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a unique travel experience just for women

Stunning Scandinavia

23 days departing 8 July 2016



HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS:

- 7 Day Hurtigruten Cruise onboard the ms Polarlys from Bergen to Kirkenes with journey highlights including the city of Alesund, with its Art Nouveau architecture, Trondheim, the religious capital of Norway, Bodo one of the fastest growing cities in Norway, the spectacular Lofoten Islands, Tromso in the Capital of the Arctic with its unique Cathedral and Polar museum, The North Cape and many more . . .
- Travel on the famous Flam Railway, passing through beautiful waterfalls and spectacular scenery
- Sightseeing tour in Copenhagen, see the Little Mermaid
- Visit to Rosenborg Castle in Copenhagen and see the Crown Jewels
- Sightseeing tour of North Zealand with a visit to Frederiksborg (Royal family's residence) and Kronborg Castles.
- Visit to Troldehaugen and Edvard Grieg's home
- The Oslo Opera, City Hall and Vigeland Sculpture Park and the Viking Ship Museum
- Sightseeing tour in Flam including a Fjord Safari Heritage Tour on board a RIB boat
- Sightseeing tour in Stockholm including a walk in Gamla Stan, a visit to City Hall and Vasa Museum
- Sightseeing Tour in Helsinki including a visit to the Rock Church, Senate Square and many more . . .

ONCE IN A LIFETIME, SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE!



PRICE: \$15,595.00 per person twin share

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$5,578.00

**\$1,725.00 Single on Land / Twin Cruise & Ferry
SUPPLEMENT: \$1,153.00**

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Personally escorted from Australia, your SWT tour hostess is on hand to assist with making your holiday a memorable one
- Return international economy airfares with Singapore Airlines including taxes
- Intra Europe Airfares with Scandinavian and Finnair including taxes|
- English speaking professional guides at each destination
- All scenic rail as per detailed itinerary
- All ferry transportation as per detailed itinerary
- 7 day Hurtigruten ms Polarlys cruise in Category N Cabins
- English speaking driver and guides as per detailed itinerary
- All meals as per detailed itinerary
- All accommodation as per detailed itinerary
- Tipping for drivers and specialist guides only
- Room matching for single travellers
- Meet and greet prior to departure (subj to minimum numbers attending)
- Sisterhood documentation and ticket wallet

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DAY 1 Friday 08 July 2016 **Melbourne to Copenhagen**

Join your Sisterhood Tour Hostess and fellow travellers at the designated meeting point at Melbourne Airport for our mid afternoon flight to Copenhagen via Singapore. Sit back, relax and enjoy the inflight hospitality and entertainment of Singapore Airlines.

DAY 2 Saturday 09 July 2016 **Welcome to Denmark ~ (D)**

After clearing customs and immigration we will meet our guide and transfer to our hotel for check in. If our rooms are not available, we will be able to store our luggage at our hotel with the rest of the day at leisure, we can head out to explore the city. Tonight we'll enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel. Overnight accommodation at Scandic Hotel (or similar).

DAY 3 Sunday 10 July 2016 **Copenhagen ~ (B)**

After breakfast we'll enjoy a discovery tour of Copenhagen. Tour highlights include Christiansborg, the old sailor's quarter Nyhavn, Amalienborg, Stroget, City Hall and the famous Little Mermaid. An inside visit to Rosenborg Castle to see the Danish Crown Jewels is also included in your tour of Copenhagen's main attractions. The afternoon and evening is at leisure. Overnight accommodation at Scandic Hotel (or similar).

DAY 4 Monday 11 July 2016 **Excursion to the Castles of North Zealand ~ (B,L)**

Today we travel north of Copenhagen for an introduction to the beautiful Danish countryside.

See the impressive renaissance castle Frederiksborg, the royal family's residence Fredensborg Palace (outside), and Hamlet's Castle Kronborg (outside). Lunch is served at a local restaurant. Return to Copenhagen by the scenic, coastal road with dinner at leisure tonight. Overnight accommodation at Scandic Hotel (or similar).

DAY 5 Tuesday 12 July 2016 **Copenhagen – Overnight Ferry to Oslo, Norway ~ (B,D)**

This morning we'll check out of our hotel at 11am. Our luggage will be stored with the hotels concierge department until our early afternoon transfer by private coach to the DFDS terminal where we will board our overnight ferry to Oslo, departing Copenhagen at 4.30pm. Buffet dinner is served on board this evening. Overnight accommodation on board ms Crown Seaways (Outside, 2-berth cabins)

DAY 6 Wednesday 13 July 2016 **Oslo ~ (B)**

This morning we arrive into Oslo at 9.45am. We'll be met by our local guide for a city sightseeing tour of Oslo. Tour highlights include visits to major attractions such as the Oslo Opera, City Hall, Akers Brygge and a short walk at Vigeland Sculpture Park before an inside visit to the Viking Ship Museum. Our tour ends at our hotel with afternoon and evening at leisure. Overnight accommodation at Comfort Hotel Borsparken (or similar).

