

VOGUE[®]

KNITTING Tour of Scandinavia

August 13–25, 2017

Copenhagen, Denmark
Bergen and Oslo, Norway
Helsinki, Finland

Your tour itinerary:

Sunday, August 13, 2017

For those of you living in North America, you will need to arrange your flight to depart today, in order to arrive in **COPENHAGEN, DENMARK** on Aug 14th.

If you would like to arrive Copenhagen prior to Aug 14th, contact Traveling Together regarding accommodations at the Copenhagen Marriott: \$168 per person, double occupancy and \$315 for a single, including taxes & breakfast.

Mon, Aug 14

Once you arrive at **COPENHAGEN AIRPORT (CPH)**, you will make your way to the **MARRIOTT HOTEL**. You will find instructions for transferring from the airport to the hotel in the *Additional Information* section at the end of this itinerary.

The 5-star Copenhagen Marriott Hotel is our home for the next 3 nights. Located along the harbor at Kalvebod Brygge, the hotel opens towards the harbor with an amazing view over the water and the city. Tivoli Gardens, Christiansborg Palace, Nyhavn, and Europe's longest pedestrian street, "Strøget" are just a short stroll away.

Our **WELCOME DINNER** will be at the hotel this evening, with knitwear designer and author **VIVIAN HOXBRO** as our guest speaker. A native of Denmark, Vivian has been a professional designer for almost 30 years. In addition to authoring *Domino-Knitting* and *Knit to be Square*, she has designed for magazines and yarn companies. Although semi-retired, Vivian has a new book coming out in the fall of 2017 on knitting in Denmark from 1800-1900. This newest book is in Danish, but she will share with us her Danish heritage along with some knitted models from the book and photos of the old garments.

Tue 15 Aug

We begin our day with a **PANORAMIC TOUR OF COPENHAGEN**

that will give you an introduction to the major sights and landmarks, including Copenhagen's most famous daughter, the Little Mermaid.

The highlight of our time in Copenhagen will be a visit to **SOMMERFUGLEN** (Danish for butterfly). The shop is famous for carrying the most beautiful examples of Danish, Norwegian and English designs in knitting, embroidery, accessories and a wide selection of hand-made buttons. Owner Inga Walløe is looking forward to our visit and will do her best to arrange a meet-and-greet with a local designer.

Wed 16 Aug

With map and travel guide in hand, you will have the entire day to **EXPLORE COPENHAGEN**. You may choose to visit Tivoli Gardens, the National Museum, Rosenborg Castle, or relax at one of the many canal-side cafes at Nyhavn, a place Hans Christian Andersen loved and where he wrote his first stories. Enjoy lunch at the world famous Ida Davidsen's where the choice of 'smørrebrød', Danish open sandwiches, is so vast that the menu is 6 feet long! Most shops are open today from 10am to 6 or 7pm, including the Royal Copenhagen Flagship store.

To help schedule your free time and learn about the places you are most interested in, we recommend that you purchase a travel guide. The most popular are Frommer's, Fodor's, Rick Steves', or DK Eyewitness. You may want to select one that includes a menu translation section for when you are dining apart from the group.

Be sure to check your travel guide or websites for opening days and times for any particular activity or museum that you are interested in.

Thu 17 Aug

This morning we board a flight that will take us to **BERGEN**, known as the gateway to Norway's fjords. Bryggen is the world-famous waterfront in Bergen and has been on Unesco's World Heritage List since 1980. From the ancient and scenic wooden buildings and alleyways of Bryggen to the colorful open fish market, this area of Bergen is exciting, picturesque and has a multitude of sweater shops! Our hotel for the next two nights is the **RADISSON BLU ROYAL**, located in the heart of Bryggen and adjacent to the Bryggen Museum and St. Mary's Church. You will have the afternoon free to explore this charming city, prior to our **GROUP DINNER** at the hotel.

Fri 18 Aug

OLEANA is an exquisite line of Norwegian women's luxury knitwear crafted from natural fibers of merino wool, silk, cashmere and alpaca—all made in Norway. Now housed in the first and oldest textile mill on the fjord, Oleana has recently opened its doors to show how it looks when Norway's youngest textile factory moves to one of the oldest ones. Our visit this morning begins with a lecture about the Norwegian knitting history and Oleana's design philosophy, followed by a tour of their factory where they do all the knitting, linking and sewing. If her schedule permits, we will have the opportunity to meet Oleana's award-winning designer, Solveig Hisdal. There will be time for shopping in their outlet store!

