



— 2026 —

SCANDINAVIA & NORTHERN EUROPE

WITH COACH & CRUISE TOUR

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Tour Length: 33 Days

Tour Departs: 30 April 2026

Tour Ends: 01 June 2026

OVERVIEW:

The tour is designed to highlight the outstanding rural and mountain scenery of Scandinavia as well as show us many of its historic and vibrant cities and towns. It is a tour of great variety utilising a range of transport options including coach, overnight ferry, rail and concluding with a wonderful cruise of the Norwegian fjords and coastal settlements.

Highlights

Helsinki: explore Finland's vibrant capital, renowned for its stunning architecture, lush parks, and dynamic cultural scene. Discover historic landmarks, bustling markets, and the unique blend of modern and traditional Finnish design.

Stockholm: discover Sweden's charming capital, featuring picturesque waterways, historic sites, and a blend of modern and medieval architecture. Enjoy its vibrant neighborhoods, world-class museums, and the scenic beauty of its archipelago.

Copenhagen: experience Denmark's enchanting capital, home to the iconic "Little Mermaid" statue and the whimsical Tivoli Gardens. Stroll along charming canals, explore historic castles, and indulge in the city's renowned culinary delights.

In addition to these:

- Overnight Baltic ferry
- "Under the Bridges" Cruise
- Tivoli Gardens & the "Little Mermaid"
- Hamburg
- Amsterdam

TOUR COST PER PERSON

Ocean View Stateroom

Share Twin or Double Room
NZD \$23,750.00pp
Total Cost with Single Supp.
NZD \$32,650.00pp

Veranda Stateroom

Share Twin or Double Room
NZD \$24,500.00pp
Total Cost with Single Supp.
NZD \$34,200.00pp

Our floating home for 14 nights "Holland America Nieuw Statendam"

Fluid lines and dramatic spaces make the Holland America Nieuw Statendam a modern beauty. The second in the line of our Pinnacle Class ships, her design draws inspiration from the elegant curves of musical instruments. When not relaxing in well-appointed suites or staterooms, guests will have many innovative dining and entertainment options—from Rudi's Sel de Mer to Canaletto to the Rolling Stone Lounge, B.B. King's Blues Club, and the visually stunning two-level World Stage.



TOUR COSTS

Included:

- Economy Class Air Travel from Auckland
- Upgrade to Business Class Air Travel available at additional cost
- Ocean View Staterooms (Cat D) on the cruise with the option to upgrade to a Veranda Stateroom (Cat VC)
- First Class hotel accommodation
- Air-conditioned coach transportation
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Prepaid airport/government taxes, security and fuel surcharges (as at 01/09/25)
- Sightseeing & entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary
- English speaking local hosts/guides in each country
- Tips/gratuities to guides, drivers & staff
- Baggage handling of one (1) piece per person, where possible
- Fully escorted by a Maher Tours Leader

Excluded:

- Any meals and sightseeing tours not specifically mentioned in the itinerary
- Shore Excursions during the cruise
- Travel insurance – advice and assistance offered
- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, room service, laundry, telephone charges etc.

Booking Conditions:

Initial Deposit - Due at time of booking

- NZD \$3,000.00 per person

Second Deposit - Due Friday 05 December 2025

- NZD \$3,000.00 per person

Final Payment - Due Thursday 05 February 2026

- Balance

To register for this tour please contact us at 0800 500 518 or tours@mahertours.co.nz



DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

Thursday 30 April

Auckland - Doha

This evening, we report to the airport and join the flight to Doha.

Friday 01 May

Doha (B,D)

We arrive in Doha early this morning and after clearing Customs and Immigration formalities, we are met and transferred to our hotel with an early check in. This afternoon we discover the best that Doha has to offer as we embark on a sightseeing tour through the Qatari capital. We explore the main highlights of the city including the Souq Waqif, and Pearl Island. We return to the hotel and enjoy our first dinner together at the hotel.



Saturday 02 May

Doha – Helsinki (B,D)

As early start this morning as we return to the airport and continue our journey. We arrive into Helsinki mid afternoon. We are met by our local representatives and transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the day is yours at leisure, until we meet up for dinner at the hotel this evening.

Sunday 03 May

Helsinki (B,D)

Today we enjoy a tour showing us the most interesting parts of Helsinki, Sibelius' monument, The Church in The Rock, Finlandia Hall, the Senate, markets and the domed Russian Church. There is some time at leisure before we meet and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Monday 04 May

Helsinki (B,L)

Today we tour The Fortress of Suomenlinna - a UNESCO Heritage site built in the second half of the 18th century by Sweden on a group of islands located at the entrance to Helsinki's harbour. It is an especially interesting example of European military architecture of the time. The purpose of the fortress was originally to defend the Kingdom of Sweden against the Russian Empire and to serve as a fortified army base. During our walking tour our guide will tell us about 270 years of eventful history of the fortress, under the rule of three different states, as well as the life on the island today. We will see the most important sights of the fortress, such as the Great Courtyard,

Piper's Park and the Dry Dock, which in its days was among the largest in the world. We return to our hotel later this afternoon and the evening is at leisure.

