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The Benefits of Booking With Us



Make Your Reservations Online

When you book your shore excursions with Holland America Line, you can count on our Signature of Excellence® to consistently offer a superior experience ashore:

QUALITY

Clean and comfortable transportation equipment; we engage professional independent tour operators dedicated to customer satisfaction.

SAFETY

Tour operators have contractually agreed to comply with local government requirements and to carry liability insurance in amounts consistent with local standards to address personal injury and property damage claims.

CONVENIENCE

English-speaking guides; tour departure times set to coincide with the ship's schedule as well as with that of other tours so that guests desiring to do so can take multiple tours.

PEACE OF MIND

If a tour that you have purchased through Holland America Line returns late to the ship, we will almost never leave without you. In the very rare event that the ship must leave, we will arrange at our expense to get you to the next port of call (with independently booked tours, you are responsible for rejoining the ship at the next port of call).

VARIETY

Around the globe, our programs include "A Taste of...", Off the Beaten Track, Panoramic, Medallion, flightseeing and motor coach tours, with such adventures as camel rides, kayaking, diving, rock-climbing, glacier hiking and private vehicle/vessel touring.

VALUE

Our award-winning shore excursions offer superior quality and competitive pricing; our guests consistently rate their shore excursion experience as excellent.

Now you can easily choose your tour times, book your tours and receive confirmation of your shore excursion reservations 24 hours a day. Visit us online at

www.hollandamerica.com

Book online now, up until 10 days before sailing. Make your payment online via our secure website, and receive confirmation as well as your tour departure times. You can also download the shore excursions, view tour prices, find answers to frequently asked questions and read general information.

Remember, online shore excursion reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling.

GENERAL INFORMATION

At the time of making your reservations online, we will advise you whether or not your reservations are confirmed or whether you have been waitlisted. Your credit card will be charged immediately for all confirmed reservations. Should space become available for a waitlisted shore excursion request, we will e-mail or otherwise contact you at that time and either immediately charge your credit card if you have already given us your credit card information or ask you to provide us with that information for immediate charge processing. Shore excursion reservations are subject to cancellation by us at any time prior to the credit card charge being accepted by your bank. If you or Holland America cancel a tour more than 10 days prior to cruise departure, we will issue a credit on the credit card that you used to pay for the reservation. For any cancellation within 10 days of departure, a credit will not be given on your credit card. Instead, we will apply an ONBOARD CREDIT ONLY policy under which the refund (less any cancellation fee) will show up as a credit to the shipboard account of the person who was to take the shore excursion. If the credit is not fully utilized during the cruise, the balance will be paid to that guest by the ship's Purser.



Frequently Asked Questions

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for all shore excursions. When you visit places of worship (cathedrals, churches, etc.), we recommend dressing conservatively (shorts and sleeveless sundresses should not be worn), but casual clothing is perfectly acceptable. Dress in layers and have a jacket along. Bring an umbrella or raincoat, a hat and sunscreen.

WHAT ABOUT MEALS?

Most tour departures complement the ship's meal service hours. 24-hour room service is available on board.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT TIME EACH TOUR DEPARTS?

The on-board Shore Excursion Planning Form in your state-room will show departure times. This information will also be printed on your shore excursion vouchers, which you will receive on board as your tour ticket. Approximate tour departure times are posted on our website at www.hollandamerica.com.

I HAVE A DISABILITY. HOW DO I KNOW WHICH TOURS WILL BEST SUIT ME? WILL I HAVE A PROBLEM (DIS)EMBARKING THE SHIP?

Guests with disabilities should inquire in advance whether a shore excursion will be able to accommodate their needs. We have graded the Shore Excursions according to the relative level of activity they entail. The walking icons that appear at the beginning of each tour description provide a general idea of the level of activity to expect. Please refer to the "Choosing Your Tours" section in this brochure for specific information on the walking icons. Most guests will find it beneficial to attend the shore excursion briefing on board the ship for evaluating the required activity level for each tour. It is important to keep in mind that shore excursion operators are subject to the laws of their own country including with respect to accommodating the needs of guests with disabilities. In most foreign countries, the laws are not as stringent as those in the United States. Please speak with the Shore Excursion Office as to whether you can expect to encounter difficulties (dis)embarking the ship in a particular port of call. In this regard, the decision whether or not

to carry or provide other mobility assistance to a guest and their mobility assistance device (wheelchair, walker, etc.) up or down a ship's gangway, or on or off a tender boat, is at the sole discretion of the Captain, made based on his evaluation of guest and crew safety. We encourage you to bring a collapsible wheelchair as space limitations may restrict the ability of some tour operators to accommodate motorized mobility aid devices.

DO ALL THE PORTS AND TOURS IN THIS BROCHURE PERTAIN TO MY CRUISE?

Not necessarily, as this brochure may cover more than one sailing. Please refer to your cruise itinerary to determine which ports you will visit, then turn to those port sections to see the tours. Not all tours in each port are available on all ships or all cruises.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER TOURS OFFERED THAT ARE NOT PUBLISHED IN THIS BROCHURE?

Yes, we often add tours to our program after the brochure is published. For additional tours that may now be available in the ports you are visiting, please check our website at www.hollandamerica.com.

I AM TRAVELING WITH FRIENDS AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE SAME MOTOR COACH

The departure location for each shore excursion is printed on your shore excursion vouchers. If you wish to travel with friends, please arrive at the designated meeting place together. This will enable the staff to allocate space for you on the same vehicle.

TOUR DURATIONS

This brochure is designed to help you select the excursions most suited to your interests. The individual tour descriptions include approximate durations. To allow our Shore Excursion Managers flexibility to coordinate your time in port with meals and activities on the ship, exact departure times are published in the Shore Excursion Planning Form on board. For more information, please attend the Shore Excursion briefing or visit the Shore Excursion Office.

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Tour descriptions may change after printing. Information that becomes available after this brochure is published will be posted in the Shore Excursions section of our website, which can be found online at www.hollandamerica.com. Significant changes will be noted on the Shore Excursion Planning Form on board. Tour schedules are subject to change.



The Medallion Collection



Holland America Line is proud to present the Medallion Collection—a series of tours designed to accommodate our most discerning guests. Each of these carefully chosen tours offers a truly different experience, providing an in-depth perspective appropriate for seasoned travelers. You will find the Medallion Collection insignia, as shown, next to a select few tours in this brochure. Our Shore Excursion staff on board will gladly answer any of your questions regarding this innovative program. Space is extremely limited.

The Signature Collection

Have you ever toured ashore at your own pace? Had a driver and guide at your service, seen everything you wanted to see, had a luxury vehicle all to yourself?

Learn more...

Holland America Line introduces the Signature Collection—a new touring option as part of the Medallion Collection. This exclusive series allows you to completely customize your time ashore and discover at your own pace the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of a quality car or minivan, with a driver and English-speaking guide, exclusively for your own use. Create your own itinerary, maximize your time in port and visit destinations more in-depth. Since your experience includes only those with whom you choose to travel, your experience is intimate.



TO WHOM IS THE SIGNATURE COLLECTION SUITED?

The Signature Collection is for single/solo travelers, couples, families, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. This may also be an excellent choice for non-ambulatory guests. Value and flexibility are just two of the advantages of first-class touring and a luxury vehicle. Privacy, comfort, safety, and personalized guide service are also yours to enjoy.

ABOUT THE SIGNATURE COLLECTION

Enjoy guaranteed, first-class guide service and a luxury vehicle that you can book in advance during the height of the busy season. Each port offers a fleet of vehicles perfect for families, groups, couples and individuals looking for privacy, comfort, flexibility and personalized guide service that motor coach tours can't provide. The tour operators will advise the ship of any vehicle delays prior to sailing.

ABOUT THE VEHICLES

Each car or minivan will be of the highest grade available in that port, and will be air-conditioned. More details can be found on our website at www.hollandamerica.com. Not all vehicle sizes are available in all locations. Vehicles available and the capacities of each:

Car—maximum number of guests: 2

Minivan—maximum number of guests: 4-8 (varies by port)

Not all vehicles sizes are available in all locations

ALSO INCLUDED

The cost includes the service of a driver and English-speaking guide, unlimited mileage within the 4 or 8 hours reserved, motorway tolls, parking fees, and bottled water in the vehicle.

NOT INCLUDED

Guests' entrance fees for attractions are not included in the vehicle price (except in St Petersburg, Russia, where entrance fees ARE included), due to the wide range of attraction possibilities, uncertain number of attractions to be visited, and varying number of guests participating. We strongly recommend that you bring some local currency to cover such costs as credit cards are not readily accepted in some ports. Lunch will not be included on any tour as many guests prefer to select their own dining venue.

ITINERARY PLANNING

If you need help planning your personal itinerary, the Port Lecturer can assist you and will gladly answer your questions. This can be very helpful in many destinations where travel time,

location, holidays, and opening hours of attractions need to be taken into consideration in order to maximize the efficiency of your time ashore.

AVAILABILITY & PRICING

As you look through this brochure, you will find the Signature Collection car, driver and guide option as the first shore excursion advertised in each port, and the cost of each vehicle type will be published online at www.hollandamerica.com.

ONLINE RESERVATIONS

The fastest and easiest way for you to reserve and pay for your private vehicle, driver and guide is on the Holland America Line website. Visit us online at www.hollandamerica.com. Please note that cars and minivans are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to make the reservation. The price shown on the website is the total cost of the vehicle, driver and guide (not a per-person price). In many ports, the number of cars or minivans available is extremely limited. We encourage you reserve your private car/minivan as early as possible.

PAYMENT & TOUR VOUCHERS

Your credit card will be charged after your reservation is confirmed. Next, start planning what you'll do with your private vehicle, driver and guide in each port. On board the ship, you will be given a tour voucher and a form to advise the Shore Excursions Office as to the itinerary you have chosen.

BOOKING ON BOARD

A limited number of vehicles may be available for booking once you are on the ship, but this cannot be guaranteed. Please check with the Shore Excursions Office on board.

DISEMBARKING THE SHIP

In some disembarkation ports, the private vehicle, driver and guide can be used for sightseeing en route to the airport. When booking, please advise the total amount of luggage for your party. Vehicle size and luggage space may limit the number of guests in the vehicle.



How to Choose Your Tours

Choose the shore excursions that interest you by using the icons as a general guide to the level of activity involved, and select the shore excursions best suited to your physical capabilities. These icons will help you interpret this brochure.



EASY ACTIVITY: Very light activity including short distances to walk; may include some steps.



MODERATE ACTIVITY: Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or steps.



STRENUOUS ACTIVITY: Requires active participation, walking long distances over uneven and steep terrain or on steps. In certain instances, paddling or other non-walking activity is required and guests must be able to participate without discomfort or difficulty breathing.



PANORAMIC TOURS: Specially designed for guests who enjoy a slower pace, these excursions offer sightseeing mainly from the transportation vehicle, with few or no stops, and no mandatory disembarkation from the vehicle during the tour. As vehicles outside the United States are rarely lift-equipped and ramps are seldom available, a very small amount of walking will be necessary. The pace will be gentle and taking your time is encouraged.



LIMITED CAPACITY: The number of people able to participate in this tour is strictly limited. Reasons for limiting capacity may include the number of transportation seats available, or the need to maintain a safe ratio of guides for hikes, fishing and water activities. Tours require a minimum number of participants in order to operate.



MEAL: This tour includes a meal—lunch on daytime tours, or dinner on evening tours.



SNACK: This tour includes a small snack or tasting of local specialties. The snack is not a meal.



Shore Excursion Prices



Århus, Denmark

Prices can be found on our website at www.hollandamerica.com and are quoted in U.S. funds. Prices are subject to change without notice. Prices for children are available on some but not all tours. If no child's price is published, the tour may be available to children at the adult rate; however, all children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged 21 or older, regardless of rate. A general guideline to pricing is found under each tour listing with symbols as follows:

\$ – up to \$50USD

\$\$ – \$51USD to \$100USD

\$\$\$ – \$101USD to \$150USD

\$\$\$\$ – more than \$150USD

Djursland Half-Day Tour



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

A truly memorable countryside tour takes you by motor coach northeast of Århus towards Mols—a very hilly region whose topography is quite dissimilar to the rest of Denmark. During certain times of the year, the hills are covered in a carpet of heather, rivaling even the famous scenery of Scotland. At the town of Ebeltoft your coach will stop for a while so you can stroll through the cobblestone streets and enjoy the old houses. In the harbor you will see the old frigate *Jytland*, lovingly restored in 1993. Enjoy a pastry and some coffee at a seaside hotel, and take the time to savor the atmosphere of the tiny port.



