

Highlights of Norway & Sweden Summer 2011 Tour

Are you dreaming of a "trip of a lifetime" exploring idyllic Sweden and majestic, rugged Norway?

Then this is the tour for you!

July 6 - 24, 2011

Summer Tour Maximum: 15 persons

Pine forests and lakes, cities and towns, manor houses and shops of craftsmen... this is the Swedish scene that awaits you. You'll experience historic Stockholm, charming Dalarna, the glass district of Småland, and the beautiful landscape of the Swedish countryside. Dramatic soaring peaks and sheer rocky walls laced with waterfalls, historic towns, Stavkirke and museums...

all this and more is waiting for you as we drive the hairpin turns in Norway, visiting historic Røros, picturesque Geiranger, Lillehammer and Oslo.

Led by Diane and Ted Noble, you will have the opportunity to travel the backroads of these beautiful Nordic countries.



Arriving in Stockholm we will stay 3 nights, exploring this "Venice of the North", with its magnificent architecture, cobbled streets and historical sights. One of our dinners will be in Gamla Stan in a building from 1629. Next we will drive to the "heart of Sweden"... Dalarna... staying 3 nights in the hamlet of Tällberg, where the vision of what you've dreamed Sweden must be like, comes to life. We will visit Nusnäs for dala horses... Carl Larsson's home in Sundborn... Falun Copper Mine... Karl Tovåsen's summer fäbod... shops of craftsmen... and so much more! Røros, Norway came into being as a copper-mining center in the 17th century. Famous for its wooden buildings, and now protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, we'll explore this "best preserved historic mining town in Norway" with its miners' homes and slag heaps.

As we leave Røros, we start our journey to Geiranger and Trollstigen,



where we'll experience spectacular views of fjords, hairpin turns and breathtaking

vistas. Next we will visit the Lillehammer area, home of the 1994 Olympics, where we will stay at Sygard Grytting...a 700 year old farm-hotel run by the 16th generation of the Grytting family...and visiting such sites as the famous open-air museum of Maihaugen.

Staying 2 nights in Oslo, our last adventure in Norway before crossing back into Sweden, we'll be visiting some of Norway's most interesting museums...such as the Norsk Folkemuseum, the Vikingskiphuset, the Fram and Kon-Tiki museums and the Norsk Sjøfartsmuseum...all located on the Bygdøy peninsula.

Back in Sweden, we will spend two nights at country manors as we travel to, and stay, in the famous glass district of Småland...where we will also experience a traditional "hyttsill" evening in one of the glassworks. Returning to Stockholm for our last evening, we will have dinner in the countryside north of Stockholm, at the home of Marita and Lasse Hagglund, friends of Ted and Diane.

Diane and Ted have visited Sweden, and the other Scandinavian countries, on 24 trips... summer and winter... dating back to 1982... traveling in Sweden from Malmö in the south to Kiruna above the Arctic Circle, and from Göteborg to Stockholm as well as to the special 'out of the way' places in between. On the main roads as well as the narrow country roads, their travels and searches have resulted in finding historic, quaint, countryside and romantic type accommodations and experiences. Their tours are intentionally limited to a fewer number of participants... offering more personal attention and experiences you may not have with larger groups.

If you'd like to have this especially unique "once in a lifetime" experience, contact the Nobles at teddiane@me.com or 612-825-8808