Tuesday 05 May

Helsinki – Overnight Cruise – Stockholm (B,D)

The morning is at leisure and late this afternoon we join the ferry for the overnight cruise to Stockholm, a wonderful journey sailing through the 2,500 islands of the Archipelago and it is still daylight at midnight. Outside cabins are reserved on the ship and we enjoy a buffet dinner on board.

Wednesday 06 May

Stockholm (B,D)

An early arrival in Stockholm followed by a sightseeing tour which features City Hall, where the Nobel Prize Banquets are held; see the Royal Palace; learn about the Swedish welfare state and realities of maintaining these first class benefits; visit the 17th century Vasa Galleon Warship, the most expensive and ornamented ship built in 17th Century. At the end of the tour, after checking into the hotel, the rest of the day is free.

Thursday 07 May

Stockholm (B)

This morning enjoy the 'under the bridges' of Stockholm cruise which shows the city from a different perspective. Sail under the fifteen bridges and locks connecting the Baltic Sea and Lake Malaren, see the various

Islands making Stockholm such a beauty on water. There is so much to enjoy about this city, a favourite with many of our travellers.

Friday 08 May

Stockholm – Copenhagen (B,D)

Today we travel by train from Stockholm to Copenhagen, enjoying the scenery as we pass lots of small towns and fertile farmland along the way. We arrive in Copenhagen late afternoon where we will be met and transferred to our hotel. We have a 3 night stay in Copenhagen, which sits on the coastal islands of Zealand and Amager.

Saturday 09 May

Copenhagen – Odense (B,D)

Today's excursion takes us to the island of Fyn and the city of Odense which was the childhood home of Hans Christian Andersen and where he received inspiration for so many of his famous tales. We visit his home and the museum before returning to Copenhagen.





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Sunday 10 May

Copenhagen (B,D)

Meet Hans Christian Andersen's 'Little Mermaid' gazing wistfully across the harbour, followed by a highlight visit inside the Danish Parliament Building to marvel at the opulent interior. See the Rosenborg and Amalienborg Palaces - we may see the changing of the guard; the Cathedral and the 19th century Theatre Royal. This evening, we visit the world famous Tivoli Gardens and enjoy dinner amidst the glittering lights.

Monday 11 May

Copenhagen – Hamburg (B,D)

From Copenhagen, we travel south through the island of Zealand and crossing the border into Germany. We will arrive to the maritime city of Hamburg. Check into your hotel and this evening enjoy an orientation walking tour and Dinner.

Tuesday 12 May

Hamburg – Sightseeing (B)

Today, discover this great maritime city during our city tour. We will see the historic centre including St Michaelis Church and St Pauli Quarter. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the city further on your own or take an optional cruise to see the city from a different point of view.

Wednesday 13 May

Hamburg - Bremen (B,L)

Today, travel west to charming Bremen. On arrival, join an insightful tour through the city's picturesque centre, lined with

quaint red brick houses. See the market-square, the statue of Brother's Grimm, "The Bremen Town Musicians" and visit the ornate 15th century Rathaus (Town Hall). Lunch will be served at a local restaurant and your evening will be at leisure.

Thursday 14 May

Bremen – Amsterdam (B,D)

Admire the picturesque German countryside and cross the border to the Netherlands and arriving in the capital, Amsterdam in the early afternoon. We transfer to our hotel and take a wonderful cruise tour through the canals of the city.

Friday 15 May

Amsterdam (B)

This morning, we enjoy a sightseeing tour around Amsterdam itself. The city is famous for its three rings of canals lined by elaborately decorated merchants' residences and warehouses built during the 17th century. We see Dam Square, the Royal Palace, Skinny Bridge and much more. We take a cruise on the canals in a glass topped boat. At the conclusion of the tour the afternoon is at your leisure.

Saturday 16 May

Amsterdam (Join Holland America Cruise) (B,D)

This morning is yours at leisure. Art lovers will want to visit the Rijksmuseum or the Van Gogh Museum. Alternatively, you may wish to visit the Flower Market on the Singel Canal – the only floating flower market in the world. Early afternoon we



are transferred to Rotterdam in time to join our luxury floating home, the "Nieuw Statendam". Our ship departs at 3.00pm.

