes and seasonal berries.

Continue to Porvoo, Finland's second oldest city. Founded in 1346, Porvoo is one of six medieval towns mentioned in 14th century manuscripts. Your walking tour explores the historic Old Town, which was preserved from redevelopment in the 19th century. The Old Town is a district of narrow medieval lanes, cobbled streets and timbered houses. At the center of the Old Town stands Porvoo Cathedral, founded in the 14th century. Your tour also passes Town Hall. Porvoo Old Bridge provides an excellent panorama of the Old Town. The red and yellow warehouses along the river have been nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy some free time for independent exploration and shopping.

Board your motorcoach for the return trip to Helsinki. Drive down Mannerheim Street, Helsinki's main thoroughfare, passing the Olympic Stadium, Opera House, Finlandia Hall, National Museum, Parliament and Kiasma Helsinki's Museum of Contemporary Art. Enjoy free time to explore Senate Square. The city's central plaza is home to the Lutheran St. Nicholas Cathedral, Helsinki University and the National Library. The square's fine, 19th century neoclassical buildings are a legacy of Finland's Tsarist Era.

At the end of your tour, you have the option (morning departures only) of remaining in town for independent sightseeing and shopping. You are then responsible for your return to ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Shopping is extremely limited on Sundays.

Tour order may vary.

This tour is only available on Grand class vessels.

Home Visit & City Drive**HEL-210 Approximately 4 hours / From \$149**

Departing your ship, you'll board your motorcoach as you begin your narrated tour, traveling along the shoreline for views of Suomenlinna Fortress, the "Gibraltar of the North" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, as you head for the lush Sipoo district. Your first stop is the picturesque St. Sigfrid's Church. Dating back to the 15th century, it's the oldest granite church in the community, and has its own graveyard.

From there, you'll go to a traditional Finnish country home, situated by a picturesque lake. Here, you'll get an introduction to Finnish life and customs. You'll be greeted by your hosts, stroll the grounds, tour their residence, and then sit down to enjoy traditional refreshments of berry pie with tea or coffee.

After you visit, you'll return to your motorcoach for the ride back to city. Once there, you'll be able to see a number of notable sights, passing the Esplanade, Helsinki's famous design street, as well as the Market Place and the Presidential Palace before continuing on Mannerheim Street - the city's longest avenue - passing the Olympic Stadium, Opera House, Finlandia Hall, National Museum, Parliament and Kiasma - the Museum of Contemporary Art. You'll stop at Senate Square, center for arts, culture, religion, politics and education. Four main buildings make up the Square and were designed by famed architect Carl Ludvig Engel in the early 19th Century: Helsinki Cathedral, the Government Palace, the main building of the University of Helsinki and the National Library of Finland. Helsinki Cathedral is arguably Finland's most famous and photographed building; it celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2002.

Your adventure concludes with the short ride back to your ship, as you reflect on the tradition and innovation that makes Helsinki so unique.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

St. Sigfrid's Church is sometimes closed for religious observances and private functions; entry not guaranteed. St. Sigfrid's Church is closed most Saturdays and Sundays.

Your home visit requires moderate walking over uneven surfaces and negotiating some steps.

Tour order may vary.

Scenic Cruise

HEL-290 Approximately 3 hours / From \$99



Meet your guide and board your motor launch for an approximately 1.5-hour cruise around the coast of Helsinki. The bay is studded with an archipelago of 300 islands, islets and skerries. During your cruise, your guide not only points out sites of interest but also discusses the city's long and colorful history.

Your cruise sails past the old 19th century Yacht Club, located on an island in the bay. Continue along the peninsula occupied by the city's diplomatic quarter. Travel past Suomenlinna Fortress, often described as the "Gibraltar of the North." A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the 18th century fortress was built by Sweden to protect Helsinki from Russian attack. The fortress consists of a series of bastions built across a number of rocky skerries; Suomenlinna is also home to the Finnish Naval Academy.

Glide past the bay's many islands and inlets enjoying views of waterfront cottages, luxury villas and saunas. Pass through the Laajasalo Strait to view the Helsinki Zoo and the Icebreaker Pier, where Finland's icebreaker fleet rests at its summer mooring.

Disembark at Market Square, where you enjoy approximately 35 minutes of free time to browse for souvenirs, gifts, art and crafts. At the end of your excursion, you (morning departures only) have the option of remaining in town for independent sightseeing and shopping. You are then responsible for your return to ship.

Special Notes

The sights passed during the tour are subject to change due to weather conditions, high water and/or rough seas.

If Market Square is closed, an alternative shopping area will be visited. Shopping is extremely limited on Sundays. Tour order may vary.

Helsinki Highlights (Guided in Mandarin)

HEL-990 Approximately 3 hours / From \$69



Departing your ship, you'll board your motorcoach as you begin your narrated tour, traveling along the shoreline for views of Suomenlinna Fortress, the "Gibraltar of the North" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and past the Esplanade, Helsinki's famous design street. You'll pass by the Market Place and the Presidential Palace before continuing on Mannerheim Street - the city's longest avenue - passing the Olympic Stadium, Opera House, Finlandia Hall, National Museum, Parliament and Kiasma - the Museum of Contemporary Art.

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Afterwards the tour continues with a short ride back to your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Temppeliaukio Rock Church is sometimes closed for religious observances and private functions, so entry is not guaranteed.

If Market Square is closed, an alternative shopping area will be visited

Shopping is extremely limited on Sundays.

Tour order may vary.

Helsinki Highlights (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)



HEL-201 Approximately 3 hours / From \$79

Departing your ship, you'll board your motorcoach as you begin your narrated tour, traveling along the shoreline for views of Suomenlinna Fortress, the "Gibraltar of the North" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and past the Esplanade, Helsinki's famous design street. You'll pass by the Market Place and the Presidential Palace before continuing on Mannerheim Street - the city's longest avenue - passing the Olympic Stadium, Opera House, Finlandia Hall, National Museum, Parliament and Kiasma - the Museum of Contemporary Art.

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Afterwards the tour continues with a short ride back to your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This is the same tour as HEL-200. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book HEL-200. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance you during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

Temppeliaukio Rock Church is sometimes closed for religious observances and private functions, so entry is not guaranteed.

If Market Square is closed, an alternative shopping area will be visited.

Shopping is extremely limited on Sundays.

Tour order may vary.

Helsinki & Porvoo Cruise



HEL-140 Approximately 7 hours / From \$179

This full-day tour allows you time to take in some of Helsinki's main sights and visit Finland's second-oldest town, Porvoo, with a sightseeing cruise along the Porvoo River and lunch at Haikko Manor.

Board your comfortable motorcoach for the brief ride to your first destination. En route, you will pass the bustling city harbor, Embassy Park and Uspenski Cathedral, an Eastern Orthodox church dramatically set on a hillside overlooking the city. You'll stop for a special photo opportunity in Helsinki's Senate Square, a showplace for Neoclassical architecture, where the impressive Government Palace and elegant Lutheran Cathedral hold court.

As you continue on, you will also see the Opera House, the Olympic Stadium, Parliament House, the National Museum and Finlandia Hall, the concert and convention center designed by renowned architect Alvar Aalto. You'll also pass Kiasma, the striking contemporary art museum designed by the American architect Steven Holl. The building is an architectural triumph, seamlessly integrating its modern design with the surrounding landscape.

Leaving the city, you will proceed 30 miles east, to the medieval town of Porvoo, which dates back to 1346. Stop for a spectacular photo at the Old Bridge of Porvoo, where you can capture magnificent views of the town before arriving in the charming central "Old Town," with its narrow cobblestone streets, delightful wooden houses and the picturesque stone and brick Porvoo Cathedral.

Porvoo is Finland's second-oldest town, and its timeless atmosphere enchants all who visit. Gain insights and an educated introduction to this special place with a guided walking tour through the original, dense, medieval heart of the town. The Old Town is home to many lively attractions as well as cafes and boutiques. Old Porvoo is a treat to walk through as its narrow lanes and brick-colored riverside warehouses are quite photographic. You can then enjoy an opportunity to explore on your own before making your way down to the river to board your sightseeing boat.

This guided sightseeing cruise proceeds down the Porvoo River and through part of the Gulf of Finland archipelago, providing stunning views of the Finnish countryside. After approximately 30 minutes, you will arrive at Haikko Manor, a gorgeously situated resort and spa, where lunch will be served.

Overlooking the Gulf of Finland, the site of Haikko Manor was originally the location of a 14th century Dominican monastery. The current main manor building was designed by professor and architect Armas Lindgren, and if time allows, you can explore some of the manor's stunning grounds after lunch.

Your final stop will be the spectacular Temppeliaukio Rock Church, a Lutheran church also known as the Church of the Rock, because it is quite literally excavated out of and built from solid rock. You will have a chance to tour the interior of this unusual structure. The copper roof and rough, exposed rock surfaces give it excellent acoustics, and the church is often used as a concert venue.

After your unforgettable day, re-board your motorcoach for the relaxing return to your ship.

Special Notes

Temppeliaukio Rock Church is sometimes closed for religious observances and private functions; entry not guaranteed.

Shopping is extremely limited on Sundays.

Tour order may vary. Tour duration may vary depending on the time in port.

Helsinki by Tram & Coach

HEL-230 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$85



The fascinating city of Helsinki unfolds before you when you board a comfortable motorcoach and begin your day of sightseeing. You'll drive passed the shipyard and Hietalahti Market en route to the first photo stop of the day, Sibelius Park.

Lovely Sibelius Park showcases an impressive modernist monument, constructed with over 600 steel pipes in honor of the great Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. The cluster of organ-like pipes are representative of a forest, and the abstract piece blends seamlessly with its surroundings. This striking piece of modern art makes for stunning photographs.

Continue through the residential area of Toolo to the grand Olympic Stadium, venue for The Olympic Games in Helsinki in 1952 and considered one of the most beautiful of the Olympic venues.

Then, see beautiful Uspenski Cathedral, the largest Orthodox Church in Western Europe. Note the red-brick construction and the façade with classic Slavic details.