How to Book More Than One Tour in Each Port

Make the most of your time in each port by combining different half-day tours to complete a full day of sightseeing. You might want to consider a morning cooking class with an afternoon walking tour; a morning stroll through a mosaic-lined church and an afternoon of sampling local wine at a vineyard; or even a ballooning adventure, a bike ride and an evening cultural performance—all in one day! Whatever your interests, and whichever pace suits you best, there's a huge variety of tours to mix and match in this brochure. To make combining easy, for tour departure times and durations, visit our website at www.hollandamerica.com.

Hans Christian Andersen & Funen Village



Approximately 8 hours • \$\$\$\$

Don't miss this full-day tour to Denmark's garden island of Funen. Orchards and hops gardens, roadside stately manor houses and bustling market towns greet you as you cross the Little Belt Bridge from the Jutland Peninsula to the island. Odense, commonly referred to as the capital of Funen, is the birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen, Denmark's poet and writer of fairy tales. You will visit his home/museum in a half-timbered cottage that exhibits his letters, manuscripts, personal effects and his books. There's time for lunch at a local restaurant, then visit Funen Village open-air museum with buildings from 18th- and 19th- century Denmark, including artisans' houses, a school, a windmill and a smithy. You will have time to explore on your own.

Legoland Full-Day Tour



Approximately 8 hours • \$\$\$

Drive for 90 minutes through the lush Danish countryside towards the town of Billund, where you will enjoy a fun day in the amazing Legoland Park. More than 60 million bricks were used in the construction of the amusement rides and miniature villages. Each is a replica of a real village in Denmark or in Europe. There is also a miniature of the White House and Mount Rushmore. The rides include roller coasters, a jungle cruise, panning for gold, and taking a tram ride over the park for a bird's-eye view of the attractions.

Please note: Tour price includes motor coach transportation, park entrance fees, guide services and a voucher for lunch at a park restaurant.

Silkeborg & the Highland Lakes of Denmark



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

From Århus you head to mid-Jutland—a hilly area of dynamic scenery and a chain of beautiful blue lakes surrounded by lush forest. Stop at Himmelbjerget (Sky Mountain), at 450 feet above sea level. For an even more spectacular view, you may choose to climb to the top of the gazebo. Next is Silkeborg, a small town with big charm. Here, you'll find narrow streets and bustling squares, medieval houses and a historical museum. At the museum, you will have a chance to see the fascinating Tolland Man—a body that is estimated to date back to 200BC—found in a peat bog in 1952.

Off the Beaten Track: Fyrkat Viking Fortress



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$\$

Leave the pier and drive to the town of Hobro for a visit to one of several Viking fortresses built in Denmark around the year 980 by the Danish king Harald Bluetooth. The Fyrkat fortress was used for military purposes, though archaeological excavations show that craftsmen, women and children lived and worked here. There were originally 16 houses inside the fortress; today you will find a civilian settlement adjacent to the fort. The location of this

farm provides an excellent historical picture of what life might have been like during the reign of Harald Bluetooth. You will see how the Danish people made their clothes, tools and weapons and you'll have a chance to taste some real Viking food.

Århus City Tour



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$

It's a short ride from the port area into the very charming city of Århus to see its many highlights. You'll begin with a drive by the City Hall, then continue to the University—the second largest in Denmark, with 13,000 students. Disembark for a walk through the open-air museum of Den Gamle By (the old town), with a collection of half-timbered medieval houses gathered from all over Denmark. The very quaint cobblestone streets are full of Danish handicraft boutiques. Your tour concludes with a drive through the Marselisborg Forest and a photo stop at Marselisborg Palace, one of the residences of the Danish Royal Family.

Vintage Train Ride



Approximately 5½ hours • \$\$

Leave the pier and drive through beautiful landscapes towards the lake highlands and the town of Bryrup, where you will board a vintage train for a delightful ride through the green scenery of fields and forests. Usually the ride will be at full steam, but during really dry periods a diesel engine is used to avoid forest fires. The train ride takes you to the small village of Vrads and back again, and lasts approximately 30 minutes. After the ride, continue to the charming town of Silkeborg with winding streets and medieval houses. You will pay a visit to the History Museum with a chance to see the Tolland Man—a body estimated to date back to 200 BC. He was found in a peat bog in 1952. The last stop on the tour will be at Himmelbjerget (Sky Mountain) rising 500 feet above sea level. Here you will enjoy the stunning view of the connecting lakes and hills. Return to Århus after a relaxed and enjoyable morning.



Copenhagen, Denmark



Gdansk, Poland

Tivoli Gardens Transfer



Duration varies • \$

Nestled in the heart of Copenhagen, Tivoli is an oasis of summer blossoms, trees, lakes and fountains. Over 150 years old, these gardens are the pride of Denmark. Leave your ship by motor coach shuttle to the four-by-five-block gardens that conjure up magical images of ancient fairy tales. From the Moorish-style Grand Bazaar and the famous Peacock Theater, to the Hans Christian Andersen Castle, the folk history of Denmark is reflected in the lakes of Tivoli Gardens. Walt Disney was influenced by his visits to Tivoli before opening his own theme parks in the United States. Whether your expectation is cultural or capricious, the beauty of Tivoli Gardens is its universal appeal.

Please note: Price includes roundtrip transfer bus and Tivoli Gardens admission ticket. A moderate amount of walking is required at Tivoli Gardens.

Castles of North Zealand



Approximately 5½ hours • \$\$\$

This is a lovely tour through the lush Danish countryside. Your first stop will be at Frederiksborg Castle in Hilleroed—a magnificent Renaissance castle now serving as the National Museum of History. The visit also includes a peek into the small chapel with the oldest organ in the world still in use. Afterwards, continue to the charming village of Fredensborg for a short photo stop at the summer residence of the Royal Family—Fredensborg Palace. Next, you head even further north to the town of Elsinore. The last stop on the tour will be a visit to Kronborg Castle, perhaps better known as Hamlet’s Castle, chosen by William Shakespeare as the setting for his play. This castle houses the largest banquet hall in northern Europe. Return to Copenhagen along the coastal road, known as the Danish Riviera, with a beautiful view of the sea on one side and very impressive manor houses on the other.

Leisurely Gdansk



Approximately 3½ hours • \$

Your guide will take you on a short walk from the coach park near Old Town to the Green Gate—the closest entrance to the pedestrian area. View the Long Wharf with its famous crane, the impressive gabled architecture of the buildings and the Long Market. Then you’ll have approximately one hour of independent sightseeing. You can venture further into Old Town for exploring or shopping if you wish. At a designated time, your guide will meet up with you and walk you back to the motor coach.

Please note: This excursion is designed for those passengers who prefer less walking, and thus would enjoy the opportunity for independent time in Gdansk to set their own pace.

Malbork Castle



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$\$

Poland’s rich heritage comes to life in its impressive medieval castles, including the fortified Gothic complex of Malbork. In 1274, the Teutonic Knights created this massive stone fortress of defensive walls, towers, a labyrinth of chambers, dungeons and wonderful architectural details. In 1309, the Grand Master’s Palace was added to the castle and served as the royal residence of Polish kings until the 1700s. Your guided tour will include the castle complex and its grand exhibition halls which display collections of armory, ceramics, sculptures and spectacular Baltic amber. Schedule permitting, free time will be allocated to shop for amber, jewelry, artwork and souvenirs.

Gdansk & Oliwa Cathedral



Approximately 5 hours • \$

A thousand years of history is contained in the streets of old Gdansk. Walk with your guide past the Long Market and the 15th-century Palace of Artus Court. Neptune's Fountain is well worth a stop—it is a symbol of Gdansk's Hanseatic connection with the sea. Stroll down to the waterfront canal, along a charming street brimming with quaint shops and terraced buildings. The world's largest brick church—St. Mary's—accommodates up to 25,000. Next, you will visit 13th-century Oliwa Cathedral, located on the grounds of an old Cistercian monastery. It is a mix of Romanesque, Gothic and Rococo styles, and boasts an impressive complex of three organs consisting of 7,876 tin and wood pipes which can imitate sounds of different musical instruments and natural voices and sounds. Enjoy a brief musical performance. Schedule permitting, free time will be allocated to shop for amber, jewelry, artwork and souvenirs.

Gdansk—City of Solidarity



Approximately 5 hours • \$

Your tour will start with a visit to the Solidarity Monument—a memorial to the 44 people who died on the streets of Gdansk and Gdynia during the workers' riots against the Communist regime. You will visit the Roads to Freedom exhibit, where audio-visual slide shows, commentary, fragments of documentaries and archival materials, as well as amateur films and photos depict the history of the Solidarity movement. The open-air part of the exhibition, located next to the building, shows military devices used to suppress riots. Drive to the Old Town to stroll past buildings in Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles. Your guided walk will take you through the medieval city with marvelous buildings decorated with elaborate façades. Pass the Long Market, the Palace of Artus Court and Neptune's Fountain before strolling along the waterfront canal. A stop will also be made at St. Mary's Church—the world's largest brick church. Time permitting, shop for amber, jewelry, artwork and souvenirs.

An Evening with Chopin



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Frederic Chopin is one of the greatest composers in the history of Classical music, admired above all for his great originality composing for the piano. He was born in Warsaw, Poland, in 1810 and died in Paris in 1849 at the age of 39. Chopin's music is a hallmark of Polish culture. His unique combination of romantic imagination, classical perfection, and Polish spirit still fascinates audiences around the world. Pianist Rafa Lewandowski offers a recital of Chopin's most popular and representative works—the best examples of piano virtuosity in Scherzo and Etude, romantic ambiance of Ballade, Barcarolle and Nocturne, and the Polish style of the Polonaises. He graduated from the Academy of Music in Gdansk (Poland) and won a scholarship to attend a master-class course in Weimar, Germany, in the class of world-famous French pianist Bernard Ringeissen. He also completed, with first prize, a post-graduate course in the field of chamber music at the Conservatoire National where he studied with Jean Pierre Berlingen. He made his New York debut at Lincoln Center Avery Fisher Hall and performed frequently in France during the Year of Frederic Chopin. Mr. Lewandowski appears as a soloist as well as a chamber musician with various ensembles.



Helsinki, Finland

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours

Car – half day: \$\$\$\$ • Car – full day: \$\$\$\$

Minivan – half day: \$\$\$\$ • Minivan – full day: \$\$\$\$

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.



Lapland, Arctic Circle & Santa Claus Tour



Approximately 9½ hours • \$\$\$\$

A scheduled one-hour flight will take you from Helsinki, across the Arctic Circle to the city of Rovaniemi, in Lapland. Put on a life vest and board a wooden riverboat for a tour of Kemijoki North, in the Arctic Circle. A girl in Lappish costume will sing traditional songs of Lapland. At a reindeer farm, a Lapp family will greet you in their colorful national costume. You will see native Lapp dwellings, learn of the region's culture and hear about reindeer farming. At an Arctic Circle ceremony, you will enjoy a fireside luncheon, and a dessert of coffee and danish pastries. A folk dance group will perform after the meal, then after a lesson in Lappish lasso-throwing, you'll drive to Santa Claus Village right at the Arctic Circle. Have your photo taken with Santa and send mail from Santa's Post Office, then you will have some free time to explore the village. A scheduled flight returns you to Helsinki.

Please note: All air service is with Finnair. Due to airline/airport involvement, a booking and cancellation deadline of twenty days prior to sailing date will be strictly adhered to. This tour is not wheelchair accessible.



Helsinki Boat Tour



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$

A short transfer from the pier takes you to another dock to board a sightseeing boat. Cruise the Helsinki Archipelago, where nature, beaches and historical sights are only a short distance from the city center. You'll pass through the fortified Suomenlinna Islands while enjoying coffee and a pastry. This unique urban archipelago boasts waterfront saunas and old villas. Watch for the city zoo and giant icebreakers as your guide explains the interesting history of Finland's capital and her intense relationship with the sea. Upon arrival at the market, you will disembark and spend some time perhaps tasting Finnish berries and shopping for handicrafts from local artisans. The Esplanade shopping streets are also nearby.

