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## Join Fr. Geoffrey Baraan in a Tour to the Scandinavian Countries

### **17 Days from August 14-30 of 2023**

#### **August 14: USA – OSLO (NORWAY)**

#### **August 15: OSLO (NORWAY)**

Arrival at Oslo airport, meet and transfer to your hotel in the city center to have the first contact with the Norwegian capital, founded in 1050 AD by the Viking King Harald the Strong. Arrive to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### **August 16: OSLO – ALESUND**



Breakfast. Leave to the Norwegian coast and go through the lake Mjosa, the biggest in Norway and one of the deepest in Europe. Continue through the Gudbrandsdal Valley towards the beautiful city of Alesund, rebuilt in the New Art after it has been destroyed by fire on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. 1904. Will go up to the view terrace from where we will enjoy an extraordinary panoramic view of the capital of Sunnmøre region. Back to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### **August 17: ALESUND – GEIRANGER CRUISE – THE FJORDS REGION**



Breakfast. We will enjoy a mini cruise through the Storfjord and a cruise through the Geiranger, one of the sites included in the Patrimony of Humanity of the UNESCO. After disembarking we will continue to Glacier of Briksdal, situated in the National Park of Jostedal where we will do a beautiful walk to enjoy the nature, surrounded by high mountains, waterfall, and rich vegetation till we reach the tongue of the Glacier. This experience will be remembered for many years to come. Dinner and overnight in the region of the Fjords.

#### **August 18: FJORDS REGION – SOGNEFJORD – BERGEN**

After breakfast, we will take a boat ride to Sognefjord, known as "Dreams of Fjord". It is not only the longest ride of Norway (200 Kilometers)! Also, the highest in some places (1.300 meters). There will be a stop for relaxing, after; we will continue the beautiful excursion on the Flam Train. Magnificent panoramic view of the beautiful valleys. Will pass by the Voss Valley, the last stop will be at the hotel in Bergen, Dinner and overnight.

#### **August 19: STAVANGER – (FJORDS OF LYES AND PREKESTON)**



Breakfast. Panoramic tour in the Old Port of Bergen, passing by the old merchant of the Hanseatic League known of its wooden construction. Continue to the hill of Floyfjellet to enjoy the amazing view of the city and its Valleys. after that, will take a Ferry boat to go through the Atlantic Route passing by Bjona y Bokna, the islands of Rennesoy and the tunnels of Rennfast, arriving at Stavanger. Dinner and overnight.

#### **August 20: STAVANGER**



after breakfast, going to the most popular excursion of the Norwegian Valleys: taking a boat ride to the vally of Lyse, continue to a beautiful path to mountains to the Prekestolen, the most beautiful scene in all the Valleys. Going back to Stavanger, free afternoon to rest. Dinner and overnight.

#### **August 21: STAVANGER – OSLO**



Breakfast, going early morning to the South of Norway, enjoying the beautiful views, arriving to Oslo, Panoramic tour of its features: The Frogner Park with its outstanding sculptures granite, the beautiful road of Karl Johans; The Royal Palace and the Parliament. Dinner and overnight.

#### **August 22: OSLO – STOCKHOLM (SWEDEN)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the Karlstad Industry, Free time to get known to the famous city which is situated at the shore of the Vanern Lake. Continue to Stockholm, arrive to the hotel, free time for the rest of the day to enjoy the Capital of Sweden. Dinner and overnight.

#### **August 23: STOCKHOLM**

After Breakfast, morning tour in the bus, discussing the history of the city, will talk a walk in the Old city. Arriving at the Gran Plaza, Cathedral, the Royal Palace, and the Noble Island. In the afternoon, will be visiting the Vasa Museum, the interior of the town hall and the Golden Hall. Arriving to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

#### **August 24: STOCKHOLM – COPENHAGEN (DENMARK)**



After breakfast, will leave to Denmark, passing through Sweden, the Vattern Lake arriving to Malmo, crossing the bridge of Oresund, the point that unite Sweden and Denmark that inaugurated in the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2000 and is considered the great masterpiece of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Arriving to Copenhagen, "the Capital of Denmark " the biggest city of the Scandinavian. Its origin goes back to the beginning of 11th Century, it was also known as a small

fishing place were that was called HAVN, later on, this settlement was the most important spot for trading . back to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

#### **August 25: COPENHAGEN**



Breakfast at the hotel, Panoramic visit of the Town Hall, the Christianborg Palace, the Amalienborg Palace, the resident place of the Queen Margarita, the fountain of Gefion, etc. in the afternoon, a visit to the Carlsberg factory, one of the most famous beers in the world, will see the process of the elaboration, will have a taste of the beer also. Free afternoon. Dinner and overnight.

#### **August 26: COPENHAGUEN – HAMBURG (GERMANY)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer in bus to Hamburg (Germany), the second largest German city after Berlin. We shall enjoy e panoramic city tour with a local guide passing through the historic center and following the so called Pirates Steps and discovering the affects of the bombardments during the Second World War. Then we shall enjoy a memorable boat ride in the river Elbe to view the city from the water.

Arrive to our hotel. Dinner and overnight.

#### **August 27: HAMBURG – BREMEN – AMSTERDAM**

Breakfast. Leave for Amsterdam (Holland). On our way we shall have a stop in Bremen, known widely due to the story of the Brothers Grimm (the Mystics of Bremen). We will have a free time to discover the Market Square. Continue our journey by bus to Amsterdam, the capital city of Netherland. As a first contact, we shall do a boat ride through the canals of the city. Arriva to our hotel, dinner and overnight.

#### **August 28: AMSTERDAM**



Breakfast. A guided tour in the city, known as the Venice of the north. We shall discover the Dam Square, the Royal Palace, the National Monument, the Flee Market, the House of Rembrandt, the floating market of the flowers. Rest of the day will be free for our leisure or to continue discovering more aspects of the city. Dinner and overnight.

#### **August 29: AMSTERDAM – USA**

Breakfast. This morning will be a free for shopping and leisure, and in due time Transfer to Amsterdam Airport to board your flight back home.

#### **August 30: AMSTERDAM – USA**

Arrive to USA.