

GENERAL INFORMATION

Arrival In Copenhagen Airport

Trafalgar operates arrival and departure transfers on a group basis on the scheduled arrival and departure day of your trip at the times specified below. There are no refunds for unused transfers including when due to flight delays or missed flight connections.

Please make your way to the MEETING POINT in the Arrivals Hall, on the right immediately after leaving customs. Your Trafalgar Travel Director will meet you here a few minutes before your scheduled transfer departure. The Trafalgar coach departs Copenhagen Airport at 9am, 12 noon and 3.30pm on the FIRST day of the trip only.

If you arrive after these times and you haven't purchased a separate transfer, please make your own way to the hotel and this will be at your own expense. Should you take a taxi, do ensure that it is an official taxi from the rank outside the terminal building.

Hotel Check-In

Official hotel check-in time in your arrival city is 4pm. Earlier check-in is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.

Departure From Moscow Airports

Please note the return transfer from the last hotel will arrive at Moscow Sheremetyevo Airport at 5am and 11am, and at Moscow Domodedovo Airport at 5am and 1pm on the LAST day of the trip only. Guests extending their stay in Moscow after the trip who have not purchased a separate transfer through Trafalgar should make their own transfer arrangements.

Gratuities

If you have been pleased with the services of your Travel Director and Driver, you may wish to express your satisfaction with a gratuity. As this is a matter of a private and individual nature your gratuity should be sealed in an envelope and given to each one separately at the end of the trip. An average gratuity for your Travel Director would be Euro 4.00 per person per day and for your Driver Euro 2.50 per person per day. Recommended gratuity for a Local Specialist is Euro 1-2 per person per half day.

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Know Before You Go

Before you depart home, please visit our website where you will find all the information you need to be fully prepared for your trip: www.trafalgar.com/useful-info.

London Reception Center Emergency Details

For advice or information regarding your trip please contact our London Reception Centre
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Luggage Allowance

This is restricted to one large suitcase not exceeding 50 pounds (23kg) in weight not exceeding 30" x 18" x 10" (76cm x 45cm x 25cm) in dimension. Hotel portorage of this baggage is included in the trip price. Hand luggage should be one piece per person and should be limited in size so as to fit under your coach seat or in the small overhead shelf. These are the responsibility of each trip member and should be carried on/off the coach with you. Please note that luggage with adjustable handle and wheels will not fit in the overhead compartments and cannot be accepted as carry-on luggage.

Important Visa Information

Visas are required for this trip, and can be obtained by your Travel Agent for a fee, prior to leaving home. Visas cannot be issued at borders in Europe. *Please speak with your travel agent at the time of booking to assess your specific visa requirements as some nationalities, including United States citizens, must obtain their visa's before departing home.*

Russian Visas

A visa is required for Russia. Please speak with your travel agent at the time of booking to assess your specific requirements. Please verify that the start/end dates fall either on, or outside, your dates of entering and leaving Russia. A start date later than the first day of the trip will result in denial of entry to Russia by the Russian authorities.

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YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 *Depart Home

Overnight flight to Copenhagen.

DAY 2 Arrive Copenhagen (2 Nights)

Welcome to Copenhagen! Unwind after check-in or spend time exploring Scandinavia's liveliest city. This evening, meet your Travel Director and traveling companions for a Welcome Reception. You will then enjoy an evening drive – the perfect introduction to Copenhagen.

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Please meet your Travel Director at approximately 5.30pm for your Welcome Reception. Please check the Bulletin Board in the lobby for details.

DAY 3 Copenhagen Sightseeing and Free Time

Admire the Little Mermaid, Renaissance Stock Exchange, the Royal Amalienborg Palace and Christiansborg Palace during your sightseeing tour with a *Local Specialist*. You are free this afternoon to shop for souvenirs or relax. Tonight, why not visit the famous Tivoli Gardens and enjoy a traditional Danish dinner.

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DAY 4 Copenhagen – Stockholm

Travel north-east across the Öresund to the forests and meadows of Småland. Continue past Lake Vättern and enjoy spectacular views of Brahehus Castle en route to the Swedish capital, Stockholm. Dine tonight at your hotel.

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DAY 5 Stockholm Sightseeing and Free Time - At Sea

Explore City Hall and view the Royal Palace during your sightseeing tour with a *Local Specialist*. Spend free time afterwards shopping or exploring the old town. Why not join an excursion to the Wasa, a 17th century Galleon reclaimed from the seabed after 300 years. Later, board your ship for an overnight mini-cruise to Finland.

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DAY 6 At Sea – Helsinki

After an early arrival in Helsinki, your *Local Specialist* shows you the city's sights including Finlandia Hall, Senate and Market Squares. This evening is free to enjoy local cuisine at the restaurant of your choice.

