

Scandinavia: Introduction and Denmark

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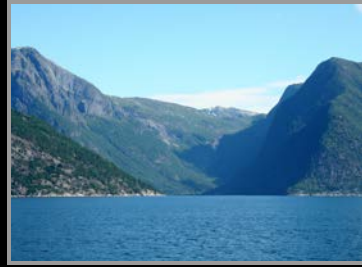
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Introduction – Scandinavia



Here are my photos from a three-week trip to Scandinavia ... (well, Scandinavia and Finland, since Finland technically isn't part of Scandinavia).

I flew across the Atlantic to Frankfurt, got some sleep, and really began my Scandinavian journey by flying into Copenhagen. From there I used my Scandinavian Rail Pass to travel more-or-less clockwise through ...



Denmark,



Norway,



Sweden, and



Finland.

I returned home from Helsinki, again via Frankfurt.

The tour-company-style itinerary map for the whole trip is on the next page, and then we begin in Denmark.

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Denmark

First to Copenhagen for sightseeing there,
with side trips to Malmö and Helsingør.



Copenhagen

**Copenhagen is a port, strategically located
between the North Sea and the Baltic.**



Copenhagen

Copenhagen is now a big city
of 1.2 million, but still a port.



**Copenhagen
Canal Tour**

**Canal tour boats are built
low to pass under bridges.**



**Copenhagen
Canal Tour**

Boat tours originate from Nyhavn,
a “new” harbour dug in the 1670s.



**Copenhagen
Canal Tour**

**These colourful buildings were originally warehouses
and rough-and-ready hotels for sailors.**



**Copenhagen
Canal Tour**

Nyhavn is now filled with bars, cafés,
restaurants, and tourists.



**Copenhagen
Canal Tour**

**Stylish yachts and old wooden
boats line the Nyhavn canal.**



**Copenhagen
Canal Tour**

**This is the dock for the Royal Yacht,
complete with designer bus shelters.**



**Copenhagen
Canal Tour**

**Danish design.
A condo.**







**Copenhagen
Canal Tour**

**The Little Mermaid, inspired by a
Hans Christian Andersen tale.**



**Copenhagen
Canal Tour**

**Little Mermaid.
Big tourist attraction.**



**Copenhagen
Canal Tour**

**Dock at the entrance to the
Amalienborg Palace complex**



**Copenhagen
Canal Tour**

A canal in the Christianshavn district



**Copenhagen
Canal Tour**

Inner city canal



**Copenhagen
Canal Tour**

**Christiansborg, the Parliament buildings.
The Danish Empire once included all of Scandinavia.**



Copenhagen

Danish Treasury Building



Copenhagen

Rådhus, the City Hall



Copenhagen:
Tivoli

Tivoli Gardens is a recreation and entertainment park in the heart of Copenhagen.



Copenhagen:
Tivoli

Tivoli opened in 1843.



Copenhagen:
Tivoli

This pirate ship has been commandeered
to become a restaurant.



Copenhagen:
Tivoli

There are over two dozen thrill
rides at Tivoli (I'm told).



Copenhagen

Rosenborg Castle was built in the 17th century as King Christian IV's summer home.



Copenhagen

Rosenborg is now a museum and home of the Danish crown jewels.



**Amalienborg
Palace**

The Amalienborg Palace complex has been the home of the Danish royal family since 1794.



**Amalienborg
Palace**

Four nearly-identical buildings
enclose the central square.



**Amalienborg
Palace**

The statue of Frederik V in the square is considered one of the most outstanding equestrian statues in the world.



**Amalienborg
Palace**

The Palace is guarded by the Royal Danish Guard, with varying restrictions depending on whether the Queen is in residence.



**Amalienborg
Palace**

The Queen is away today, so spectators are allowed to be close during the Changing of the Guard.



**Amalienborg
Palace**

Small squads set out to relieve the
guards who have been on station ...



**Amalienborg
Palace**

... one-by-one.



**Amalienborg
Palace**

The relieved guards head
back to their base ...



**Amalienborg
Palace**

... leaving replacements to entertain
the tourists and photographers.



**Oresund Link
to Malmö**

The Oresund Link, seen from the air, is a tunnel and bridge combination that connects Copenhagen to the Swedish city of Malmö.



