# GRAND CIRCLE TRAVEL WELCOMES THE OSHER INSTITUTE @ THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND TO

# Norwegian Fjords, Lapland & Finland Voyage

FINLAND: HELSINKI, SAARISELKA • NORWAY: 5-NIGHT COASTAL CRUISE, BERGEN, OSLO



15 Days from **\$6335**Cruise with airfare from Richmond

14 Days from \$4795
Cruise Only

MAXIMIZE YOUR DISCOVERIES & VALUE

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS** 

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN
3 NIGHTS PRE-TRIP FROM \$1195

OSLO, NORWAY
3 NIGHTS POST-TRIP FROM \$795

#### IT'S INCLUDED

- Choose to purchase Grand Circle's airfare, and your airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges are included. Or, make your own air arrangements
- · All flights within Scandinavia
- Accommodations for 8 nights in comfortable rooms with private baths, and 5 nights aboard a Hurtigruten Norwegian Coastal Voyage Ship
- 30 meals: 13 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 9 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 15 included features: 13 guided tours and 2 exclusive Discovery Series events: Sami family visit • Home-Hosted Dinner

- Exclusive services of a local Grand
   Circle Program Director (assigned to
   no more than 42 travelers)
- **Gratuities** on your main trip for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- Personal headset for all included and optional tours on your main trip (except tours offered through the Hurtigruten Coastal Voyage Ship)
- · Private motorcoach land travel
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip—an average of \$383

#### **ITINERARY**

**AUGUST 10, 2020** 

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#### PRE-TRIP OPTION:

3 nights in Stockholm, Sweden

DAY 1 / Depart U.S.

#### DAY 2-3 / Helsinki, Finland

**HOTEL** Scandic Grand Marina or similar **INCLUDED TOUR** Helsinki

#### DAY 4-5 / Saariselka

**HOTEL** Lapland Hotel Riekonlinna or similar **INCLUDED TOUR** Siida Museum

#### DAY 6 / Kirkenes, Norway • Embark ship

SHIP Hurtigruten Norwegian Coastal Voyage Ship

#### DAY 7 / Hammerfest

**HOTEL** Hurtigruten Norwegian Coastal Voyage Ship **INCLUDED TOUR** Hammerfest

#### DAY 8 / Stokmarknes • Svolvaer • Stamsund

**HOTEL** Hurtigruten Norwegian Coastal Voyage Ship **INCLUDED TOURS** Vesteralen, Svolvaer

#### DAY 9 / Sandnessjoen • Bronnoysund • Rorvik

**HOTEL** Hurtigruten Norwegian Coastal Voyage Ship **INCLUDED TOURS** Bronnoysund, Rorvik

#### DAY 10 / Trondheim • Molde

**HOTEL** Hurtigruten Norwegian Coastal Voyage Ship **INCLUDED TOUR** Trondheim

#### DAY 11-12 / Disembark ship • Bergen

HOTEL Thon Hotel Rosenkrantz or similar INCLUDED TOUR Bergen
OPTIONAL TOUR Music of the Fjords

#### DAY 13-14 / Oslo

HOTEL Thon Hotel Opera or similar INCLUDED TOURS Norway in a Nutshell, Oslo

DAY 15 / Oslo • Return to U.S.

#### **POST-TRIP OPTION:**

3 nights in Oslo, Norway



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#### WHAT TO EXPECT

#### Group Size

 A maximum of 42 travelers, led by a local Grand Circle Program Director

#### Pacino

- 15 days, with 4 hotel stays and a 5-night cruise
- 1 internal flight of 1.5 hours

#### Physical Requirements

- Walk 2-3 miles unassisted and participate in 2 hours of physical activities daily, including stairs
- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters

- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience

#### Terrain & Transportation

- Uneven walking surfaces, including unpaved paths, hills, stairs, and cobblestones
- Travel by 45-seat coach and train

#### Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 35-80°F during cruising season
- June-August are the warmest months
- May and September weather can be unpredictable and change quickly

#### YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

#### Day 2 • Helsinki, Finland

A Grand Circle representative will meet you at the airport and assist you to your hotel. Depending on your arrival time, your Program Director may lead you on an orientation walk through the neighborhood surrounding your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure.

Scandic Grand Marina or similar

#### Day 3 • Helsinki

After a Scandinavian buffet breakfast, get acquainted with the highlights of Helsinki on an included tour. Stops include Market Square, which offers a vibrant portrait of Helsinki; the Sibelius Monument; and Senate Square, designed to be the physical and symbolic heart of the city. Enjoy some leisure time to explore Helsinki on your own this afternoon.

In the evening, get to know your Program Director and fellow travelers—including those who took our pre-trip extensions in *St. Petersburg*, *Russia* or *Stockholm*, *Sweden*—over a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

B,D—Scandic Grand Marina or similar

#### Day 4 • Helsinki • Saariselka

After breakfast, depart for Saariselka in northern Finland to begin your Lapland discoveries—flying to Rovaniemi then completing the journey overland by bus (about a four-hour drive). This northern resort village is beloved by Scandinavians for both its winter sports options and its outdoor activities in the summer. Enjoy an included dinner at your hotel this evening.

B,D—Lapland Hotel Riekonlinna or similar

### Day 5 • Saariselka • Siida Museum • Sami family visit • Home-Hosted Dinner

After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of the Siida Museum, for a closer look at Lapland culture and nature.

#### **EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT**

Then, visit with a Sami family at their reindeer farm, where you'll enjoy a Samistyle lunch. After saying goodbye to your hosts, visit a countryside farm where huskies are raised.

#### **EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT**

Finally, cap off your day of cultural discovery during a memorable Home-Hosted Dinner with a local Finnish family.