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YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 7 Helsinki – St. Petersburg (3 Nights)

Follow the Gulf of Finland past the timber center of Kotka and through the forests of Karelia to the Russian border. Dine tonight at your hotel.

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DAY 8 St. Petersburg Sightseeing and Free Time

Your *Local Specialist* shows you the city's sights including the Tsar's Winter Palace, Nevsky Prospekt, St. Isaac's Cathedral and the statue of Peter the Great. Visit the Peter and Paul Fortress and visit The Hermitage Museum to see one of the world's largest and most valuable art collections.

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DAY 9 St. Petersburg Free Time

A full day to explore the city or join an optional experience to visit the fabulous gardens and spectacular fountains of Peter the Great's summer residence at Petrodvorets.

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DAY 10 St. Petersburg – Novgorod

Enjoy free time this morning to explore St. Petersburg and to shop for gifts. Later, cross the vast Russian steppes and view the Kremlin Fort and grounds, the Millennium Monument and St. Sophia Cathedral in Novgorod. Enjoy a unique *Be My Guest* dining experience this evening.

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DAY 11 Novgorod – Tver – Moscow (3 Nights)

A scenic drive through picturesque villages brings you to the Tver region for an included lunch. Then continue via Klin – former home of Tchaikovsky – to the Russian capital, Moscow.

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DAY 12 Moscow Sightseeing and Free Time

See Moscow's landmarks on your sightseeing tour with your *Local Specialist* including views of Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Kremlin, a walled-in complex of Palaces, Cathedrals and government offices.

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YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 13 Moscow Free Time

A full day to explore this fascinating city. Spend free time seeing the sights or consider an optional experience to St. Sergius Monastery and handicraft market in Zagorsk, the center of Russian art and architecture. Join your Travel Director and fellow travelers this evening for a special Farewell Dinner.

(BB FD)

DAY 14 Moscow – Return Home

Say goodbye to your Travel Director and fellow travelers this morning as your vacation comes to an end after breakfast. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply.

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Meal Plans

In cities with more than one-night stay meal plans may vary sometimes from one night to the other.

WR Welcome Reception

BB Buffet Breakfast

SB Scandinavian Breakfast

L Lunch

BG Be My Guest Dining

D Dinner

FD Farewell Dinner

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

To complement your itinerary, we have pleasure in offering you a list of Optional Experiences. A selection of those listed below will be offered to you by your Travel Director at the beginning of your trip. Some details may be subject to change, depending on the time you are traveling or local circumstances including weather and days of the week. Further information will be provided by your Travel Director. Payment for Optional Experiences can be made in cash, or by Visa, Mastercard and American Express. Please note that credit/debit cards can only be processed in Euro, however cash can be accepted in most major currencies. Please be sure to advise your credit card provider that you will be traveling in Europe, before you leave home.

BUDGETING

To help you with your budgeting we suggest you allow approximately Euro 75 per person per day for Optional Experiences. Prices are correct at the time of going to press.

North Zealand Riviera And Castle Tour - COPENHAGEN

Enjoy the quaint scenery of the Danish Riviera's conservation heritage route, as you pass through ancient fishing villages and modern marinas. We'll also visit Fredensborg Palace, summer residence of the Royal family, before continuing to the magnificent 17th century Frederiksborg Castle, where you'll see the State Apartments and the Coronation Chapel.

COP0002.....EUR 48

Stockholm Grand Tour - STOCKHOLM

Explore with us on a visit to see the Vasa, the 17th century Galleon recovered from the sea bed after more than 300 years and now displayed in an award-winning museum. You'll also take a walking tour through the Gamla Stan with your Local Specialist, who'll reveal the old heart of Stockholm with its cobbled streets and fascinating shops.

STO0001.....EUR 40

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Swedish Ice Bar And Panoramic Tower - STOCKHOLM

Savor a drink in a glass made of ice in the minus temperatures of the Ice-Bar, made completely from the frozen waters of Sweden's River Torne. You'll also discover the very best views over the city and its archipelago, with a visit to the viewing platform of the Kaknas Tower, Sweden's highest building.

STO0006.....EUR 41

Hvittrask's Architectural Wonders - HELSINKI

Join us on a drive through the Garden City of Tapiola, with its renowned modern architecture, then to Hvittrask. Home to Finland's most famous architects, you'll see the unique architecture combining natural stone and timber, one of the most accomplished examples of Finnish design which harmonises with the environment.

HEL0002.....EUR 30

Traditional Helsinki Dinner - HELSINKI

Helsinki's restaurants are featured in every Good Food Guide to the Baltic. Tonight you'll have seats reserved at a friendly local restaurant, to enjoy delicious cuisine and the specialties of the house in an authentic setting.

HEL0001.....EUR 58

Venice Of The North Cruise And Champagne - ST PETERSBURG

Soak up the atmosphere, romance and lights of this former imperial capital, known as the Venice of the North. You'll cruise through the canals and along River Neva, sipping champagne as you discover the city that has inspired generations of artists.