Helsinki City Tour



Approximately 3 hours • \$

Experience the bustling city harbor of Helsinki with its large ferries and picturesque islands. Take a short motor coach ride to the city center—a fascinating mix of East and West, old and new. Yet, despite a myriad of influences, you'll note that a distinctive Finnish flavor pervades this unique city. Stop in the historic heart of Helsinki, at Senate Square which dates back to 1778. Visit the famous Rock Church—an intriguing modern-day structure built entirely into bedrock and quarried stone. You'll pass City Hall, the President's Palace, Olympic Stadium, Opera House and the Parliament House. In Sibelius Park, photograph the monument of 527 steel pipes which honors the great Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. Take note of the location of Esplanade Street, famous for its fine shops and open-air restaurants. At the end of the tour, you'll have the option of shopping independently in town or returning to the ship with the tour.

Please note: In the event that a special function is being held at the Rock Church, an inside visit will not be possible. The option of staying in town after the tour is only available for the morning departure. The afternoon tour does not include a drop off in the city center.

Porvoo & Highlights of Helsinki



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$\$\$

This tour includes all the highlights of the Helsinki City Tour, as well as a visit to Porvoo. You'll pass the shipyards, Embassy Park, the Market Square, the Uspenski Orthodox Cathedral and the Presidential Palace, with a brief stop at the Senate Square. Watch for the new Opera House, Finlandia Hall, the National Museum, Parliament House and the Contemporary Art Museum, KIASMA, designed by American architect Steven Holl. Next you'll drive eastwards to Sipoo, whose church is one of the oldest granite churches in the country. It was built early in the 15th century, and its vault paintings are very interesting—most are symbols of protection. Lunch will be served at the Kiala Manor Distillery building, with time to explore the garden and visit some handicraft shops. A sightseeing tour of Porvoo reveals Finland's second-oldest town, dating back to 1346. You will make a photo stop at the old bridge with magnificent views of the town and the majestic medieval cathedral. Back in Helsinki, pause at the Rock Church, carved into bedrock.

Please note: In the event that a special function is being held at the Rock Church or Sipoo Old Church, inside visits will not be possible.

Helsinki Walking Tour



Approximately 3½ hours • \$

Helsinki's tree-lined avenues, graceful parks, and distinctive architecture are wonderful for walking. A bus will take you from the pier to Senate Square with the Lutheran Church, the Senate Building, and the University with its neo-Classical atmosphere. From here, walk by the central railway station of Eliel Saarinen to see the National Theater and Sanoma Talo. Pass the formidable buildings that dominate Helsinki's skyline, the KIASMA Museum of Contemporary Art, Finlandia Hall, the National Museum and Parliament House. A flavorful cup of coffee or tea will be served with a pastry at a waterfront café near the Opera House, then continue your walk up to Töölö residential area, through Hesperia Park. You'll see the famous Rock Church—a magnificent modern-day structure built entirely into bedrock and quarried stone. Your walking tour ends at the Rock Church, from where you will be taken by coach back to the pier. You will have

the option of staying in the downtown area and returning to the ship on your own.

Please note: The walk covers approximately four miles. Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. In the event that a special function is being held at the Rock Church, an inside visit will not be possible.

Helsinki City Highlights, Porvoo & Savijärvi Farm



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$\$\$

Experience Finland in a day. You will pass the market square, Uspenski Orthodox Cathedral and the Presidential Palace, with a brief stop at Senate Square. Your guide will point out the new Opera House, Finlandia Hall, the National Museum and the Parliament House. Then, your motor coach heads out of town towards the Sipoo region. Arriving at Savijärvi Homestead, the family greets you with a traditional Finnish refreshment. They'll show you the horses they have bred and trained for three generations—the equestrian industry at its finest. In the family dining room, a home-made, three-course luncheon will be served, and weather permitting, you can enjoy your coffee and dessert on the terrace. The next stop is the picturesque village of Porvoo—its medieval character evident in the cobblestone streets and wooden buildings. Then it's back to Helsinki with a stop at the Rock Church, carved into bedrock, before returning to the ship.

Please note: In the event that a special function is being held at the Rock Church, an inside visit will not be possible.

Off The Beaten Track: High-Speed Helsinki



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$\$\$

Don a special warming waterproof outfit and flotation device all-in-one for a fast boat ride through the Finnish Archipelago. Board the special rubber boat with a fiberglass-reinforced hull and a powerful engine. You'll pass the center of the city, Embassy Park, Suomenlinna Island Fortress and the Open Air Market. Pass the giant icebreakers while heading toward the narrow straight, where you'll hit full throttle. Experience the scenic Finnish Archipelago at 40 knots, traveling over waves and past islands large and small. Pass Finnish summer homes, some dat-

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ing back to the 19th century, then land at one of the rocky islands for some refreshments, Finnish style—sausages cooked on an open fire and a taste of Finnish beer. Speeding back to the city, you'll pass the new High-Tech Center, a residential area, enter a narrow tunnel, and reappear next to the shipyard and your ship.

Please note: The route and duration are subject to change due to weather conditions. Guests are required to be in normal physical condition. An outhouse-style restroom is available on the island.

Wear waterproof footwear or shoes that you don't mind getting wet; bring gloves in case of cold weather.

City Highlights & Architecture



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

This tour consists of the main sights of Helsinki with a visit to Hvitträsk. Your tour will pass the shipyard along the coastal road to the Embassy Park, the colorful open-air market, and Senate Square with its elegant Lutheran Cathedral. Watch for the Uspenski Cathedral and the icebreakers docked for the summer season. Then, it's on to Mannerheim Street, which is the main street through the city, where you can see the Parliament House, the National Museum and the Finlandia Hall concert and convention center designed by the famous architect Alvar Aalto. You will also pass the new Contemporary Art Museum, the Kiasma, designed by the American architect Steven Holl, the Olympic Stadium venue for the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, and the new Opera House completed in 1993. At the unique Tempeliaukio Rock Church, blasted into solid rock, you will stop to stretch your legs. Continue to Hvitträsk, the former home of the famous Finnish architects Eliel Saarinen, Armas Lindgren and Herman Gesellius. Built in 1902, Hvitträsk is famed for its architecture with buildings of natural stone and logs. Hvitträsk is also the birthplace of Eliel's son, Eero Saarinen. He worked in his father's architectural office until Eliel's death in 1950. His best known architectural projects are the TWA terminal at John F. Kennedy Airport, the Arch of St. Louis and Washington's Dulles Airport. Situated on a forested hill overlooking a lake, Hvitträsk is now an exhibition center for Finnish arts and crafts. You'll have time to explore the grounds and a guide will escort you through the magnificent home of Eliel Saarinen.

Please note: In the event that a special function is being held at the Rock Church, an inside visit will not be possible.



Kiel Canal, Germany

The Hanseatic City of Lübeck



Approximately 8½ hours • \$\$\$\$

From the pier in Kiel-Holtenau, you will drive to the town center of Lübeck. You will pass Lübeck's landmark twin-towered Holsten Gate, part of the old defense wall system, and see the centuries-old salt warehouses, source of Lübeck's importance and prosperity, dating back to the Middle Ages and the Hanseatic League. Then, you'll set out on a walking tour to see author Thomas Mann's Buddenbrook House, the Schabbelhouse, St. Jacob's church and the famous market square of Lübeck. Inside the Town Hall, you will view the beautiful audience hall and some of the other rooms accessible to the public. Step into St. Mary's church whose tabernacle dates from 1479. As you stroll, you'll pass merchants' homes from the Middle Ages en route to a historic brewhouse. Watch the process of original German beer brewing as it used to be done 300 years ago, then taste a glass of beer from a freshly tapped keg, along with a pretzel. There will be some free time for shopping. Lunch and beverages will be served at an authentic restaurant in medieval ambiance, located in the cellar rooms of the Holy Ghost Hospital. The famous Niederegger Marzipan Salon is just a short distance from your lunch venue, and here you can experience the making of real marzipan. A museum takes you on a journey through time, following the almond delicacy through the centuries from its oriental origins all the way to Lübeck, and you'll enjoy a live presentation on how this delicacy is manufactured and masterpiece figurines are created and brought to life under the skillful hands of the confectioners. This inside visit ends with coffee and cake at Café Niederegger. Meet the ship at the Brunsbüttel Locks.





Oslo, Norway

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours

Car – half day: \$\$\$\$ • Car – full day: \$\$\$\$

Minivan – half day: \$\$\$\$ • Minivan – full day: \$\$\$\$

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.

Viking Ship Museum & Hadeland Glassworks



Approximately 5½ hours • \$\$

Leave the ship by motor coach for a relaxing drive through the core of Oslo, Scandinavia's oldest capital founded in 1050. Modern suburbs lead to the lush, rolling countryside of Jevnaker County, pivotal in Norway's agricultural industry. Continue to Hadeland Glassworks, where you'll see the tradition of blowing glass—an art-form that has been practiced in this region for over 230 years. A visit to the adjacent glass museum tells the fascinating story of the art and artisans with glassware dating from the 1700s. You'll have the opportunity to buy some of this fine work in the glass shop. Enjoy refreshments consisting of pastries and coffee or tea, served in one of the old, picturesque houses at the glassworks. Your last stop is at the famous Viking Ship Museum, which houses three Viking ships that were excavated from the Oslofjord region. Built in the 9th century, the ships were found buried in blue clay, which apparently preserved them remarkably well. The Oseberg ship is almost 70 feet long and took 30 people to row. When it was found it contained the largest collection of artifacts ever found in Scandinavia.



Oslo City Tour & Viking Ships



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Discover beautiful Oslo on a brief city tour with your guide pointing out such memorable highlights as the Royal Palace, Town Hall, the National Theater and the city's modern center of shops and office blocks. Take a 45- to 60-minute walk at Vigeland Park to view the world's largest collection of sculptures executed by one single artist—Gustav Vigeland (1869-1943). Your next destination is the Viking Ship Museum, whose spectacular exhibits will draw you back into a glorious chapter in Norwegian history. Centuries-old wooden vessels, which were discovered by archaeologists, have been carefully restored. After a short transfer, you'll reach your final destination: a museum that houses the *Kon Tiki*, Thor Heyerdahl's balsa raft which became famous for its historic 101-day crossing of 4,970 miles from Peru to Rarua in Polynesia. View Oslo's busy seaport en route back to the ship.

Historic Tour of Oslo



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Leaving Oslo, your motor coach will make the climb through the outlying hills to the Holmenkollen Ski Jump for a commanding view of the city and mountains beyond. Return to the outskirts of Oslo for a visit to the open-air Norsk Folk Museum, spread over 3,500 acres with more than 140 rustic buildings. It depicts how people from every walk of life have lived in this country from the 16th-century Reformation to the present day. Before your return to the ship, your final stop will be at the Resistance Museum, portraying the Norwegian people's life during World War II.

A Taste of Oslo



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$\$

This unique tour of Oslofjord commences with a short walk along the pier to one of the beautiful old sailing vessels of Norway. Fully restored to its former glory, your ship also features modern amenities to ensure your safety and comfort. Setting out from the pier under engine power (the ship's sails are not used), you will head for the highlights of the fjord, including the ruins of an 1147 monastery on the island of Hovedøya, and the nearby Dyna Lighthouse. You will see the Bygdøy Peninsula, where many maritime museums are located, and the beaches of Oslo, including Huk Bay. During your cruise, a buffet of shrimp, bread, butter, mayonnaise and a glass of wine or beer per person will be served. Following the coastline of the Nesodden Peninsula, you will see the suburbs where many people who work in Oslo live—just a short commute from town by ferry! At the end of the tour, you will return to Oslo and walk back to the ship.

A Walking Tour of Oslo



Approximately 3 hours • \$

Your ship will be docked close to the old town of Christiania. A guided walk will take you past historic buildings, cozy cafés and art galleries. You will see Engebret's Café—one of the oldest restaurants in Oslo near the Museum of Contemporary Art. You will also find the Astrup Fearnley Museum of Modern Art and Christiania's old concert hall. Coming into the city's Golden Center, view the splendid monuments and buildings around Karl Johan street—the Parliament building, the University, the National Theatre and the Royal Palace. Pass the police horse stables and the grounds of Akershus Fortress (1299). On the grounds of Akershus you will find the Norwegian Resistance Museum. There is a path from the fortress leading directly to the pier and your ship, where the tour will end.

