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Amsterdam, Hamburg and Oslo

From £1,899 per person // 13 days



Embark on a journey through maritime history as you discover the port cities of Amsterdam, Hamburg and Oslo on this fascinating 12-night holiday. You'll also stop in lovely Aarhus, Denmark's second largest metropolis and then take a ferry across the Skagerrak strait to Norway. Return via Copenhagen and Cologne.

The Essentials

- Eurostar from London to Dutch capital Amsterdam
- The Hanseatic port city of Hamburg on the River Elbe
- Aarhus, former European Capital of Culture and Denmark's second city
- A night in the harbour town of Larvik and then historic Oslo with its laid-back vibe and fascinating maritime museums
- Return via Copenhagen and Cologne

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- Ferry from Hirtshals to Larvik
- 12 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade your hotels
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

- Suggested Itinerary -



Days 1 & 2 - Amsterdam

Take one of four direct Eurostar services from London's impressive St Pancras station to the heart of Amsterdam. Head out of the equally magnificent Centraal station and catch your first glimpse of the famous canal system as you make your way to the Max Brown Canal District Hotel (or similar) for a 2-night stay. Amsterdam is a beautiful city, famous for its Golden Age canals lined with Guild Houses and also for its lovely green spaces and fantastic mix of museums on subjects ranging from Ancient Art to Vodka. Don't miss a visit to Anne Frank's House, where the famous diarist hid with her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. We recommend booking in advance if you want to visit this attraction. Please call for details.



Day 3 - Amsterdam To Hamburg

Leave Amsterdam this morning on an InterCity service which will take you across the German border. You'll need to change trains in Osnabrück for an onward service to Hamburg, passing Bremen, another important maritime city, en route. If you have time, it's well worth having an extra overnight stop here. On arrival in Hamburg, check in for a 2-night stay at the Reichshof Curio Collection by Hilton (or similar).



Day 4 - Hamburg

The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, as its officially known, is Germany's second largest city after Berlin and the third largest port in Europe. It's a cultural hub with a wide range of museums, galleries and concert venues – some of the smaller ones are famous for giving the Beatles their start in the early 1960s. The city's rivers, streams and canals are criss-crossed by around 2,500 bridges – more than Amsterdam, Venice and London put together. Once you've had your fill of Hamburg's cultural highlights, there's plenty of space to relax in the lovely Planten un Blumen park or you can sit back and enjoy the scenery on a boat cruise.



Day 5 - Hamburg To Aarhus

After breakfast this morning, check out of your hotel and return to the station for your onward journey. A handy direct service takes you north from Hamburg, through the flat lands of Schleswig-Holstein, before crossing seamlessly onto Danish soil. Arrive mid-afternoon into Aarhus, where you check in for 2 nights at the Hotel Scandic The Mayor (or similar). There's plenty of time to head out and get your bearings before enjoying an evening meal in the centre of town.



Day 6 - Aarhus

Aarhus was named joint European City of Culture in 2017 and with its great museums and lively calendar of annual events, it's not hard to see why. This small city is easily walkable with not-to-be-missed attractions including the cobbled streets of the Latin Quarter, a pretty harbour area, the redeveloped cultural centre at Godsbanen and ARoS, the contemporary art museum with a rainbow-coloured roof installation that can be seen from all over the town. If you hire a bike, you can also take advantage of the city's location on the Jutland peninsula, with local beaches and forests easily accessible.



Day 7 - Aarhus To Larvik

Your exciting journey today starts with two Danish domestic trains, the first of which takes you to the town of Aalborg, then a regional service which delivers you into the small seaport of Hirtshals. Here, you transfer onto an evening fast-ferry across the Skagerrak Strait and into the historic Norwegian port of Larvik. On arrival, the Farris Bad Hotel (or similar) will be your home for the night.



Day 8 - Larvik To Oslo

After a morning at leisure exploring Larvik, it's time to return to the station for the 2-hour journey northeast to the nation's capital, Oslo. When you reach the austere Oslo S station, make your way to the Thon Hotel Opera (or similar) where you will have a 3 night stay.



Days 9 & 10 - Oslo

Capital of Norway since the 14th century, Oslo is a thriving city made up of diverse architectural styles and distinct districts. Spend a full day here exploring the city's museums, galleries and green spaces. Highlights of any visit here include the elegant Royal Palace and the Viking Ship Museum, boasting amongst other exhibits, two Viking ships that are over 1,000 years old. During the summer, you can also relax on one of the lovely beaches in the Oslofjord or sit and people watch at a café, with some of the world's best coffee.



Day 11 - Oslo To Copenhagen

Leave Oslo today and catch a train across the border to the Swedish city of Gothenburg. There's time for lunch here before your connecting service through to Danish capital Copenhagen. On arrival, check in for an overnight stay at the Hotel Absalon (or similar) and then head out for an evening meal in the centre of town.



Day 12 - Copenhagen To Cologne

There's time for a leisurely breakfast this morning before you catch a train from Copenhagen back down to Hamburg. Change here onto a high-speed ICE service to Cologne on the River Rhine and check in for an overnight stay at the Mondial am Dom MGallery (or similar).



Day 13 - Cologne To London

Your holiday comes to an end today as you enjoy a last morning in Cologne before making your way back to the station for a return journey to Brussels and a connecting Eurostar service to London.

Pricing

From £1,899 per person

Low season (November-March) **from £1,899pp**

High season (April-October) **from £2,099pp**

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.