DAY 7 Thursday 14 July 2016 **Free Day to Enjoy Oslo ~ (B)**

After a leisurely breakfast a free day to enjoy Oslo. Overnight accommodation at Comfort Hotel Borsparken (or similar).

DAY 8 Friday 15 July 2016 **Oslo to Flam ~ (B,L,D)**

Today we depart Oslo by train and travel on the Bergen Line to Flam. Our train journey will take us through popular winter sports resorts and up to one of Europe's highest mountain plateaus. We then change to the world famous Flam Railway at the mountain station in Myrdal. Descending 2,838 feet in less than an hour, you will pass beautiful waterfalls and spectacular scenery along the way down to the fjord village of Flam. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure in Flam. Overnight accommodation at Fretheim Hotel (or similar).

DAY 9 Saturday 16 July 2016 **In Flam ~ (B,D)**

A morning at leisure before we enjoy a 2 hour fjord-safari tour in the afternoon. Onboard a RIB boat, a fjord guide will take us through the world heritage Aurlandsfjord and further into the stunning Nærøfjord. Along the way, our guide will talk about the fjord-life, local history and wildlife. This promises to be a great day. Overnight accommodation at Fretheim Hotel (or similar).

DAY 10 Sunday 17 July 2016 **Flam to Bergen ~ (B,L)**

Today we depart Flam for the lively city of Bergen, Norway's second largest city. Upon our arrival we'll enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city. Highlights include the old Hanseatic wharf Bryggen with its wooden buildings, the old fortress at Bergenhus, the famous Fish Market and many more... A visit to Trolldhaugen, Edvard Grieg's home, is also included in the program. Overnight accommodation at Clarion Hotel Admiral (or similar).

DAY 11 Monday 18 July 2016 **In Bergen – Board Hurtigruten ms Polarlys ~ (B,D)**

This morning after hotel check out and a morning free we'll transfer to the Hurtigruten terminal to board the ms Polarlys for a once in a lifetime experience! Over the next 6 days, we'll enjoy one of the worlds most beautiful scenic sea journeys. Dinner this evening is served on board the ms Polarlys.

Overnight accommodation on board ms Polarlys (Outside 2-berth cabins) cat. N

DAY 12 Tuesday 19 July 2016 **On board ms Polarlys ~ (B,L,D)**

Today's sea journey highlights the city of Ålesund, considered one of the most beautiful cities in Norway with its Art Nouveau architecture as well as the spectacular UNESCO-protected Geirangerfjord. Overnight accommodation on board ms Polarlys.

DAY 13 Wednesday 20 July 2016 **On board ms Polarlys ~ (B,L,D)**

Today's sea journey highlights Trondheim, Norway's Religious Capital. You will have an opportunity to see the beautiful Nidaros Cathedral. Overnight accommodation on board ms Polarlys.

DAY 14 Thursday 21 July 2016 **On board ms Polarlys ~ (B,L,D)**

Today's sea journey highlights Bodø one of the fastest growing cities in Norway and the spectacular Lofoten Islands. Overnight accommodation on board ms Polarlys.

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DAY 15 Friday 22 July 2016

On board ms Polarlys ~ (B,L,D)

Today's sea journey highlights Tromsø, the Capital of the Arctic. You will have a chance to visit the Arctic Cathedral, the Polar Museum, Polaria and more... Overnight accommodation on board ms Polarlys.

DAY 16 Saturday 23 July 2016

On board ms Polarlys ~ (B,L,D)

Today's sea journey highlights include Honningsvåg and the North Cape. Overnight accommodation on board ms Polarlys.

DAY 17 Sunday 24 July 2016

Kirkenes – Disembark ms Polarlys – Stockholm, Sweden ~ (B,D)

Our sea journey ends upon arrival in Kirkenes near the Russian border. With some fantastic memories we'll transfer from the port to Kirkenes Airport and board our flight to Stockholm. On arrival in Stockholm, we'll check into our hotel with the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner tonight will be at our hotel. Overnight accommodation at Clarion Hotel (or similar), Stockholm.

