



**WORLD CON 2017**  
**TOUR**  
**SCANDINAVIA,**  
**TALLINN, &**  
**ST. PETERSBURG**  
**JOIN US**



**Wed. 26 July: ARRIVE COPENHAGEN**

Individual arrivals at Copenhagen's Kastrup Airport. **Transfer and dinner on your own.** Hotel overnight included in tour.

**Thurs. 27 July: COPENHAGEN (B, D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, then start a five-hour panoramic guided tour of the city by private coach. Sights include Christiansborg Palace (Danish Parliament Buildings), Gefion Fountain, the Little Mermaid (photo stop) and Nyhavn (time for a short walking tour). If time permits and the Queen is in residence, see the changing of the guards. Visit the Amalienborg Palace and the famous Tivoli Gardens. Enjoy a lovely tour around the harbor and through the idyllic canals, where you will hear stories about Copenhagen's beautiful churches, castles, listed houses, modern architecture, and many other sights. During the tour you will pass the Opera House, the Little Mermaid, Amalienborg Palace, Amaliehaven, Christianshavn, Our Savior's Church, the Black Diamond, the National Museum, Gammel Strand, Christiansborg Palace, Holmen's Church, the old Stock Exchange, the National Bank, and more. Dinner and hotel overnight.



**Fri. 28 July: COPENHAGEN – OSLO (B, D)**

Breakfast at the hotel and then a morning tour to North Zealand to stroll the grounds of Frederiksborg Castle, built by Christian IV in the 17th century and now housing the National History Museum. Then visit Kronborg Castle, the setting of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. The tour ends at the DFDS Seaways terminal for an overnight cruise by ferry to Oslo. Enjoy dinner as you cruise gently up the Kattegat. Accommodations are twin cabins with shower/WC.



**Sat. 29 July: OSLO (B, D)**

A delicious buffet breakfast will be served as you cruise along the enchanting Oslo Fjord. Upon arriving in Oslo, take a five-hour guided tour of the Norwegian capital, including visits to the impressive Vigeland Sculpture Park, the world-famous Viking Ships Museum, the City Hall (site

of the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony and impressive murals), and the National Gallery to see *The Scream*. Dinner and hotel overnight.

**Sun. 30 July: OSLO – FJORDS – BERGEN (B, D)**

After breakfast, depart by train on the amazingly beautiful Bergen Railway Line. Arrive at the mountain station of Myrdal and from Myrdal ride on the amazing Flåm Railway, a

masterpiece of engineering descending 2.838 feet in less than one hour. The descent to the fjord side village of Flåm offers opportunities for photo shots of exciting waterfalls and mountain scenery.

After a short rest in Flåm, start a 4½-5 hour cruise along the Aurland Fjord and the



Sogn Fjord, the longest and deepest fjord in the world. Enjoy the spectacular scenery of cascading waterfalls, sheer mountain cliffs, snow-clad peaks, and a variety of wildlife. Arrive in Bergen in the evening. Dinner and hotel overnight.

**Mon. 31 July: BERGEN (B, D)**



After a buffet breakfast, start a two-hour panoramic tour of Bergen, including a visit to the popular Fish and Flower Market, the famous Bryggen Harbour with its gabled packhouses, and the old Hanseatic Quarter. Ride on the funicular to Mt. Fløyen, for the best views of the city and fjords way below. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner and hotel overnight.

**Tues. 1 August: BERGEN - STOCKHOLM (B, D)**

After breakfast, depart from Bergen by group coach transfer to Bergen Airport for a flight to Stockholm (included in the tour price). Begin at Fjällgatan to see the magnificent view of the Swedish capital, spread out on 14 islands with Lake Mälaren on one side and the Baltic Sea on the other. Next is a city tour, including a walking tour of Gamla Stan (Old Town) with its narrow cobbled streets and numerous antique shops. Sights include the Royal Palace, Parliament Buildings, the Cathedral, the Royal Theatre, etc. Visit City Hall with its Blue and Golden Halls, site of the Nobel (Peace) Prize banquet each year. Then visit the Nobel Museum. Spend time on the Djurgården recreational island, where many fine museums are found. Dinner and hotel overnight.



**Wed. 2 August: STOCKHOLM (B, D)**



Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the Vasa Museum to view this warship, which sank on her maiden voyage in 1628 but was salvaged 333 years later in 1961, restored, and can now be seen with her complete rigging; the Royal Palace (including the Armory and Royal Apartments); and the Globen Skyview at the top of the world's largest spherical building, the Ericsson Globe, a Stockholm

landmark. Dinner and hotel overnight.

### **Thurs. 3 August: STOCKHOLM – TALLINN (B, D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Excursion to Drottningholm Palace to see magnificently decorated State Apartments and stroll French and English style landscaped gardens before entering Chinese Pavilion (on UNESCO's World Heritage List), built in the middle of the 1700s and housing one of the finest remaining examples of chinoiserie. Return to Stockholm by ferry, then coach transfer to pier for embarkation on cruise ferry, sailing slowly through the archipelago past numerous small islands. Dinner on board. Accommodation in twin cabin with shower/WC.



