






# Copenhagen to Helsinki Christmas & New Year

## Tour Overview

 <b>Start Point</b> Copenhagen	 <b>End Point</b> Helsinki	 <b>Meals</b> 12 Breakfasts   5 Dinners	 <b>Transport</b> Air-conditioned coach	 <b>Tour Type</b> Fully-guided tour
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## Itinerary

### Day 1: Start of tour in Copenhagen

 Dinner  Moxy Copenhagen

Today kicks off your Scandinavia Christmas and New Year tour! Arrive in Copenhagen and meet your tour leader and group at the hotel. Then, join an expert local guide for a walking tour to see Denmark's capital's top sights. Afterwards, enjoy the rest of the day as you wish. Enjoy a welcome dinner tonight and mingle with your fellow travellers.

#### Included:

ESHXMASNY - Enjoy a guided tour of Copenhagen

### Day 2: Copenhagen: Free Day

 Breakfast  Moxy Copenhagen

Explore the very best of Copenhagen at leisure! For the best immersion into the city's culture, embark on today's optional excursion to uncover the rich history of Copenhagen. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience, including a tour of Freetown Christiania, a local lunch and a visit to Christiansborg Palace! There's no better way to explore the city.

#### Optionals:

Winter Wonders of Copenhagen

### Day 3: Copenhagen - Odense - Aarhus - Hirtshals (ferry port)

 Breakfast  Fjord Line Hirtshals-Bergen Ferry

This morning, head to Odense, known for being the birthplace of fairytale writer, Hans Christian Andersen. Up next is the city of Aarhus, the second-largest in Denmark. This must-see city is home to an old town open-air museum, contemporary artwork and buildings, Viking museums and more. Later, arrive in Hirtshals and board the overnight ferry to Bergen, Norway!

#### Included:

ESHXMASNY - Discover Odense on an orientation tour

ESHXMASNY - Explore the unique city of Aarhus

ESHXMASNY - Relax on an overnight ferry cruise to Norway

### Day 4: Overnight ferry - Bergen (Christmas Eve)

 Breakfast  Scandic Bergen City

Norway is calling, and ready to be explored this Christmas Eve! Upon arrival in Bergen, hop on an orientation tour. "The city among the seven mountains" is home to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Bryggen Quay and the fjords are just a short boat ride away. This afternoon, celebrate Christmas Eve on an optional excursion to Norway's historic fishing villages.

#### Included:

ESHXMASNY - See Norway's fjords

ESHXMASNY - Explore Bergen on an orientation tour

#### Optionals:

Coastal Norway: Fishing Villages & Norwegian Lunch

## Day 5: **Bergen: Free Day (Christmas Day)**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Scandic Bergen City

Spend Christmas Day discovering beautiful Bergen! For an in-depth exploration, join today's Festive Bergen+ excursion. This unmissable outing includes a guided tour of Bryggen, a Fløibanen ride to the top of Mount Fløyen for panoramic views, and finally, a delicious beverage at the Magic Ice Bar. This evening, sit down for a festive Christmas dinner with the group.

### **Optionals:**

Festive Bergen+

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## Day 6: **Bergen - Flam - Gudvangen**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Gudvangen Fjordtell

Leave Bergen behind for Gudvangen, located at the end of Nærøyfjord, one of the most spectacular fjords! Choose to visit a Viking village and hop on a sightseeing cruise on the Nærøyfjord and Aurlandsfjorden fjords to Flam. Marvel at crystal-clear waters, towering cliffs and majestic waterfalls! Later, settle into tonight's accommodation in Gudvangen and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

### **Included:**

ESHXMASNY - Experience Norway's scenery

ESHXMASNY - Visit Gudvangen

### **Optionals:**

Viking Village and Norwegian Fjords Cruise

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## Day 7: **Gudvangen - Oslo**

 Breakfast  MOXY Oslo X

Depart Gudvangen this morning for Oslo! On the way, stop at the impressive Gol Stave Church. Arrive in Oslo and embark on an unmissable walking tour of the Norwegian capital with a local guide. Discover some of the city's highlights, such as Akershus Castle and the Royal Palace. This evening is free to spend however you wish.



### **Included:**

ESHXMASNY - See Gol Stave Church

ESHXMASNY - See the highlights of Oslo with a local guide

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## Day 8: **Oslo - Karlstad - Stockholm**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Môtel L

There's more of Sweden to see today! Journey from Oslo to Karlstad this morning. Enjoy an orientation tour and admire the scenery of this scenic city on the shores of Lake Vänern. Continue to Sweden's capital city, Stockholm. Enjoy Swedish meatballs for dinner this evening before settling into the hotel.

### **Included:**

ESHXMASNY - Discover Karlstad on an orientation tour

ESHXMASNY - Tuck into Swedish meatballs

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## Day 9: **Stockholm: Free Day**

 Breakfast  Môtel L

Spend a free day in Stockholm to discover all this captivating city has to offer! But first, set out on an expertly guided tour, seeing the city's top sights like the Royal Palace, the AF Chapman ship and Gamla Stan (Old Town). Afterwards, join the Royal Stockholm optional excursion to tour the Royal Palace and visit the world-renowned Vasa Museum!

### **Included:**

ESHXMASNY - Explore Stockholm with a local guide

### **Optionals:**

Royal Stockholm

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## Day 10: **Stockholm - Sigtuna - Overnight ferry to Helsinki**

 Breakfast  Radisson Blu Seaside Hotel

After breakfast, depart Stockholm and stop in the medieval town of Sigtuna. Head out on an orientation tour of this picturesque and historic town. Then, the journey continues to the port, where the group will take an overnight ferry to Helsinki. Have a ball with the onboard entertainment before you settle in for the night.

**Included:**

ESHXMASNY - Catch an overnight ferry to Finland

ESHXMASNY - Visit Sigtuna; Sweden's oldest town

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Day 11: **Helsinki (New Year's Eve)**

 **Breakfast, Dinner**  **Radisson Blu Seaside Hotel**

Upon arrival in Helsinki, embark on a guided tour before settling into your harbourside hotel. Meet up with a local guide this afternoon to discover the city's top attractions, including Senate Square, Helsinki Cathedral and Kauppatori Market. Celebrate New Year's Eve over dinner tonight. Ring in the new year with your fellow travellers and make this one to remember!

**Included:**

ESHXMASNY - Discover the highlights of Helsinki with a local guide

ESHXMASNY - Celebrate New Year's Eve with a local Helsinki dinner

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Day 12: **Helsinki: Free Day**

 **Breakfast**  **Radisson Blu Seaside Hotel**

Hyvää uutta vuotta! What better way to spend New Year's Day than exploring Helsinki, a capital city with a knack for design, culture and architecture? Embark on the optional excursion to explore Suomenlinna, a scenic island with a striking fortress and insightful museum. This excursion also includes a delicious Finnish lunch at a historic local restaurant!

**Optionals:**

Suomenlinna Tour & Taste

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Day 13: **End of tour in Helsinki**

 **Breakfast**

Say goodbye to Scandinavia after almost two weeks of seeing the best seasonal sights and ticking the top attractions off your bucket list. Enjoy the final group breakfast, and exchange contact information with your new travel friends to stay in touch. Expat Explore hopes you've had a magical festive tour. See you on the road again soon!

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