**Oresund Link
to Malmö**

The Link consists of a 4 km / 2.5 mile tunnel,
an island, and an 8 km / 5 mile bridge.



**Oresund Link
to Malmö**

The link was completed in 2000 and has integrated the region's Danish and Swedish labour forces.



Malmö

Canal tours of Copenhagen's Swedish neighbour leave from just opposite the train station.



Malmö

Like Copenhagen, the core of the old city is serviced by a network of canals.



Malmö

The Turning Torso is the tallest building in Sweden.



Malmö

54 storeys, with a 90° twist.



Malmö

Malmö's development centred
on its role as a port.



Malmö

Building towers for wind turbines is a new industry,
replacing the ship building that has moved to Asia.



Malmö

I had to get my own picture of the Oresund Link because I had heard so much about its construction and social impact.



North Sealand

The “Castle Tour of North Sealand” goes first to Frederiksborg Palace, built as a royal residence.



**North Sealand:
Frederiksborg**

The oldest parts date from 1560, but most of the palace was built from 1602 to 1620 by Christian IV, one of Denmark's greatest kings.



**North Sealand:
Frederiksborg**

The national museum at the palace features historical artifacts and the national art collections.



**North Sealand:
Frederiksborg**

Restoration of the palace was
largely financed by Carlsberg.



**North Sealand:
Frederiksborg**

The palace church serves
as a local church today.



North Sealand:
Frederiksborg

Frederiksborg Palace gardens



North Sealand

Fredensborg Palace, built after the wars with Sweden in 1720, is now used as the Queen's summer residence.



**North Sealand:
Kronborg**

**Kronborg Castle is on the north-east coast at Helsingør,
on the strait between Denmark and Sweden.**



North Sealand:
Kronborg

**Kronborg Castle now finds itself located in
the middle of Helsingør's busy port.**



**North Sealand:
Kronborg**

**Kronborg's location on the narrow Oresund
Strait was not for defence ...**



**North Sealand:
Kronborg**

... but to enforce the collection of tolls from
ships entering or leaving the Baltic Sea.



**North Sealand:
Kronborg**

Kronborg is best known as the setting for Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, where it is referred to as Elsinore. Shakespeare apparently never saw it.



**North Sealand:
Kronborg**

Although the castle was surrounded by a deep moat, it fell to the Swedes in 1658.



**North Sealand:
Kronborg**

Kronborg has been a toll house, a fortress, a Renaissance palace, a prison, a military base, a movie set, and is again a revenue-generator.



**North Sealand:
Kronborg**

A chilly sea breeze and Kronborg's bleak and austere atmosphere add to its mystique.



To Århus

An early morning train departure. West to the Jutland peninsula, and then north to Århus.



To Århus

Bridge at Vejle on Jutland's east side



Århus

Århus, on the east side of the Jutland peninsula, is Denmark's second largest city and busiest port.



Århus

Århus is a prosperous city, with a history dating back to Viking times.



Århus:
Den Gamle By

Den Gamle By (The Old Town) was founded in 1909 as the world's first open-air museum of urban history and culture.



Århus:
Den Gamle By

The buildings came from all over Denmark.
They were dismantled, moved, and rebuilt.



Århus:
Den Gamle By

Staff in period costumes introduce
young visitors to traditional games.



Århus:
Den Gamle By

Den Gamle By reflects typical Danish towns of the 1600s, 1700s and 1800s.



Århus:
Den Gamle By

Hand-powered ferry



Århus:
Den Gamle By

**Den Gamle By is now designated as Denmark's
National Museum of Urban History and Culture.**



Århus:
Den Gamle By

It is considered the leading open-air
museum of urban culture in Europe.



To
Frederikshavn

Harbour at Aalborg, en route north
from Århus to Frederikshavn.



Frederikshavn

Frederikshavn is a port city on the north-east corner of the Jutland peninsula.



