



Legendary Scandinavia & Russia

June 19-July 1, 2010

**Copenhagen, Denmark • Stockholm, Sweden
Helsinki, Finland • St. Petersburg, Russia
Tallinn, Estonia • Gdansk, Poland • Oslo, Norway**

Hitch on to our "Star" and join us for a new journey! Our journey begins with a pre-stay in Copenhagen where we will explore this wonderful city before setting sail aboard the Star Princess. We will journey where Viking ships once sailed. Visit the cities of Stockholm and Helsinki, a perfect blend of historic sights and modern delights. Then, on to the jewel of Russia, St. Petersburg, with its majestic palaces and gilded cathedrals. Then on to Estonia, Poland and Oslo! Don't let this Star shoot by-come with us and explore these wonderful legendary cities!

What's included:

Round trip transfers from Central Illinois
Round trip flight from Bloomington, IL
Baggage handling for one bag per person, in Copenhagen pre-cruise accommodations, transportation, and sightseeing including lunch in Copenhagen, cruise accommodation in the category of your choice, and meals as shown on your itinerary. Tour hosted by Joni & Jim Zachry

What's not included:

Russian Visa: if you purchase an excursion in St. Petersburg with Princess then you do not need to obtain a Russian Visa. However, if you want to travel in St. Petersburg or other cities in Russia on a Princess Tour or travel independently of Princess a Russian Visa is required. I can process your Russian Visa application, the cost is \$190.00 per person, tips to tour guide in Copenhagan, Optional excursions while on cruise, gratuities on board the cruise ship, items of a personal nature, carbonated and alcoholic beverages. Travel Guard insurance.



Star Princess is a destination all her own, and with more than 700 balcony staterooms and an entire deck of mini-suites, you can enjoy your own stellar view.

Star Princess passengers will enjoy the many services and features of Personal Choice Cruising -- enabling passengers to customize their cruise experience with myriad dining, entertainment and activity options.



Shore Excursions are a great way to enhance your cruise experience while seeing more of the ports on your cruise.

		Ins. 60+
Interior stateroom	\$3,913.28¹	\$230.00²
Ocean view stateroom	\$4,555.28¹	\$280.00²
Balcony stateroom	\$5,000.00¹	\$290.00²

¹All prices are per person and are based on double occupancy. Prices are subject to change due to fuel surcharges, taxes and currency fluctuation.

²**Travel Guard rate reflects price for ages 60 plus. Insurance cost is less if under 60 years of age.** Travel Guard Insurance cost varies and is based on the trip cost. We have lowered the price of insurance by using the special Travel Guard group rate insurance which requires all tour participants to purchase coverage.

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Our Itinerary

Day 1: Saturday, June 19th, 2010 ~ Decatur, Springfield, Champaign-Bloomington

Today begins our journey to Copenhagen! We will board our motor coach and head to Bloomington for our afternoon flight. (D)



Day 2: Sunday, June 20th, 2010 ~ Copenhagen, Denmark

Upon arrival into Copenhagen we will claim our luggage, clear customs and meet our local guide. This morning we will be taken via motor coach on a tour of the city; we will enjoy a nice lunch and conclude at the Scandic Palace for hotel check in. The afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy at your leisure. (B, L)

Day 3: Monday, June 21st, 2010 ~ Copenhagen, Denmark

Today begins our 10 night cruise! This morning wake up; enjoy breakfast at our hotel before meeting with the group for our motor coach ride to board our ship, the Star Princess. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Tuesday, June 22nd, 2010 ~ Day at Sea

Start your day with room service, then head to workout in the Fitness Center, go to the spa or try your luck at the casino. Enjoy exploring the ship as we cruise through the Baltic Sea. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Wednesday, June 23rd, 2010 ~ Stockholm, Sweden

Graceful waterways and architecture from the 15th to the 19th centuries await us in Stockholm. Situated where Lake Malaren meets the Baltic Sea, Stockholm was founded as a fortress in the mid-13th century. The fortress grew into a town, spread to nearby islands, and the mainland eventually became the capital of Sweden. Today we can walk along cobblestone streets to the Royal Palace or stroll through enchanting Gamla Stan, the medieval section of town. We can visit the magnificent Stadshuser, site of the celebrated Nobel Prize banquets or refresh our spirits at Sigtuna, founded 1000 years ago on the shores of Lake Malaren by Sweden's first Christian king. (B,L,D)



Day 6: Thursday, June 24th, 2010 ~ Helsinki, Finland

We arrive in Helsinki today and again are faced with tough decisions on what to see!

