

## Inland Panorama

8 nights/ 9 days

*Eco-friendly*



This eco-friendly tour will give you an impression of the diversity of interior areas in Norway and Sweden – from the Norwegian inland with its mystical lakes and forests, to the vast and lively Swedish Inland. Highlights during the itinerary are: cruise on the largest lake in Norway on the world's oldest paddle steamer in use, the UNESCO's World Heritage Listed mining town of Røros, Norway's former capital Trondheim, and the Inland Railway between the Swedish cities of Östersund and Mora.

### **Day 01: Oslo**

Arrival in Oslo according to your own itinerary. Start the tour by exploring the many sights that Oslo, Norway's capital has to offer. From beautiful nature to lively streets. Oslo offers something for all.

Accommodation at Rica Oslo hotel

### **Day 02: Oslo – Gjøvik (train)**

Breakfast at the hotel and departure from Oslo by train to Gjøvik. The journey of two hours will take you north through the outskirts of Norway's capital, through forests, small towns and farmers country to the city of Gjøvik, located at the western shore of lake Mjøsa. We recommend a visit to Gjøvik Glassverk, the Olympic Mountain Hall which is used both for sports and cultural events –or just have a stroll around this quiet but beautiful city –that even has got its own chocolate factory in the main street!

Accommodation in Thon Hotel Gjøvik

### **Day 03: Gjøvik – Hamar – Røros (boat and train)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by boat from Gjøvik in the morning (**please note – the boat does not operate on Mondays**) towards the city of Hamar. The world's oldest paddle steamer Skibladner in traffic (built 1854-56) will not only take you across Norway's largest lake Mjøsa, but also back in time – everything in wonderful surroundings. Once in Hamar, we recommend that you visit the old ruins from the cathedral at Domkirkeodden (built 1152-53), and the Vikingship- Olympic arena from 1994 that hosts amongst others the Hamar tourist office.

The train from Hamar runs north through the Østerdalen Valley, where you will have the possibility to catch a glimpse of foxes and elks. The route continues in northern direction along Norway's longest river Glomma to the old mining town of Røros. This is one of the oldest towns of wooden buildings in Europe, and also one of the few mining towns in the world that has been found worthy of a place on UNESCO's World Heritage List. The town centre boasts a rare collection of large and well-preserved wooden buildings, made all the more real and authentic by the fact that the people of today live and work in them.

Accommodation at Quality Hotel & Resort Røros.

**Day 04: Røros - Trondheim (train)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Afternoon departure by train from Røros to Trondheim. The 2.5 hour long journey will take you along rivers, between mountains and through valleys to the third largest city in Norway. Trondheim was founded by Viking King Olav Tryggvason in 997 BC, and occupies a special place in Norwegian culture and history. Trondheim was Norway's first capital and continues to be the coronation city where Norway's Kings from Harald Hårfagre (10th century BC) to King Harald V (1991 -) have been crowned and blessed.

Accommodation at the Scandic Solsiden Hotel

**Day 05: Trondheim**

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure, we recommend a visit at the Nidaros Cathedral, built over the grave of St. Olav. Next to the cathedral you will find the Archbishop's Palace, the oldest secular building in Scandinavia. Other sights of interest are Kristiansten Fortress, the Monk's Island, Trøndelag Open Air Museum and Stiftsgården – the Royal Residence in Trondheim. We also recommend a stroll in Bakklandet, located on the east bank of the river Nidelven. Here you will find old wooden buildings which were formerly worker's dwellings but are now partly restored as homes or charming shops and restaurants.

Accommodation at the Scandic Solsiden Hotel

**Day 06: Trondheim – Östersund (train)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today the journey continues east –into the interior parts of Sweden. Morning departure by train from Trondheim, the journey of approximately four hours takes you to the midland city of Östersund, which is located on the shores of lake Storsjön. Just outside the city centre you will find the lively Jamtli, an open air museum park which displays permanent exhibitions about the region's past side by side with temporary exhibitions that reflect the world of today.

Accommodation at Scandic hotel Östersund City

**Day 07: Östersund – Mora in Dalarna (train)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will travel part of the famous Inland Railway, which connects northern and southern Sweden through the inlands. The train ride is an attraction in itself, and after early morning departure from Östersund, the journey takes you southwards through the mountainous county of Jämtland to the Dalarna county, which is known for its traditional midsummer celebrations, hand carved Dala-horses, international festivals, red wooden houses, sausage specialties named Falukorv and cheerful folk music. Early afternoon arrival in the city of Mora, beautifully located by Lake Siljan. 360 million years ago, a meteor fell from the sky and onto Dalarna. This is how Lake Siljan and the surrounding landscape were created. Mora is famous for the annual cross-country race "Vasaloppet"; which museum displays a big collection of the 80-year-old history of Vasaloppet, the world's biggest cross-country competition. We also recommend a visit to the Zorn museum, which displays the artist Anders Zorn's famous nude paintings, portraits and aquarelle paintings, in addition to parts of his private art collection.

Accommodation at Mora Parken Hotel

**Day 08: Mora – Stockholm (train)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from Mora by train, a journey which will last approximately four hours and pass several cities in Dalarna before you reach the final destination of the tour: Stockholm. The capital of Sweden, is built on 14 islands and you are never far from the water. Well-preserved medieval buildings stand alongside modern architecture, and just outside the city, the archipelago of 24 000 islands is waiting to be explored.

Accommodation at Clarion hotel Stockholm

**Day 09: Stockholm**

Breakfast at the hotel and enjoy Stockholm - sights of interest are the Vasa Museum, Skansen Open Air Museum, City Hall and the Old Town (Gamla Stan).

Departure according to own itinerary.

**- End of Services –**

**Services:**

- 8 nights hotel accommodation in shared double room with shower/WC
- 8 x Scandinavian breakfast buffet
- Train Oslo – Gjøvik
- Boat “Skibladner” Gjøvik – Hamar
- Train Hamar – Røros
- Train Røros – Trondheim
- Train Trondheim – Østersund
- Train “Inlandsbanan” Østersund – Mora
- Train Mora – Stockholm

\*The above tour operates from the 22.06.2012 - 15.08.2012