

SCANDINAVIAN AND RUSSIA (16) DAYS TOUR

Visit : Russia, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark

Itinerary:

DAY 01 MANILA / MOSCOW

Assemble at the airport for your departure flight to Moscow. Overnight on board.

DAY 02 ARRIVAL MOSCOW

(B.L.D.)

Morning arrival at Moscow **Domodedovo Airport**. Meet by our local guide for full day sightseeing. Visit **Red Square** – is a city square in Moscow, the square separates the Kremlin, the former Royal Cital and currently the official residence of the President of Russia. Then visit **Lenin's Mausoleum** also known as Lenin's Tomb, situated in Red Square in the center of Moscow, is the Mausoleum that serves as the current resting place of Vladimir Lenin. His embalmed body has been on public display there since shortly after his death in 1924. Then visit **Saint Basil's Cathedral** a Russian Orthodox Cathedral erected on Red Square in Moscow in 1555-1561. Built in the order of Ivan IV of Russia to commemorate the capture of Kazan and Astrakhan, it marks the geometric center of the city and the hub of its growth since the 14th century, it was the tallest building of Moscow until the completion of the Ivan The Great bell tower in 1600. Then entrance to the **Moscow Metro** – A rapid transit system serving a large part of Moscow, Russia as well as the neighboring city of Krasnogorsk, Moscow oblast. With its first section opening in 1935, it was the first underground railing system in Soviet Union, most of the system is situated underground. Moscow Metro is the World's Second most heavily used rapid transit system after Tokyo's. Lunch at local restaurant. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight stay at **Radisson Blu Slavyanskaya** or similar class.

DAY 03 MOSCOW

(B.L.D.)

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. Full day sightseeing tour, visit the **Kremlin** – this 28 hectare fortress called Kremel in Russian, emerged in the 12th Century as a wooden encampment, and survived many an invader to become synonymous with modern totalitarianism in the 20th century. Entrance to the **Kremlin plus Cathedral** – visit the **Cathedral of the Assumption** the oldest church in the Kremlin and also the most important the seat of the Russian Orthodox church was transferred here from Vladimir 1326, Making it the centre of the state of Muscovy and the most powerful of the Russian principalities. Entrance to the **Annunciation Cathedral** – the Russian Royal Families private Orthodox Church services. It was connected to the personnel chamber of the Tsar. Then visit the **Cathedral of the Archangel** – which contains the tombs (46 altogether) of all the rulers of Muscovy and Russia from the 14th Century until Peter the Great moved the Capital to St. Petersburg. Then visit the **Church of the Deposition of the Robe** – the church's name refer to the robe of the Virgin Mary, a prized relic which was held to have saved Constantinople from attackers on several occasions. When the city was threatened the robe was paraded around the walls. In Moscow, an icon kept in this church was put to the same use. Then visit the **Cathedral of the Twelve Apostles in The Patriarch's Palace**. View the Ivan the Great Bell Tower – which at a height of 81 meters, was the tallest building in all Russia for almost 400 years. Visit the **Armoury Chamber** ; a treasure house is a part of the Grand Kremlin Palace's Complex. It is situated in the building constructed in 1851 by Architect Konstantin Ton. The museum collections were based on the precious items that had been preserved for centuries in the Tsar's treasury and the patriarch's vestry. Lunch at local restaurant. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at **Radisson Blu Slavyanskaya** or similar class.

DAY 04 MOSCOW / HIGH SPEED TRAIN / ST. PETERSBURG

(B.L.D.)

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. Morning half day sightseeing – visit to the **Cathedral of Christ the Saviour** – it is the tallest Eastern Orthodox church in the world. It is situated in Moscow, on the banks of the Moskva River, a few blocks west of the Kremlin the Cathedral was commissioned by Tsar Alexander I on December 25, 1812, following the defeat and withdrawal of Napoleon's Troops from Russia. The Tsar proclaimed the Cathedral a monument of gratitude for the intervention of **"Divine Providence for saving Russia"** from doom and as a memorial to the sacrifices of the Russian People. Lunch will be at city restaurant. After lunch, transfer to the train station to take the high speed train (**SAPSAN TRAIN**) to **St. Petersburg**. Upon arrival at St. Petersburg, meet at the train station and transfer for dinner at the hotel. Then check in at **Novotel St. Petersburg Centre** or similar class.

DAY 05 ST. PETERSBURG

(B.L.D.)

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. Full day sightseeing tour. Explore ¹**St. Petersburg** in a guided tour includes entrance to the **Peter and Paul fortress** (Includes Cathedral), View of the **Bronze Horseman Statue (Statue of Peter and Great)**. Entrance to the **Hermitage Museum** (also known as Winter Palace) – A museum of art and culture in St. Petersburg. One of the largest and oldest museum of the Worlds. It was founded in 1764 by Catherine the great and open to the public since 1852.

It's collection of which only small part is on permanent display. Comprise rarely of 3 million items including the largest collection of paintings in the world. The collection occupy a large complex of six historic buildings along palace embankment including the winter palace, a former residence of Russia Emperor. Lunch at local restaurant. Dinner at Chinese Restaurant. Overnight stay at **Novotel St.Petersburg Centre** or similar class.