### **Fri. 4 August: TALLINN - HELSINKI (B, D)**

Enjoy a buffet breakfast as you sail into Tallinn. After disembarkation, begin a four-hour guided tour of Tallinn. Start with a short coach tour through Kadriorg Park, Piritä Olympic Regatta centre, Song Festival Ground, and around the ancient city walls to Tallinn Upper Old Town, where a leisurely walking tour starts. Vanalinn, the Old Town of Tallinn, is one of the



best-preserved medieval cities in Europe. Your guide will introduce you to the interesting mixture of German, Scandinavian and Russian influences here. In Upper Town, enjoy a walk along cobblestone streets and a view of the interesting Toompea Castle, which was built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century and rebuilt in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Visit the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of Alexander Nevsky, with its interesting collection of icons, that has dominated Lossi Plats (Palace Square) since its

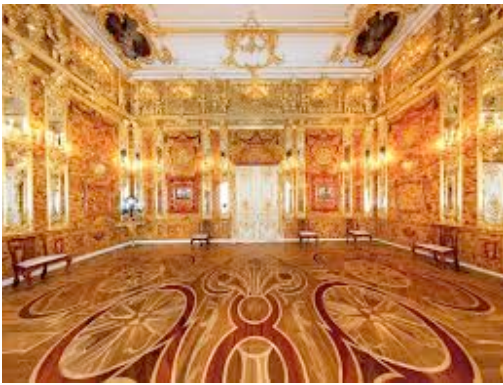
construction in 1900. From here continue along Tallinn's medieval cobblestone streets past the Gothic Dome Church, also known as St. Mary's Cathedral. Enjoy a panoramic view of the towers and steeples rising above the red-tiled roofs of the Lower Town, then browse through the local shops before walking into the Lower Town. There will be a photo stop at Holy Ghost Church, a structure that retains much of its 14<sup>th</sup>-century appearance, then stop to admire the Gothic Town Hall. Completed in 1404, it is Tallinn's oldest civic building. Contrast will be provided by a visit to the KGB Museum, a treasure trove reflecting stories of two different worlds - one which existed mostly on paper and the other real world, which was a very different and a much tougher place to live in. Free time before taking the ferry to Helsinki. Arrive in Helsinki and transfer to the hotel. Dinner and hotel overnight.

### **Sat. 5 August: HELSINKI - ST. PETERSBURG (B, D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, then start a six-hour guided tour of Helsinki with stops at the Underground Temple (aka Rock Church); Helsinki Cathedral; and Sibelius Park, with its monument to Finland's most famous composer. Leave Helsinki and drive to the old wooden town of Porvoo, one of oldest cities in Finland. After visiting the city, the tour ends at the pier for embarkation on an overnight cruise to St. Petersburg. Dinner on board. Accommodations are twin cabins with shower/WC.



### Sun. 6 August: ST. PETERSBURG (B, L, D)



After breakfast on board, meet your local driver and English-speaking guide. Take a city tour that includes the Square of Arts, the Russian Museum, the Cathedral of Our Saviour on the Spilt Blood, Nevsky prospect, the Menshikov Palace, the Senate Square, the Bronze Horseman, and more. Go into the Peter & Paul Fortress and see the tombs of the Tsars. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit Zarskoye Selo (Pushkin), including the beautiful Catherine Palace with its famous Amber Room. End the day at the Faberge Museum, where you will see the famous eggs and so much more. Dinner and hotel overnight.

### Mon. 7 August: ST. PETERSBURG (B, L, D)

After a breakfast buffet at the hotel, meet your local driver and English-speaking guide. Take a coach to Peterhof to see the Grand Palace and wonderful lower parks and fountains, then transfer to the harbor for a cruise by hydrofoil back to St. Petersburg. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the Youssoufov Palace, site of the assassination of Rasputin. Later, transfer from the hotel to Nikolaevsky Palace for a Russian folklore show and dinner. Transfer back to the hotel to overnight.



### Tues. 8 August: ST. PETERSBURG – HELSINKI (B, L)

After a breakfast buffet at the hotel, meet with your local driver and English-speaking guide. Then take a tour of the world-famous Hermitage Art Museum and State Rooms of the Winter Palace. Transfer to the train station to board the Allegro high speed train to Helsinki. Dinner on your own. Transfer to the convention hotels.



#### DISCLAIMER

**Adjustments to the itinerary may become necessary due to schedule changes, etc. Pricing is based on current rates and could change based on the number of people that go, exchange rates, price changes, and other factors. We will need a minimum of 25 people to run the tour and the maximum the coach will hold is 45.**

#### INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

- 10 nights in superior tourist-class hotels, applicable taxes and service charges
- 13 breakfasts

- 12 dinners
- 3 lunches in St. Petersburg
- 3 overnight cruises between Copenhagen - Oslo, Stockholm - Tallinn, & Helsinki - St. Petersburg
- Air between Bergen and Stockholm
- Sightseeing in air-conditioned motor coaches with local guides where applicable
- Porter service at hotels in Oslo and Bergen (max 2 pieces/person)
- Train and ferry costs
- Transfers to convention hotels

## NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

- **AIR FARE**
- Airport taxes (where applicable)
- Baggage fees
- Russian visa fees
- Lunches and any dinner not included in the itinerary
- Personal items and souvenirs
- All tips

## RATES

Tour: \$3721

Single Supplement: \$772

**Airfare not included except Bergen-Stockholm**

## CONTACT US

If you are interested in taking our tour or have any questions, please call (858) 292-4363 or email us at [val-ron@ontell.org](mailto:val-ron@ontell.org). Please include the following:

- Names of everyone in your party (please indicate any children)
- Address(es)
- Phone number(s)
- Email address(es)

We will add you to our email list for the most up to date information as it becomes available.

## ABOUT US

We are fans who have been running tours in connection with Worldcons since 1987, when Ron was the official travel agent for the con (as he was again in 1988). Our past tours have included Britain, Ireland, Japan, and Australia. If you wish additional information, please contact us.

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