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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Your unforgettable Scandinavian tale is filled with adventures in cosmopolitan cities and fjord-laced landscapes that will take your breath away. Explore compact Copenhagen, Oslo and Bergen and feel their cozy, optimistic ambience!

Above: Aurlandsfjord | Cover photo: Gudvangen, Norway

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Discover Scandinavia's cosmopolitan capitals, **Copenhagen and Oslo.**
- ▶ Glide past architectural treasures on the pretty **canals of Copenhagen.**
- ▶ Marvel at Norway's incomparable natural beauty while aboard the **Flåm Railway** and on a cruise along the **Aurlandsfjord.**
- ▶ Witness tumbling waterfalls and alpine vistas from your carriage on the **Bergen Railway.**
- ▶ Wake up to an unrivaled view of the lush, forest-lined **Oslo Fjord** after an overnight ferry trip.
- ▶ Explore beguiling Bergen and its historic wharf, **Bryggen**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.



**SPARTAN
PATHWAYS TRAVEL**
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI

Dear Spartan Alumni and Friends,

Join us for a spectacular journey into the best of Denmark and Norway — an adventure brimming with historic treasures and astounding natural beauty. Your explorations begin in Copenhagen, the colorful city that inspired children's fairy-tale author, Hans Christian Andersen. Glide along its pretty canals and stroll through its Old Town lanes, where cherished sites are revealed at each twist and turn.

An overnight ferry ride brings you to Oslo, where you'll witness once-in-a-lifetime views of the magnificent Oslo Fjord and delve into the vanished world of the Vikings. Then revel in stirring panoramas of snowcapped mountains, glacier-carved fjords, wild waterfalls and verdant countryside on journeys aboard the renowned Bergen and Flåm railways and on a cruise along the Aurlandsfjord, a branch of the famous Sognefjord.

This unique experience features exciting excursions, insightful lectures, expert guides, leisure time for personal discovery and the camaraderie that only comes with small-group travel. Space on this perennial favorite fills quickly, so book your Scandinavian adventure today to guarantee your spot!

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We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you with your confirmation letter from the MSU Alumni Office.

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Opera House, Copenhagen





Nyhavn, Copenhagen

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart gateway city for Copenhagen, Denmark. 🌐

Day 2 | Copenhagen, Denmark

Arrive and transfer 🔄 to the Radisson Collection Hotel, Royal Copenhagen.

Free Time: Head off to explore on your own. Perhaps browse in the Strøget pedestrian-only shopping area or pop into the Torvehallerne market for an enticing bite to eat.

This evening, get to know your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception.

Day 3 | Copenhagen

Enrichment: Scandinavia Today. Discuss the culture of Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Discovery: Rosenborg Castle. Built by King Christian IV in the early 17th century, this palace contains centuries of royal treasures. Admire the

three silver lions that guard the coronation chairs, as well as furnishings and portraits of monarchs from Christian IV to Frederik VII. In the treasury, view the crown jewels, including Christian IV's diamond-and-pearl-encrusted crown and the gem-studded Anointing Sword. Wander amid the castle's fragrant gardens after your guided tour. Gather for lunch at a typical Danish restaurant.

Discovery: The Canals of Copenhagen.

Cruise picturesque canals as you learn about Copenhagen's history and relish lovely views from the water. Drift past Amalienborg Palace, the royal family's home; the iconic Little Mermaid statue; the contemporary Opera House; and the Black Diamond library.

Free Time: Spend the afternoon on your own. Maybe you'll take a short stroll from your hotel to the Tivoli Gardens, a charming amusement park that has delighted visitors since 1843.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.



ELECTIVES | At an additional cost

Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities and extensions.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Hardangervidda



Royal Life Guards, Amalienborg Palace

Day 4 | Copenhagen

Discovery: Copenhagen, Past and Present.

Follow your guide along quaint back streets past hidden squares and courtyards, and savor the old-world ambience. Listen to enchanting tales of the city's history and famous Danes, including storyteller Hans Christian Andersen.

Free Time: Denmark is known for its clean, modern design. Check out some design shops to see sleek items that are uniquely Danish.

Day 5 | Copenhagen | At Sea

Free Time: Make the most of your last morning in Copenhagen with your own special plans.

This afternoon, transfer to the port and board an overnight ferry for Oslo, Norway. Admire the coastal scenery before indulging in an authentic Scandinavian smorgasbord for dinner.

Day 6 | Oslo, Norway

This morning, head deckside and be greeted by stunning views of the forest-lined, 62-mile Oslo Fjord. Many locals come here to camp, fish, kayak and enjoy other outdoor activities.

Discovery: Oslo. Stand at the Holmenkollen Ski Jump, the slope used in the 1952 Winter Olympics, and take in the panoramic vistas. Inside the Ski Museum on site, delve into the 4,000-year history of Nordic and downhill skiing. Finish with a walk in Vigeland Park to view the sculptures of famed artist Gustav Vigeland.