Drive past a lively open-air market for a sense of daily life before stopping at Senate Square. A showplace for neoclassical architecture, this unique square is dominated by four main buildings designed between 1822 and 1852: the elegant Lutheran Cathedral, the main building of the University of Helsinki, the Government Palace, and the National Library of Finland.

From here climb aboard a private tram for a 45-minute ride. Helsinki is renowned for its efficient and advanced public transportation system of trams and rail lines. The tram is a green, environmentally friendly way to see the sights. You'll be sitting in a private car and experiencing a bit of history, as the Helsinki tram network is the only one in Finland and also one of the oldest electrified tram networks in the world, dating back to 1900.

On your narrated tram ride, you will travel towards Kallio, the former working-class district, passing Kaisaniemi Park, the city's oldest park, which dates to the 19th century. In 1829, botanical gardens were added to the grounds, which are home to the oldest glass greenhouse, designed by Gustaf Nyström in 1889.

Your route takes you over the "long bridge," built in 1912. The name is derived not from the bridge's actual length but because it represented the distance between the working class that lived on one side and the wealthy on the other.

Heading back to downtown, you will pass Linnanmaki, an amusement park opened in 1950 with the largest selection of rides in Scandinavia. Keep an eye out for the modern Opera House before continuing along Mannerheim Street, the main thoroughfare of the city.

Don't put that camera away yet, as the Parliament House, the National Museum and Finlandia Hall all come into view. And no one can pass up the new Contemporary Art Museum, Kiasma, designed by American architect Steven Holl.

The tram passes the "Three Smiths" statue that survived the bombing of Helsinki in 1944 with only a few scars as well as Aleksanterinkatu, Helsinki's most popular shopping street with many international boutiques.

Lastly, re-board the motorcoach for a scenic drive back to port.

Special Notes

Order of tour may vary. Route of tram may vary pending on possible ongoing rail construction work.

Shopping is extremely limited on Sundays.

Winterland & City Highlights

HEL-245 Approximately 4 hours / From \$99



This whirlwind half-day tour gives you a tantalizing taste of Finland's capital and largest city. Take in a selection of Helsinki's main highlights, with time for an unforgettable and completely unique visit to one of the world's largest ice bars.

Board your comfortable motorcoach for the short drive past Embassy Park and the bustling city harbor, stopping for a photo opportunity at Senate Square, where the impressive Government Palace and elegant Lutheran Cathedral hold court. You will also get a chance to catch a glimpse of Uspenski Cathedral, an Eastern Orthodox cathedral dramatically set on a hillside overlooking the city.

Continue on with a short ride to one of the world's largest ice bars. And it is not only the bar, but also the walls, tables, even your own drinking glass that are carved from crystal clear ice! Upon arrival, you'll receive warm clothing that will keep you toasty as you enjoy this winter wonderland. Hold out your ice glass for a pour of the coldest vodka you'll ever experience. There will be time to browse this truly extraordinary environment. Various Finnish winter activities are available to try; take a turn at tandem skiing, tobogganing, show shoeing, even (for an additional fee, when available) an authentic husky dog sled ride! Photo opportunities abound at this attraction, and you'll certainly have stories to tell your friends at home!

Following your icy adventure, climb back onto your cozy motorcoach for the warm ride back to downtown Helsinki. You will cruise down fashionable Mannerheim Street, which is Helsinki's main street. Here you will be able to see the Opera House, Parliament House, the National Museum and Finlandia Hall, the concert and convention center designed by renowned architect Alvar Aalto. You'll also pass Kiasma, the striking Contemporary Art museum designed by the American architect Steven Holl, which contains the contemporary art collection of the Finnish National Gallery.

Your final stop will be at the unusual Temppeliaukio Rock Church. This Lutheran church is also known as the Church of the Rock because it is quite literally excavated out of and built from solid rock. You will have a chance to tour the interior of this incredible structure. The copper roof and rough, exposed rock surfaces of the interior walls give it excellent acoustics, and the church is often used as a concert venue.

Re-board your motorcoach for the return to your ship, giving you some time to reflect upon this incredible city, one of the sparkling gems of northern Europe.

Special Notes

Temppeliaukio Rock Church is sometimes closed for religious observances and private functions; entry not guaranteed.

Shopping is extremely limited on Sundays.

Tour order may vary. Guests below legal drinking age will be served a non-alcoholic drink.

Special Interests

Best of Helsinki & Porvoo (Guided in Spanish)

HEL-102 Approximately 7 hours / From \$169



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By now you'll be ready for a break. Your motorcoach will take you to Kiala Manor, a distinctive restaurant situated in the former cellars of a distillery, where you'll get to relax and enjoy a delicious traditional Finnish-style lunch.

After your repast, you'll return to Helsinki and more spectacular sightseeing. You'll visit Temppeliaukio Church, or the Church in the Rock. The underground Rock Church is built inside of a massive block of natural granite in the middle of an ordinary residential square. Natural light pours in from the church's glazed dome and the rough stoned interiors amplify sound, making it an excellent and unique concert venue.

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Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Temppeliaukio Rock Church is sometimes closed for religious observances and private functions; entry not guaranteed.

If Market Square is closed, an alternative shopping area will be visited.

Shopping is extremely limited on Sundays.

Tour order may vary. Tour duration may vary depending on the time in port.

Helsinki Highlights (Guided in German)

HEL-203 Approximately 3 hours / From \$79



Departing your ship, you'll board your motorcoach as you begin your narrated tour, traveling along the shoreline for views of Suomenlinna Fortress, the "Gibraltar of the North" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and past the Esplanade, Helsinki's famous design street. You'll pass by the Market Place and the Presidential Palace before continuing on Mannerheim Street - the city's longest avenue - passing the Olympic Stadium, Opera House, Finlandia Hall, National Museum, Parliament and Kiasma - the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Your first stop is at Senate Square. This is center for arts, culture, religion, politics and education. Four main buildings make up the Square and were designed by famed architect Carl Ludvig Engel in the early 19th Century: Helsinki Cathedral, the Government Palace, the main building of the University of Helsinki and the National Library of Finland. Helsinki Cathedral is arguably Finland's most famous and photographed building; it celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2002. You can also visit the bustling Market Square. The rows of tents and stalls selling fur clothing, jewelry, food and souvenirs and more make for a fun and festive atmosphere.

You'll then proceed to the spectacular Temppeliaukio Church, also known as the Church in the Rock. The underground Rock Church is built inside of a massive block of natural granite in the middle of an ordinary residential square. Natural light pours in from the church's glazed dome and the rough stoned interiors amplify sound, making it an excellent and unique concert venue.

From here, it's off to the beautiful and exceptional Sibelius Monument. Dedicated to famed Finnish composer Jean Sibelius, the park and unique abstract monument was meant to reflect the rugged natural beauty of Finland, as inspired by Sibelius' work Finlandia.

Afterwards the tour continues with a short ride back to your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Temppeliaukio Rock Church is sometimes closed for religious observances and private functions, so entry is not guaranteed.

If Market Square is closed, an alternative shopping area will be visited.

Shopping is extremely limited on Sundays.

Tour order may vary.



Suomenlinna Island Fortress

HEL-235 Approximately 4 hours / From \$119

Departing your ship, you'll head to Market Square, to board the ferry taking you to the historical Suomenlinna Fortress, the "Gibraltar of the North" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Once you arrive, your knowledgeable guide will lead you on a walking tour through the grounds of this mighty fortress, the largest fortification in Finland. Built by the Swedes to protect Helsinki from Russian attack in the 18th century, the massive complex covers six islands and is a self-contained city within Helsinki. The walls of the fortress can be seen all over Suomenlinna, and there are about 900 permanent inhabitants on the islands, with 350 people work there all year round. It's one of the features that make Suomenlinna unique: the fortress is not simply a museum, but a living community. You'll stop at a local café to enjoy some refreshments, along with views of the Gulf of Finland.

After your tour, you'll have free time to explore the area further. Discover the surrounding parks, graceful buildings and beaches, and, of course, find the perfect souvenirs before heading back across the harbor and returning to your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Medical Restriction

Tour not suitable for guests with walking difficulties.

Special Notes

This tour is limited in capacity. Tour will operate for Grand Class ships only.

This tour uses headsets.

There are several museums on Suomenlinna and all may not be open during your visit.

Finnish Cuisine, Temppeliaukio Church & Senate Square

HEL-330 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$129



Departing your ship, you'll board your motorcoach as you begin your narrated tour, traveling along the shoreline for views of Suomenlinna Fortress, the "Gibraltar of the North" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and past the Esplanade, Helsinki's famous design street. You'll pass by the Market Place and the Presidential Palace before continuing on Mannerheim Street - the city's longest avenue - passing the Olympic Stadium, Opera House, Finlandia Hall, National Museum, Parliament and Kiasma - the Museum of Contemporary Art.

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From there, you'll travel to "Tar Island," so named because there used to be warehouses for tar on the island. Today, it is a very nice park island, and in the middle of it all is Savu Restaurant. Savu literally means "smoke." You'll arrive there and meet the chef of this acclaimed restaurant who will tell you about the dishes and their preparation. Then it's time to taste some of his Finnish specialties from his seasonal tasting menu. A selection of Finnish-style desserts, coffee and tea are also included.

Your final stop is at the spectacular Temppeliaukio Church, also known as the Church in the Rock. The underground Rock Church is built inside of a massive block of natural granite in the middle of an ordinary residential square. Natural light pours in from the church's glazed dome and the rough stoned interiors amplify sound, making it an excellent and unique concert venue.

Your adventure concludes with the short ride back to your ship, as you reflect on the on all that gives Helsinki its unique flavor.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

In the event of religious services and functions, Temppeliaukio Rock Church will be closed to tour groups.

Tour will only operate for Grand Class ships.

This tour is not available on all voyages.

Tour order may vary.

Helsinki Highlights (Guided in Portuguese)

HEL-204 Approximately 3 hours / From \$79



Departing your ship, you'll board your motorcoach as you begin your narrated tour, traveling along the shoreline for views of Suomenlinna Fortress, the "Gibraltar of the North" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and past the Esplanade, Helsinki's famous design street. You'll pass by the Market Place and the Presidential Palace before continuing on Mannerheim Street - the city's longest avenue - passing the Olympic Stadium, Opera House, Finlandia Hall, National Museum, Parliament and Kiasma - the Museum of Contemporary Art.

