

## Dear Women of the Midwest,

A dream-come-true, a fairy tale journey, or simply two bucket list destinations? I can't wait to share Denmark and Norway with you.

Denmark - a charismatic country that offers everything from wonderful cosmopolitan cities to elegant rural landscapes, fairy tale castles, white sand beaches, and intricate gardens, all bathed in charm and an ethereal Nordic light. Its past is illustrious, with over a millennium of history - Stone Age to Bronze Age mysteries, a brawny Viking history, and crowning Renaissance moments. The now is a wealth of vibrant, cutting-edge designs, and a cheerful, open-minded attitude to life, topping the world's list as the happiest and most habitable nation. Denmark is fairy tales, royal palaces, cozy cafes, bicycles, and pastel-colored seaside houses. Home of Lego and Tivoli - the third-oldest operating amusement park in the world. It is a rich culture with coziness and camaraderie with a feeling the Danes call "hygge."

Norway - vast and wild. Home to dazzling blue to emerald green fjords, snow-dusted alpine peaks, grinding glaciers, and crashing waterfalls ...it is a kaleidoscope of nature at its very best. This country is a number-one attraction and top many bucket lists. Rough and rocky coastlines dotted with cosmopolitan cities showcasing the famous Scandinavian design, tucked between medieval houses and vibrant colored wooden homes. Norway prides itself on being one of the world's most civilized, educated, and tolerant societies. It is a country for nature lovers, adventure seekers, and those just seeking pure, awe-inspiring, unspoiled natural beauty.

"To Travel is to Live!" as Hans Christian Andersen said. I couldn't agree more; come join me on this fabulous journey!





ΪÜ

Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 888-549-1186. Space is limited.



## August 7, 2025 - Thursday

Traveling to Copenhagen

Our adventure begins as we take an overnight flight to Copenhagen. Enjoy inflight entertainment and meal service as you are off to a fairy tale. Inflight meals

# August 8, 2025 - Friday

Copenhagen

Welcome to Denmark! There is plenty to see and do in Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. Beautiful waterways, historical buildings and modern architecture, and thousands of bikers. With the leading chefs in Nordic cuisine, famously Danish design, the Happiest People in the World, and avant-garde architecture, Copenhagen has long been the coolest city in Scandinavia. Get ready to enjoy all of it ... and much more. Upon arrival, we will take a short drive to our hotel, which is located right opposite City Hall Square. We will check in and enjoy a welcome dinner, and the evening is yours to relax and unwind. Inflight meals | D

# August 9, 2025 - Saturday

## Copenhagen

This morning, we will head out to explore Copenhagen. Our tour takes you into the heart of the Danish capital, full of historical buildings and ancient streets. You will see the Little Mermaid and the Gefion Fountain, the Royal Residence Amalienborg Palace and the Nyhavn Canal with its charming outdoor restaurants and picturesque cafés, Christiansborg Castle, hometown to the Danish Parliament, the Royal Opera House, and many more beautiful sights. We will enjoy a rich High Tea at the oldest tea house in town, where seven generations have served tea since

## **Picture-Perfect Copenhagen**



1835. The company has gained the title of Royal Warrant and has delivered tea to the royal family for many years.Next is a visit to Rosenborg Castle, one of the most well-preserved Renaissance castles in the world. Some of the rooms in the castle are almost completely as they were when the castle was built in the early 1600s. It contains many treasures, and the impressive crown jewels of Denmark are on display in the basement. The late afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy. A visit to Tivoli, maybe? The world's thirdoldest operating amusement park is at our hotel's doorstep. B | HT

## August 10, 2025 - Sunday

Odense - Hans Christian Andersen "To Travel is to Live!" Today, we will take a two-hour drive to Odense (on the island of Fyn) to visit and get a full insight into the life of the greatest storyteller in the world; get ready for a true fairy tale! A visit to Hans Christian Andersen's Museum and House is a surprising and fascinating journey into the author's creative universe - and his world-famous fairy tales. Both places are a story by itself and we dare to say that today is one of the highlights of your journey judge by yourself. Lunch is served in Odense and you will have time to stroll the city before we return to Copenhagen for a relaxing evening. B | L

# August 11, 2025 - Monday

Castles, Kings & Queens, Hamlet We are off to experience Northern Zealand and two extraordinary castles. Kronborg Castle, with its royal apartments, ballroom, casemates, and chapel, is probably one of the most famous Danish castles, known worldwide for being the