DAY 18 Monday 25 July 2016

In Stockholm ~ (B)

After breakfast we'll start our sightseeing of the Swedish capital enjoying a walk in Gamla Stan, a visit to City Hall and the Vasa Museum. The rest of the afternoon is at our leisure. Overnight accommodation at Clarion Hotel (or similar), Stockholm.

DAY 19 Tuesday 26 July 2016

Stockholm – Overnight Ferry to Finland ~ (B,L,D)

Today enjoy a morning at leisure before a transfer to our overnight ferry to Helsinki. A buffet dinner will be served tonight onboard. Overnight accommodation on board the ferry. (2 berth outside cabin).

DAY 20 Wednesday 27 July 2016

Arrive in Helsinki, Finland ~ (B)

This morning we arrive into Helsinki and board our tour coach to enjoy a city sightseeing program of Helsinki and Porvoo. Tour highlights in Helsinki including a visit to the Rock Church, Senate Square, the Central Station, Finlandia and more. The afternoon will be ours to explore at leisure. Overnight accommodation at Sokos Hotel Presidentti (or similar).

DAY 21 Thursday 28 July 2016

In Helsinki ~ (B,D)

After a Leisurely breakfast we have a free day to wander at leisure and in the evening we'll enjoy a special Farewell Dinner at one of the city's famous Russian restaurants. Overnight accommodation at Sokos Hotel Presidentti (or similar). A great way to end our fantastic Scandinavian adventure!

DAY 22 Friday 29 July 2016

Helsinki – Home ~ (Meals Inflight)

An early morning departure from our hotel as we transfer to the Helsinki Airport to begin our journey home. Sit back, relax and enjoy the inflight airline hospitality as we head towards Melbourne.

DAY 23 Saturday 30 July 2016

Arrive Melbourne ~ (Meals Inflight)

Welcome Home, arriving back into Melbourne approximately 5pm.

Thank you for joining us for your latest adventure and we look forward to welcoming you back!

NOTES

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Please read through our full terms and conditions for this tour which are found on page 4 of this document. It is a condition that upon booking this tour you have read and fully understood this important information. Minimum numbers are required to operate this tour. Travel Insurance is mandatory.

terms and conditions

Booking Conditions

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

When booking a Sisterhood Womens Travel tour it is imperative that you are aware of all of our terms and conditions as these form part of your agreement with Sisterhood Womens Travel. **It is recommended that all travellers adopt a sense of adventure, an easy going outlook and the ability to 'expect the unexpected'.** It is the expectation that all travellers will respect fellow passengers and understand the key to an enjoyable tour is you.

ABILITY TO TRAVEL

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Sisterhood tour. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk 2km on uneven ground, carry your own luggage and walk up a few flights of stairs. We rely on the information you provide on our 'Fit to Travel' form completed as part of your booking application. You acknowledge that there are no other medical issues (both physical/mental) that SWT needs to be aware of when making your travel arrangements. SWT will not be liable for any damage, injury, death or loss of any kind arising from your failure to disclose relevant medical information. Women with disabilities are welcome on all SWT tours provided you are accompanied by an able bodied companion and do not require special assistance from SWT personnel. SWT reserves the right to refuse to carry anyone if it is felt the individual cannot cope with the requirements of the tour and who may require services and facilities that SWT cannot guarantee will be available.

EXCLUSION FROM TOUR

You may be excluded from any tour at our discretion if you fail to comply with our reasonable instructions whilst on tour or if you interfere with other client's enjoyment of the tour and you will be responsible for all costs associated with your tour expelition.

VARIATION TO TOUR COMPONENT

No deduction in our tour costing will be made for leaving a tour early as this will cause a reduction in our travelling numbers and create additional costs.

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

SWT is happy to assist with additional arrangements before and after each tour subject to an additional handling fee of \$150.

DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS

Payments required are:

International	25% deposit within 7 days
	35% deposit within 120 days
	Final Payment 90 days prior to departure
Domestic	25% deposit within 7 days
	Final Payment 75 days prior to departure

On occasion and outside of SWT's control a higher deposit or earlier payment date may be required.

LAST MINUTE BOOKINGS

Bookings made after final payment date will be subject to availability and will require full payment upon confirmation. A late fee of \$100 per person will apply.

ACCEPTED FORMS OF PAYMENT

We accept direct deposit, money order, bank cheque or Visa/Mastercard payment. For credit card payments an additional 1.5% surcharge is payable (non- refundable)

MINIMUM NUMBERS

All tours are subject to minimum numbers. If a tour falls below the minimum number required for a fully escorted tour, SWT reserves the right to offer the tour escorted by a local guide upon arrival to your destination. If SWT cancels a tour due to lack of numbers a full refund is offered or transfer to another tour. Should a tour be cancelled, SWT cannot assume any responsibility for any additional costs relating to travel arrangements made outside of SWT or travel insurance not taken out through SWT.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

All cancellations must be made in writing to Sisterhood Womens Travel and will be subject to cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received.