Off the Beaten Track:

Norse Mythology & the Trolls of Sylling



Approximately 5½ hours • \$\$\$\$

Norway's most famous inhabitants are surely its trolls; so, on this tour you will head for the green and fertile Lier valley southwest of Oslo. In Sylling, you will find Jutilen Farm—home to trolls since the beginning of time. Board a wagon pulled by a blond Norwegian Fjordhorse, and keep an eye out for trolls in the woods as you ride for an hour, making a stop along the way to stretch your legs. Returning to the farm, you will learn more about the trolls and Norwegian mythology, which is full of them. Sit down by the fireplace to hear some troll stories, read to you by a troll of course, as you enjoy coffee served with delicious, spicy homemade cake, cream and jam. Driving back to Oslo, you will see beautiful countryside, including Tyrifjord Lake and a stunning bird's-eye view of the landscape. And finally, a word of caution—when you return to the ship, be sure to check under your bed for stowaway trolls!

Panoramic Oslo



Approximately 2 hours • \$

A pleasant motor coach drive takes you through the center of Oslo, past Akershus Castle, the Parliament Buildings, the Royal Palace, the National Theatre, Oslo's university and the Nobel Institute. See the Holmenkollen Ski Jump, the main venue of the 1952 Winter Olympic Games and look down over the city and fjord below—a truly beautiful sight. On the Bygdøy Peninsula, pass the open-air Norwegian Folk Museum and the Viking Ship Museum. Then, in the eastern part of the city, see Ekeberg and the Norwegian Maritime School which looks out over the city.

Please note: This tour has been designed for scenic viewing from the motor coach only.

Oslo By Air

Approximately 1¼ hours • \$\$\$\$

Your tour starts from the pier in Oslo driving through the city to Fornebu. From there you will take off and fly south over the beautiful Oslo Fjord with its many islands, towards the castle of Oscarsborg. Oscarsborg Castle is situated on an island close to the village of Drøbak. The castle played a leading role in the battles during the Second World War as one of its cannons sunk the German battle ship Blucher in April of 1940. Drøbak is a small and picturesque city by the sea, with wooden houses and white picket fences. Climbing to 3,000 feet, you will be able to see the Hardanger Mountain Plateau—Norway’s largest national park—in the distance. Flying back towards Oslo, watch for the Holmenkollen Ski Jump and the surrounding forests. You will continue towards the city center and fly over the Ullevaal Stadion—Norway’s national football arena. Then comes the Vigeland Sculpture Park, where you can spot the bridge and the park’s centrepiece, The Monolith, stretching 51 feet upwards! Look down over Oslo’s main street, leading up to the Royal Palace surrounded by a large park. From here, you will head towards the harbor and fly over your cruise ship with the 700-year-old Akershus Castle in view. Aker Brygge with its modern architecture comes next, and the Bygdøy Peninsula. Many of the most popular museums in Oslo, such as the Open-Air Folk Museum and the Viking Ship Museum, are located on the Bygdøy Peninsula. At Bygdøy you will also find the Bygdøy Koningsgård—a farm belonging to the Royal Family. Land at Fornebu before transferring back to the pier.

Rønne,
Bornholm,
Denmark**The Best of Bornholm**

Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Just off the coast of Denmark lies the incredibly picturesque Baltic island of Bornholm. Its capital, Rønne, is the starting point for this tour, and you will briefly tour the small hamlet before heading out of town by motor coach. Almindingen Forest covers most of the island, and you will drive through it to reach the town of Gudhjem. Half-timbered houses with thatched roofs and narrow, winding streets implore the visitor to stroll and browse. You will have time to do so before your tour continues to a glass factory where the famous Baltic Sea Glass is blown. On the northern tip of Bornholm, you will see the Hammerhus Fortress, and a round church, typical of the island. Then, taste a piece of the smoked salmon or herring for which Bornholm is known, when you go inside a smokehouse to see the process at work.

Bornholm By Bicycle

Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Take a bike tour along an old railroad right-of-way, which makes for easy pedaling and lots of interesting sights. See Nyker Round Church, the smallest on the island, and pass farmhouses and fields. You will stop at an ancient Runic stone before turning towards the sea. Visit a smokehouse for a taste of smoked herring, beer and homemade bread.

Please note: This tour covers about 16 miles. Comfortable shoes are recommended. Waiver release form must be signed.

Bornholm—the Baltic Shopping Basket



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Your coach will pick you up on the pier and drive to the small village of Listed, where you will stop at the goldsmithy. Enjoy the fine art of handmade jewelry. The next stop is at Bülows Glass in one of Bornholm's most charming towns—Svaneke. Here, you will see the professional glassblowers at work in front of the open fires, and have a chance to purchase the beautiful glass and crystal works. Next door to the glass shop is the charming hotel Siemensens, where you will enjoy coffee and local pastry, weather permitting, outside overlooking the bustling harbor area. After your coffee break, there is time for two more shopping stops—one at Anders Nyborg's Gallery, the best place for buying art on the island; and the other at Bente Hammers Garment Studio.



Stockholm, Sweden

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours

Car – half day: \$\$\$\$ • Car – full day: \$\$\$\$

Minivan – half day: \$\$\$\$ • Minivan – full day: \$\$\$\$

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

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The Best of Stockholm



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$\$

Start with a splendid panoramic view of Stockholm's inner city and harbor. Then, cross the Western Bridge to City Hall, renowned for its architecture, two courtyards and the Blue Hall where the Nobel festivities unfold each year. Perhaps the most interesting sight in Stockholm is the 17th-century warship perfectly preserved and on display at the Vasa Museum. Raised from Stockholm's inner harbor in the 1960s and painstakingly restored, the *Vasa* and the salvage exhibits speak eloquently of Sweden's inspired maritime heritage. Now, get to know Stockholm on your own. You may choose to dine at an outdoor café in the city, or simply spend the time shopping. Meet up with your guide for a visit to the Royal Palace—this relatively young monument of grace and symmetry dates only from the 1700s. The Royal Palace boasts no fewer than 608 rooms, and you will visit the State Apartments displaying magnificent Baroque and Rococo interiors. Wander through the streets of the Old Town, savoring the Bohemian atmosphere among houses dating from the 16th and 17th centuries, with Baroque doorways and rusting coats of arms. See the exterior of the Coronation Church and the Stortorget (Great Square)—hub of the Old Town.

Royal Palace & Old Town



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$\$

Gamla Stan, the Old Town, is the historical heart of Stockholm, the island stronghold where the city's roots were first planted. Explore on foot this charming district with its twisting alleys, quaint cobblestone squares and medieval palaces. Winding streets are linked by arches, stairways and lanes. Baroque doorways with elaborate cartouches lead to medieval cellars bearing rusting coats of arms. Boutiques, antique shops, restaurants and galleries line the streets today. View the 18th-century Royal Palace—a massive testament to the Baroque period, a compound of buildings sprawled atop a hill. With 608 rooms, this is the Swedish king's workplace, whereas Drottningholm Palace, located just outside of Stockholm, is the residence of the Royal Family. Nearby is the Stortorget or Great Square, the hub of the Old Town, and the Stock Exchange, home to the Swedish Academy.

A Taste of Ice Cool Sweden



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$\$

In Stockholm's Old Town (Gamla Stan), you will stroll along the narrow, twisting alleys and cobblestone streets to see some of the city's finest sights. Savor the Bohemian atmosphere among houses that date from the 16th to the 19th centuries—complete with Baroque doorways and rusting coats of arms. As you wander through the Stortorget (Great Square) in the hub of the Old Town, look for the old Stock Exchange, which now houses the Nobel Museum and the Swedish Academy. Your tour will include time to stroll in the atmosphere of Gamla Stan, which is indeed a living historical monument. At the Nordic Hotel, in the heart of the city, you'll find the year-round "Ice Bar." Inside, the temperature is a cool -5° C, and the entire interior (including the drinking glasses) is made of pure ice from the Torne River. Before entering, you'll put on a warm fur poncho, mittens and shoes. A vodka drink in an ice glass will be served as the staff explain the concept of the bar and its construction.



Panoramic Stockholm



Approximately 2 hours • \$

Stockholm is dramatically situated at a point where Lake Mälaren meets the Baltic Sea. The city is divided into the districts of Södermalm, Gamla Stan, Norrmalm, Östermalm and Djurgården—each with its own special character. Crossing Gamla Stan, the enchanting, medieval Old Town, you will pass the Parliament Building, the Cathedral and the Royal Palace overlooking Stockholm's inner harbor. See the Royal Opera House, and via the narrow canal at Slussen, you will cross to Södermalm Island on Stockholm's south side. Take a photo at Fjällgatan with its magnificent panoramic view of the city. The Western Bridge spanning Riddarfjärden offers extensive views of the city skyline and City Hall. On the island of Djurgården, you'll drive through Diplomat Town and through Östermalm, a fashionable neighborhood of stately buildings, en route back to the ship.

Please note: This tour has been designed for scenic viewing from the motor coach only.

Waterways of Stockholm



Approximately 2 hours • \$

Nature and city planning have combined to make Stockholm one of the world's most attractive capitals. No fewer than 50 bridges of every shape and size link Stockholm's 14 islands—it's little wonder the city is often referred to as the "Venice of the North." Board a cruise vessel to explore the many waterways and canals of the city. Tree-lined squares, wide boulevards, parks, admirable architectural façades and playgrounds abound here; as you peacefully glide along, you may find it hard to believe that you are in the midst of a bustling city of more than one million residents. Featured on your tour will be views of Strandvägen, the Royal Dramatic Theatre, the National Museum, the Opera House, the Grand Hotel and the Royal Palace, located in the Old Town. Your motor launch will also pass through the Carl Johan Lock, the Hammarby Lock and will cruise lovely Lake Mälaren.

Please note: There is a walk of approximately 300 yards to the boat.

Old Town & Millesgården



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Art and history will be the focus of your tour of Stockholm. World-famous sculptures in a fantastic park-like setting await on the island of Lidingo. Here lies the estate and studio of the late Carl Milles, Sweden's most famous modern sculptor. Millesgården is now a museum, featuring not only the sculptures of Milles, but also his extensive art collection beautifully arranged on terraces in a series of small gardens. Return to the city and explore Gamla Stan, the Old Town, founded in the 13th century. Cobblestone lanes, winding alleys, 15th- and 16th-century houses with Baroque doorways and rusting coats of arms all reflect the rich history of this district—now a popular location for galleries, cafés and gift shops. Stroll through the atmosphere of Gamla Stan, which is indeed a living historical monument. Finally, you will see the Great Square, scene of brutal political murders in 1520, and the old Stock Exchange building, now home of the Swedish Academy which meets each year to decide the winner of the Nobel Prize for literature.

Old Town & City Hall



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Passing through the southern residential district of Södermalm, drive west along Söder Mälarstrand to cross the Western Bridge spanning Riddarfjärden and offering extensive views of the city skyline. In the distance the three crowns atop the imposing City Hall can be seen. This magnificent red brick building is the result of a 12-year effort by the combined elite of Swedish construction workers, sculptors, artists and craftsmen, and is renowned for its architecture, murals and mosaics, and as the site of the Nobel Prize Banquet. During your visit, experience the grandeur and spaciousness of the impressive, stately Blue and Golden Halls. Pass through the city center to finally reach Stockholm's oldest quarter, the Old Town (Gamla Stan). Witness the historic elegance of the exterior of the dominating Royal Palace combined with the possibility to stroll along the narrow, twisting alleys and cobblestone streets. Experience the medieval intimacy of what is today a living historical monument of international renown. As you wander with your guide, savor the romantic

atmosphere of the buildings dating from the 16th to the 19th centuries, with Baroque doorways and rusting coats of arms. Visit the Stortorget (Great Square)—the hub of the Old Town on which the Stock Exchange, now the home of the Swedish Academy, stands.

