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scandinavia + russia cruise charter

July 2 – 11, 2007
Shore Excursion Information

Note: All tours include transportation to and from the ship. Some tours will allow you to remain in town on your own after the tour ends, where you will return to the ship at your own expense. Final tour information and reservation form will be included in your final documents package.

Copenhagen

Copenhagen City and Christiansborg Castle – 3 hours:

Travel through the oldest parts of this famed city and past historic landmarks and visit the impressive Christiansborg Castle as we stop at such popular sites as the Little Mermaid and the Amalienborg Palace during this introduction to Denmark's capital City. At Christiansborg Castle, you will enjoy a guided tour through the ornately decorated reception rooms, including the Alexander Hall, the Great Banqueting Hall where the Queen entertains official guests and the Knights Hall.

Enjoy the eclectic sights of Copenhagen as you drive past the 500-year old gabled houses, the colorful and lively Nyhavn waterfront, and the major city sights. At the conclusion of your tour you will be transferred back to the ship. Or you have the option of staying in town to stroll along the pedestrian shopping streets and returning to the ship on your own.

Note: There are approximately 100 steps to be negotiated at the castle and therefore this part of the tour is not suitable for those that have problems walking.

Approximate price: \$50.00

Gdansk

Sightseeing of Gdansk – 3 hours:

The tour begins at the Upland Gate – a fragment of the cities fortifications and one of its main gates. Just behind it, you will pass by the Prison Tower and the Torture House – relics of the Gothic defense walls from the 15th Century. The Golden Gate opens onto the Long Market – a magnificent street with Patrician mansions decorated with late Renaissance and Baroque facades. After seeing the Main Town Hall, you can admire the Artus Court, the most beautiful court in all the Hanseatic cities. Finally, a stop at St. Mary's Basilica and down Mariacka Street with its gabled terraced houses and elegant shops.

Approximate price: \$80.00

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Organ Concert at Oliwa Monastery – 2 hours:

The cornerstone of the Cistercian Monastery in Oliwa was laid down in 1188. In 1925, the church was raised to the status of a cathedral and is world famous for its organ, constructed by John Wulf and Frederic Dalits from 1763-93. The 1875 pipes of tin and wood produce wonderful harmony of sounds. It is said that the sound of the Oliwa organ is so fantastic that it made its constructor faint when he heard it for the first time. Every summer, the best European musicians perform here for the annual festival.

Approximate price - \$80.00

Tallinn

Tallinn Highlights – 3.5 hours:

Depart from the pier and drive through the cultural center of Tallinn and then along the main thoroughfare towards the central park of Kadriorg and the Song Festival Grounds. You will make a brief visit to the ruins of St. Birgit's convent and then a view of the most famous Estonian monument, Russalka, dedicated to the shipwreck in the Gulf of Finland in 1893. After circling the Old Town, enjoy a walking tour of Lower Town to the Blackheads Brotherhood House for a short folk show. Continuing on, you will see the highlights of medieval architecture – Great Guild, Holy Ghost Church, Town Hall and the Apothecary Shop. You will board the bus and return to the harbor.

Approximate price - \$50.00

St. Petersburg:

Treasures of the Hermitage – 4 hours (morning)

What the Louvre is to Paris, the Metropolitan Museum to New York, the Hermitage is to St. Petersburg. The Hermitage museum occupies the Winter Palace and four more buildings. For our convenience, a special early opening of the museum, one hour prior to the regular opening has been arranged. The tour also takes in Palace Square, the main square of the city with the 155 foot high Alexander Column put up in honor of Alexander I, who defeated Napoleon in 1812.

Approximate price - \$55.00

St. Petersburg Highlights – 4 hours (afternoon)

Drive along the Neva River to the Peter and Paul Fortress for a guided tour. The fortress was constructed for defense but was never fired upon and was later used as a political prison. The Cathedral houses the tombs of the Tsars of Russia. Moving along, you will visit St Isaac's Cathedral which has one of the largest domes in the world. In nearby Decembrist's Square, you will see the famous "Bronze Horseman" monument to Peter the Great.

Approximate price - \$50.00

Pushkin: Catherine Palace and Park – 4 hours (morning)

A one hour drive will take you out of St Petersburg and to the entrance of the Tsarkoye Selo (Tsar's Village). There, Catherine's Palace ranks as one of the masterpieces of world art. Peter the Great gave this estate to his wife, Catherine, in 1710 and on it was built a small palace. Its grandiose turquoise, white and gold façade stretches 978 feet. The parks of the estate add to the splendor of the palace and several are embellished with a number of charming pavilions. During the visit, you will see the interior of the main Palace and walk the exquisite gardens before returning to the ship in St. Petersburg.

Note: There is a significant amount of walking, including from the coach parking lot to the Palace.

Approximate price - \$55.00

Yusupov Palace and Canal Boat Ride – 4 hours (afternoon)

Depart the pier and drive to the Yusupov Palace located on the banks of the Moika River. The exterior is somewhat modest but is noted for its exquisite art and interior architecture. The Yusupovs were the wealthiest family in Russia and the palace was only one of 54 owned by them. Upon arrival, you will ascend the grand staircase and commence a guided tour of the palace including the basement room where Rasputin was poisoned and shot. After the Palace tour, you will enjoy an hour long boat journey through the canals of St Petersburg. After the cruise, you will return to your ship.

Approximate price - \$55.00

Helsinki:

Highlights of Helsinki – 3 hours

Enjoy a short ride from the port into the city to see the main sights of the wonderful city. You will make stops at Market Place, visit Temppeliaukio church which is carved in rock, Sibelius monument, the Opera House, and Finlandia Hall. The tour will end in Senate Square where you will return to the ship via bus. Or you may choose to stay in town for the afternoon and return to the ship on your own.

Approximate price - \$45.00