ST 0002.....EUR 43

Imperial Summer Residences. Pushkin And Petrodvorets - ST PETERSBURG *

At the palace of Pushkin you'll admire marvels like the fairy-tale Amber Room, miraculously restored after Nazi occupation. You'll also discover the famous town of Petrodvorets, a Russian recreation of Versailles. Famed for its palaces and fountain cascades, you'll have time to relax and enjoy the elegant baroque gardens on our visit.

ST 0005.....EUR 83

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Rasputin And The Romanovs - ST PETERSBURG

This haunting visit takes you through the opulent splendor of the home of pre-Revolutionary Russia's foremost noble family, the Yusupovs, and reveals the cellars where they murdered the infamous Rasputin. We'll also visit the Peter and Paul Cathedral, where you'll see the canonised Nicholas and relics of his wife and children.

ST 0008.....EUR 48

A ballet performance will be offered in either Moscow or St Petersburg, depending on performance and ticket availability. The folklore evening will be offered in either city to complement the program.

Russian Folklore Evening - ST PETERSBURG

A chance to attend one of the best Russian folklore programs in St. Petersburg. You'll enjoy Cossack dances, songs, instruments and costumes from around Russia, and sample Russian champagne and vodka during the intermission. An unforgettable experience.

ST 0009.....EUR 47

Evening At The Ballet - ST PETERSBURG *

There may be an opportunity to attend a ballet performance in the historic atmosphere of a Tsarist era theatre. *Subject to availability of tickets and performance. Price will vary, depending on the venue and the Ballet Company.*

ST 0003.....EUR 80

Imperial Splendors And Architectural Gems - ST PETERSBURG

Experience the beauty of St Isaacs Cathedral and explore the colorful centrepiece of the city - the Church of the Saviour 'on the spilled blood'. Built where Tsar Alexander II was assassinated, you'll see the recently restored multi-coloured domes and mosaics based on St Basil's in Moscow, which evoke a feeling of Old Russia.

ST 0004.....EUR 43

Metro And Red Square By Night - MOSCOW

Included in Western art critics 'Ten Places That You Want to See before You Die', Moscow Metro is the most grandiose architectural monument of the Soviet era. Tonight you'll discover some of the most remarkable stations, decorated with stained glass, mosaics and chandeliers, and finish in Red Square, to take in its fairy-tale evening atmosphere.

MOS0006.....EUR 28

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Russian State Circus Exploration - MOSCOW *

A chance to enjoy the world famous Russian State Circus, with full transportation provided. *Tickets are subject to availability.*

MOS0001EUR 52

Russian Panorama Experience - MOSCOW

Join us as we experience Russian history at the incredible Borodino Panorama, which depicts the moment the most decisive events occurred in the war between Russia and Napoleon's Grand Army - 12.30pm, 7 September 1812. Accompanied by special sound-effects, it will take you inside history. We'll follow with a walk through Novodevichy Park, where you'll see memorials to Checkhov and Raisa Gorbachova.

MOS0007EUR 42

Treasures Of The Tsars - MOSCOW *

A unique opportunity to visit the Treasure Chamber of the Russian Tsars during our reserved visit. You'll see the works of Faberge, the diamonds of Catherine the Great and her golden gowns. You'll also discover the Imperial carriages studded with precious stones and gold, jewelled thrones and priceless items from the Romanov Dynasty.

MOS0008EUR 48

Zagorsk - The Real Russia - MOSCOW

Discover Zagorsk, the Russian Vatican - center of Orthodox faith and pilgrimage site. You'll see Troitse-Sergiiyeva Lavra, a working monastery where the Orthodox faith was tolerated by the Communist state and kept alive during the years of atheism. You'll also have time to browse Russian handicrafts and Matryoshka dolls at the local market.

MOS0009EUR 49

* This optional involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation within 24 hours will incur a 50% cancellation fee.

Many Optional Experiences are operated by independent third party suppliers, not Trafalgar. Occasionally these experiences involve outdoor activities and/or can be physically demanding. You should make your own decisions about these experiences and only participate in activities that you feel are suited to your own physical ability. We recommend you check that the insurance you have taken out also includes your participation in any adventure activities you may/will undertake during your overall trip.

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On-coach Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is available now on our coaches in many European countries (unfortunately this does not include Norway or Russia). The on-coach Wi-Fi uses the 3G mobile phone network - which means connection will be slower than standard broadband and at times may not be available. It's perfect for sending emails and keeping in touch, but not strong enough for streaming video or large photo uploads. Free Wi-Fi is also available in many of the hotels we stay in, generally in public areas. For further details about which countries have on-coach Wi-Fi, please go to: www.trafalgar.com/wifi

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