After savoring Norwegian cuisine at lunch, check in to the Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Oslo.

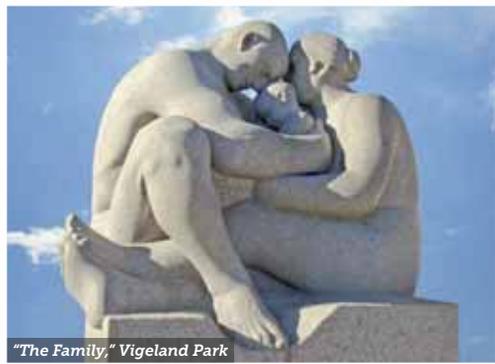
Free Time: Craft your own agenda in Oslo.

Day 7 | Oslo

Discovery: The Vikings. At the Viking Ship Museum, view wonderfully preserved ceremonial longships, buried more than 1,100 years, which once carried their royal owners into the realm of the dead. Your nautical explorations take you next to the Kon-Tiki Museum. Get a close look at the ships of Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl, including the balsa raft Kon-Tiki, which he sailed from Peru to Polynesia in 1947 and the



Flåm Railway



"The Family," Vigeland Park

totoro-reef boat Ra II that crossed the Atlantic in 1970.

Free Time: The rest of the day is at leisure. Why not continue the maritime theme and stroll along the pretty Harbour Promenade? From east to west, this 5.5-mile path meanders by the Opera House, restaurants, shops and much more!

Day 8 | Oslo | Bergen

Depart for Bergen this morning.

Discovery: Bergen Railway. Get settled in for a ride on Europe's highest altitude railway and one of the most scenic routes in the world. Be awed by marvelous natural beauty as you traverse the Hardangervidda plateau at more than 4,000 feet above sea level. After the tracks climb to Finse, the route's highest point, the terrain changes as the train edges along majestic fjords, tumbling waterfalls and emerald forests. Arrive and check in to the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Bergen.

Free Time: Make your own discoveries in Bergen, Norway's second-largest city, nestled by a harbor surrounded by seven mountains.

Day 9 | Bergen

Enrichment: The Fjords of Norway. Learn about the crucial role the beautiful fjords have played in Nordic geologic and cultural history.

Discovery: Bergen. Settled in 1070, Bergen became the most important town in medieval Norway, home to royalty and a major trading post for Hanseatic League maritime merchants. Take a guided walk through Bryggen, the wharf connected to this Hanseatic history, and visit the old Hanseatic Warehouses. See the 750-year-old King Haakon's Hall, the Rosenkrantz Tower and the 12th-century St. Mary's Church. Later, tour Troidhaugen, the summer home of Bergen-born Edvard Grieg, a revered composer.

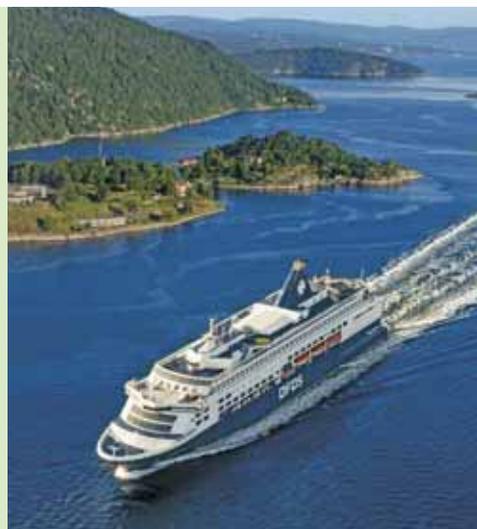
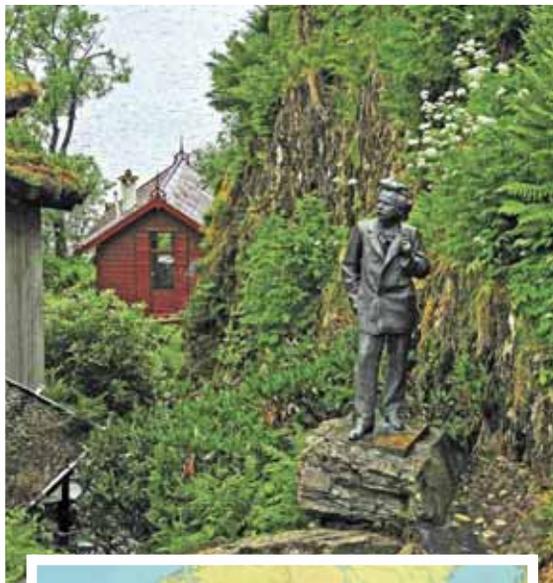
Free Time: Plan a fun afternoon in Bergen!