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Afterwards the tour continues with a short ride back to your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Temppeliaukio Rock Church is sometimes closed for religious observances and private functions, so entry is not guaranteed.

If Market Square is closed, an alternative shopping area will be visited.

Shopping is extremely limited on Sundays.

Tour order may vary.

Helsinki Beer Tram & City Walk

HEL-250 Approximately 3 hours / From \$130



Your half-day tour begins with a scenic 30-minute motorcoach ride en route to the tram station. Helsinki is known for its elaborate tram network, the only one in Finland and one of the oldest electrified tram networks in the world, dating back to 1900. Here you'll board the one-of-a-kind bright red Koff beer tram, which was originally built in 1959 and converted into this fun, fully operational beer tram in 1996.

A friendly tram hostess welcomes you aboard, and this pub on wheels whisks you off on a 45-minute sightseeing tour of exciting Helsinki. As you gaze out the large windows, enjoy a frosty cold Finnish beer poured by your tram hostess. On your narrated tram ride, you will travel toward spirited Kallio, a popular student-filled district, passing Kaisaniemi Park, a 19th century recreational facility and botanical gardens, home to the oldest glass greenhouse, designed by Gustaf Nyström in 1889.

Your route takes you over the "long bridge," built in 1912. The name is derived not from the bridge's actual length but because it represented the distance between the working class that lived on one side and the wealthy on the other.

Making your way back to downtown, you will pass Linnanmaki, an amusement park opened in 1950 with the largest selection of rides in Scandinavia. Keep an eye out for the modern Opera House with its dramatic wall of windows before continuing along Mannerheim Street, the main thoroughfare of the city.

Just when you thought your camera couldn't hold any more pictures, the stately, neoclassic Parliament House, the National Museum and Finlandia Hall all come into view. And no one can pass up the new Contemporary Art Museum, dramatically designed by American architect Steven Holl. The tram passes the "Three Smiths" statue that survived the bombing of Helsinki in 1944 with only a few scars as well as Aleksanterinkatu, Helsinki's most popular shopping street with many international boutiques.

At the completion of your tour, step outside and continue to explore Helsinki on foot for a more intimate sightseeing experience. Accompanied by your guide, discover the thriving downtown district and walk along the Esplanade, a great spot for people watching. Your walk ends at the lively Market Square, where you will have time to browse independently. This popular marketplace is a central square in Helsinki that bustles with vendors selling Finnish souvenirs and local delicacies. There are many shops and cafes but watch out for the local seagulls who have been known to swoop down and sample the ice cream cones of unsuspecting tourists!

At the completion of this enjoyable day, rejoin your motorcoach at the designated time and settle in for the short transfer back to port having taken in some unique sights of this city.

Special Notes

Order of sights visited may vary.

Tour not suitable for guests with walking difficulties.

According to Finnish law, only person above 18 years of age are allowed to consume alcoholic beverages. ID may be asked.

Tour not available in the month of July and not on Sundays in 2014.

Activities & Adventures**Helsinki by Jopo Bike**

HEL-420 Approximately 3 hours / From \$89



Your half-day excursion begins as you board your Jopo Bike, a gearless, unisex red bicycle that was all the rage back in the '60s and is now back in fashion. A refreshing bottle of water is also provided for this exhilarating trek. Your city tour takes in marinas, vistas and both historic and cultural buildings, so keep your camera ready for photo opportunities at virtually every stop.

You'll cycle past Hietaranta Beach, the city's main public beach, to Sibelius Park. Dedicated to famed Finnish composer Jean Sibelius, the park and unique abstract monument was meant to reflect the rugged natural beauty of Finland, as inspired by Sibelius's work Finlandia.

Your tour continues to Töölö Bay, a beautiful park in the heart of Helsinki, for a view of the new Finnish National Opera and Finlandia Hall, the leading congress, event and entertainment venue in Finland. From a distance, you will also see the National Museum, home to exhibits of Finnish life from prehistoric times to the present, and the Parliament Building. The Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma also comes into view.

Also on your itinerary is Kaivopuisto Park, Helsinki's oldest and best-known park surrounded by embassies and villas. The nearby sea, rock cliffs and green lawns offer many breathtaking photo opportunities. You'll continue to Katajanokka Island, an island full of beautiful art nouveau buildings, to catch sight of the famed Finnish Icebreaker Fleet. While there, you'll pass Orthodox Uspenski Cathedral, the largest Orthodox Church in Western Europe. With its golden cupolas and redbrick facade, the church is one of the clearest symbols of the Russian impact on Finnish history.

After your 10-mile trek, you will arrive back to the pier.

Medical Restriction

Guests need to be in normal physical health in order to participate.

Special Notes

This tour covers approximately 10 miles traveling for the most part over level, paved cycle trails - there is one gentle hill. Guests should be experienced bike riders and have recently ridden, or be confident on a bicycle. Guests should be in good physical shape. Parent or adult guardian must accompany guests under 16.

Jopo bicycles are unisex, gearless and adjustable "one-size-fits-all" cycles. Brakes are applied by pedal only.

Minimum height is 5' feet/152cm tall.

Wear active clothing and dress in layers. Bring a waterproof jacket. This tour operates in inclement weather.



Stockholm (Nynashamn), Sweden

The small rocky harbor of Nynashamn is your gateway port to Stockholm, the "Capital of Scandinavia." The city began life over seven centuries ago as a Viking stronghold built on the island of Gamla Stan. Today, Stockholm covers 14 separate islands and is interwoven with bays, channels and inlets. The city skyline is a sea of copper roofs grown green with patina, towers, spires and graceful cupolas stand sentinel over the historic Old Town (Gamla Stan). A city of nearly a million people, Stockholm is one of the world's most beautiful, clean, and orderly metropolises.

With a history stretching over seven centuries, Stockholm is not just a beautiful city but also Sweden's center of art and culture.

Note: Your ship will anchor in Nynashamn and use launches to transport all passengers ashore.

Sightseeing & City Tours

The Best of Stockholm

NY1-100 Approximately 9 hours / From \$219



Your panoramic tour begins with a motorcoach ride to Stockholm that takes you across the Western Bridge for breathtaking views of the city's skyline. Your first stop is a visit to the magnificent City Hall.

Commanding the shores of Lake Mälaren, City Hall was inaugurated in 1923 after 12 years of work by an elite team of construction workers, sculptors, artists and craftsmen. It is renowned not only for its architecture, but for its stunning murals and mosaics. Experience the spaciousness of the Blue Hall and the grandeur of the Golden Hall, which incorporates 18 million gold tiles. You won't be surprised to discover that City Hall is the site of the annual Nobel Prize banquet.

Continue past the city center and graceful Royal Dramatic Theatre building, Sweden's national theater, situated on the waterfront at Nybroviken Bay.

Then it's off to Djurgården, known as Stockholm's recreation area, royal land since the 15th century. Djurgården is home to the Vasa Museum, where you can relive the historic events of one of the world's most important warships. Constructed from 1626 to 1628, the Vasa sank during her maiden voyage after having traveled only one nautical mile. Though her top-heavy design doomed her, the Vasa is now seen as a nostalgic symbol of the era in the 17th and 18th centuries when Sweden was a world power. The ship was retrieved from the bottom of the sea in 1961, and thousands of artifacts were found. View these items and the majestic ship itself, which has been restored to much of its former glory.

Followed by a scenic drive through picturesque Djurgården, head off to the Old Town, or Gamla Stan, here you'll enjoy a typical Swedish lunch before taking off for a narrated tour of Stockholm's oldest quarter. Here, your guide will tour the 13th century Royal Palace, currently housing the offices of the Royal Court of Sweden. See the exterior of adjacent Great Cathedral, the city's oldest church and the site of many royal weddings and coronations. Continue along the cobblestoned streets for views of a variety of 16th-19th century buildings and monuments.

At the completion of your walking tour of Old Town, you'll have 45 minutes to explore on your own. Check out Vasterlanggatan, Old Town's number one tourist street, and Marten Trotzig Alley, the narrowest alley in Stockholm, with sections only 35.4 inches wide.

After your independent exploration, re-board the motorcoach for a quick drive to Fjällgatan for hilltop views of the city before concluding with a relaxing drive back to Nynashamn and your ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The drive between Nynashamn and Stockholm is approximately one hour. Guide will meet at the pier but transfer back to Nynashamn is unguided.

Fjällgatan photo-stop is subject to traffic situation.

Tour order may vary.

Royal Stockholm

NY1-110 Approximately 6 hours / From \$199



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a drive through the countryside towards Stockholm and Gamla Stan, the Old Town where Stockholm began over eight centuries ago.

Here in Stockholm's oldest most historic district you'll disembark, for the first stop of the day, the Royal Palace. The Royal Palace of Stockholm is one of Europe's largest palaces, the king's official residence and the setting for many of the monarchy's official receptions. Built during the 18th century, this Italian baroque palace was erected where the "Tre Kronor" castle stood until it burned down in 1697. Inside, over 600 rooms are divided between seven floors, many of which face an inner courtyard. As you tour, there is much to see, but highlights include the State Apartments.

Your guided walking tour continues through the charming city streets of Old Town, leading you to Stockholm Cathedral. Also known as Coronation Church, its construction began in 1306, making it the oldest building still in use in Stockholm. It is the site of religious services and concerts, as well as royal coronations, weddings and funerals. The church's relatively unassuming exterior gives way to a unique and beautiful collection of Medieval and contemporary art, including the famous sculpture of St. George and the Dragon.

Continue to follow your guide through the meandering cobblestone paths of Old Town and keep your camera at the ready, for there is much to see. The charming center square, Stockholm's narrowest alley, and Vasterlanggatan, Old Town's number one tourist street, are just a few of the highlights.

Enjoy some free time to explore independently before it is time to set out on the 50 minute Royal Canal Cruise. On the canal we will pass several historical buildings, museums and beautiful green areas. Out on more open waters you will pass Fjäderholmarna, the Feather Islands, being the first real archipelago islands. Continue passed Prince Eugen's Waldemarsudde, the Gröna Lund Tivoli and much more. Before heading back to the pier, a fabulous view of the Stockholm skyline opens up - only to be seen from the water!