## **Traditional Open Sandwich**



inspiration for Shakespeare's Hamlet. the most famous Danish castle known worldwide for inspiring Shakespeare's Hamlet. We will continue to a castle synonymous with gold, glamour, art, and impressive gardens: Frederiksborg Castle, built in the early decades of the 17th century, and the largest Renaissance castle in Scandinavia. Lunch is served at the Garden House before we explore the castle and magnificent gardens. Kick back and relax tonight. B | L

## August 12, 2025 - Tuesday

Royal Copenhagen - Canal Tour We will start our day attending a Royal Copenhagen porcelain workshop. With guidance from a skilled blue painter, you will have the brush in your hand and can choose to paint selected pieces in Blue Mega Rifled or Blue Elements. A private two-hour canal tour is up next. See the capital from a different perspective and learn even more history as we flow through the most picturesque parts of Copenhagen. The afternoon is yours to shop, peoplewatch, and take in the last impressions of "Wonderful, Wonderful, Copenhagen ..." B

## August 13, 2025 - Wednesday Copenhagen - Oslo

This morning, we will take a short one-hour flight to Oslo, Norway. Oslo is the capital of Norway, the "Viking Capital," founded in 1040. With a location by the Oslo Fjord, it is home to many fascinating museums and beautiful green parks full of sculptures. In the city center, you will find the majestic Karl Johan pedestrian street and the impressive opera house. Upon arrival at Oslo airport, we will meet our local tour director and driver. We will take a short **Peaceful Fjords** 

## **Beautiful Bergen**



drive to visit Hadeland Glassverk, the oldest glasswork company in Norway, founded in 1762 and still in operation. We will tour the Glassverk, and lunch will be served at its cozy restaurant. We will arrive in the center of Oslo to check into our hotel and enjoy an evening to relax and unwind. B | L

## August 14, 2025 - Thursday Oslo

Breakfast is enjoyed before we head out to learn more about Oslo. We are off for an orientation tour where you get to admire the Royal Palace, the National Theater, the Parliament, the Opera House by the waterfront, and the medieval Akershus Fortress. Lunch is served at a local cafe before visiting the Kon Tiki Museum, where we will experience Thor Heyerdahl's world-famous expeditions across the Pacific Ocean on the balsawood raft in 1947. Up next is the open-air Norwegian Folk Museum, which showcases life in Norway from 1500 to the present. Among the 160 buildings, the Gol Stave Church, dating from 1200, is one of the five medieval gems at the museum. We return to our hotel in the late afternoon to enjoy an evening at leisure. B | L

## August 15, 2025 - Friday Bergen by Train

Breakfast is served, and our bags are packed\*. Today, we will take a scenic train journey from Oslo to Bergen (approx. seven hours). Cameras out; the landscapes and sceneries are stunning! We arrive in "The Capital of the Fjords" in the afternoon in time to take a walk around the center and harbor. Dinner at our hotel. \*Our bags are transferred separately; you will only carry a light handbag. B | D



## August 16, 2025 - Saturday Bergen

After a hearty breakfast, we will take a morning tour of Bergen and experience Bryggen, the historic harbor district and one of North Europe's oldest port cities on the west coast of Norway. It was established as a center for trade by the 12th century. In 1350, the Hanseatic League established a "Hanseatic Office" in Bergen. They gradually acquired ownership of Bryggen and controlled the trade in stockfish from Northern Norway through privileges granted by the Crown. Bryggen has been on the UNESCO list of World Cultural Heritage sites since 1979. A concert is enjoyed at Troldhaugen, at the Edvard Grieg Museum. Edvard Grieg is widely considered one of the leading Romantic era composers, and his music is part of the standard classical repertoire worldwide. A delicious salmon lunch is served before we take the funicular to the top of Mount Fløyen (1,000 ft. above sea level) for a stunning view of the city and the surrounding fjords. Have fun in Bergen by night! B | L

# August 17, 2025 - Sunday

Myrdal, Flåm, Sognefjord Cruise Ahead await two of the most famous adventures in Norway: Flåm Railway and a Sognefjord cruise. We board one of the most exceptional railroads in the world from Bergen to Flåm via Myrdal, with breathtaking views at every curve. With rivers cutting through deep ravines, waterfalls tumbling down precipitous mountainsides, and white peaks with small farms clinging to steep slopes. A journey on the Flåm Railway is a trip through Norwegian nature ...oh, what a joy! In



Flåm, we embark on a two-hour mini-cruise of the Nærøy and Auerland Fjords - both branches of the Sognefjord, the longest and deepest fjord in the world. Our motorcoach will meet us in Gudvangen and transfer us back to Bergen for the night. B | L