Stockholm Overview, Mariefred & Gripsholm



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$\$\$

Embark on a familiarization tour of Stockholm and Fjällgatan. From the coach, you will see the Old Town, the Royal Palace, the Opera House and the Royal Dramatic Theater. Pass through the embassy area and see City Hall. Forty-five minutes southwest of Stockholm lies Mariefred, a quaint little town on the shores of Lake Mälaren, whose primary attraction is the 16th-century Gripsholm Castle. The castle boasts a medieval character which remains intact, despite many centuries of alterations and additions. Its well-preserved interior is complete with royal apartments, a Renaissance theater, vaulted prison cells and the Historic Portrait Gallery of Sweden. After your guided tour of the castle, you'll spend some time in the town. A Carthusian monastery was founded here in 1493, giving the town its name. A white Baroque church atop a hill dominates the cityscape, offset by the yellow and red frame houses lining the tiny streets in the older part of town. In the market square you will see the 18th-century Town Hall, also built of wood.

Vikings & the Gold Room



Approximately 3 hours • \$

What was life like in the Viking ages? Become familiar with the Vikings, their lives and travels by visiting the Viking Exhibition at the Museum of National Antiquities. More than 4,000 objects from that time are on display. Additionally, visit the fabulous Gold Room, opened in 1994, containing Sweden's most prized gold and silver treasures, 114 pounds of gold in total, and an even greater quantity of silver. Admire the skill of ancient goldsmiths and listen to the stories behind the objects. Let yourself be captivated by the magic of gold! Before you leave the museum, there will also be time to visit the museum shop where you can find smaller mementos to take home, as well as copies of

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prehistoric jewelry. En route to the museum, make a short stop in the Old Town to see evidence of a Runsten from the Viking period used as building material in medieval Stockholm. Following the visit to the museum, continue with panoramic sightseeing of Stockholm. Tour the island of Djurgården—Stockholm’s outdoor recreation center, with the Vasa Museum, the Gröna Lund Tivoli, the Skansen open-air museum and extensive park lands beyond. Drive through the City Center, the focal point of modern Stockholm, proceed south passed the Royal Opera, the Parliament Building, and across to Gamla Stan, the enchanting, medieval Old Town passing the Royal Palace overlooking Stockholm’s inner harbor.

Panoramic Stockholm & the Vasa Museum



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Covering the city districts of Södermalm, Gamla Stan, Norrmalm, Östermalm and Djurgården, each with its own special character, your tour begins with a short drive from the ship to Fjällgatan for a splendid panoramic view of the city. Cross Gamla Stan, the enchanting, medieval Old Town, passing the Royal Palace overlooking Stockholm’s inner harbor. Proceed past the Royal Dramatic Theatre along Strandvägen to the island of Djurgården. You’ll tour the island, Stockholm’s outdoor recreation center, with Gröna Lund Tivoli, Skansen Open-Air Museum and extensive parklands beyond. While on the island, visit the warship *Vasa*, the pride of Sweden’s mighty ancient navy. The present museum is built around the 17th-century warship which sank in Stockholm’s inner harbor on her maiden voyage in 1628. Its discovery in 1956, and subsequent salvage in 1961, is one of the most important events in maritime archaeology. Painstakingly restored to much of its original magnificence, the *Vasa* represents an authentic piece of history. Continue your tour through Diplomat Town to Östermalm—a fashionable neighborhood of stately apartment buildings—to Hamngatan and Sergels Torg, the focal point of modern Stockholm. Proceed south past the Royal Opera and the Parliament Building. Via the narrow canal at the lock called Slussen, cross to Södermalm, the largest of Stockholm’s islands which contains a number of small, closely integrated neighborhoods, en route back to the ship.



St. Petersburg, Russia

Russia: General Information

VISA REQUIREMENTS:

Please note these important visa requirements for visitors to Russia:

1. If you intend to participate in St. Petersburg shore excursions only, you will not need a Russian visa.
2. If you intend to sightsee independently, or if you would like to go ashore before or after participating in a shore excursion, you must obtain a Russian visa prior to leaving your home country. Visas cannot be issued on the ship.
3. Guests who are not in possession of a valid Russian visa will not be permitted ashore other than to participate in a St. Petersburg shore excursion.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Please be advised that most of the museums and palaces require a video or camera fee. Specific information will be available on board the ship.
- As a courtesy to Holland America Line, the Russian tour operators try to place motor coaches on different routes and schedules as a means of alleviating crowding at each venue. Nonetheless, you should prepare yourself for some crowding and your guide will appreciate your patience.
- Traffic conditions in Russia can be different from those you are accustomed to at home. Construction projects, rush hour, and busy arterials all contribute to sometimes dense traffic. Be assured that your motor coach driver will do his/her best to convey you safely and efficiently to each destination.

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours

Car – half day: \$\$\$\$ • Car – full day: \$\$\$\$

Minivan – half day: \$\$\$\$ • Minivan – full day: \$\$\$\$

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.

Grand St. Petersburg



Approximately 8½ hours • \$\$\$

Take in the highlights of St. Petersburg beginning at the Spit of Vasilievsky Island with magnificent view of the Neva River and the Rostral Columns, which served as signal towers. Take pictures of the Winter Palace and other buildings of the Hermitage Museum, as well as the St. Peter and Paul Fortress situated right across the river. Continue along the Neva embankment, past Peter the Great's log cabin built in 1703 and approach the battleship *Aurora* for a brief photo stop. Your tour continues past Smolny Convent, the first ladies' school in Russia, founded by Catherine the Great. Drive along the main thoroughfare of the city, Nevsky Prospect, to the Church on the Spilled Blood—built on the site where Czar Alexander II was assassinated. Photograph the magnificent façades covered with elaborate mosaics and crowned with imposing domes before continuing to a local restaurant for lunch to sample popular local dishes. After lunch, you will visit the Hermitage Museum—the largest art museum in Russia and among the most prestigious and fabulous museums in the world. It was founded by Catherine the Great in 1764 and occupies the Winter Palace and view the four other buildings. Walk through the State Rooms of the Winter Palace, the collection of Western European art featuring Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Titian and others, Dutch and Flemish Art collections, including masterpieces by Rembrandt, Rubens and Van Dyck. See a collection of Spanish art (second only to Madrid's Prado), and the collection of French art that is the largest outside France, displaying works by Degas, Renoir, Monet, Cézanne, Van Gogh,



Gauguin, and Matisse. The tour ends in Palace Square, near the 155-foot-tall Alexander Column, and the Arch of the General Headquarters with the longest facade in Europe—over 3,300 feet.

Please note: Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours.

Imperial St. Petersburg



Approximately 8½ hours • \$\$\$\$

View some of St. Petersburg's most beautiful highlights and visit some of the previously "off-limits" wonders of this historical city. You'll begin with a visit to Peter the Great's fabulous Summer Palace at Peterhof. Walk through the sumptuous interior of this great palace and out into the gardens to view the breathtaking fountains designed in the 18th century by Peter the Great. Travel by hydrofoil to St. Petersburg for lunch at the five-star Grand Hotel Europe, with a background of Russian music. Your tour of the city will include a stop at the battleship *Aurora* and Smolny Convent, and a drive by Decembrists' Square, where you will see the famous Bronze Horseman statue of Peter the Great, and St. Isaac's Cathedral. Finally, you will visit one of St. Petersburg's most noted landmarks—the Church of the Resurrection (Church on the Spilled Blood). This jewel-like structure is one of the most precious gems in the crown of this Imperial capital. You will also be given some free time to shop for traditional Russian souvenirs at the "Black Market" across the street.

Please note: Operation of the hydrofoil is dependent upon the weather conditions of the day. Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours.

Glories of St. Petersburg



Approximately 9 hours • \$\$\$\$

It is a 50-minute drive to the town of Pushkin and Catherine's Palace, whose grandiose white, blue and gold façade stretches 978 feet. During World War II, the Palace sustained severe damage but has been restored to its original glory. The Palace's magnificent rooms include the famous Picture Gallery and the Great Hall, as well as the unforgettable Amber Room which sparkles in unparalleled, breathtaking splendor. The park-like grounds are embellished with a number of charming pavilions—among them

the Grotto Pavilion, the Hermitage and the Chinese Pagoda. The town of Pushkin itself is famous for other remarkable palaces and parks, and is named after Russia's most celebrated poet. Proceed to lunch in the center of the city, then you'll head back to St. Petersburg and the Hermitage Museum—the largest art museum in Russia and one of the most prestigious and fabulous museums in the world. Its collection of Western European art is second to none, and the nearly three million objects contained in the Hermitage are, like the building itself, beautiful and seemingly endless. Enjoy the highlights before your tour ends up at Palace Square and the Arch of the General Headquarters (this building has the longest façade in Europe—over 3,300 feet).

Please note: Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours.

St. Petersburg with Peter & Paul Fortress



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Drive to the city center with an introduction to the history of St. Petersburg. At the Spit of Vasilevsky Island, you will take in the view of the Neva River, the Rostral Columns, and the Winter Palace and Hermitage Museum. At the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, enjoy a specially-arranged concert of bell music performed by one of the best bell musicians of St. Petersburg. The Peter and Paul Fortress was founded in 1703 to defend the city, and is considered to be the birthplace of St. Petersburg. The Cathedral, designed by Trezini, features a gilded spire stretching more than 380 feet into the sky—a distinctive, majestic landmark. This is the burial ground for many members of the Romanov royal family. Continue past the 18th-century buildings of the University and across the bridge over the Neva River to the mainland. The next photo stop is at Decembrists' Square with the Bronze Horseman monument to Peter the Great. Stop at St. Isaac's Square in front of St. Isaac's Cathedral to view and photograph the exterior of Maryinsky Palace at the far end of the square, as well as the monument to Czar Nicholas I. Leaving St. Isaac's, drive past the Admiralty Building, the imposing façade of the Winter Palace, the Field of Mars, the Trinity Bridge and stop briefly in front of the cruiser *Aurora*. You'll pass the Smolny Convent en route back to the ship.

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St. Petersburg Panoramic Drive



Approximately 3 hours • \$

Enjoy a drive to the city center with an introduction to the history of St. Petersburg. At the Spit of Vasilevsky Island you will find a view of the Neva River, the Rostral Columns, and the Winter Palace and Hermitage Museum. Continue past the 18th-century buildings of the University and across the bridge over the Neva River to the mainland. The next photo stop is at Decembrists' Square with the the Bronze Horseman monument to Peter the Great. Stop at St. Isaac's Square in front of St. Isaac's Cathedral to view and photograph the exterior of Maryinsky Palace at the far end of the square, as well as the monument to Czar Nicholas I. Leaving St. Isaac's, drive past the Admiralty Building, the imposing façade of the Winter Palace, the Field of Mars, the Trinity Bridge and stop briefly in front of the cruiser *Aurora*. You'll pass the Smolny Convent en route back to the ship.

Please note: This tour has been designed for scenic viewing from the motor coach only. Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours.

The Hermitage Museum & Golden Room



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

This is a unique tour for those who would like to visit the Golden Room and have an opportunity to have more time on their own in the Hermitage Museum—the largest art museum in Russia which ranks among the most prestigious and fabulous museums in the world. This tour covers the masterpieces of Western European art, featuring Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Titian and others. Also, there is a stunning collection of French art—the largest outside France—displaying works by Degas, Renoir, Monet, Cézanne, Gauguin, and Matisse. In the Golden Room, you will see the Scythian exhibit—items collected from Nomadic Scythian tribes from Central Asia and a vast area of the Southern Ukrainian steppes and Crimea. At the end of the tour, you will have approximately an hour to explore the Hermitage on your own (not possible on Mondays).

Please note: The Hermitage requires considerable walking; there may be lines and delays between galleries. Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours.

The Hermitage Museum at the Winter Palace



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Among the historic splendors of St. Petersburg is a wealth of fine architecture, including St. Isaac's Cathedral, the equestrian statue of Peter the Great and the Rostral Columns. Your tour's main destination at the Hermitage Museum—a spectacular landmark which ranks among the world's finest museums. The Hermitage was created in 1764 by Czarina Catherine the Great. Her original purchase of 225 canvasses by Dutch and Flemish masters provided the nucleus of today's collection, which consists of almost three million exhibits and represents many cultures. The museum boasts 353 rooms, filled with masterpieces by Raphael, Titian, Giorgione, Michelangelo, Leonardo Da Vinci and others. Located within the Winter Palace on the banks of the Neva River, the Hermitage Museum is a work of art in itself. As you marvel at the wonderful paintings and tapestries that adorn the museum walls, pay special attention to the spectacular staircases, marble structures, malachite columns and highly decorated floors and ceilings, in this former residence of the mighty Russian Czars.