At the completion of this exceptional day, relax and chat with fellow travelers about the wonders you have seen as you ride back to port.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The drive between Nynashamn and Stockholm is approximately one hour.

The Royal Palace may close without notice in the event of a state visit; if the Royal Palace is closed a visit to the Royal Armoury will be substituted.

Security restrictions prohibit larger bags and backpacks in the Royal Palace along with any type of photography. Flash photography is not allowed in Coronation Church. Guide will meet at the pier but transfer back to Nynäshamn is unguided.

Operated with a regular boat service, i.e. not exclusive use. Commentary on boat through headphones. Guide will accompany guests but not do the guiding.

Tour order may vary.

Vasa Museum & Time On Your Own

NY1-180 Approximately 8 hours / From \$119



Discover Stockholm's 750 years of history, art and culture when you begin your day with a comprehensive motorcoach tour of this beautiful city, spanning 14 separate islands connected by more than 50 bridges.

Begin in Gamla Stan, Stockholm's Old Town founded in the 1300s. In this exceptionally well preserved medieval district, meandering streets lined with antique shops and cafes lead the way to spectacular Stockholm Cathedral, the city's oldest church and the site of many royal weddings, funerals and coronations from the 13th century to the present. Here, you will also find the dazzling 13th century Royal Palace, currently housing the offices of the Royal Court of Sweden. Walk down Vasterlanggatan, Old Town's number one tourist street, see Stortorget, the charming center square, and view many other 17th and 18th century landmark buildings and monuments.

Continue through the City Center for panoramic views of the area, and cross into the neighboring island of Djurgården, where splendid parklands and gardens greet you in this area known as Stockholm's outdoor recreation center. Djurgården is home to the famed Vasa Museum, which you'll have ample time to explore. Step inside for a unique opportunity to view the Vasa, a 226-foot-long warship that sank on its maiden voyage in the middle of Stockholm Harbor. Poorly designed and top-heavy, the Vasa sailed for only about one nautical mile before plunging to a watery grave in 1628. Over 300 years passed before she was raised from the harbor in 1961. Due to the unique chemical makeup of the Baltic Sea, the ship suffered relatively little decay. This fact, combined with the careful preservation techniques of the ship's restorers, resulted in an ancient ship that is almost 95 percent in its original form.

The museum houses 11 permanent exhibits, each dedicated to a different aspect of the ship's history. Thousands of artifacts found on board the Vasa are on display. Learn about how the crew would have lived on board, delight in the ship's fine sculptures and detail, and read about the people on the ship who died tragically.

At the completion of your museum visit, re-board the motorcoach for a drive through Diplomat Town and Östermalm, a fashionable neighborhood of stately apartment buildings before you'll enjoy free time for lunch and independent exploration down-town. Your day concludes with a pleasant drive back to the pier.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The drive between Nynashamn and Stockholm is approximately one hour.

Guide will meet at the pier but time on own and transfer back to Nynäshamn is unguided.

Stockholm City Drive & Vasa Museum

NY1-200 Approximately 5 hours / From \$99



Begin your day of adventure with a scenic motorcoach ride to Stockholm. Often described as the "Capital of Scandinavia," Stockholm traces its origins back eight centuries. The city covers 14 separate islands connected by bridges, bays, channels and inlets. Your guided drive will include several of the city's districts, each with a history all its own.

Drive through Old Town ("Gamla Stan"), Stockholm's oldest quarter and a true living museum. Your guide will highlight many of the landmark buildings and impart their dramatic history. Keep your camera at the ready for such sights as the 13th century Royal Palace, still in use today as the location for official royal business. Spy the Stockholm Cathedral, the oldest church in the city and the site of coronations and royal weddings.

On the nearby island of Riddarholmen, pass the impressive church with its cast iron steeple, known as a place for royal burials. The Old Wrangel Palace, once known as the King's House, today houses the Court of Appeal. From the waterfront there is a wonderful view of the impressive City Hall, site of the annual Nobel Prize Banquet.

Then, pass through City Center, the focal point of modern Stockholm, en route to the Island of Djurgården, a lush oasis of parks and canals that has been royal land since the 15th century. Tour this picturesque recreation area and see some of its highlights, such as walking trails, gardens and a zoo, before stopping at the Vasa Museum.

A visit to the Vasa Museum is a chance to relive the historic events of the Vasa, one of the world's largest and most important warships. Only 20 minutes into her maiden voyage in 1628, the Vasa's poor construction got the better of it, and it sank into the Stockholm Harbor. There it lay for over 300 years until preservationists were able to resurrect it from the ocean floor. Due to the unique chemical makeup of the water there, the ship had deteriorated only slightly. Ninety-five percent of it has been restored to its original glory. In addition, over 12,000 artifacts were rescued from the ship and are on display in the museum. The Vasa Museum includes a variety of multimedia displays and exhibits, and a walk through its halls takes you back to an era when Sweden was a world power.

After your visit to the Vasa Museum, resume your motorcoach tour, passing through Diplomat Town and the fashionable neighborhood of Östermalm, where stately apartment buildings and designer boutiques adorn the upscale enclave.

Your tour fittingly concludes with a photo stop in Fjällgatan, one of Stockholm's highest points, for spectacular views of the city skyline and its shimmering waterways, making the perfect place to capture a photograph commemorating your sight-filled day. From here, enjoy a scenic unguided drive back to port.

Special Notes

The drive between Nynashamn and Stockholm is approximately one hour.

Guide will meet at the pier but transfer back to Nynäshamn is unguided.

Tour order may vary.

Vasa Museum, Gamla Stan & Royal Armoury

NY1-105 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$199



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through the country side towards Stockholm and then on through the city center to the Vasa Museum, a museum built specifically to house the Vasa, the oldest fully preserved ship in the world.

During your city drive, you'll pass the neighboring island of Djurgården, regarded as Stockholm's outdoor recreation center, and such historic sites as the National Museum and the Royal Dramatic Theater.

Upon arriving at the Vasa Museum, you'll witness the historic vessel with more than 95 percent of the ship in its original form. In 1628, the too thin, too tall Vasa sailed for less than 20 minutes when the wind caught her sails and toppled the warship. The ship sank almost immediately and stayed in the mud of the Stockholm harbor for over 300 years before she was raised in 1961. Not only was the ship perfectly preserved in the brackish water of the Baltic Sea, but over 12,000 artifacts were also recovered. After a guided tour, you'll explore the museum's other exhibits and displays of historic items recovered from the harbor floor. Souvenir shopping is also

on the agenda.

After a good Swedish lunch, you'll depart for the Old Town and a visit to the Royal Armoury, an award-winning museum located in vaults beneath the Royal Palace. On a walking tour, you'll witness exhibitions of royal parade coaches, armors, weapons and coronation robes from the 1500s. You'll see Gustav II Adolf's horse from the Battle of Lützen (1632) and Gustav III's costume from the fateful masquerade at the Opera in 1792.

Continue with a guided tour of Stockholm's oldest quarter. Walk through narrow lanes and alleys, pass the 13th century Royal Palace, currently housing the offices of the Royal Court of Sweden, and the adjacent Great Cathedral, the city's oldest church and the site of many royal weddings and coronations. Continue along the cobblestoned streets for views of a variety of 16th-19th century buildings and monuments.

At the completion of your walking tour of Old Town, you'll have free time to explore the Old Town on your own. Check out Vasterlanggatan, Old Town's number one tourist street, and Marten Trotzig Alley, the narrowest alley in Stockholm, with sections only 35.4 inches wide.

After your free time you'll board your motorcoach for a relaxing drive back to the pier.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The drive between Nynashamn and Stockholm is approximately one hour. Guide will meet at the pier but transfer back to Nynäshamn is unguided.

Tour order may vary.

Connoisseur

Nobel Prize Museum & City Hall

NY1-130 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$199



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a drive through the country towards Stockholm and Gamla Stan, the Old Town where Stockholm began over eight centuries ago.

Upon arriving, you'll join your guide for a narrated walking tour, strolling the narrow, cobbled streets, witnessing buildings from the 16th to 19th centuries. Your first stop is the Nobel Museum, located in Stockholm's original Stock Exchange building. The museum, opened in 2001 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Prize, features the portraits and prize citations of all the 700-plus winners. Together with your guide, you'll walk through the history of the 20th century Nobel Laureates and learn more about the Nobel Prize and its founder. You'll also have time to browse in the museum shop for souvenirs.

After having a typical Swedish lunch, your tour continues with a scenic drive to Stadshuset, Stockholm's City Hall. The massive, fortress-like red brick structure is crowned with a tower and a cupola topped with the three golden crowns of historic Sweden, the Swedish national coat of arms. Behind the magnificent facades are offices and session halls for politicians and officials, as well as assembly rooms and unique works of art. You'll make your way to the Blue Hall, scene of the annual Nobel Award banquet, and the Golden Hall, with its 18 million gold mosaic tiles illustrating Swedish history. Before departing, you're free to shop for specially designed souvenirs and presents that commemorate City Hall and Stockholm.

Following the visit there will be free time to enjoy the city on your own.

Next, you'll travel to Fjällgatan, one of Stockholm's highest points, offering panoramic views of the city skyline and its graceful waterways. Here, you'll marvel at the breathtaking scenery as you capture a photo or two.

Your tour concludes with a relaxing drive back to the pier. With Stockholm behind you, you leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories of a lifetime.

Special Notes

The drive between Nynashamn and Stockholm is approximately one hour. Guide will meet at the pier but transfer back to Nynäshamn is unguided.

Fjällgatan photo-stop is subject to traffic situation.

Tour order may vary.

Vasa Museum, Gamla Stan & Royal Armoury (Guided in Mandarin)

NY1-990 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$199



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through the country side towards Stockholm and then on through the city center to the Vasa Museum, a museum built specifically to house the Vasa, the oldest fully preserved ship in the world.

During your city drive, you'll pass the neighboring island of Djurgården, regarded as Stockholm's outdoor recreation center, and such historic sites as the National Museum and the Royal Dramatic Theater.