Sunday 17 May

At Sea (B,L,D)

Enjoy the opportunity to get acquainted with your floating hotel and the many activities that are offered during sea days.

Monday 18 May

Ålesund, Norway (B,L,D)

Ålesund, a quaint fishing town of approximately 45,000 in western Norway, has been called Norway's most beautiful city. A fire in 1904 destroyed much of

it, resulting in the town being rebuilt in the Art Nouveau style, also known as Jugendstil, that was popular around the turn of the 20th century. A year after the fire, Norway gained its independence from Sweden, which led to a campaign to build a "Norwegian town" to mark the creation of the new nation. The colorful buildings feature castle like turrets and spires with intricate facades of ornamental flowers, gargoyles and Viking-inspired decorations. Arrives 10.00am, Departs 7.00pm

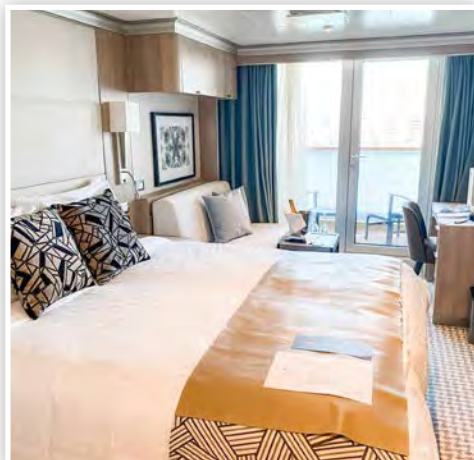
Tuesday 19 May

Trondheim, Norway (B,L,D)

Although a popular cruise destination, Norway's Viking capital is often overlooked



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by other travelers in favor of Oslo and the fjords. Yet Norway's third-biggest city has plenty to offer those who make the time to explore. The compact city center, enclosed by the Nidelva River, is easy to get around on foot. Within a couple of hours you can explore the main downtown sights and still have time for a bite to eat. The medieval Gothic grandeur of the Nidaros Cathedral is a must-see, as is the historic riverside Bakklundet neighborhood just a few steps away. Arrives 8.00am, Departs 4.00pm.

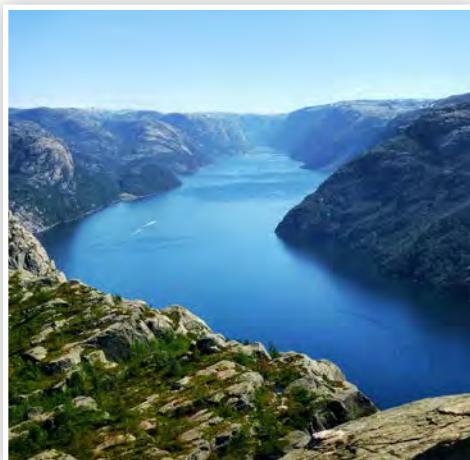
Wednesday 20 May

At Sea, Norway (B,L,D)

Thursday 21 May

Honningsvåg – North Cape, Norway (B,L,D)

For many travelers, the sparsely populated settlement of Honningsvåg is nothing more than a pit stop en route to the North Cape, the northernmost point of continental Europe. (The North Cape is



rightly an iconic bucket-list destination with postcard views across the open ocean.) But amidst its colorful buildings, Honningsvåg has a lively cultural life powered by local spirit and an economy driven by shipping through the Barents Sea, which is ice-free year round thanks to the warming influences of the Gulf Stream. The town's several notable cultural institutions include a museum and a busy cultural center.

Honningsvåg is also a terrific base for exploring the rest of rugged arctic Norway, whether on foot, all-terrain vehicle or on the water. Back in town, be sure to stop by the statue of Bamse, the Saint Bernard dog that became the mascot of the Free Norwegian Forces during World War II. The city was destroyed in bombing during the war and the harrowing experiences of that period are documented at the church, which gave temporary shelter to the residents. Arrives 10.00am, Departs 6.30pm

Friday 22 May

Tromsø, Norway (B,L,D)

Tromsø, the "Gateway to the Arctic," is a vibrant city known for its natural beauty and cultural heritage. Nestled between fjords and mountains, it offers outdoor adventures, cultural experiences, the Northern Lights, the Arctic Cathedral, and panoramic views from the Fjellheisen cable car. With its arts scene, historic houses, and harbor, Tromsø is a must-visit for travelers seeking Arctic magic. Arrives 07:00am, and Departs 3:00pm

Saturday 23 May

Leknes (Lofoten), Norway (B,L,D)

