







Northern Explorer Christmas & New Year

Tour Overview

 Start Point Amsterdam (2026 departures)	 End Point Amsterdam	 Meals 17 Breakfasts 7 Dinners	 Transport Air-conditioned coach	 Tour Type Fully-guided tour
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Itinerary

Day 1: Start of tour in Amsterdam

 Dinner  Holiday Inn Express Amsterdam Schiphol

Arrive in Amsterdam and meet up with the tour leader at the hotel this morning. Begin with a trip to a local farm and learn how Dutch cheese and clogs are crafted. Then, join the optional trip to two charming Dutch towns or enjoy free time. Afterwards, set out on a canal cruise before enjoying a welcome dinner in Amsterdam!

Included:

ENXMASNY - Visit a local Dutch cheese farm and clog factory

ENXMASNY - Cruise along the Amsterdam canals

ENXMASNY - Enjoy a welcome dinner in Amsterdam

Optionals:

Dutch Countryside in Winter

Day 2: Amsterdam - Hamburg - Northern Germany

 Breakfast  Good Morning + Bad Oldesloe

Wave Amsterdam farewell and embark on a scenic countryside drive to Hamburg, Germany. At this time of year, Hamburg is filled with glorious Christmas markets. Explore the inviting stalls along the Town Hall Square. Grab a mug of glühwein, spiced hot wine, to warm your heart and body as you explore all the sights. After, head north to tonight's hotel.

Included:

ENXMASNY - Visit a Christmas Market in Hamburg

Day 3: Northern Germany - Copenhagen

 Breakfast  Best Western Plus Park City Globetrotter Copenhagen Airport

Cross the border into Scandinavia and travel towards Copenhagen, crossing over Øresund Bridge - Europe's longest bridge! Arrive in Denmark's capital and embark on an orientation tour to see highlights like the Little Mermaid statue and Rosenborg Castle and discover what makes Copenhagen one of the world's most liveable cities! Afterwards, enjoy free time to wander around Copenhagen's beautiful Christmas market.

Included:

ENXMASNY - Discover Copenhagen, capital of Denmark

Day 4: Copenhagen - Helsingør - Gothenburg - Oslo

 Breakfast, Dinner  MOXY Oslo X

Set off at dawn towards the port of Helsingør. Enjoy views of Kronborg Castle, the setting of Shakespeare's Hamlet, aboard a ferry to Sweden. Then, travel through rural Swedish scenery filled with lakes and forests towards Gothenburg, Sweden's second city, for an orientation tour. Then, cross the border into Norway, arriving in Oslo, and enjoy an included dinner tonight.


Included:

ENXMASNY - Cruise from Helsingør to Helsingborg by ferry

ENXMASNY - Enjoy a scenic drive through the Swedish countryside

ENXMASNY - Visit Gothenburg

Day 5: **Oslo: Free Day**

 **Breakfast**  **MOXY Oslo X**

Grab breakfast before joining a locally-guided tour of Oslo! See some of Oslo's top attractions such as Akershus Castle, the Royal Palace and the Oslo Opera House. The rest of the day is free. Get to know more about this captivating Scandinavian city on the Oslo+ optional excursion. Explore the Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Fram Museum and more!


Included:

ENXMASNY - See the highlights of Oslo with a local guide

Optionals:

Oslo+

Day 6: **Oslo - Örebro - Stockholm**

 **Breakfast, Dinner**  **Môtel L**


Return to Sweden today. Leaving Norway behind, travel through diverse landscapes towards Örebro. Wander through its historic and lively centre, admire its stunning castle and enjoy free time to grab lunch. Finally, continue to Stockholm, the capital! After checking into the hotel, enjoy a delicious group dinner and soak up the city's festive atmosphere.

Included:

ENXMASNY - Visit Örebro in the heart of Sweden

ENXMASNY - Enjoy dinner in Stockholm

Day 7: **Stockholm: Free Day**

 **Breakfast**  **Môtel L**

Embark on a guided tour this morning before enjoying a free afternoon to explore Stockholm! Discover the Royal Palace, the AF Chapman ship and the historic Gamla Stan. After, the day is free to spend as you wish! Learn about Sweden's nautical and royal history on the Royal Stockholm optional excursion, including a visit to the fascinating Vasa Museum.

Included:

ENXMASNY - Explore Stockholm with a local guide

Optionals:

Royal Stockholm

Day 8: **Stockholm - Sigtuna - Overnight Ferry to Helsinki (Christmas Eve)**

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

This morning, visit Sigtuna, Sweden's oldest town, for an orientation tour. See highlights including Stora Gatan, Sigtuna's main street. In the evening, begin the journey towards Finland! Take an overnight ferry, enjoy a buffet dinner on board and spend Christmas Eve admiring the views from the water. Wake up in Helsinki, Finland's capital, tomorrow, on Christmas morning!

Included:

ENXMASNY - Catch an overnight ferry to Finland

ENXMASNY - Visit Sigtuna; Sweden's oldest town

Day 9: **Helsinki (Christmas Day)**

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

Merry Christmas or hyvää joulua! Arrive in Helsinki and set off on a city tour with a local guide. Discover the many architectural and design delights of Helsinki and see top attractions such as the Helsinki Cathedral and Senate Square before coming together for an early festive dinner. The rest of the evening is free to experience the Finnish Christmas spirit first-hand!