CANCELLATION

Prior to Final Payment: Loss of Deposit

After Final Payment: 100% of tour cost.

Regrettably cancellation charges cannot be waived.

After Departure: No refund

Final Payment dates are determined by SWT suppliers and may vary from tour to tour.

AMENDMENTS

Once your tour is confirmed and a deposit is paid, a \$100 amendment fee will be incurred for any changes to your tour arrangements.

TOUR PRICING & ITINERARY CHANGES

SWT operates on the basis of fluid pricing. This is the practice within the Travel Industry where pricing changes due to various factors including, but not limited to changing airfares, currency fluctuations, and availability of product. We reserve the right to change our prices without notice. This can mean that different passengers on the same tour may have been charged different prices. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our tours SWT takes no responsibility for any itinerary changes that may occur prior to or during travel and any such changes will be at the discretion of the airlines and our ground operators. Changes in flights and land arrangements are beyond the control of SWT. Every effort will be made to minimise any inconvenience to SWT passengers. SWT advises making full payment for tours as early as possible to avoid any potential price increases.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking that travellers are adequately insured for the full duration of their tour arrangements in respect of illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items, cancellation and curtailment. SWT offers comprehensive travel insurance at a competitive price and will not be responsible outside their offered policy for inadequate travel insurance in the event of any insurance claims.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

When travelling alone a great way to keep your costs down and make new friends is to be prepared to share a room with another traveller. We are unable to guarantee that your room mate will be of similar age group but it is an enjoyable way to travel and could mean the start of a great friendship. Of course if you prefer a room to yourself the single supplement will apply. If we are successful in matching you with a fellow traveller we give you the opportunity prior to departure to make contact. SWT takes no responsibility for any mismatch of passengers and will not be liable for any additional charges incurred for changing room configuration whilst on tour.

HEALTH & IMMIGRATION

The traveller is responsible for all visa, passport, immigration, quarantine, customs, health and other requirements of the countries visited or transited. If travelling on an Australian passport you will need at least 6 months validity on your passport taken from the date of re-entry into Australia. If you are travelling under any other passport please advise at the time of booking. Sisterhood Womens Travel will not be held responsible for any incorrect re-entry visas for non- Australian passport holders. SWT is happy to offer assistance with visas (additional charges may apply). Please note that passport and visa requirements are the responsibility of you the traveller and SWT takes no responsibility for failure to comply with the provided advice.

NAMES AS PER PASSPORTS

When booking on any tour, it is imperative that you provide SWT with your full correct name as per your passport and a copy of your passport (for international tours) SWT will not be held liable for any or expense incurred for incorrect names.

CONSULAR ADVICE

Official travel advice issued by Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is available by contacting 1300 444135 or visiting their website www.dfat.gov.au. We recommend that you review this

information both prior to making your booking and prior to departure.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

These conditions represent the entire agreement between the client and Sisterhood Womens Travel. SWT will be responsible to the client for supplying the services and accommodation as described in their itineraries, except where such service cannot be supplied or the itinerary used is changed due to delays or other cause of whatever kind or nature beyond the control of SWT. In such circumstances we will do our best to supply comparable services, accommodations and itineraries, and there shall be no refund in this situation. SWT acts only as agent for the client and upon the express condition that SWT will not be held liable or responsible for any direct, indirect, consequential or incidental damage, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of any kind, which may be occasioned by reason or any act or omission of any third party (including without limitation, any act, inaction or breach of contract of any third party, which is to or does supply any goods or services for SWT tours). Without limiting the foregoing, SWT does not own or operate any third party suppliers of services such as hotels, restaurants, transportation companies, sightseeing companies or local tour operators and is not responsible for any injury, death or expense due to overbooking accommodation, default of any third parties, sickness, weather, strikes, acts of God, Government, acts of terrorism, criminal activity, war, quarantine, force majeure events or any other cause beyond its control. All such risk, loss and expense must be borne by the client. Any personal expenses incurred by a client as a result of any delay, alteration or curtailment of any tour, whether caused by mechanical defect, strikes or any other cause are the responsibility of the client (travel insurance is mandatory on all SWT tours). SWT is unable to guarantee exact arrival and departure times, and is not liable for any failure to make connections with any other services, or guarantee the operation of any particular service. In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles other than specified to ensure the operation of a tour. SWT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking, or to refuse to carry client where payment has not been received by SWT.

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