DAY 06 ST. PETERSBURG / PUSHKIN / PETRODVORETS / ST. PETERSBURG

(B.L.D.)

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. Full day excursion **Pushkin – Petrodvorets**. Located 25 kilometer away from St. Petersburg, where we visit **Catherine's Palace and Park** which are amount Russia's top historical recreation complexes. Entrance to **Catherine's Palace** and see its magnificent interior and treasures. Where you can stroll along the park's alleys and path. Afternoon visit **Petrodvorets** – situated on Southern Shore of the Gulf of Finland, 29 KM from St. Petersburg visit the **Grand Palace** on the steepslope in front of the Palace we can see the Grand Cascade of Fountains embellished with bronze sculpture as bas relief dedicated to Russia's Victories in the Northern war is located. It consist of 64 Fountains. Lunch at local restaurant and dinner with show at Nikolaevsky Palace. Overnight at **Novotel St. Petersburg Centre** or similar class .



Saint Basil's Cathedral



Catherine Palace



Amalienborg Palace



Hans Christian Anderson Little Mermaid



Vigeland Park

DAY 07 ST. PETERSBURG / HELSINKI (B.L.D.)

Breakfast will be at the hotel. After breakfast, we will transfer from the hotel to the train station to take the first class train seats to Helsinki. Upon arrival, meet and transfer to the city restaurant for lunch. The rest of the day is free for own activities. Dinner at the hotel. Accommodation at **Radisson Blu Hotel** or similar class.

DAY 08 HELSINKI / STOCKHOLM (B.L.D.)

Breakfast will be at the hotel. Afterwards, we proceed with our morning sightseeing tour which includes a visit to the **Senate and the Market Squares, the Church in the rock, Mannerheim Monument, Sibelius Memorial**. After lunch at city restaurant, we continue our visit to **Borga**. Late afternoon you will be transferred to the Harbor to board a **luxurious ship for an overnight cruise** across the Baltic Sea to **Stockholm**. You can admire the scenic beauty of the **Swedish Archipelago and the Baltic Sea**. You can enjoy the merrymaking on the dance floor or have a good sleep in a comfortable cabin and awaken to find yourself approaching the Swedish Capital - **Stockholm**. Dinner is on board.

DAY 09 STOCKHOLM (B.L.D.)

Breakfast is on board. A local guide will meet you at **Silja Harbor** for a morning sightseeing tour and excursion at **Drottingholm Palace** with its preserved 18th century theatre and Milesgarden, home of the sculptor Carl Miles (only open during summer season). Lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, check in to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel. Accommodation at **Radisson Blu Hotel** or similar class.

DAY 10 STOCKHOLM (B.L.D.)

After breakfast, our morning sightseeing tour includes the **Royal Palace, The Cathedral Riddarholm Church** where the Swedish Kings are buried, Charming Medieval Old Town and the countless channels and bridges that connects this city's many island and the **Wasa Warship Museum**. Lunch at local restaurant. The rest of the day is free for your own leisure. Dinner will be provided. Overnight at **Radisson Blu Hotel** or similar class.

DAY 11 STOCKHOLM / OSLO (B.L.D.)

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, you will travel by first class morning train to Oslo, Capital of Norway. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for check in. Lunch at local restaurant and dinner at the hotel. Overnight stay at **Radisson Blu Hotel** or similar class.

DAY 12 OSLO (B.L.D.)

Breakfast at the hotel. Then in the morning we proceed with our whole day sightseeing tour including a live commentary in English and a **Norwegian Fjord Cruise Tour**. We will have an excursion to the **Holmenkollen Ski Jump** (One of the famous Winter Olympic Site). Entrance to the **Vigeland Park** is included. Lunch and dinner at local restaurant. Accommodation at **Radisson Blu Hotel** or similar class.

DAY 13 OSLO / COPENHAGEN (B.L.D.)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning sightseeing tour to Oslo. Highlights of visit by motor coach including **The Royal Palace, Oslo Cathedral** and entrance to the beautiful **City Hall**. After lunch, we have our free time until transfer to the pier to board a modern cruise ship for the overnight trip to **Copenhagen** and enjoy a traditional **Danish Smorgasboard**.

DAY 14 COPENHAGEN (B.L.D.)

Breakfast on board. A local guide will meet you in the harbor. Then you will have a sightseeing of the city by coach. See the impressive **Stock Exchange, the Medieval Cathedral, Amalienborg Palace, the Center of Danish Monarchy and Christianborg Palace, the Center of Danish Parliament**. Complete the day with a visit to the **Hans Christian Anderson Little Mermaid** and the **Waterfront and Tivoli Gardens**, one the best Amusement Park in the World (close during winter season). Lunch at local restaurant. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight stay is at **Radisson Blu** or similar class.

DAY 15 COPENHAGEN / MANILA (B.)

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time until transfer out to the airport for your departure flight back to Manila. Overnight on board.

DAY 16 ARRIVAL MANILA

Arrive Manila with fond memories of **Nordic Countries and Russia**. Welcome Back.

*** END OF TOUR ***

LEGEND : B – Breakfast L – Lunch D – Dinner

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