Included:

ENXMASNY - Discover the highlights of Helsinki with a local guide

ENXMASNY - Enjoy a festive Christmas dinner in Helsinki

Day 10: **Helsinki - Tallinn**

 **Breakfast**  **Metropol Hotel**

Bid farewell to Finland and head to the Baltic States! Board a ferry from Helsinki to Tallinn, Estonia's magical capital. Explore the city's highlights with a local guide! Tallinn is one of Europe's most enchanting cities, with an exceptionally well-preserved medieval Old Town. Tonight, choose to enjoy a festive meal at a historic restaurant.

Included:

ENXMASNY - Catch a ferry from Helsinki to Tallinn

ENXMASNY - Tour Tallinn with a local guide

Optionals:

A Festive Evening in Tallinn

Day 11: **Tallinn - Pärnu - Latvian Military Cemetery - Riga**

 Breakfast  Hestia Hotel Jugend

Travel towards Riga, Latvia's capital. On the way, stop over in Pärnu in Estonia. Then, learn about Latvian history at the Latvian Military Cemetery, dedicated to the soldiers who fought in WWI. Later, embark on an orientation tour of Riga to seek out the city's exquisite Art Nouveau architecture and impressive landmarks such as its massive central market.

Included:

ENXMASNY- Sightsee in Pärnu

ENXMASNY - Visit the Latvian Military Cemetery

ENXMASNY - Discover Riga; Latvia's vibrant capital

Day 12: **Riga - Hill of Crosses - Vilnius**

 Breakfast  Green Vilnius Hotel

This morning, hit the road to Lithuania. The first stop is the Hill of Crosses. This famous pilgrimage site features 100,000+ crosses, the first of which were placed here in 1831 after a local rebellion. Continue to Vilnius, Lithuania's capital. Arrive and enjoy an orientation tour followed by free time to explore Vilnius's cathedrals, churches, artist republics, and more!

Included:

ENXMASNY - Visit the Hill of Crosses

ENXMASNY - Explore Vilnius; capital of Lithuania

Day 13: **Vilnius - Trakai - Warsaw**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Radisson Blu Sobieski Hotel

Depart Vilnius and travel towards Warsaw, Poland's capital. Along the way, stopover in Trakai. Have your cameras ready to snap unforgettable photos of Trakai Castle, a 14th-century fortress in the middle of Lake Galvė. Back on the coach, look forward to a driving tour en route to Warsaw. Arrive and check into the hotel before enjoying a group dinner.

Included:

ENXMASNY - Marvel at the scenery in Trakai National Park

ENXMASNY - See Warsaw's highlights on a driving tour

Day 14: **Warsaw: Free Day**

 Breakfast  Radisson Blu Sobieski Hotel

Explore Warsaw's charming Old Town this morning with a local guide. See the Old Town square which dates back to the 13th century, admire the Royal Castle, the Presidential Palace and more. Afterwards, make the most of your free day in Warsaw. Join one of the exciting optional excursions on offer to experience Warsaw's royal history, culture and cuisine!

Included:

ENXMASNY - Discover Warsaw's Old Town with a local guide

Optionals:

Taste of Warsaw: Royal Castle & Pierogi

Chopin & Polish Flavours Evening

Day 15: **Warsaw - Poznań - Berlin (New Year's Eve)**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Vienna House By Wyndham Berlin

Head west, stop in Poznań, Poland. Grab lunch in the historic old town. Continue on to Germany and bustling Berlin! Take an insightful driving and walking tour and see famous sights like the Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie. Check into the hotel and get ready to ring in the new year with dinner at a Bavarian-style beer hall!

Included:

ENXMASNY - Explore the Old Market Square in Poznań

ENXMASNY - Discover Berlin on a guided tour

ENXMASNY - Celebrate New Year in Berlin

Day 16: **Berlin: Free Day**


 **Breakfast**  **Vienna House By Wyndham Berlin**

Wake up to a brand-new year in the heart of Berlin. Today is yours to explore as you wish. Join the optional Berlin+ tour to journey into the past. Discover the Eastside open-air gallery along the Berlin Wall and visit the exceptional museum in the old Jewish Quarter. This excursion is the best way to explore Berlin!

Optionals:

New Year's Berlin+

Day 17: **Berlin - Amsterdam**

 **Breakfast**  **Holiday Inn Express Amsterdam Schiphol**

Say Auf Wiedersehen to Berlin as the tour leaves Germany for the Netherlands. Enjoy the scenery as the coach travels through various landscapes. Later, arrive back in Amsterdam. After checking in to the hotel, choose to celebrate the last night of this magical and festive tour with an optional farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Optionals:

Diversely Dutch Dinner

Day 18: **End of tour in Amsterdam**

 **Breakfast**

After an incredible 18 festive-filled days, your Northern Explorer Christmas & New Year tour comes to an end after breakfast. Swap contact details with your new tour mates so you can share photos and memories after returning home! We hope to see you back aboard an Expat Explore coach soon!

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