Day 10 | Myrdal | Fjords | Voss | Bergen

Discovery: The Best of Norway. Journey through some of Norway's most breathtaking landscapes today! After a train ride on the Bergen Railway to Myrdal, board the Flåm Railway for a thrilling ride on one of the world's steepest train routes. Wind past snow-dusted peaks, where tiny farms cling to precipitous slopes and rivers and waterfalls slice through deep ravines. Spiral through mountainside tunnels to the pristine Aurlandsfjord, which is a branch of the Sognefjord, Norway's longest fjord. Then cruise the waters of the Aurlandsfjord to Gudvangen before exploring Voss, where fabulous vistas of mountains, forests, lakes and waterfalls await you!

Tonight, celebrate your Scandinavian adventure with your fellow travelers at a Farewell Dinner.

Statue of Edvard Grieg, Troidhaugen



DFDS Seaways

With miles of coastline and the many islands in the seas surrounding the Nordic countries, it is a given that ferries are a part of the Nordic lifestyle. Travel aboard a first-class DFDS Seaways ferry from Copenhagen to Oslo, a comfortable adventure that gives you a taste of a favorite local mode of travel. Recently renovated, the ferry has four restaurants and a café. It also has four bars, including one where you can enjoy wine, beer, cognac and whiskey tastings. There is also a duty-free shop on board.

The ferry's wellness area features a swimming pool and a spa. Tuck into the included smorgasbord featuring Scandinavian specialties and fresh, seasonal dishes — a true highlight of the journey. Later, retire to the comfort of your upgraded Commodore Class cabin and feel pampered with complimentary sparkling wine and snacks.



Day 11 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the Bergen airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches, boats and/or trains
- ▶ walking through train corridors whether the train is in motion or stopped



ACCOMMODATIONS

Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their prime locations. They are ideally situated for exploring Copenhagen, Oslo and Bergen's famed landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.



RADISSON COLLECTION HOTEL, ROYAL COPENHAGEN | COPENHAGEN



RADISSON BLU SCANDINAVIA HOTEL | OSLO



RADISSON BLU ROYAL HOTEL | BERGEN



| ELECTIVE | PRE-TRIP EXTENSION IN STOCKHOLM

Delight in Sweden's beautiful capital over a three-night stay at a first-class hotel! Take a guided walk in the Old Town and visit the 13th-century cathedral, Storkyrkan. Enjoy ample free time to connect with the local culture! This extension includes three nights at the Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel; daily breakfast; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; guided walk with entrance fees; departure transfer and baggage handling from Stockholm hotel to airport; flight from Stockholm to Copenhagen, Denmark; arrival transfer and baggage handling from Copenhagen airport to hotel; gratuities for guide and drivers; and all taxes and service charges.

Price: \$1,295 per person, double occupancy; \$1,640 single occupancy

Reserve your trip to Denmark and Norway today!

Trip #:**5-25614W**

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Please contact AHI Travel at **833-303-1333** with questions regarding this trip or to make a reservation. You may also call the MSU Alumni Office at **888-697-2863**.

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Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email: _____

2) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email: _____

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City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home: (_____) Cell: (_____) _____

Sharing with _____ (Form sent separately)

Three-Night Pre-Trip Extension in Stockholm, Sweden

Please make _____ reservations for me/us on the Elective Pre-Trip Extension in Stockholm. Single supplement applies.

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Land Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Copenhagen, Denmark, with a return from Bergen, Norway, to depart from:

Departure City

Land Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$1,255 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **April 28, 2020** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 pp required) to reserve _____ place(s).

- Accept my check made payable to **AHI Travel**.
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PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: July 12-22, 2020

Land Program dates: July 13-22, 2020

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$4,745	\$250	\$4,495

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT is an additional \$495 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,255 (limited availability).

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- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates.
- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
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Sognefjord

UNESCO World Heritage

Bryggen, the medieval Hanseatic League wharf in Bergen, Norway



Bryggen, Bergen

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Copenhagen, Denmark, at the first-class Radisson Collection Hotel, Royal Copenhagen.
- **1 night** aboard a first-class DFDS Seaways ferry.
- **2 nights** in Oslo, Norway, at the first-class Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Oslo.
- **3 nights** at Bergen at the first-class Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Bergen.

Transfers

- All transfers in the Land Program: ferry, trains and deluxe motor coaches, plus baggage handling.

Extensive Meal Program

- 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 2 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with Farewell Dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Explore Danish royal life and traditions in Rosenborg Castle.
 - Get acquainted with Copenhagen on a guided canal cruise.
 - Stroll in Copenhagen's old town and learn about its famous residents.
 - Visit Oslo's Ski Museum and Vigeland Park.
 - Marvel at vessels from the Viking Age and Norway's seafaring past.
 - Ride the scenic Bergen Railway.
 - Delve into Bergen's Hanseatic history and special landmarks.
 - Travel on the famous Flåm Railway and cruise the stunning Aurlandsfjord.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



DFDS Seaways Ferry



Bergen Railway

Delight in the awe-inspiring beauty of Denmark and Norway!

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- An exceptional travel value.
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