This afternoon we drive to Hjelmås for a visit to **HILLESVÅG ULLVAREFABRIKK**, a family owned wool spinning mill founded in 1898. It has been in the same family for four generations and is situated on the north side of the Oster fjord, about 35 km north of Bergen. The tour will take us through the entire process of when the wool enters the mill to the finished product with some of the machines being over 100 years old. The yarns they produce are for hand and machine knitting, hand weaving and crocheting, and carded wool for felt making and are available in a wide range of qualities and colors. There will be time to purchase your products directly from their mill shop!

Sat 19 Aug

Have your cameras and knitting supplies out and ready! Today we board a boat that will take us on an unforgettable **CRUISE THROUGH THE SOGNEFJORD**, the longest and deepest fjord in the world. As the boat winds through the narrow passages of the fjord, you will have a view of the stunningly high mountains along the Aurlandsfjord, and small alpine farms. We then disembark the boat in Flam for **LUNCH AT THE FLÅMSTOVA RESTAURANT** before boarding the famous **FLAM RAILWAY** for a ride through the wild and beautiful Flam valley. Deep ravines, cascading waterfalls and snow-capped peaks form the backdrop for this twelve-mile ride that traverses some of the steepest rail grades in the world.

Once we arrive in Myrdal, we board our **TRAIN TO OSLO**, the last leg of today's exciting journey. It will truly be an unforgettable day of sightseeing, as you knit your way across Norway! Our home for the next three nights is the **RADISSON BLU PLAZA HOTEL**, Northern Europe's highest and Norway's largest hotel with 37 floors and breathtaking views of Oslo and the Oslo Fjord.

Sun 20 Aug

We board our coach this morning for a **TOUR OF OSLO** that will include a visit to the Viking Ship Museum, where three 9th-century Viking ships are surrounded by artifacts excavated from their days of rape, pillage and plunder. A trip to Oslo would not be complete without a visit to Vigeland Sculpture Park. This 75-acre park contains a lifetime of work by Norway's greatest sculptor, Gustav Vigeland. You'll see the famous view of Oslo from the Olympic ski jump and a panoramic tour of this beautiful city, led by a local knitter and certified guide.

This afternoon we have an appointment at **TJORVEN GARN**, an inspiring yarn store that has been in the same location for over 20 years. It is a family business that has grown over the years, making this one of the largest and most popular yarn stores in Oslo, among locals and tourists alike. The selection of yarns come from leading manufacturers both in Norway and Europe. Designer Kristin Wiola works at Tjorven and we hope to meet her today. Our **GROUP DINNER** this evening will be at our hotel.

As always, we will continue to work on additional yarn related visits and provide everyone on the tour with a list of yarn and specialty shops for the cities that we will be visiting.

Mon 21 Aug

HEIMEN HUSFLIDEN is the country's largest supplier of traditional Norwegian costumes. They are *also known for offering beautiful textiles, knitting yarns, embroidery supplies, and Norwegian and Nordic handicrafts*. As of the writing of this brochure, we are working with Hege Andresen of Heimen's and planning a special visit just for our group. You will have the remainder of the day to **EXPLORE OSLO**. You may want to take a harbor boat tour, stroll down Karl Johans Gate, Norway's grand boulevard that leads directly to the Royal Palace, visit the National Museum, or just relax at one of the many waterfront cafes.

Tue 22 Aug

This morning we board our flight to **HELSINKI**, the largest city and capital of Finland. Upon our arrival we will make a stop for lunch and then we are off to the outlet shop at **MARIMEKKO**. Founded in 1951 by Finnish couple, Armi and Viljo Ratia, Marimekko is a leading textile company known for their bold and effusive textiles, producing fabrics and readymade items for stores all over the world. Their designs can be seen in places as varied as Crate and Barrel and H&M.

As we head into the city, we will have a **PANORAMIC TOUR OF HELSINKI** that will give you an introduction to the major sights and landmarks, including Helsinki's Senate Square and the famous Esplanade.

GLO HOTEL KLUUVI is located in the heart of Helsinki and within walking distance of the most important attractions, such as Helsinki Cathedral, Helsinki City Museum and the famous Rock Church Temppeliaukio. Our home for the next 3 nights is surrounded by shops, cafés and restaurants...the perfect location for exploring Helsinki and everything it has to offer

Wed 23 Aug

This morning we will walk to a nearby yarn shop by the name of **SNURRE**. Owners Anne and Mikko Lampinen are looking forward to our visit and will be sure to have plenty of Finnish yarns, as well as other top brands available. They focus on natural fiber and hand dyed yarns and have achieved a "status of place to visit" for hard core knitters and crocheters that are addicted to luxury and colorful yarns. Although the website is in Finnish, you can browse through the pictures to get an idea of the types of yarn you can expect to find at <http://www.snurre.fi/>

SHOP & KNIT NIGHT WITH FINNISH KNITTERS!