The fishing life used to be harsh and brutal on Norway's wind-whipped Lofoten archipelago. Boats would head out from

the town of Leknes in search of cod and risk never returning, but today visitors follow a well-paved road that skirts small farms below craggy, snowcapped peaks and twists around bogs and lakes and over precipitous bridges that link one rocky islet after another. In summer, fish hang on wooden drying racks at every turn. With its airport and cruise terminal, Leknes, on Vestvågøya in the middle of the archipelago, is the gateway to a series of sheltered fishing hamlets with traditional houses perched on the rocky seafront. Just minutes down the road at the tip of the island, Skottinden is a 671-meter-high (2,200-foot) sort of mini-Matterhorn—an iconic landmark that sets the tone for countless peaks to come. With their art galleries and cafés, Henningsvær and larger Svolvær are two destinations from which Zodiacs launch to get visitors closer to orcas and sea eagles.





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Surprisingly for such a rugged realm, even beachcombers will find places to enjoy here: The coastal temperatures are remarkably mild despite the location north of the Arctic Circle. Arrives 10.00am, Departs 6.00pm

Sunday 24 May

At Sea (B,L,D)

Monday 25 May

Skjolden, Norway (B,L,D)

Surrounded by steep hills and stunning waterfalls, Skjolden is located at the head Sognefjord, the world's longest navigable fjord. Visit Urnes Stave Church, the oldest stave church found in Norway, included on UNESCO's World Heritage list, and take a hike in Jostedalsgreen National Park for views you'll never forget. Arrives 10.00am, Departs 6.00pm



Tuesday 26 May

Leirvik, Norway (B,L,D)

Experience lively Leirvik with Holland America Line, a beautiful stop on your Norwegian fjord exploration. Enjoy the tranquility of the fjords, sample Norwegian specialties, such as local cheese and cured meats, and otherwise explore this scenic town, which is known for its university. On board, every detail is taken care of to ensure your visit to Leirvik is a memorable part of your cruise. Arrives 8.00am, Departs 4.00pm

Wednesday 27 May

Lerwick, Shetland Islands, UK (B,L,D)

Although part of the United Kingdom, Shetland's roots are as much Norse as Scottish. This is reflected in the archipelago's many archaeological sites, cultural events and a unique dialect that

borrows heavily from Old Norse. Although economically driven by energy, in particular the North Sea oil industry and a growing number of wind farms, Shetland's heritage of fishing and textile production lives on. Tradition also drives the islands' main festivals, including the world-famous Viking-themed Up Helly Aa festival of fire held every January, and smaller folk festivals held throughout the year. Located midway between Scotland, Norway and the Faroe Islands, the archipelago is home to diverse animal life including the iconic Shetland ponies, easily recognizable by their distinctive short legs and heavy fur coats. Get a closer look at the ponies and the unique black Shetland sheep on the scenic drive to the remarkable Bronze Age archaeological site at Jarlshof. If you choose to linger in Lerwick, head to Commercial Street for the best independent shops and places to eat. A surprising number of musicians, writers and filmmakers make Shetland their home. The new Mareel centre for visual and performing arts is testament to the growing importance of the arts community to the Shetland way of life. Arrives 7.00am, Departs 5.00pm.

Thursday 28 May

At Sea (B,L,D)

Friday 29 May

Dover (London), UK (B,L,D)

Arrive in the historic port of Dover with Holland America Line, your gateway to the rich heritage and iconic sights of England. Explore Dover Castle, venture into the bustling city of London, and experience the picturesque English countryside. Our

cruise offers a luxurious and comfortable base from which to explore, with amenities and service that cater to your every need, making your visit to Dover a seamless addition to your European adventure. Arrives 7:00am, Departs 6:00pm

Saturday 30 May

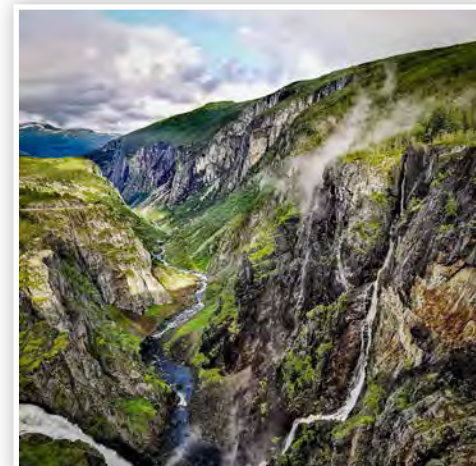
Rotterdam – Amsterdam – Doha (B)

Sadly, it is time farewell our ship as we disembark this morning. We make our way by coach back to Amsterdam, in time to join our flight back to Doha. Arrival time is late evening – we remain in transit until early morning and then continue our journey on to Auckland.

Sunday 31 May

Doha – Auckland

Time for the last leg of our journey on our flight home.





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