

# **FAMILY TRAVELS**

June  $4^{TH} - 15^{TH} 2019$ 

Exploring your family roots. Your tour begins on the island of Fehmarn. Set in the Baltic Sea, between Denmark and Germany, this tiny island is now connected to the German mainland by road and rail bridges. (Useless trivia - Fehmarn was the location of Jimi Hendrix's final public concert before his death in 1970!)

You will then be met by Berlin native and wonderful tour guide, Matthias Kort. It's hard to believe that it has been nearly 30 years since the Wall came down. A whole generation of Berliners has grown up not knowing the great symbolic divide that once separated their city. By now, it is safe to say that the great experiment of reunification that began on November 9, 1989 with the tearing down of the wall, is a complete success. Berlin is the



vibrant capital of a united Germany that has become the economic powerhouse of Europe.

The final part of your tour will be spent in Oslo, the capital of Norway. You'll tour the sights of the city and take a couple of excursions out into the countryside - the first one being the famous "Norway in a Nutshell" program that takes you all the way to the fjords on the west coast of the country. The other one explores more of your family origins in the heartland of the Norwegian countryside.

Please join us in June on our Family Travels.



THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

AIRFARE FROM FARGO (CURRENTLY): \$1310 LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): \$3090 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 750

Airfares are available from many other U.S. cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

**HOTELS:** 7 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels including all hotel

taxes and service charges

**COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary

MEALS: Breakfast daily where indicated (B)

**GUIDES:** DISCOVER EUROPE tour guide, Matthias Kort from June 8-15

Local guide for a half-day tour of Oslo

**AIRFARE:** One way ticket from Berlin to Oslo

**ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

TICKETS: Full day Norway in a Nutshell excursion

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.

Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.







**Tuesday, June 4th.** Early afternoon departure from Fargo. **Overnight: Plane** 

Wednesday, June 5th. Morning arrival at Hamburg Airport. You can take the train to Fehmarn (change in Hamburg central), or we can arrange a private transfer (not included), or perhaps your relatives can arrange to pick you up. Overnight: Fehmarn (self-arranged)

Thursday, June 6th. - Friday, June 7th. Two days to explore the area with your relatives. Overnight: Fehmarn (self-arranged)

**Saturday, June 8th.** This morning Matthias Kort will arrive with a minivan to begin the touring part of your itinerary. You'll break the journey to Berlin with a stop in Schwerin, the capital of the Mecklenburg province of northern Germany. We'll visit the beautiful castle (now a museum), right on the waterfront, and then have time for lunch in the unspoiled medieval heart of the town. On arrival in Berlin, you will check in to your hotel and have time to freshen up before going out to find a local restaurant for dinner. **Overnight: Berlin** 

**Sunday, June 9th.** After breakfast, we begin with a general introduction to the city: a panoramic tour, revealing treasures from the depth of Berlin's capital culture enhanced with the precious insights of your local guide. We'll see the "Museum Island," home to the Pergamon and many other famous institutions, drive down Unter den Linden to the Brandenburg Gate and stop at the Reichstag. We continue through the Tiergarten to the Charlottenburg Palace and return to the city cen-

ter up the Kurfurstendamm. After a break for lunch, we'll take a boat ride through the heart of the city on the River Spree. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are free for individual exploration and your tour guide, Matthias, will have plenty of ideas and suggestions to make the best use of your time. (B) Overnight: Berlin

Monday, June 10th. Our excursion today takes us southwest from Berlin. Our first stop will be the Allied Museum on the outskirts of the city. Set in the former "Western Zone" of the city, the museum shows the military and political scenery of the region from the end of World War II to the reunification. From here we continue to the shores of the Wannsee to visit the site, now a memorial, of the infamous Wannsee Conference of 1942, where the Nazis planned their "Final Solution" to the Jewish "problem." Then, in contrast, we head to the Cecilienhof Palace, the site of the Potsdam Conference at the end of the war, where the fate of Berlin was sealed. We will break for lunch in the beautiful Dutch Quarter of Potsdam and then visit the retreat of the Prussian kings at Sanssouci. We'll explore the summer residence built for Frederick the Great between 1745-47, frequently called the "Prussian Versailles." Sanssouci is a stunning legacy to a modest king, famous for saying "a crown is just a hat that lets the rain in." From here we return to the hotel for a free evening. (B) Overnight: Berlin