Tiina Huhtaniemi is the CEO of TitiTyy yarn shop and co-host of the Jyväskylä Summer Knit Festival. Although we are unable to attend the festival next year in Jyväskylä, Tiina has graciously agreed to organize an evening event in Helsinki, for our group. In addition to knitting and chatting with the local knitters, there is a good chance we will meet some local designers and have the opportunity to buy yarns from indie dyers. It is sure to be a night to remember!

Thu 24 Aug

The day is yours to **EXPLORE HELSINKI**. Whether you decide to shop along the Esplanade, stroll along the waterfront, take a boat tour of the harbor, or visit the towering landmarks of the Lutheran and Russian Orthodox Cathedrals, you will have a sense of being in Russia. This part of the city was modeled after St. Petersburg and was part of the Russian Empire in the early 19th century. Hollywood used Helsinki for the films Gorky Park and Dr. Zhivago, since filming in Russia was not possible at that time. Whatever you decide to do today, be sure to be back to the hotel in time for our **FAREWELL DINNER** this evening.

Although you may need to make ferry reservations well in advance, there is the possibility for you to make a day visit to Tallinn, Estonia. <http://www.directferries.com/>

Fri 25 Aug

Options to return to **HELSINKI AIRPORT (HEL)** are listed below in the *Additional Information* section. When it comes time to make your air arrangements, your flight can depart for home at any time today. Your tour escort will help you arrange shared rides if there are others with flights departing around the same time of day.

Included in your 13-day tour:

- *Hotels
- *Breakfast each morning
- *4 Dinners and 1 lunch, as noted in the itinerary
- *Land travel by private motorcoach
- *Luggage handling at hotels when arriving or departing as a group, where available
- *Copenhagen to Bergen flight
- *Bergen to Oslo via Sognefjord Expressboat & Flam Railway
- *Oslo to Helsinki flight
- *Group tours & activities
- *Meet-and-greets with designers
- *Visits & presentations with yarn companies
- *Hosted by a *Vogue Knitting* editor
- *Escorted by a professional tour leader
- *Yarn shopping and more!

Tour Price:
\$ 4,624 per person, double occupancy
\$ 1,118 single supplement

Space is limited!

Not included in your tour price: Air from your home airport to Copenhagen and Helsinki back to your home airport, in addition to those mentioned in the 2017 Tour Terms & Conditions

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Be sure to read all 2017 TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS
Prior to signing and sending in your registration

Please note in our Terms and Conditions: Due to the possible increase in the cost of airline fuel surcharges and airline taxes, the tour participant is responsible for these increases.

Baggage on this particular tour is strictly limited to one suitcase and one carry-on. Baggage handling for your one suitcase is included in and out of hotels and buses (when available); however, you are responsible for checking your own baggage in airports and through customs and for handling your carry-on bag.

Your one suitcase must not exceed 50 pounds or measure more than 62" (length + width + height), unless a particular airline you are using should have a lower weight limit.

Your one carry-on must be able to be stowed under your bus seat, therefore we recommend something that's easy to carry, and just big enough to hold all of the daily essentials. This hand-carry restriction will also meet the restrictions of the group flights within Scandinava.

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Transfers in Copenhagen and Helsinki:

Copenhagen Airport to the Marriott Hotel ~ As of August of 2016, taxi fare is 220 DKK (approximately \$35)

Glu Kluuvi Hotel to Helsinki Airport

• Taxi fare is approximately 50 Euros (\$57 as of August of 2016) The hotel can arrange for taxis that will take multiple people in order to share the cost. Your tour escort will help you arrange these shared rides if there are others with flights departing around the same time of day.

• You may also take a taxi to the train station for approximately 10 Euros and then the train to the airport is approximately 3 Euros, but remember that you would need to be able to handle your own luggage.

Once you have booked your trip, you will be notified when it is time to make your air arrangements.

If at that time you would like assistance with your air travel, please call Northwood Travel at 800-780-0571 or email them at info@NorthwoodTravel.com

Please note: This email address and phone number is for making air arrangements, only.

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Print and mail in the completed current Registration Form along with your deposit.

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