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At the completion of your walking tour of Old Town, you'll have free time to explore the Old Town on your own. Check out Vasterlanggatan, Old Town's number one tourist street, and Marten Trotzig Alley, the narrowest alley in Stockholm, with sections only 35.4 inches wide.

After your free time you'll board your motorcoach for a relaxing drive back to the pier.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The drive between Nynashamn and Stockholm is approximately one hour. Guide will meet at the pier but transfer back to Nynäshamn is unguided.

Tour order may vary.

Special Interests

Nynashamn Surroundings & Viking Toste

NY1-265 Approximately 3 hours / From \$59



Nynäshamn boasts a beautiful countryside, vibrant town center and magnificent views of the sea from the mainland. A short motorcoach drive from port affords the opportunity to take in the beauty of this petite city, drive along the beautiful Strandvägen road with its magnificent views of the archipelago, make a brief stop at the Nature Reserve of Lövhagen and learn a little about the Swedish flora and fauna before continuing along the paths of the Vikings.

There are 27 rune stones in the municipality of Nynäshamn, and some can be traced back to the 11th century, during the Viking Age. Rune stones are not gravestones as many believe, but they are created in memory of ancestors that have passed away. A photo of these intricately carved works of art is a wonderful way to commemorate your visit to Nynäshamn.

Your guide will tell you about the Vikings and the adventures of Viking Toste who, in 1036, made the decision to join a Viking expedition to the Caspian Sea (from which he never returned). Several old rune stones can be seen along the way and you'll stop at the Stone of Toste, situated in the forest just a brief walk from the coach. In the 11th century, the pagans slowly had to make room for Christianity and the first Christian churches were built.

Then, continue on to Ösmo Church, originally dating back to the 12th century but renovated in the 14th century. When you step inside, you'll see beautiful paintings created by Albertus Pictor, considered the most celebrated church painter of the Middle Ages. It is in this spot where the noted Swedish author August Strindberg gave trial sermons in the 19th century.

At the completion of your informative day exploring the highlights of Nynäshamn, you will also visit the small marina at Nynashamn before your return drive back to port.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Tour order may vary.

Inside visit to church subject to no service/functions taking place.

ABBA The Museum & City Tour**NY1-160 Approximately 7 hours / From \$189**

Depart from the pier, driving through the Swedish countryside towards the city where you will begin a panoramic sightseeing tour. The comfortable motorcoach travels along Strandvägen, a spectacular wide boulevard created in the second half of the 19th century, and continues to the neighboring island of Djurgården for views of its splendid gardens, parklands, Vasa Museum and the spectacular new ABBA museum.

ABBA fever is alive and well in Stockholm, and you can experience all the music, stories and clothing of this legendary band in their very own museum built in 2013 as part of the new Swedish Music Hall of Fame. Upon arrival, embark on a 90-minute, informative, self-guided audio tour that takes you through the sprawling career of this sensational band whose sales have topped 400 million albums around the world.

ABBA The Museum features displays that span the band's career, starting in the 1970s with their breakthrough song "Waterloo" in 1974. As you tour the galleries, you'll learn more about their grand worldwide tours, the events leading up to their split in 1983 and how ABBA lives on in such projects as the spectacular stage show and feature film Mamma Mia!

ABBA The Museum offers much more than static displays of costumes, gold records and memorabilia. The museum highlights the band's meteoric rise to stardom, and members of the original band were involved in the development of the museum, ensuring visitors would experience what it was like to be a member of the band! Enter the replica of Polar Studio, where the band recorded, and see and touch the equipment used in the original studio. Dance to the songs you love on a flashing dance floor, sit behind the controls of the famed helicopter from the "Arrival" album cover and "perform" with the band in a high-tech hologram show!

At the completion of your museum visit, rejoin the motorcoach and continue your panoramic sightseeing tour through Stockholm's city center and medieval section known as Old Town. As an added bonus, your guide will point out ABBA-related sites, such as City Hall where Benny performed for the very first time, the Royal Opera, scene of ABBA's legendary 1976 royal wedding gala performance, and the homes of some of the band members.

After having free time to lunch and to enjoy the city on own, your rock 'n' roll tour of music and memories concludes with a relaxing motorcoach ride back to port.

Special Notes

The drive between Nynashamn and Stockholm is approximately one hour. Guide will meet at the pier but transfer back to Nynäshamn is unguided.

City Drive & Skyview**NY1-290 Approximately 5 hours / From \$109**

Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a relaxing drive through the Stockholm countryside before reaching the city limits to start your panoramic drive through the city districts of Gamla Stan, Södermalm and Östermalm, each with its own distinct character. Keep your camera ready, as photo opportunities abound at virtually every turn.

You'll cross Gamla Stan, the enchanting, medieval Old Town where Stockholm began over eight centuries ago, and pass Blasieholmen, home to the National Museum, upscale hotels, entertainment venues, auction houses and art galleries.

Pass the Royal Palace, Royal Opera and the Parliament building as your tour continues with a drive past the city center, the focal point of modern Stockholm and Östermalm, a fashionable neighborhood of stately apartment buildings. You'll continue across the Western Bridge for a magnificent view of Riddarfjärden bay and Stadshuset, Stockholm's City Hall, by the waterside. On Södermalm, the large island of Stockholm's south side comprised of a number of small closely integrated neighborhoods, you'll make a photo stop at Fjällgatan, one of Stockholm's highest points offering panoramic views of the city skyline and its graceful waterways.

Be one with the sky as you ride one of the most remarkable attractions in Sweden - the SkyView. The Ericsson Globe Arena, resembling a giant golf-ball, is the largest spherical building in the world. An exhilarating two-minute ride will take you to the top of the Globe. At 130 meters above sea level, the "bubble" will stop for you to have ample time to marvel over the magnificent view over the city.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Medical Restriction

Skyride not recommended for those with fear of heights

Special Notes

Guide will meet at the pier but transfer back to Nynäshamn is unguided.

Fjällgatan photo-stop is subject to traffic situation.

City Drive & Skyview (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)

NY1-291 Approximately 5 hours / From \$119



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a relaxing drive through the Stockholm countryside before reaching the city limits to start your panoramic drive through the city districts of Gamla Stan, Södermalm and Östermalm, each with its own distinct character. Keep your camera ready, as photo opportunities abound at virtually every turn.

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Child Price

12 & under reduced

Medical Restriction

Skyride not recommended for those with fear of heights

Special Notes

This is the same tour as NY1-290. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book NY1-290. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

Guide will meet at the pier but transfer back to Nynäshamn is unguided.

Fjällgatan photo-stop is subject to traffic situation.

Stockholm Ice Bar & Gamla Stan

NY1-315 Approximately 5.5 hours / From \$149



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through the Swedish country side to the Nordic Sea Hotel, home to the Stockholm Ice Bar. En route, you'll travel through Gamla Stan, the Old Town where Stockholm began over eight centuries ago. Keep your camera ready, as you'll witness the 18th-century Royal Palace from a vantage point opposite Old Town's waterfront.

Upon arriving at the the Stockholm Ice Bar, you'll don a warm fur poncho and mittens and enjoy a Vodka based drink served in an ice glass, while learning about the bar and its construction. Everything in Ice Bar is built from pure ice, from the walls, the stools to the artwork. The ice from Torne River, known for its unique purity, is harvested at the ICEHOTEL, a hotel built of ice and snow, in Jukkasjärvi every winter.

Next on your itinerary is a guided walk through Gamla Stan. You'll stroll the narrow, cobbled streets and view buildings from the 16th to 19th centuries, as well as art studios, chic boutiques, restaurants and shops. You'll have free time to explore and shop before your return drive to Nynäshamn and the pier.

Child Price

12 years and under

Special Notes

Guide will meet at the pier but transfer back to Nynäshamn is unguided.

Tour order may vary.

Exploring On Your Own**Stockholm On Your Own**

NY1-185 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$59



Grab your guidebook and camera for your exciting day of independent exploration of Stockholm, one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

The motorcoach will bring you to the lively City Center area, the gateway to many of Stockholm's most popular attractions. You'll have 5 1/2-hours to explore this fascinating city on your own. Stockholm is pedestrian-friendly and has an excellent public transportation system.

The district known as Gamla Stan, Stockholm's enchanting Old Town, is a must-see. Narrow, cobbled streets are lined with buildings from the 16th-19th centuries. Here, you can visit such sights as the Great Cathedral, the city's oldest church and home to the renowned 15th century sculpture of St. George slaying the dragon, and the Nobel Museum located in Stockholm's original Stock Exchange building.

Keep your camera handy as you view the 13th century Royal Palace from the exterior, currently housing the offices of the Royal Court of Sweden. You'll want to walk down Vasterlanggatan, Old Town's number one tourist street, brimming with souvenir shops and restaurants, and you won't want to miss the alley of Marten Trotzig, which has the distinction of being the narrowest alley in Stockholm, with sections only 35.4 inches wide.

Another premier destination is the beautiful neighboring island of Djurgården, an exquisite oasis of parks, gardens and canals that has been royal land since the 15th century. Djurgården is best known for the great Vasa Museum, where you can relive the historic events of the Vasa, considered one of the world's most important warships. Eleven permanent exhibits is at display, and multimedia exhibits chronicle the history of this triumphant-turned-tragic maritime behemoth. This museum does get crowded, so you might want to make it the first stop of your day.

One of the most fascinating buildings in Stockholm is the Stadshuset, Stockholm's City Hall. This massive, red brick structure is ornamented with a tower and a cupola topped with the three golden crowns of historic Sweden. Peer into the Blue Hall to see the setting of the annual Nobel Award banquet, and the Golden Hall, where 18 million gold mosaic tiles ornately illustrate Swedish history. The only way to visit the City Hall is by taking part in a guided tour. Therefore there are no general opening hours, but the building is open for visitors when a public guided tour is available.

When you're in need of refreshments, you'll find a plethora of wonderful cafes and restaurants in Stockholm, one of Europe's most eclectic "foodie" scenes. If you don't want to pause for a sit-down meal, stop at a street vendor or one of Stockholm's food halls, where you'll enjoy traditional Swedish food, known as husmanskost. Although vodka is the drink most associate with Sweden, locals favor an ice-cold potato liquor with a spicy flavor called Aquavit. But be careful, it packs quite a punch!