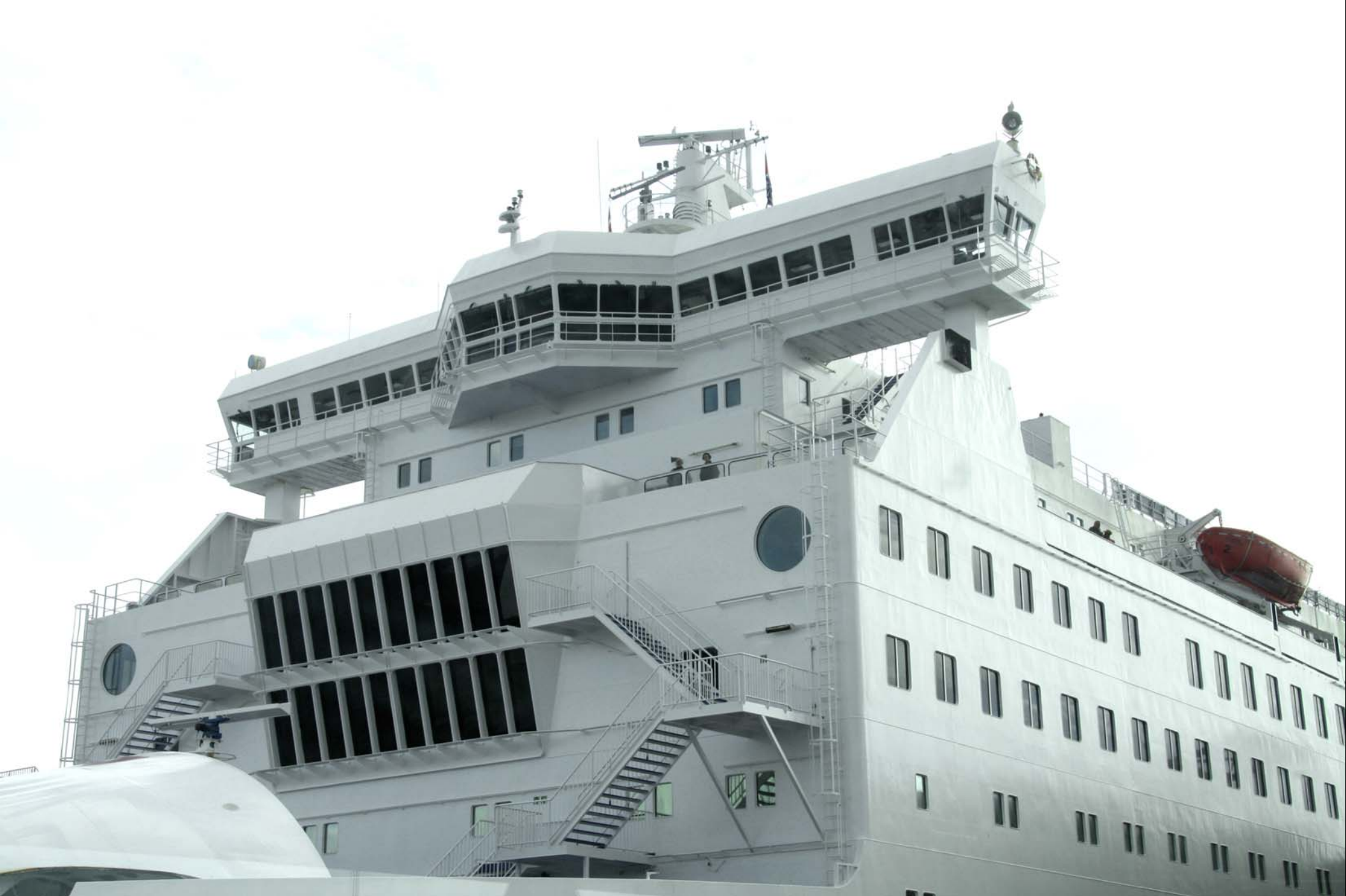
Frederikshavn

Ferries to Oslo and to Göteborg, Sweden
leave from Frederikshavn.



**Ferry to
Göteborg**

The Stena Line runs a high-speed ferry to Göteborg.
Not pretty, but fast.



**Ferry to
Göteborg**

Crossing time for the 91 km / 56 mile trip to Göteborg
will be about an hour and forty-five minutes.



**Ferry to
Göteborg**

**When the ferry arrives in Göteborg I'll have to rush
to catch the Swedish Rail connection to Oslo.**



**Göteborg
Sweden**

The “Lipstick”, an office building with attitude, as seen from the cab while dashing across Göteborg to catch the connection to Oslo.



Sweden

**A glimpse of Lake Stora, about
half way from Göteborg to Oslo.**

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