Please note: The Hermitage requires considerable walking and stair-climbing; there may be lines and delays between galleries. Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours.

Peterhof & Folk Show



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$\$\$

Journey to Peterhof, located on the Gulf of Finland—Peter the Great's magnificent estate palace and garden that are even more impressive than Versailles. During World War II, German forces destroyed nearly all the buildings and fountains, but the palace and fountains have now been restored to their original splendor. Take a guided tour of the Palace, commencing with an ascent of the marble staircase leading to the Grand Palace. Descend the staircase alongside the Great Cascade, which consists of three waterfalls and 37 gilded statues. At the base of the Great Cascade, Samson holds open the jaws of a lion, representing Russia's victory over the Swedes in 1709. Stroll along the main avenue in the park, decorated with 64 fountains and statues, to the hydro-foil pier for the 30-minute journey back to St. Petersburg. Re-join

your coach in the city and transfer to the concert hall for a Folkloric show that presents the songs and breathtaking dances of Russia and the republics of the former Soviet Union. This is a fascinating spiritual journey through the different regions of Russia, with acrobatic Don Cossack dances, Russian and Ukrainian choir singing and, of course, the flamboyant dances and songs of the Gypsies, including the most famous Gypsy song, *The Dark Eyes*. The traditional Russian songs and dances will be accompanied by live balalaika music. A champagne cocktail is served during the intermission.

Please note: Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours. In case of inclement weather, the hydrofoil transfer to Peterhof will be replaced with a coach transfer. Special slippers will be provided to wear over shoes at Peterhof.

Peterhof



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Petrodvorets (or Peterhof), the town of palaces, is located on the south shore of the Gulf of Finland, about 25 miles from the pier of St. Petersburg. Built in 1710 as the summer residence of Peter the Great, this lovely complex of gilded fountains and sprawling parks rivals even Versailles. After a motor coach ride from the ship, you'll see Peterhof's picturesque French gardens, fountains, waterfalls, staircases and stunning marble statues. The 64 fountains—built in 1721—use almost 8,000 gallons of water per minute, without the use of pumping stations. In the middle of the grounds is the spectacular Grand Palace—built in Baroque and Russian styles. It features hundreds of rooms comprising the Palace's state apartments. Just some of the amazing rooms you will see include the large throne room used for ceremonies and receptions, the Partridge Dining Room, the White Dining Room, in early Classical style, and Peter the Great's private study.

Please note: This tour requires moderate walking and stair-climbing. Some of the fountains and/or rooms may be closed periodically for repairs. Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours.

Pushkin: Catherine's Palace



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

After a brief driving tour through St. Petersburg, you will leave the city and head for the countryside to the town of Pushkin. Here, you will visit the magnificent palace of Catherine the Great, restored over the past 40 years to its original splendor. See the main staircase and look up at the palace ceilings decorated with paintings by Italian artists of the 17th and 18th centuries. You'll also see decorative plates and vases of Japanese and Chinese porcelain throughout. Marvel at the magnificent Grand Hall (or "Throne Room")—a gilded wonder with a spectacular painted ceiling and mirrored walls that are breathtakingly beautiful. The Cavalier's Dining Room was designed by Bartolomeo Tastrelli, and you'll also see Alexander I's State Study with its splendid marble fireplace. The Picture Gallery contains more than 130 paintings by Dutch, Flemish, French and Italian masters of the 17th and 18th centuries. Above all, don't miss the outrageously beautiful Amber Room—a brilliant and painstaking re-creation built in semi-precious stone by Russian craftsmen after the original panels were stolen by the Nazis during World War II.

Please note: This tour involves considerable walking. Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours.

Catherine's Palace at Pushkin & Pavlovsk



Approximately 7 - 7½ hours • \$\$\$

It is about a 50-minute drive from St. Petersburg to reach Catherine's Palace—truly an architectural masterpiece and a magnificent museum. Its 978-foot façade is an ornate masterpiece in white, gold and blue. Within the palace is a series of magnificent rooms, including the famous Picture Gallery and the Great Hall. You will also see the amazing Amber Room, stolen by the Nazis during the war, smuggled to Paraguay (legend holds) and lost forever. Now, Russian craftsmen have piece-by-piece reconstructed the dazzling panels of semi-precious stone, amassing a stunning, multi-hued collection designed to leave the observer breathless. The richly ornamented exterior of the palace is enhanced by splendid gardens and "small" pavilions. After lunch, you will enjoy a tour of Paul's Palace—a gift from

Catherine the Great to her son Paul, on the occasion of the birth of his son, Alexander. The palace's Grecian hall is adorned with green fluted Corinthian columns, making the ballroom the most elegant room of the Palace. Maria's rooms gave Pavlovsk a distinct charm rather than grandeur. Paul's rooms are richly adorned with mahogany and heavy gilding. Pavlovsk Park is one of the largest parks in Europe with ponds, valleys, waterfalls and various statues.

Please note: Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours.

Murder on the Moika River



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Take a look at St. Petersburg from a completely different angle. You will see the city from the water surrounding its numerous squares, monuments and palaces. The exact route of your trip will depend on the boat size and traffic conditions of the waterways. After an hour spent on the water you will disembark your boat near Yusupov Palace, where you will discover an intriguing story of the palace and its owners and the dramatic events which ended the life of a famous favorite of the last Romanovs—the infamous Grigory Rasputin. Yusupov Palace is located on the banks of the Moika River—one of the 57 palaces that were owned by Felix Yusupov, who was almost as wealthy as the Czar himself. A beautiful white marble staircase leads to the private theater of Zenaida Yusupov, which has been carefully preserved in rococo style. Among the palace's treasures are works of art by Rembrandt and Rubens, French tapestries and porcelain, and Venetian mirrors and wood-carvings. It was here in 1916 that the notorious Grigory Rasputin was assassinated. He was lured to Yusupov's home, and fed poison-laced food which failed to kill him. He was then shot several times, which he also survived, and was thrown into the Moika River, where he finally drowned. Your tour will take you through the rooms of the palace, and after climbing down the narrow winding staircase you will see the very place where Felix Yusupov, with his accomplices, tried to assassinate Rasputin.

Please note: Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours.

Russian Vodka Museum & Metro Ride



Approximately 3½ - 4 hours • \$

During this tour you will have the opportunity to see and ride on St. Peterburg's elegantly aging subway system. One of the oldest systems in the world, this remarkable network of tracks and tunnels serves the city well and features some very ornate stations. You will visit a few of these before the motor coach will take you to the first and only Russian Vodka Museum. The museum collection juxtaposes vodka bottles, glasses, posters and other vodka memorabilia. If you have ever wondered why Russian vodka has outlasted dynasties, you will find the answer by trying the best vodkas produced by the most celebrated distilleries of Russia, accompanied by tasty snacks as dictated by the local rules and traditions of drinking vodka! After the excursion and tasting, you will have a chance to purchase some Vodka before your motor coach returns you to the ship.

Please note: Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours.

Church on the Spilled Blood & the Russian Museum



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Discover places connected with Russian history and art, beginning with a visit to the Church on the Spilled Blood, built in memory of Alexander II. Combining the artistic styles of the 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries, the church is a kaleidoscope of decorative elements. The interior collection of mosaics covers over 8,400 square yards with jeweller's enamel. The cupolas were modeled after Moscow's famous St. Basil's Cathedral. Next, walk through beautiful gardens towards the entrance of the Russian Museum, opened in 1898 in the former Mikhailovsky Palace built by Carlo Rossi in 1825. The Russian Museum is a veritable treasure-house of Russian art—more than 130 rooms contain more than 300,000 works dating from the 11th century to the present. You can trace the development of Russian art from the first icons of Andrey Rublev to the works of such outstanding Russian masters as Shishikin, Repin, Borovitski and others.

Please note: Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours.

Evening Folkloric Spectacular



Approximately 3 hours • \$

This is an evening of spectacular cultural value featuring the St. Petersburg Highlights folklore group. Embark on a fascinating, 90-minute musical journey through different regions of Russia, with acrobatic Siberian Cossack dances, Russian and Ukrainian choral singing, and a special Gypsy ensemble which includes the famous Russian folksong, *The Dark Eyes*, accompanied by live Balalaika music. Champagne and orange juice will be served during intermission.

Please note: Dress code is casual. Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours.

Gala Evening at Yusupov Palace



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$\$

Visit a beautiful Russian palace full of history and culture. It is a short motor coach transfer to Yusupov Palace, home of the rich and powerful Yusupov family. You are greeted by costumed Hussars at the entrance to the palace, and ladies-in-waiting line the staircase, at the top of which is a classical quartet. A tour of the palace is just the beginning of the marvelous evening ahead, including a viewing of the rooms where an attempt at murdering the infamous Grigori Rasputin took place in 1916 (although he did not actually die until later in the evening). Enjoy a cocktail and canapés with live balalaika music before you enter the Yusupov Theater for a 50-minute gala performance by the St. Petersburg Opera Company. Highlights of some of the most famous operas are included, such as *The Marriage of Figaro*, *The Magic Flute* and *Don Juan*. The performers are professional Russian opera singers and will be dressed in classical costumes.

Please note: There are approximately 70 steps to climb to reach the auditorium. Dress code is formal. Please see the "Russia: General Information" section at the beginning of the St. Petersburg tours.





Tallinn, Estonia

The Best of Tallinn



Approximately 6 hours • \$\$

This comprehensive full day tour starts with a visit to the Song Festival Grounds. A short stop here will give an impression of the enormous Song Festivals that are held every five years on this site, with up to 30,000 performers singing to a capacity of 300,000 spectators. From here, continue to Pirita, the beachside location of the yachting complex built for the 1980 Olympic games where also the 16th century ruins of St Bridget's Convent can be seen. A short drive follows to Tallinn's Upper Town, passing ancient walls and tower gateways. Disembark the coach at Tall Hermann Tower from which flies the national blue, black and white flag. Walk up Toompea Hill to Palace Square. View the Baroque Toompea Castle, now the residence of the Estonian Parliament, and visit the lovely Russian Orthodox Alexander Nevski Cathedral, a dominating feature of Upper Town's skyline, and home to numerous golden icons and mosaics. From here, continue along Tallinn's medieval cobblestone streets to view the Gothic Dome Church, also known as St. Mary's Cathedral. Proceed to the scenic viewpoint that looks out over the Lower Town rooftops. After a short opportunity for shopping at some small shops, you'll descend Short Leg Street to the Lower Town. Here in one of Tallinn's typical Old Town restaurants, lunch will be served, followed briefly by free time in Town Hall Square. A special visit to the partly ruined historic Dominican Monastery is accompanied by a concert of medieval music in the courtyard. Continue to Catherine's Passage, where you might like to browse at the craft workshops for glass, leather, millinery and ceramic wares. Finally, you will walk back to the coach and drive back to the port.

Please note: Due to religious services there are no inside visits at the Dome Church on Sunday mornings.

Panoramic Tallinn



Approximately 3 hours • \$

View all the highlights of Tallinn by motor coach, beginning with a drive past Pirita, site of the 1980 Olympic Games, and 16th-century ruins of St. Bridget's Convent. Watch for the Song Festival Grounds as you drive by. In central Tallinn, you will see the walls and towers that surround the Old Town area. If you like, you can walk up Toompea Hill to Palace Square, and climb the 12 steps necessary to view the famous mosaics and icons of Russian Orthodox Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. To complete your tour, the motor coach drives past the architectural highlights of Tallinn, including St. Kaarli's Church, and the Estonian Opera and Ballet Theater.

Please note: This tour has been designed for scenic viewing from the motor coach only.

Walk & Shop in Tallinn's Old Town



Approximately 3¼ hours • \$

Drive to the Vaike Rannamae Gates in the northeast part of Tallinn's medieval Lower Town. Disembarking the coach, you will find it is only a short walk to one of Catherine's Passage's many active craft workshops. Here, leather, millenary and ceramic wear can be seen in the making, and can also be purchased if you like. Continue the walk to Town Hall Square to view the Gothic-style Town Hall, then you'll have some free time to shop at the art galleries, souvenir shops, jewelers and Estonian handicraft shops located in this area. Another short walk brings you to the Viru Gates and the knitwear vendors adjacent to the Old Town Wall. Nearby are bookstores, quality menswear shops and shops of applied art. A popular street of flower sellers leads back to Mere Boulevard, where the coach is waiting to return you to the ship.