At the completion of this exhilarating day, return to the designated pick-up location and enjoy a relaxing motorcoach ride back to port while chatting with fellow travelers about the amazing sights you visited.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The drive between Nynashamn and Stockholm is approximately one hour.

Off the Beaten Path

Stockholm by Rooftop & Gamla Stan**NY1-440 Approximately 6 hours / From \$219**

Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a drive through the Swedish country side to Stockholm and Riddarholmen, a small islet in central Stockholm that houses a number of palaces dating back to the 17th century.

View the exterior of Riddarholmen Church, a 13th-century monastery built by Franciscan monks and the final resting place of most Swedish kings. Adjacent to the church is the Old Parliament Building, the starting point for your rooftop adventure.

You'll ride the elevator to the attic and step out into the open. After a safety orientation, you'll don your helmet and safety harness, and navigate the narrow, iron-railed path of the rooftop as your guide narrates stories of Stockholm and points out the views.

From atop the Old Parliament Building, you'll witness Stockholm from above and such sites as the stately 608-room Royal Palace on the waterfront.

Next, you'll embark on a narrated walking tour, strolling the narrow, cobbled streets, witnessing buildings from the 16th to 19th centuries, as well as art studios, chic boutiques, restaurants and shops. After the tour there will also be free time for own activities, shopping or lunch.

Return to your motorcoach in time for your scenic drive back to the pier.

Child Price

12 years and under only

Medical Restriction

Guest with cardiovascular problems, fear of heights or the tendency to faint should not participate

Special Notes

Participants must be at least 150 cms (4.9 feet) tall. Guest with cardiovascular problems, fear of heights or the tendency to faint should not participate. Athletic shoes or walking shoes are recommended. A helmet and a safety harness connected to a wire system during the rooftop walk will be provided. Maximum weight allowance is 265 pounds. Guests may not be under the influence of alcohol.

Guide will meet at the pier but transfer back to Nynäshamn is unguided.

Tour order may vary.

RIB Boat Adventure**NY1-515 Approximately 2.5 hours / From \$249**

What do you get when you combine a fantastic nature experience with a thrilling RIB boat adventure? You get a unique and exhilarating way to explore one of the most beautiful archipelagos in the world.

Your experienced captain will guide you through the open waters and along the breathtaking landscape of the outer part of Stockholm's famed archipelago, the largest in Sweden and the second-largest in the Baltic Sea. Stretching about 150 miles long and 50 miles wide, this spectacular seaway consists of no fewer than 24,000 islands, islets and rocks and has been a source of inspiration for many of Sweden's authors and artists.

As you speed through the waters on a lightweight, high-performance RIB - a rigid inflatable boat - your skipper will provide fascinating facts about the wildlife and natural history of the islands. The RIB's small size allows access to areas that larger boats would not be able to navigate, so expect to experience an up-close level of detail of areas renowned for shipwrecks and marine life. You'll be provided special seaworthy clothing to protect you from the spray that blows aboard as your guide maneuvers through waters known for their excellent salmon fishing and diving.

Cruising to the archipelago's southern outpost, you'll reach Landsort, a historic lighthouse situated on Öja Island's southernmost promontory. One of the archipelago's most important pilot stations is located here along with a bird observatory. Keep an eye out for a variety of feathered friends, as this is where migrating birds are observed and ring-marked every year.

Your guided tour also takes you to the unusual areas of Järflottalandet and Torö, noted for its unique stony beaches. In addition to its jagged coastline, Torö's strong winds and high waves make it a favorite spot for windsurfers.

At the completion of your adventure, return to the harbor and your ship with tales and a camera filled with picturesque memories.

Medical Restriction

Tour is not suitable if you are pregnant, have a heart condition or a weak back.

Special Notes

All equipment, such as protective clothing and life jackets is included. Tour is not suitable if you are pregnant, have a heart condition or a weak back.

Due to wind or weather conditions, your captain may decide on a slightly different route.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF TAKING ORGANIZED EXCURSIONS?

A. There are a number of advantages to taking organized tours offered by Princess, such as:

Quality: We have carefully inspected all of our ports and we offer you excursions from only the most reputable local tour operators

Variety: All our tours are designed both to feature the most popular and interesting attractions in each port and to satisfy the diverse needs and interests of our passengers.

Service: What could be easier than letting us arrange your tours for you? Either by having your tours organized onboard so you can best maximize your time in port and avoid having to make independent, last-minute arrangements, or by pre-reserving all your excursions at princess.com. Princess is at your service.

Safety: Your safety and security are of the utmost importance to us and they are the primary consideration in the development and operation of our tour programs.

Value: We endeavor to select local tour operators who provide excursions of the highest quality and we carefully monitor prices to ensure that you are receiving good value. Remember to book early to receive the best possible price.

Q. WHAT DOES PRINCESS DO TO ENSURE MY SAFETY WHILE I'M ASHORE?

A. Our primary concern at Princess is your safety and security. We are in continual contact with authorities concerning any travel advisories that might impact our cruises. If the U.S. State Department advises against travel to specific locations we visit, we would make the necessary changes to the published itinerary. Although such itinerary changes occur infrequently, please understand that these changes are for your own safety and security and are beyond our control.

Despite all of our efforts and in light of recent world events, we remind all of our passengers that they must ultimately assume responsibility for their actions while ashore. In this regard, we would like to remind you of some common sense precautions when visiting ports-of-call:

- Stay in the normal tourist areas and don't travel to out-of the way places without the benefit of a guided tour offered through Princess.
- Do not leave any of your belongings unattended in public areas.
- Be generally aware of people and activities around you.
- Do not accept packages from anyone you don't know personally.
- Keep a low profile - dress and behave conservatively.
- Be careful when eating and drinking ashore.

We thank you in advance for following these recommendations, which we believe will enhance the enjoyment of your cruise or cruisetour.

Q. WILL I MISS THE SHIP IF I GO ON A SHORE EXCURSION?

A. One very important feature of taking a shore excursion organized by Princess is that we closely monitor the departures and returns of all our tours. Therefore, our ships do not sail until all of our organized tour transportation has returned, so you can be assured that you won't miss the ship. Please keep in mind that when you make your own arrangements in port, or if you leave an organized tour, we will no longer be aware of your whereabouts; so be sure to schedule ample time to return to the ship before it sails.

Q. HOW DO I RESERVE MY SHORE EXCURSIONS IN ADVANCE OF MY CRUISE?

A. Visit our website at princess.com for the most up-to date shore excursion information, full tour descriptions and to request your shore excursions up until 5 days prior to your cruise. The Cruise Personalizer is the fastest and most convenient way to reserve your shore excursions. Please keep in mind that you will receive your tickets when you arrive onboard and all of your shore excursion purchases are charged to your shipboard account. Advance payment is not accepted. Since shore excursions have limited capacity, we encourage you to reserve your tours as early as possible to avoid disappointment and confirm the best price. Reservations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

You may change shore excursion requests, but be advised that shore excursion prices may change. Requests to add tickets at a later time can be made but these tickets may be at a higher price than those previously booked. If you request a shore excursion which you previously cancelled, these requests will be confirmed at the current shore excursion price, which may be higher.

Q. HOW DO I RESERVE MY LAND EXCURSIONS IN ADVANCE OF MY CRUISETOUR?

A. When you are ready to pre-reserve your land excursions, go to the Cruise Personalizer and have your booking number and credit card information ready to enter. A credit card must be registered for each passenger that wishes to participate on a land excursion and we accept Princess Visa, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Diner's Club. Credit cards used to pre-reserve land excursions must be valid through the full length of your cruisetour and may also be used to establish your shipboard account. Although a credit card is required to reserve your excursion(s), guests are able to pre-reserve all of their land excursions with no deposit required. An auto-charge of all pre-reserved excursions will take place two days prior to your first Land Excursion booking. Confirmed pre-reserved excursions can be viewed at any time in your detailed itinerary in the Cruise Personalizer. The Cruise Personalizer will remain open until your cruisetour departure date so you may add or cancel tours prior to the cancellation deadline without penalty. Excursions cancelled once the auto-charge has been processed are subject to a 100% penalty. Note that excursion availability is based on cruisetour date, capacity limitations, and suitable weather conditions. Excursions are subject to change at any time and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Guests are encouraged to book early as space is limited and flightseeing tours in particular may not be available for pre-reserving right up to tour departure date. Prior to travel, print your Travel Summary which will have a listing of all of your pre-reserved land excursions. You will also receive information on confirmed excursions in your Welcome Envelope upon arrival at each location.

Q. HOW CAN I BE SURE I AM CONFIRMED ON THE EXCURSIONS I WANT?

A. When you book your excursions online at princess.com, you receive an immediate confirmation of the status and price of your requested excursion. The site shows the remaining capacity on all tours, so you know if you are confirmed or waitlisted. To avoid disappointment and confirm the best price, please reserve your excursions as early as possible. If the specific tour time you requested is fully booked, Princess may schedule you on an alternate departure that corresponds with your other tour selections.

If your shore excursion choice is not available, we will put you on a waitlist and attempt to obtain more space on the shore excursion. If you have companions traveling with you in your stateroom or in other staterooms and would like everyone to be on the same shore excursion departure, order all the excursions under one name. Requests made individually, even if at the same time, may cause you to be booked on a different departure than your companions or waitlisted on an excursion for which your companions are confirmed.

Land Excursions can not be waitlisted but we actively request more space wherever possible from our tour operators; if a tour is sold out we encourage guests to revisit the Cruise Personalizer at a later date and they can also check for more availability at the tour desks in our Alaska ports.

Q. MAY I TAKE MORE THAN ONE TOUR IN A SINGLE PORT OF CALL?

A. Yes. In Alaska, Canada/New England, the Caribbean, Panama Canal, Hawaii and Mexico, allow at least 30 minutes between each tour. In all other regions, allow at least 60 minutes between each tour. All tours depart from, and return to, the cruise ship pier. By scheduling the appropriate amount of time between tours, you will have sufficient time to take multiple excursions.