**Tuesday, June 11th.** An excursion today takes us south, through Saxony, to Dresden to spend the day uncovering the phoenix that has arisen from the ashes of World War II. Re-emerging as the "Florence on the Elbe," Dresden continues a

painstaking process of renewal and reconstruction from the ravages of war. Our sightseeing in the city will include visits to the restored Frauenkirche and the New Green Vault, a collection of wondrous treasures housed in the Castle. We'll return to Berlin for a free evening. (B) Overnight: Berlin

Wednesday, June 12th. This morning we board a short flight from Berlin to Oslo in Norway. We'll transfer to our hotel in the center of the city and then have free time for lunch. This afternoon a local guide introduces us to Oslo's charms. We'll enjoy the quayside bustle of Aker Brygge and take a tour of the Vigeland Sculpture Park. We'll also see the Botanical Gardens and the almost-impregnable Akershus Castle. Begun in 1299, it is a maze of dungeons, banquet halls, staterooms, and tiny rooms



where outcast nobles were kept. The tour will end in Bygdøy at the Viking Ship Museum, where you can admire the magnificent 9th-century ships. The evening is free. **(B)** Overnight: Oslo

**Thursday, June 13th.** Today we take the spectacular "Norway in a Nutshell" tour. This is one of the most popular day trips in Norway and takes us through some of the loveliest scenery to the Norwegian fjords. We take a rail journey over the beautiful mountain plateau with views of the Hardangerjøkulen glacier, and then the Flåm Railway, an incredible journey from the mountains at Myrdal down to the fjord in Flåm. Then we'll take a fjord cruise and a dramatic bus ride before returning to Oslo late this evening by train. **(B) Overnight: Oslo** 

**Friday, June 14th.** Today we set off in search of more family connections, taking a journey into the heart of the Norwegian countryside. Heading north from the capital, we'll pass through wonderful scenery of lakes, mountains and forests, arriving in the small town of Snertingdal in time to explore and have lunch. Close by is the town of Lillehammer, famous as the site of the 1994 Winter Olympics. You return to Oslo for a free evening. **(B) Overnight: Oslo** 



**Saturday, June 15th.** Morning transfer to Oslo Airport for return flights to the US. **(B) Overnight: Home** 

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Please type or print.
- 2) Make checks payable to Discover Europe, Ltd.
- 3) Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
- 4) Complete both sides of this form.
- 5) Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

### **DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Name(s)**. Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your "Known As" or preferred name, if applicable.

**Passport Details.** Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed up the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

**Address.** If you have a different address, please provide us with the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

**Special Dietary Requirements.** Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

**Health Information.** A certain amount of walking is involved in this trip. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

PASSENGER DETAILS FOR FAMILY TRAVELS

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

This information is essential.

### INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. (Please note that extra charges for transportation to and from the destination airport may be incurred). If you need help arranging connecting flights from your local airport to an international departure city, we will be happy to arrange those for you. There is a nominal charge of \$40 per ticket for this service.

### ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.

- i). If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
- ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.

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## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

### GENERAL

- 1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
- 2. Instructions to aid you can be found on overleaf.
- 3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
- 4. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
- 5. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
- 6. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
- 7. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, at our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- 1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form.
- The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to departure.

### TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to

make adjustments in the following circumstances:

- 1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
- 2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 7 participants. Should we end up with more or less than 7 people, Discover Europe will work with the group to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
- 3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

### REFUND POLICY

- Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty.
- Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:

90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person

60 days - trip departure: no refund (unless traveler has insurance)

- 3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
- 4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
- 5. Comprehensive travel insurance is not included in your tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip and will be providing you with details of a recommended insurance company.
- 6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
- 7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
- 8. Your place on this tour is not transferable.

### **INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

- 1. All inclusions on *Family Travels* are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
- 2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers and items of a personal nature.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION	ROOMING REQUIREMENTS (Please check one)
Name:	☐ I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)
Email:	□ I will be sharing with:
Primary Telephone: ()	We would like a □double □twin-bedded room
FLIGHT INFORMATION	PERMISSIONS
(Please check one)	Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour
Do you want Discover Europe to book your flight from Fargo: □Yes □No	passenger list.
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