Tallinn's Old Town—A Walking Tour



Approximately 4¼ hours • \$\$

One of the finest medieval old towns in all of northern Europe is right here in Tallinn. Explore this marvelous living relic on foot as you disembark your motor coach near the walls and towers that once guarded the town from invasion. Walk up Toompea Hill to the wide Palace Square. At the top stands Toompea Palace—a Baroque structure used by the Estonian parliament. Step into the amazing Russian Orthodox Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, whose glorious mosaics and icons will impress and inspire you. The massive cathedral dominates the entire skyline of the Upper Town. St. Mary's Cathedral is your next destination, as you wander down narrow cobblestone streets to the church where more than 100 coats of arms are on display. For a true orientation overview of the town, look out over the rooftops of the Lower Town from a scenic viewpoint. Shop at street stalls and small stores, then head down Short Leg Street to the Town Hall Square. You will have some free time to take in the Gothic Town Hall, stroll through handicraft stalls, or enjoy a refreshment on your own. A medieval concert is performed at the historic Dominican Monastery before you walk back to your motor coach in central Tallinn.

Please note: On Sunday calls, inside visits at St. Mary's Cathedral are not possible due to religious services being held.

Old Town & Rocca Al Mare



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

After a short drive passing the Upper Town's medieval buildings (Toompea Castle and the Tall Hermann Tower), you will disembark from your coach for a walk of approximately 500 yards along the Lower Town's cobblestone streets to view the House of Blackheads, the Holy Ghost Church and the Town Hall. You'll have a great opportunity to spend some free time at the Town Hall Square before rejoining your coach in the Lower Town. Continue to Rocca al Mare—the Estonian Open Air Museum—where you can see a collection of traditional 18th- and 19th-century rural buildings gathered from around the country. The tour includes a performance of folk dance and a coffee break with Estonian barley cake.

Highlights of Tallinn



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Tallinn's beachside region of Pirita may bring back memories of the 1980 Olympic Games, held here at the yachting complex. You will see the 16th-century ruins of St. Bridget's Convent and the Song Festival grounds. In Tallinn's Old Town, disembark the motor coach at Tall Hermann Tower, then walk up Toompea Hill to Palace Square. The Baroque palace at the top is now the seat of the Estonian Parliament. You will visit the outstanding Russian Orthodox Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, complete with gorgeous mosaics and icons, dominating the Upper Town's skyline. Narrow cobblestone streets take you to the Gothic Dome Church (St. Mary's Cathedral), where more than 100 coats of arms are on display. Then, finally, you will look out over the rooftops of the Lower Town from a scenic viewpoint before walking back to your motor coach.

Please note: On Sunday calls, inside visits at St. Mary's Cathedral are not possible due to religious services being held. Tour requires approximately 1½ hours of walking.

The Spirit of Medieval Estonia



Approximately 7½ hours • \$\$\$

Drive through the picturesque Estonian countryside to Rakvere, one of the oldest towns in Estonia, with its partially ruined 13th-century castle. You will also see the enormous sculpture of a bull high on the hill next to the castle. Pass Rakvere Distillery and visit the Exhibition House to learn of the history of producing spirits in Estonia and enjoy a vodka tasting. At the castle, step back in time as you enter the courtyard to see the typical medieval watchtower, stone-throwing machines and fully functioning canon. See a blacksmith at work and visit the Torture Chamber. Lunch will be served at the inn in the courtyard of Rakvere Castle. Spend some free time after lunch browsing in the courtyard and visiting the souvenir store. You also have a great opportunity to see the modern city center of Rakvere and visit the Citizens' Museum. From Rakvere you will drive back to Medieval Tallinn and walk up Toompea Hill to Palace Square. View the Baroque Toompea Palace, now the residence of the Estonian Parliament. Visit the lovely Russian Orthodox Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, home to numerous golden icons and mosaics, then continue along Tallinn's medieval streets to St. Mary's Cathedral. Inside the church there are more than 100 medieval coats of arms. Enjoy the view of the Lower Town from the terrace or browse in the small shops.

Please note: On Sunday calls, inside visits at St. Mary's Cathedral are not possible due to religious services being held.



Visby,
Gotland,
Sweden

West Coast Tour



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Diverse scenery and a glimpse of Gotland history are the attractions on this interesting tour. Setting out by motor coach, you'll head south from Visby through the agricultural districts of Trakumla, Vall and Atlingo to Mästerby, where you will have 20 minutes to explore one of the area's fine examples of medieval churches. Along the coast, stop at the Gannarve Skeppssättning i Fröjel Bronze Age burial site dating back to around 600 BC. Carefully placed stones, standing on their edges, form the shape of a ship. Scientists believe the ship represents dead chieftains being carried on their voyage to eternity, and such a metaphor underscores Gotland's inextricable relationship with the sea. Time permitting, a brief stop will be made at Höglint, a cliff which affords a spectacular view of the precipitous coastline and the port of Visby. Upon arrival in Visby, take a short guided walk within the walls of the medieval town before you return to the pier.

Visby—Town of Roses & Ruins



Approximately 3 hours • \$

Visby, the capital of Gotland, boasts a swashbuckling history that tells of the Viking Age, followed by a flourishing medieval period and the growth of the powerful Hanseatic League. Today, however, Visby is best known as the Town of Roses and Ruins, and is one of Sweden's most popular vacation resorts. To gain a geographical perspective of the walled city, you will begin with a drive along the coast up to Höglint. From this dramatic clifftop viewpoint, take in the marvelous view of the Baltic Sea and Visby itself. Then you'll head back towards town by way of the old Hanseatic harbor of Almedalen, and the Kruttornet—a powder tower which has the distinction of being Visby's oldest structure. Stroll through the Botanical Gardens, then your motor

coach passes through a gate and follows the 13th-century city walls past the Maiden's Tower, part of the remaining 1½-mile-long, 13th-century city wall to Dalmansporten. Continue with a guided walk down through the narrow, winding, medieval streets see the impressive Cathedral of St. Mary's, passing the evocative ruins of one of the city's many medieval churches.

Biking in Visby



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Explore Gotland by bicycle. From the harbor, the first part of the cycle route will take you to Almedalen, once the site of the Hanseatic harbor. See the Kruttornet—the powder tower, which is the oldest remaining structure in Visby. Continue along Strandgatan to the lovely Botanical Gardens. Visby's mild winters allow such specimens as almond trees, magnolias and acacias to grow beside vivid displays of flowers. Pass Maiden's Tower and bike uphill to Klinten—a good viewpoint over the ruins of the old city, harbor and the Baltic Sea. The route continues on a bicycle path headed south into the countryside, and the next stop will be the high cliff of Höglint, about three miles south of Visby. Refreshments of tea/coffee and local cakes will be served at Princess Eugenie's Summer Residence in Fridhem, before you return via pedal-power to Visby and the harbor.

Please note: Guests will cycle together as a group. There is approximately 2½ hours of cycling. Tour will operate in all weather conditions; please dress appropriately.



Warnemünde, Germany

A Day in Berlin

Don't miss this opportunity to visit one of Europe's most fascinating destinations—Berlin. Yesterday, the capital of Prussia and cultural centre of the Golden Twenties; today, the gateway to eastern Europe, Berlin is once again making a new beginning. Berlin is not as beautiful as Paris, as large as New York, as crazy as London, or as venerable as Rome, but is full of tumultuous history that will intrigue every visitor. During a short visit to Berlin, you will rave about some of the plazas and buildings but will not have a sense of the city as a whole which will appear full of contradictions—at times attractive, at times ugly, in parts cosmopolitan, in parts provincial, full of history and signs of progress. Berlin needs time to let the city and the continuously changing history that has shaped its appearance take effect. Berlin is a city of opposites and that is part of its fascination. Since the fall of the Wall in 1989, Berlin has visibly flourished. The city is once again in transition and no one can say just how it will turn out. It is an exciting time for Berlin and today you will capture a "snapshot" without hoping to capture its finality. The following tours visit Berlin from Warnemünde. Each excursion includes a 2 - 2½-hour ride each way between Warnemünde and Berlin on a private, standard train. You will leave Warnemünde in the early morning. As you ride towards the exciting city of Berlin, enjoy the lush, lake-strewn scenery of the German countryside and a light breakfast snack. Upon arrival in Berlin, you will be welcomed by your official city guide and escorted to a waiting deluxe motor coach. The city's continuously changing history, which has shaped its appearance, is evident everywhere. After your day of sightseeing in Berlin, the return train ride offers a light snack and soft drinks. You'll arrive back at the pier in Warnemünde tired, but appreciative of this memorable day. The order of the tours will likely vary in order to accommodate time and traffic where necessary.

Highlights of Berlin: Pergamon Museum & Berlin Cathedral



Approximately 13 -14 hours • \$\$\$\$

On arrival in Berlin, set out with your local guide on an exciting tour of this historic and multi-cultural city, once dubbed the world's largest construction site in the early 1990s. Your first stop will be at Bebelplatz where, below ground level, lies the Empty Library—the city's most original memorial to honor ostracized authors whose books were burned on this site by students and Nazis in 1933. Some of the other famous highlights that you will see are: remnants of the Berlin Wall, chilling proof of what was the city's most notorious landmark for 28 years; the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church preserved as a ruin after World War II; the Brandenburg Gate, which more than any other monument symbolizes the German and European unification and will always be known as the border between East and West Germany; and the Reichstag parliament building which awoke from a long political “deep sleep” when the German government repositioned from Bonn. Take advantage of a brief photo stop at the site of the former Checkpoint Charlie—the legendary border crossing where spies crossed between the American and Soviet sectors during the Cold War. Step inside the Berlin Cathedral with its neo-Baroque interior and massive dome. This enormous cathedral, built between 1894 and 1905, is a stunning example of the neo-Renaissance style of Berlin. During the Second World War, the building was hit by a firebomb which severely damaged most of the Cathedral, but it has now been restored in a simplified form, including the dismantling of the Hohenzollern mausoleum. Drive through the Kurfürstendamm—Berlin's version of the Champs Elysées, and pass the impressive Charlottenburg Castle built in 1695—a “small” summer residence for Friedrich I. Pass the Gendarmenmarkt—the most harmonious square in Berlin—which constitutes an ensemble of the Theatre, the German Cathedral and the French Cathedral. Continue to the Pergamon Museum, showcasing a must-see collection of antiquities. It owes its name to the famous Pergamon Altar (2nd century BC). The Pergamon Museum is one of the world's major archeological museums and is a memorable inside visit. Return to Warnemünde after a truly fascinating day in Berlin.

Berlin by Riverboat & Train



Approximately 13 -14 hours • \$\$\$\$

Some of the most famous highlights that you will see today are: remnants of the Berlin Wall, chilling proof of what was the city's most notorious landmark for 28 years; the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church preserved as a ruin after World War II; the Brandenburg Gate which more than any other monument symbolizes the German and European unification and will always be known as the border between East and West Germany; the Reichstag parliament building, awakened after a long political “deep sleep” when the German government repositioned from Bonn. You will also make a brief photo stop at the site of the former Checkpoint Charlie, where today a young “Soviet soldier” will greet you on the legendary border crossing where spies crossed between the American and Soviet sectors during the Cold War. Pass by Berlin's Protestant Cathedral, built between 1894 and 1905 in neo-Renaissance style. In central Berlin, you will board a private riverboat on the banks of the Spree River and follow one of Berlin's most charming waterways alongside the parliament buildings and some of the city's most important museums. From the riverboat, while enjoying some traditional coffee and German cake, watch for the Palace of the Republic, Museum Island, the Reichstag, Charité Hospital, the new Chancellery and the House of Cultures. After your cruise, you'll stop for a pub lunch at a traditional German restaurant. Continue your tour by coach to the Reichstag parliament building for a champagne reception either on the garden terrace or within the Reichstag building itself. You will have breathtaking views of the Pariser Platz and the Brandenburg Gate, and you will also have the opportunity to wander around and inspect the famous glass cupola designed by British architect Sir Norman Foster. Drive through the Kurfürstendamm—Berlin's version of the Champs Elysées, and past the impressive Charlottenburg Castle built in 1695—a “small” summer residence named for Sophie Charlotte, the wife of the first Prussian King, Friedrich I.