Q. CAN I CANCEL AN SHORE EXCURSION I'VE REQUESTED?

A. Due to the limited capacity and high demand for helicopter flights and private vehicle options, these shore excursions are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation.

For all other shore excursions, a "Closing Time for Bookings" for each port of call is listed on the Tour Order Form you will receive onboard in your stateroom. This is the time when the bookings for the tours in that port close and we notify the local operators of the final shore excursion requirements. You may cancel an excursion if it is prior to the closing time whether you reserved in advance or onboard. We cannot cancel a shore excursion if it is past this closing time, nor can we refund shore excursions on which you choose not to go. All shore excursions operate rain or shine unless cancelled by the tour operator.

Q. CAN I CANCEL A LAND EXCURSION I'VE REQUESTED?

A. Due to the exclusive nature and advanced planning required for excursions involving hotel accommodations, airline flights and some flightseeing tours, these excursions are not refundable within 30 days of sailing. A fee will be assessed onboard for any of these tours cancelled within 30 days of sailing.

Land Excursions, pre-reserved through the Cruise Personalizer, may be cancelled up to the Land Excursion cancellation deadline which is two days prior to your first land excursion booking. At the cancellation deadline, all pre-reserved land excursions will be auto-charged using the credit card that you provided in the Cruise Personalizer to reserve your tours. Excursions cancelled once the auto-charge has been processed are subject to a 100% penalty, unless the operator, at their sole discretion, is unable to operate the program due to unforeseen circumstances. All sales of tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of an operator approved cancellation.

Q. CAN I REQUEST TO BE REFUNDED FOR MY LAND EXCURSION.

A. In the event of any excursion being cancelled for reasons beyond our control, a full refund will be made. Land

Excursions that were pre-reserved, charged and then cancelled due to weather or other operator approved cancellation will be refunded using the same credit card used to book your excursions. These refunds will typically be reflected on your credit card statement between 7-10 business days after cancellation. Tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of a cancellation by the vendor. Should any excursion have to be abandoned through force majeure or difficulties en route, the best possible refund will be arranged according to the circumstances.

Q. HOW DOES THE PRINCESS EXCURSIONS PROGRAM OPERATE ONBOARD?

A. Our Shore Excursion Manager runs the onboard portion of the Princess Shore Excursions program. Tour Office staff are available to answer questions and make shore excursion reservations for you. Once onboard in your stateroom, you will find tickets for the shore excursions you reserved in advance. If you have not yet reserved tours or would like to purchase additional shore excursions, you will find a Tour Order Form in your stateroom. You will also find a schedule of daily activities, the Princess Patter, which features important program information including Tour Office hours and the closing time for shore excursion bookings. Remember, tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and space on shore excursions is limited, so book early. A Tour Order Form drop box is located near the Tour Office where you may deposit your order form at any time.

Q. ARE THERE CHILDREN'S PRICES AVAILABLE?

A. Yes, on some tours for children age 12 and under. If you are traveling with children, please pre-reserve the number of child tickets you would like on the Cruise Personalizer. If the adult and child price is the same, please order all tickets as adult. Once onboard the ship or at one of our land excursion destinations, check your tour tickets to ensure you have received the correct number of adult and child tickets. Visit the Tour Office as soon as possible to make any necessary adjustments. Parents are also responsible for bringing a safety seat for their child.

On most helicopter and flightseeing tours, children 24 months of age and older are required to have their own seat. Children under 24 months are considered lap infants and may ride free of charge if the tour operator can accommodate them - with prior arrangement through the onboard Tour Office. Parents must show proof of age to the tour operator for any lap infant. Children under the age of 24 months are not able to participate on a helicopter tour.

Q. ARE PRIVATE SHORE EXCURSION OPTIONS AVAILABLE WHERE I CAN CUSTOMIZE MY TOUR?

A. Yes, in many ports we offer shore excursions that can be customized to your specifications. On these tours you are able to book exclusive use of the tour vehicle (automobile, boat or plane) and tailor the tour to include activities and venues you want to experience.

Due to the limited capacity and highly specialized nature of these excursions, they are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation or prior to the booking closing time for the port which is listed on the onboard Tour Order Form (whichever is first). Once onboard the ship, you may be provided with a preference card to advise the tour operator of your selected itinerary and interests. The onboard Tour Staff will gladly assist you and provide recommendations.

Please note these shore excursions are sold per transport, not per person, so only one passenger should make the reservation for the entire group. This is a private arrangement and those accompanying you are the guests you choose; Princess does not match up individual passengers to form a private group for the vehicle. The price listed includes the means of transport and/or private guide and does not include gratuities, meals and attraction entrance fees (unless indicated otherwise) as these will vary based on your choices.

Q. ARE THERE AGE OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON TOURS?

A. For most tours, there is no minimum age for children as long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Passengers under the age of 18 years cannot participate without a parent or guardian. Please review the tour description notes for the most current restrictions and any exceptions; a few operators may allow an unaccompanied minor on tour if a waiver is signed by the parent or guardian in the operator's presence. Any other restrictions imposed by the tour operator are listed in the "Special Notes" section of each tour description.

Q. IS A VISA REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THE PORTS I VISIT?

A. Please review the information detailed in the "Itinerary" section of the Cruise Personalizer regarding any applicable visas for your specific voyage.

Q. IS ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE ON SHORE EXCURSIONS?

A. Passports, visas and other documentation may be required on certain shore excursions. Please review the "Special Notes" section of the shore excursion for full details. Notarized written consent is required for children crossing international borders without both parents.

Q. ARE THE EXCURSIONS GUIDED?

A. Yes. All of our excursions include local English-speaking guides except for On Your Own tours and where otherwise noted.

Q. SHOULD I TIP THE TOUR GUIDE?

A. Tipping is a discretionary matter; however, it is customary, if one is pleased with their tour, to tip the tour guide. A

general rule of thumb is \$2 per person for a half-day tour and \$5 per person for a full-day tour.

Q. WHAT TYPE OF CLOTHING SHOULD I WEAR WHILE ON TOUR OR IN PORT?

A. During your cruise, the climate can range from temperate and cool to hot and humid. Please plan to dress in layered, light- to medium-weight clothing and comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes. Since weather conditions may vary, we suggest you also pack a sweater, a light jacket and an all-weather coat. In addition, don't forget a hat or visor, a collapsible umbrella, sunglasses, sun screen and of course your camera and extra film and batteries. Please note that for water-related excursions where we suggest you wear your bathing suit, cover-up and hat, we have placed a symbol next to the shore excursion description.

If you plan to participate on an overland tour and will need to recharge video equipment or use a hair dryer, we suggest you bring an international adapter. Whenever you plan on going ashore, we highly encourage you to leave your valuables and jewelry onboard. While ashore, please take care in protecting your purses, cameras and other personal items. Minimizing personal belongings brought ashore could expedite the security process when reboarding the ship. We suggest you carry a photocopy of your passport when going ashore as you may need your passport number to exchange currency.

Please be mindful that in some of the countries you will visit, the local people may have somewhat more conservative views concerning dress than those to which you are accustomed. Generally shorts, tank tops, and short skirts are not acceptable dress when visiting churches or places of worship. Specific information regarding appropriate dress in these ports is provided with the shore excursion. For all golf tours, collared shirts and either long pants or Bermuda-style shorts are required (no cut-offs, bathing suits, etc.).

Q. WILL I MISS MEALS IF I GO ON SHORE EXCURSIONS?

A. Our wide variety of dining venues, including a 24-hour buffet, means there are always meal options available onboard that fit within the shore excursion timing you select.

Q. IS THERE TIME FOR SHOPPING ON THE EXCURSIONS?

A. Shopping is, for many, an important part of travel and, wherever possible, time for this activity is allowed within the framework of many of our shore excursions. Please note, however, that the actual amount of time available for shopping is generally limited.

Q. DO THE EXCURSIONS INCLUDE MUCH WALKING AND STAIR CLIMBING?

A. All of our excursions involve some walking and some excursions include more walking and stair climbing than others. Walking may be over uneven surfaces such as cobblestone city streets or the rocky pathways of ancient ruins. On many excursions, it is necessary to negotiate stairs. Please keep in mind that many of the buildings you will be visiting may have been constructed well before conveniences such as elevators were invented and have been preserved in their original state. Please refer to our tour symbols with each excursion description for more information and guidance.

Q. WHAT ELSE SHOULD I ANTICIPATE IN PORTS?

A. Keep in mind that some sites you will be visiting are extremely popular among both tourists and locals. Therefore, you may encounter crowded conditions, whether participating in one of our tours or sightseeing on your own. Regrettably, we have no control over this situation. With regard to photography, some venues may prohibit the use of flash cameras, so fast-speed film is recommended. In some places, photography or video may be prohibited altogether or a fee may be imposed. We ask that you observe any restrictions and, if in doubt, ask your guide for assistance.

Q. AM I REQUIRED TO WEAR SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON TOUR?

A. Yes, on certain tours it is mandatory that you wear the appropriate safety equipment in order to participate. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to snorkel vests, life vests, helmets, etc.

Q. WHAT IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A CERTIFIED DIVE TOUR?

A. An open-water scuba certification card must be presented in order to participate in a certified dive tour. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate divers with either a Junior Open Water or a Scuba Diver rating due to the depth limitations imposed by these certifications. The sport-diving industry recommends that divers take an update course if they have not been diving within the last six months. Please note that some dive operators may reserve the right to refuse to take divers who cannot provide proof of the date of their last dive or scuba review course. We recommend you bring a log book or proof that you have recently completed a review course.

There are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you will be required to complete a medical-history form and liability waiver/release form that will be supplied onboard or by the tour operator. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or the need to take medication to control blood pressure, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraines headaches, recurrent ear problems, severe motion sickness and presently taking prescription

medicines with the exception of birth control. Passengers are welcome to bring and use their own personal equipment, but it must be stored in their stateroom and there is no reduction in the tour price.

Q. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN AN INTRODUCTORY/DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING TOUR?