## August 18, 2025 - Monday Bergen

Today, you will have a day off to explore more of Bergen on your own. Today, you will have a day off to explore more of Bergen on your own. Shop your favorite Norwegian wool sweater (they last a lifetime!), rent a bike and ride through the city at your own pace, or just hang out and enjoy friendly people and a delightful atmosphere. We will enjoy a farewell dinner at a restaurant close to our hotel tonight. B | D

# August 19, 2025 - Tuesday

Traveling Home

All too soon, your fairy tale vacation has ended. Transfer to Bergen airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and to clear security. You may wish to do some lastminute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying west across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B

## Itinerary subject to change

B = Breakfast HT = High Tea L = Lunch D = Dinner



WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST Travel Solo Together



## Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room:	\$5,495
Per person in a single room:	\$6,495
Triple rooms are not available on this trip.	

We offer "Pair & Share"-service. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. Deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on April 9, 2025, and is non-refundable. The balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment(s) (any payment applied to the tour after the deposit) will access a 3.5% fee.

# EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:

Register at least eight (8) months prior to departure and receive a **\$200 DISCOUNT!** 

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

## Included:

- 11 nights accommodations at local 3+ and 4-star hotels
- Porterage at hotels (one bag per person)
- 11 x breakfast
- 1 x High Tea
- 4 x lunch
- 3 x dinner
- Private motor coach transportation as per itinerary
- Train tickets (Oslo-Bergen & Bergen-Myrdal-Flåm), economy class
- Airfare Copenhagen-Oslo, economy class, one checked bag up to 50 lbs. included
- Sightseeing program as per itinerary
- All admissions as per itinerary
- Professional English-speaking tour manager during the entire program
- Local step-on guides where required
- All local taxes and fees as of Ocober 26, 2024

# To register contact:

# Executive Travel

1212 O Street • Lincoln, NE 68508 Phone: 888-549-1186 GroupDepartment@executivetravel.com www.executivetravel.com

**ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:** 

Via our website www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys

# Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3+ 4

A 3+ rated tour involves a extensive amount of walking (city sightseeings by foot), stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas within the places visited. We walk between 4-5 miles over the course of a day. Add to this the walking you do outside the group activities. This trip is <u>not</u> recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

## **Travel Insurance:**

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

Travelex Insurance Services, Inc. CA Agency License #0D10209. Insurance coverages underwritten by individual member companies of Zurich in North America, including Zurich American Insurance Company (NAIC #16535, state of domicile: New York), 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, IL 60196.

Group airfare: See separate insert.

Accommodations (final accommodations 90 days prior to dep.):

- Copenhagen: The Square Hotel or similar
- Oslo, Clarion Hotel The Hub or similar
- Bergen, Zander K Hotel or similar

## Not Included:

- Airfare
- Airline baggage fees for your second checked bag (the first checked piece up to 50 lbs is free)
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals & beverages other than those mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than those mentioned in the tour program
- Gratuities (estimate \$15 per day in total)
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at the time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST Travel Solo Together A wholly-owned division of Executive Trave

Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions found at executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours

Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 888-549-1186. Space is limited.

# JOIN OUR GROUP AIRFARE!

We offer group airfare with Delta Airlines.

August 7, 2025	Omaha* - Minneapolis	5:35 PM - 6:54 PM
August 7, 2025	Minneapolis - Amsterdam	9:10 PM - 12:35 PM (August 8, 2025)
August 8, 2025	Amsterdam - Copenhagen	2:25 PM - 3:45 PM
August 19, 2025	Bergen - Paris	12:05 PM - 2:25 PM
August 19, 2025	Paris - Atlanta	5:30 PM - 8:55 PM
August 19, 2025	Atlanta - Omaha*	10:30 PM - 11:53 PM

# \$1,650 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

\*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Please reach out to us to assist you - a small supplement may occur. If you travel from a different airport, we aim to have you meet your fellow travelers in Minneapolis on August 7 and return from Bergen around the same time as the rest of the group on July 19.

# Important notes about seat assignments, upgrades, TSA Pre-Check- & Frequent Flyer Numbers:

Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure.** We cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).

**Premium seating upgrades** are not available when traveling on a group air contract. If you have frequent flyer miles (SkyMiles), please note those cannot be used to upgrade to Delta Comfort Plus but only be used for upgrades to business or first class when traveling on a group air contract. Contact us if you have any questions about this and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.

**Mileage credit** for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.

**TSA Pre-Check numbers and Frequent Flyer numbers** must be reported at the time of reservation. Otherwise, each traveler must provide these numbers upon check-in on the day of departure.

Taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change. Air schedules may be subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

# SECURE YOUR AIRFARE WHEN SIGNING UP!