Helsinki is the sparkling capital of Finland, an elegant city of spectacular architecture, beautiful gardens, and harbor side parks. We can choose such things as the Tempeliakio Church, carved out of solid rock; Olympic Stadium, site of the 1952 games;

taste the famous Finnish berries in bustling Market Square; tour Hameenlinna Castle, begun in the 13th Century and still under construction today; or see the famous "Flying Finn". (B,L,D)



Day 7 & 8: Friday, June 25th, 2010 and Saturday, June 26th, 2010 ~ St. Petersburg, Russia (overnight onboard ship)

St. Petersburg is rich in cultural heritage and is a masterpiece of architecture embodying the soul of Imperial Russia. In 1703, Peter the Great built a fortress on the bank of the Neva River, and by 1712, a new city had emerged. Elegant facades, glorious cathedrals, and grand residences were built along the city's canals. Construction flourished under Catherine the Great, and the city gained newsplendor with the elaborate palaces, lovely parks and magnificent squares designed by French and Italian architect. St. Petersburg is the most European city in Russia, and certainly the most spectacular. TWO full days in St. Petersburg will afford us opportunities to visit many historical sights such as the Hermitage Museum, the baroque Catherine's Palace in Tsarskoye Selo and Peeterhof Palace with its marvelous fountains and gardens situated on a hill overlooking the Gulf of Finland. More for us to see is the beautifully decorated Church of the Spilled Blood built by Tsar Alexander III or visit the Battleship Aurora, whose guns signaled the start of the 1917 revolution. Not to mention, the shopping is so much fun from the vendors you meet. (B,L,D)

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Day 9: Sunday, June 27th, 2010 ~ Tallinn, Estonia

Tallinn, one of the oldest cities on the Baltic Sea, was founded in 1154. Most cruise ships don't even stop here and thanks to decades of Russian neglect, we will see one of the most intact Medieval cities in all of Europe. Tallinn, capital of Estonia, has at one time or another been part of the Teutonic, Danish, Swedish and Russian empires. This medieval capital offers cobblestone streets, gabled houses and watchtowers, and is home to Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and Gothic St. Mary's Cathedral. (B,L,D)



Day 10: Monday, June 28th, 2010 ~ Gdansk, Poland

Historic Gdansk represents one of the richest, most lavish complexes of architectonic relics in Poland. The entrances to historic quarters are huge stone gateways guarding the main thoroughfare; the well-proportioned tower of the town hall makes a powerful impact. The main square is filled with fine mansions. St. Mary's Church is the world's largest brick church, with a capacity of 25,000. Dominating the waterside is seven-story Great Mill. Gdynia is the modern port for Gdansk. Near Gdansk is Sopot, one of the most fashionable seaside resorts in northern Europe during the 19th century and the country's most popular health spa with its beach and flair for entertainment. Sopot is known as an important music center, featuring an annual Opera and International Song Festival. Gdansk Historical Museum has lavish decorations and fascinating exhibits. Maritime Museum features a model of every ship produced in local shipyards since 1945 and is housed in the massive 15th-century Gdansk Crane. National Art Museum, one of Gdansk's highlights, boasts a collection of Gothic art and sculpture. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Tuesday, June 29th, 2010 ~ Day at Sea

Another day to relax and enjoy our home away from home. You might choose to join in on one of the many activities that the ship offers or simply decide to do absolutely nothing. Whatever you choose, the day is yours to enjoy. (B,L,D)



Day 12: Wednesday, June 30th, 2010 ~ Oslo, Norway

Oslo is the oldest of the Scandinavian capital cities and one of the largest cities in Europe, stretching across 172 square miles. Oslo is beautifully framed by a vast expanse of woods, moors, and lakeland with so much to offer, we hardly know what to choose. There are wonderful museums, such as the open-air Folk Museum and the Viking Ship Museum, dedicated to such things as the Vikings, the Kon Tiki, and of course, art. Pay close attention to the incredible artisanship on all the beautiful Viking long ships at the museum. Or perhaps a tour of the impressive Middle Age Akerhus Castle would be fun. We can simply wander through the streets full of shops and anticipate finding wonderful souvenirs. It's sure to be a very full day. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Thursday, July 1st, 2010 ~ Copenhagen, Denmark

Today we arrive back into port to begin our journey home taking with us many beautiful memories of the sights we have seen and the friends we have been blest to have experienced this journey with. (B,L)

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