B,L,D—Lapland Hotel Riekonlinna or similar

### Day 6 • Saariselka • Kirkenes, Norway • Embark ship

This morning, depart for Kirkenes, witnessing rural Lapland along the way. Board your Hurtigruten Norwegian Coastal Voyage ship early this afternoon to begin your maritime discoveries.

B,L,D-Hurtigruten Ship

#### Day 7 • Hammerfest • Coastal Cruising

Your first port today is Hammerfest, Europe's northernmost city, which rests far above the Arctic Circle and enjoys uninterrupted daylight from mid-May to the end of July. Enjoy a tour here before returning to your ship. Your cruise then continues as you sail away tonight.

B,L,D-Hurtigruten Ship

### Day 8 • Vesteralen • Stokmarknes • Svolvaer • Stamsund • Coastal Cruising

Today, cruise to Harstad to discover Vesteralen on an included tour and continue to Stokmarknes. Then visit Svolvaer on the Lofoten Islands, where you'll set off on a discovery walk. You'll then cruise to Stamsund, a village known for its trawl-fishing industry.

B,L,D-Hurtigruten Ship

#### Itinerary continued

### Day 9 • Sandnessjoen • Bronnoysund • Rorvik • Coastal cruising

Sail past Sandnessjoen this morning, with soaring views of the De Syv Sostre mountain range. Then enjoy an included tour of Bronnoysund, home to the largest limestone mine in Northern Europe. Crossing the Arctic Circle southbound, your last stop of the day is Rorvik, a fjord-filled region teeming with bird rookeries.

B,L,D—Hurtigruten Ship

#### Day 10 • Trondheim • Coastal cruising

A day of dramatic locales awaits. A highlight of today's cruise will be an included tour of the medieval-flavored city of Trondheim, founded in AD 997.

B,L,D—Hurtigruten Ship

#### Day 11 • Disembark ship • Bergen

This afternoon, bid farewell to your coastal ship and disembark to discover Bergen, the old capital of the mercantile Hanseatic League with a colorful

Bryggen Harbor area and the lively fish market.

This evening, enjoy an orientation walk in the vicinity around your hotel.

B,L—Thon Hotel Rosenkrantz or similar

### Day 12 • Bergen • Optional Music of the Fjords tour

This morning, join an optional tour of the *Music of the Fjords*. Begin your exploration of Norway's musical legacy at the former home of Edvard Grieg, a legendary Norwegian composer of the Romantic era in the 19th century. Tour the home (now a museum) before settling in for a short concert performed by an expert pianist. After lunch, attend a demonstration of the Hardanger fiddle, a uniquely Norwegian string instrument, similar to violin.

Or you may choose to explore Bergen at your leisure.

B—Thon Hotel Rosenkrantz or similar

### Day 13 • Bergen • Norway in a Nutshell tour • Oslo

Today, embark on an included *Norway* in a *Nutshell* tour, making discoveries by both train and motorcoach. Travel to Myrdal early this morning, where you'll

hop aboard the vintage Flam Railway for a spectacular ride across the steep and narrow Flam Valley. You'll admire waterfalls and glacier-carved ravines as you ride towards Flam, where you'll board a motorcoach that will take you to Oslo. Enjoy a light lunch as you travel to Oslo, where you'll arrive this evening and check into your hotel.

B,L—Thon Hotel Opera or similar

#### Day 14 · Oslo

This morning, explore Oslo on an included tour, during which you'll visit the Viking Ship Museum to see some of the best-preserved Viking ships in the world.

Enjoy lunch and the afternoon on your own. This evening, join your fellow travelers at your hotel for a Farewell Dinner.

B,D—Thon Hotel Opera or similar

#### Day 15 • Oslo • Return to U.S.

Today, you'll transfer to the Oslo airport for your flight home. Or begin your post-trip extension in Oslo, Norway, or Copenhagen, Denmark.

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#### WATCH VIDEOS & FILMS OF THIS VACATION ONLINE

Learn more about Norwegian Fjords, Lapland & Finland Voyage



Watch travelers cruise along the Norwegian coast and meet the Sami people of Lapland.



Get more information about your detailed itinerary, like optional tours, exclusive Discovery Series events, and more.



Get to know Program Director Wendela Wiik as she talks about her childhood and getting off the beaten track in Norway.

Watch these videos and more at www.gct.com/bct2020

## 2020 DEPARTURES GRAND CIRCLE CRUISE TOUR PRICES

#### **DECK**

В	Outside Cabin w/ Window	\$4795
0	Outside Cabin w/ Window	\$5195
L	Outside Cabin	\$5395
1	Inside Cabin	\$5995

DEPART FROM:	August 10, 2020	
Richmond	\$1540	

Deposit: \$500 per person.

**Single Supplement:** \$995. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FEES The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. Government and other authority taxes and fees: September 11th Security Fee of up to \$2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—\$5.00 USD one-way, \$10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one takeoff and one landing. Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) of up to \$18 per passenger. Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee of up to \$3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing). U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges of up to \$200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or international departure and arrival charges of up to \$300 USD may apply. Call for details. Standard Terms & Conditions can be found on the web at www.gct.com/tc.

#### RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION

Call Toll-Free: 1-800-221-2610

### Here's how you will save based on a trip price of \$5500:

Time Period Prior to Your Final Payment Due Date (90 days prior to your departure date) 9 months or more	Percent You Save: 7.5%	Savings Per Person: \$412	Savings Per Couple: \$825
8 months	6%	\$330	\$660
7 months	5%	\$275	\$550
6 months	4%	\$220	\$440
5 months	3%	\$165	\$330
4 months through final payment due date	\$50 OFF	\$50	\$100

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