Jewish Berlin: Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp & the Holocaust Memorial



Approximately 13 -14 hours • \$\$\$\$

After the war, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp was behind the Iron Curtain in the sector of East Germany that was ruled by the Soviet Union, and Americans have not had the opportunity to visit it until very recently. Sachsenhausen was designated with cynical emphasis as a *Schutzhaftlager* (protective custody camp) where political opponents of the government were “placed.” In truth, about 6,000 Jews were forcibly brought here after Kristallnacht alone, and it was here that some of the first experiments in organized mass murder were made. The scale of the terror remembered here can be very disturbing; however, simply by visiting here you can help change the future—as Winston Churchill put it, “The further backward you can look, the further forward you are likely to see.” Your next stop will be at the Bebelplatz where, below ground level, lies the Empty Library—the city’s most original memorial to honor ostracized authors whose books were burned on this site by students and Nazis in 1933. Some of the other famous highlights that you will see are: remnants of the Berlin Wall, chilling proof of what was the city’s most notorious landmark for 28 years; the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church preserved as a ruin after World War II; the Brandenburg Gate which, more than any other monument, symbolizes the German and European unification and will always be known as the border between East and West Germany; the Reichstag parliament building which awoke from a long political “deep sleep” when the German government repositioned from Bonn. You will also make a brief photo stop at the site of the former Checkpoint Charlie, the legendary border crossing where spies were crossed between the American and Soviet sectors during the Cold War; and the Berlin Cathedral, with its neo-Baroque interior and massive dome. Drive through the Kurfürstendamm—Berlin’s version of the Champs Elysées, and pass the Gendarmenmarkt—the most harmonious square in Berlin, which constitutes an ensemble of the Theatre, the German Cathedral and the French Cathedral. You will pass the Neue Synagogue—Berlin’s most prominent Jewish landmark, which was rebuilt as a façade since the site of the original synagogue is wasteland, deliberately left as a memorial to what

was damaged by Nazi flames and finished off by wartime bombs. Your guide will point out the Haeckesche Hoefe complex built by Jewish idealists in 1906-07, with its elegant ceramic façades. This area symbolizes Berlin’s new center, having miraculously survived two wars, and it houses an up-market collection of shops, galleries, theatres, cabarets, cafés, restaurants and cinemas. You will also stop at the Holocaust Memorial that officially opened in 2005 and was designed by the New Yorker Peter Eisenman. This foundation for the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe is a central place for remembrance to the murdered victims and a place of warning. This visit is about Remembrance, Responsibility and Future. In his attempt to present a new idea of memory as distinct from nostalgia, Eisenman reflects, “We can only know the past today through a manifestation in the present.”

Explore Berlin & Potsdam By River Cruise & Coach



Approximately 13 -14 hours • \$\$\$\$

Your first stop in Berlin will be at a remnant of the Berlin Wall and the famous former border crossing, Checkpoint Charlie. From here you will continue to the Brandenburg Gate which, more than any other monument, symbolizes the German and European reunification. Close by, you will pass the Reichstag government building and the new Holocaust Memorial. Drive along the Kurfürstendamm, Berlin’s version of the Champs Elysées, and past the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. Pass the Gendarmenmarkt Square in Berlin, which separates the Theatre, the German Cathedral and the French Cathedral, before continuing to Potsdam, capital of the Brandenburg State, with a Baroque city center and numerous palaces. On arrival at Lake Wannsee, you will board a riverboat for a scenic journey past the Glienicke Bridge, where spies were swapped between the American and Soviet sectors during the Cold War. The first time this ever happened was in 1962, when the American pilot of an espionage U-2 and KGB spy Rudolf Ivanovich Abel were exchanged. Continue to the lovely Cecilienhof Palace for an outside visit. The palace was built in 1916 in the style of an English country house and was the site of the Allied Potsdam Conference where the borders of Europe were redrawn after World War II. A historical conference was held here between Churchill, Truman and Stalin to arrange the future of defeated

Germany. Today, most of the palace is a comfortable hotel. Continue to the magnificent centerpiece of the Potsdam park landscape—the Palace of Sanssouci—set above six vineyard terraces. Take a few minutes to view this castle from the outside before returning to the train station for your journey back to Warnemünde.

Snapshot of Berlin



Approximately 13 -14 hours • \$\$\$\$

Your sightseeing tour will begin with an overview of the major highlights of Berlin. You will pass by remnants of the Berlin Wall, Alexanderplatz Square, Checkpoint Charlie and Red City Hall, Unter den Linden Boulevard and Gendarmenmarkt Square, Potsdam Square, Tiergarten Park, the Victory Column and Bellevue Palace. Stop for photographs (time permitting) at the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, and Bebelplatz with the Empty Library memorial, and Gendarmenmarkt—all world-famous landmarks. After lunch, your sightseeing continues past Charlottenburg Castle. There will be a brief stop at the Kurfürstendamm shopping street for some free time. This tour will give you an excellent overview of Germany's capital.

Please note: There will be no stop at the Kurfürstendamm on Sundays. A stop at a local flea market will be substituted.

Transfer to Berlin by Train



Approximately 13 -14 hours • \$\$\$

Guests will utilize the same train as other guests traveling to Berlin; however, upon arrival in the city, you will have approximately 5 - 6 hours to explore Berlin on your own. In the late afternoon, return to the railway station to board your train back to Warnemünde.

Please note: Transfer includes only roundtrip transportation by train from Warnemünde to a train station just outside Berlin, and a light snack served in each direction. Price does not include any entrance fees, transportation, lunch in Berlin, or guide services. It will be your responsibility to be at the return train station at the given departure time.

Tours in and around Warnemünde

The following tours do not visit Berlin, but visit the environs of Warnemünde in northern Germany.

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours

Car – full day: \$\$\$\$ • Minivan – full day: \$\$\$\$

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.

Rostock Revealed



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Depart the quayside by coach and transfer to Rostock, the lively harbor city with a rich heritage dating back nearly 800 years. Step back in time and walk through Mecklenburg Vorpommern's largest city. The buildings in this old Hanseatic city pay tribute to diverse architectural eras, and of special interest is the medieval old town. You will also see the St. Petri Church and the University of Rostock, founded in 1419 in Italian Renaissance style. Explore the quaint shopping streets that have flourished since the re-unification of Germany in 1990. Finally, you will walk down to the jetty and board a boat for a cruise along the Warnow River, transferring you back to Warnemünde. During your approximately one-hour cruise, you can savor some typical and traditional *Mecklenburger Haappchen* (seafood snacks), washed down with champagne or German beer.



Cathedral to Coast on the Molli Steam Train



Approximately 4½ - 5 hours • \$\$

Visit the former summer residence of the Dukes of Mecklenburg and home to grand examples of Gothic red brick architecture—Bad Doberan, which lies 10 miles to the west of Rostock. Bad Doberan's Cathedral is distinguished by its rural setting, rare among medieval churches, towering above the surrounding meadows and trees unburdened by narrow urban streets. Unlike most town churches, it lacks the yardsticks for comparison which neighboring houses usually afford. Built between 1294 and 1368, this awesome Gothic church with its imposing presence makes Bad Doberan a popular destination for visitors. Nearby Heiligendamm was Germany's first Seebad (seaside resort). Your journey will continue to Heiligendamm on board the "Molli" narrow-gauge steam train, which has connected Heiligendamm with Bad Doberan since 1886 and is still in use today, "puffing" at an approximate speed of 22 miles per hour. During this trip, you will pass along Europe's longest avenue of Linden trees, also referred to as the "green tunnel." On arrival in Heiligendamm, treat yourself to a lovely walk along the beach promenade before you board your coach for a short drive to another old seaside resort, Kuehlungsborn. Stop for a refreshing cup of tea or coffee and cake at one of the coffee shops in this holiday atmosphere.

Treasures Unveiled: Wismar & Schwerin



Approximately 9½ hours • \$\$\$\$

Drive 90 minutes from Warnemünde to Wismar to participate in an eventful tour of this Hanseatic City full of powerful religious edifices, imposing Gothic brick buildings, old city walls, the water tower, the historic drainage system, and merchants' houses from the middle ages. Walk through the old city and enjoy the revealing architecture of the three main churches—St. Mary's and St. George's near the market place, and St. Nicholas' near the harbor. To experts, these structures are artistic examples of the building techniques of the late Gothic period, and to laymen, striking and spectacular achievements. Walk past the Town Hall, the magnificent Fuerstenhof Palace, and the Old Swede merchants' residence built in 1380. Enjoy time at leisure, strolling around the

market square, one of the biggest in northern Germany. Continue to Schwerin for lunch. This former royal residence and state capital of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern is virtually surrounded by lakes and waterways. Schwerin is a city with a delightful combination of nature, culture and exquisite architecture. Take a guided city walk during which you will see the historical buildings in the old town, the Mecklenburg State Theatre (widely regarded as one of the finest in Germany), the medieval Romanesque-Gothic red-brick Schwerin Cathedral, and the magnificent Schloss Schwerin—a picturesque castle located on an island. The highlight of your tour will be a guided walk through the castle and the gardens—indeed one of most remarkable sights in northern Germany. Return to Warnemünde in the early evening.

Off the Beaten Track: Guestrow & the Dukes of Mecklenburg



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

The Guestrow Chateau is the largest Renaissance chateau in Northern Germany and the town is virtually synonymous with the name of Ernst Barlach (1870 -1938) who settled in the town in 1910 to produce the final forms for his sculptures. Depart by coach from Warnemünde and meander through the countryside of Mecklenburg to Guestrow (pronounced *Goostrov*), a 30-mile journey. In the Old Town, you will take a guided walk to the Guestrow Cathedral (a Gothic brick basilica and home to Barlach's well-known sculpture *The Hoverer*), as well as the St. Marien Parish Church built in the early 14th century. You will also walk along the Market Square, fringed with Classical buildings and four medieval gabled houses between St. Marien Church and the Town Hall. The square is one of the finest in Mecklenburg—and here you will have some time at leisure to explore this quaint area. Your walk will also include an inside visit to the Guestrow Chateau, which is one of the few remaining Renaissance buildings in northern Germany. It was once home to many Dukes. Don't miss the great reception hall with its stucco décor dating from 1620—certainly the most attractive part of the chateau. Return to the quayside in Warnemünde, sipping a glass of sparkling wine en route.

“Jewels” of Germany: A Hunting Lodge & the Amber Museum



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Depart the quayside via a scenic route through the State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, heading for the Jagdschloss Gelbensande (the Hunting Lodge) that was once a getaway residence of the rulers of Mecklenburg. This charming castle was built in 1886 in the style of an English cottage, with the ground floor in yellow brick and the rest in half-timber. It served as a summer residence to Grand Duke Friederich Franz III and his wife Anastasia Mikhailovna. One of the social peak events which took place in this castle was the engagement of Crown Princess Cecille, daughter of the Grand Duke, to the Prussian Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm. Enjoy a short guided tour of the castle before continuing through a unique landscape to Ribnitz-Damgarten for a visit to the German Amber Museum. The museum offers outstanding selection of beautiful jewelry, works of art and amber with stunning inclusions of plants and insects, captured in time gone by. Take a guided tour before peeking into a small workshop where you may be invited to have your own piece of amber processed. After this visit, you will have the opportunity to purchase some amber artifacts or unusual amber jewelry in the Amber Gallery which is situated nearby. After an appropriate snack—goulash of game meat in a bread pocket—relax in the cosy lodge atmosphere while sipping some sparkling or red wine before you head back to the pier.

GUIDES, SERVICES & TRANSPORTATION:

In certain interesting but off-the-beaten-track places, professional guides and vehicles are at a premium. The best available are engaged. For all tours other than the Signature Collection, it is exceptional for drivers of public hire vehicles to speak any language but their own and it is not always possible to obtain air-conditioned buses or taxis in many ports. However, we do our utmost to find the very best excursion packages for your touring pleasure. Guests who leave during a tour for which transportation is included must thereafter provide for their own transportation and services at their own expense. Transportation standards vary from country to country.

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Guests who do not join these prearranged shore excursions must rely on whatever transportation is available in each port. If you choose to devise your own excursion, we suggest that you remind the driver or tour escort of the ship's sailing time. Of course, the ship's facilities are fully available to guests while in port.

CONDITIONS:

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