A. Yes, there are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you must complete a medical history form and liability waiver/release form that will be provided on board or by the tour operator at the beginning of the tour. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure, presently taking prescription medicines with the exception of birth control, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraine headaches, recurrent ear problems, and severe motion sickness. For Introductory Scuba Diving tours there is a minimum age of 10. Passengers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Q. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN A SNUBA DIVING, HELMET DIVING OR UNDERWATER SCOOTER TOUR?

A. Yes, there are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you will be required to complete a medical-history form and liability waiver/release form that will be supplied onboard or by the tour operator. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure, presently taking prescription medicines with the exception of birth control, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraine headaches, recurrent ear problems, and severe motion sickness. For helmet or SNUBA tours there is a minimum age of 8 years and passengers must weigh at least 75 pounds. For underwater scooter tours there is a minimum age of 10.

Q. ON SPORTFISHING EXCURSIONS, DO I GET TO KEEP THE FISH I CATCH?

A. Most sportfishing tours offered by Princess are part of a catch-and-release program. Fish that are edible and not endangered are typically landed and kept by the boat crew. Please remember you have purchased an opportunity to catch fish, not a guarantee of doing so. As one of our boat captains said, "We guarantee fishing, not catching."

In Alaska only, if your tour is not designated as catch and release, your catch can be processed and shipped home for an additional charge as arranged by the tour operator. Because of its perishable nature and U.S. Customs regulations, your catch may not be sent outside of the United States in most cases. Due to federal regulations, your catch may not be stored onboard the ship, but may be prepared for dinner onboard. Fish caught while at our lodges in Alaska, needs to be shipped home if not part of a catch-and-release program. In Alaska, fishing licenses are required and can be purchased on your boat for \$20 per person in cash (rates subject to change). Fishing for king salmon requires an additional \$10 retention tag (rates subject to change). Children under 16 do not need a license. Fish runs are dependent on spawning seasons, so during May and late-September fish stock may be more limited. Go to www.adfg.state.ak.us for more details on licensing requirements and fishing regulations in Alaska.

Q. WHAT SHOULD I KNOW BEFORE TAKING A HELICOPTER TOUR?

A. Due to weight and balance limitations, as well as passenger safety and comfort, the helicopter excursion companies have advised that passengers weighing 250 pounds or more (fully clothed) will be assessed a surcharge to reserve adequate space onboard the helicopter. The surcharge amount will be indicated in the "Special Notes" section of each tour.

Because of the limited capacity and high demand for helicopter tours, they are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation. Children 24 months of age and older are required to have their own seat. Children under 24 months are considered lap infants and may ride free of charge if the tour operator can accommodate them - with prior arrangement through the onboard Tour Office. Parents must show proof of age to the tour operator for any lap infant.

Carry-on bags are not allowed and limited secure storage is provided at the heliport. Helicopters may carry up to six guests depending on combined group weight. The flight length is approximate and flight route may vary due to weather conditions. Helicopter tours may be cancelled on short notice due to weather or safety issues. Warm clothing and sunglasses are recommended on helicopter tours. Dressing in layers is practical and lets you adjust your attire to meet changing conditions.

For helicopter tours in Denali National Park, a surcharge is not charged for guest over 250lbs. The helicopter company will assign aircraft and seats based on weight and balance. While every consideration is made to keep traveling companions and/or families together, this is not always possible for safety reasons.

Q. DOES PRINCESS OWN THE TOUR COMPANIES IN THE PORTS?

A. No, all of the shore excursions are operated by local, independent companies not by Princess; Princess retains a

portion of the total sale. We selected only the most reputable companies available to provide your excursions. The companies providing your excursions are selected by Princess based on their excellent reputation for service and safety.

Q. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PASSENGERS?

A. Our answer, of course, depends on the type and degree of the disability. The goal of Princess Cruises is to provide a safe comfortable cruise experience for all passengers. If you will be using a mobility device during your sailing we strongly recommend you travel with a person physically fit to assist with your needs both onboard and ashore.

If passengers are able to walk on their own, we recommend tours designated as requiring a moderate level of activity. The transport on some tours may be able to accommodate a collapsible wheelchair stored below the bus; scooters or motorized wheelchairs are often too large. If confined to a wheelchair, we would recommend reserving the excursions identified as wheelchair accessible (see Tour Symbols listed for each tour) or a private vehicle shore excursion. We also recommend that non-ambulatory passengers be accompanied by someone who is able to assist them throughout the duration of their day. Our Tour Staff can provide more information on touring options for non-ambulatory guests. Physically challenged passengers participating on a shore excursion must contact the Tour Office at least 48 hours prior to your excursion to ensure arrangements can be made to meet your particular needs.

Embarking and disembarking can be challenging for those with limited mobility. Many major ports of call provide easy access for wheelchairs and scooters. However due to various conditions: steepness of the gangway, weather, shoreside facilities and tidal and sea conditions, passengers using mobility devices may be required to transfer to a stair climber or be precluded from going ashore. Princess staff will make every effort to assist but are not allowed to individually physically lift more than 50 pounds (22 kg).

Some ports of call require the ship to anchor off shore. Passengers are then taken to shore by small boats or tenders. When tendering is required, passengers using mobility devices will not be transferred into or out of the tender, if lifting in excess of the above limitation is required. Many tender ports do not provide wheelchair access so even if the passenger can board the tender they may not be able to disembark ashore. Again the shoreside facilities, movement of the tender, weather and tidal conditions can also preclude tendering.

The decision to allow any passenger to board a tender or disembark the vessel will be made by the Captain on the basis of the safety and welfare of all involved and is final. If passengers are unable to tender or disembark because of circumstances outlined above there will be no refund or credit for missed ports. While Princess recognizes your disappointment the safety of both passengers and crew takes precedence.

For more information on the terms and conditions for Princess Shore Excursions, please refer to the Special Information section. Every effort will be made to accommodate all passengers on the tour of their choice but, tours are operated by independent local companies and not by Princess. The final determination to let any passenger participate is made by the tour operator and therefore if, in the judgment of the tour operator, the safety or comfort of any passenger is in question, guests may be denied participation. This evaluation may not be able to be determined until meeting directly with the local tour operator.

Special Information

CONDITIONS In selling tickets (including coupons or vouchers) or otherwise promoting or making arrangements for Excursions— whether for air, land or local water transportation; tours; sports or any other recreational activities; shore accommodations or meals or for any service, facility or activity other than onboard Princess' cruise ships – Princess acts only as agent for the independent tour operator supplying such excursions or services. Participation by a passenger in Excursions is conditioned upon such passenger's acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in the Passage Contract contained in the Cruise Ticket, the Excursion Ticket and, depending on the activity, other documents which, among other things, expressly release Princess from any liability for such participation. Participation may also be subject to the independent tour operators' own terms and conditions.

EXCURSION TIMINGS Departure times for each tour will be listed on princess.com in the Cruise Personalizer. For Shore Excursions, they will also be listed on the Tour Order Form, which you will receive onboard. These have been published according to information from our Tour Operators, but are subject to change should the vessel's arrival time at any port be delayed, or the itinerary for any particular excursion be amended. Please note that the time shown will be the time the last tour vehicle leaves the pier or hotel. Passengers are requested to report to the specified departure location (either onboard ship or shoreside) at the designated time, as delay on your part can interfere with the pleasure of your fellow passengers.

EXCURSIONS WITH LIMITED PARTICIPATION Shore Excursions may be purchased in advance of your cruise departure or onboard ship on a first-come, first served basis. Many of our excursions have limited participation and reservation requests will be processed in the order received. When excursions are fully subscribed, additional requests will be placed on a waiting list in the order received. Land Excursions can not be waitlisted but we actively request more space wherever possible from our tour operators; if a tour is sold out we encourage guests to revisit the Cruise Personalizer at a later date and they can also check for more availability at the tour desks in our Alaska ports.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS Coats, wraps, umbrellas, cameras, handbags, traveling bags and similar personal articles remain at all times through the tour under the passenger's custody and control. Be careful that you do not leave your possessions unattended at any time in the car or coach in which you are traveling.

PRICES The prices for Excursions are subject to change without notice; are per adult, per child or in some cases per vehicle. Prices are confirmed at the time of booking. All quotations made include conveyance according to the itinerary and, where applicable, meals, refreshments, guides and entrance fees, unless otherwise stated. Children, other than infants in arms, will be charged full fare unless noted otherwise.

SHOPPING Where possible, time for shopping has been allowed within the framework of some excursions. However, excursions are not primarily designed for shopping, and time allowed for this purpose may be limited.

REFUNDS No refunds can be made on any ticket, coupon or voucher unless notice of cancellation is given before the closing date indicated on the booking form for the excursions involved. The times when bookings will close will be published onboard. In the event of any excursion being canceled for reasons beyond our control, a full refund will be made. However, should any excursion have to be abandoned through force majeure or difficulties en route, the best possible refund will be arranged according to the circumstances. Land Excursions that were pre-reserved, charged and then cancelled due to weather or other operator approved cancellation will be refunded using the same credit card used to book your excursions. These refunds will typically be reflected on your credit card statement between 7-10 business days after cancellation. Tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of a cancellation by the vendor.

TRANSPORTATION Passengers should appreciate that standards of transport vary considerably throughout the world. Air-conditioned coaches are not available in many areas, and in some, local buses are the best available. Cars or taxis are also used at some ports where coach or bus transportation is not available or limited. Passengers wishing to travel with friends should all leave the ship together, as this will help the Tour Staff to allocate them space in the same vehicle. For the comfort of all passengers, smoking is prohibited aboard all sightseeing vehicles.

WITHDRAWAL OF TOURS The Tour Operator reserves the right to withdraw any excursion through lack of demand and to make any alterations that they may deem advisable for the comfort of the passengers, bearing in mind the convenience and best interest of each group.

ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT. It is our policy to maintain a positive and proactive position in relation to the environment. We realize that there is much work to be done to achieve our company goals. To this end we are continually striving to increase awareness of any environmental issues that are likely to affect any of the excursions we offer. We work closely with our local agents to convey any environmental messages in our shore excursion programs and therefore ask you to support us in our efforts by respecting the cultures, customs and environmental issues of the various destinations we visit.