

Chancel Choir Tour 2018

Sweden and Norway

May 22 - June 1, 2018
with Mark Squire, Director

Tuesday, May 22nd... Depart USA

Wednesday May 23rd Gothenburg

After our arrival at Landvetter Airport in Gothenburg, Sweden, we will transfer to the city center with our private bus. Gothenburg is Sweden's second biggest city, with a population of half a million residents. The closeness to the sea has had a strong influence on the development of the town. It was inaugurated in 1621 and for a long time the harbour, fishing and shipyards were the main industries until the industrialism when SKF and later Volvo grew as leading companies. There is a distinct maritime atmosphere, with a mixture of older, well-preserved districts and exciting new developments. The heart of Gothenburg, is the parade street "Avenyn", with a lot of shops and restaurants.



We will check into our centrally located hotel, the Elite Hotel Park Avenue, on the famous boulevard "Avenyn". Lunch will be on our own with free time to explore the city. You may want to use the "hop-on, hop-off" bus to get a view of the area. Tonight, we will have a included group dinner.

www.elite.se/en/hotels/gothenburg/park-avenue-hotel/

Thursday May 24th Gothenburg

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel and then we will bus to the Saltholmen harbor for a tour in the Swedish west archipelago. We take a ferry and start our excursion to visit two islands. We have the chance to walk through small villages and hear about the life at sea; during history and today. We will enjoy an included lunch based on the products from the sea at a traditional inn. Return on the ferry to Saltholmen in the afternoon and travel back to our hotel in Gothenburg. Dinner tonight is on your own. Overnight at the same hotel.



Friday May 25th Gothenburg

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. This morning, we will enjoy a City sightseeing tour. Gothenburg was founded as a heavily fortified, primarily Dutch, trading colony, by in 1621 by King Gustavus Adolphus. This afternoon, we will gather for a rehearsal and have time for dinner on our own before being transferred to the concert venue.

Saturday May 26th Gothenburg-Oslo

Breakfast is served at the hotel. Check out. Morning transfer with your Swedish bus to Norway, drop off at the Bristol Hotel, centrally located hotel in Oslo. Dinner is included at our hotel. www.thonhotels.com/our-hotels/norway/oslo/hotel-bristol/Gallery/



Sunday, May 27th Oslo

After breakfast at our hotel, we will head to the International United Methodist Church to attend and participate in the morning worship service. After lunch, we will be taken on a City Sight Seeing in Oslo including Vigeland park and the Fram or Viking ship Museum. Oslo is the oldest of the Scandinavian capitals, and its history goes back 1000 years, to the time when the first settlements were built at the inlet of the Oslo fjord. Oslo has about 600,000 inhabitants. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Monday, May 28th Oslo – Sør Fron

After breakfast at the hotel we depart for our trip to Sør Fron. We will have a short stop for lunch in Lillehammer at the Olympic facilities where the Olympic Winter Games were held in 1994. **Sør-Fron** is a municipality in Oppland County, Norway. It is part of the traditional region of Gudbrandsdal. The old municipality of **Fron** was divided into *Sør-Fron* and *Nord-Fron* in 1851. In 1966, they were merged back together again, but that only lasted until 1977 when they separated once again.

Upon arrival, we will check into our hotel, [Peer Gynt Hotel](#). The famous play "*Peer Gynt*" is staged annually at Lake Gålå in a mountainous region of Sør-Fron as part of a festival. The play itself is supposed to have been set in a Norwegian location such as Gålå.



This afternoon, we gather to rehearse for our Concert together where we will join a local choir at a Sør Fron church



Tuesday May 29 Sør Fron – Flåm

After breakfast we'll head for Flåm, where we will have the chance to take a ride on the The Flåm Railway, one of the world's steepest railway lines on normal gauge tracks. Nearly 80% of the route is on a 55% gradient: a rise of one meter per 18. The twisting tunnels that spiral in and out of the mountain are testaments to the most skilful engineering in the history of Norwegian railway.



Flåm is a village in **Flåmsdalen**, at the inner end of the **Aurlandsfjorden**—a branch of **Sognefjorden**. The village of Flåm, with a population of 350, has since the late 19th century been a tourist destination. It currently receives almost 450,000 visitors a year. Most ride the 20-kilometre (12 mi) **Flåm Line** between Flåm and **Myrdal**, one of the steepest railway tracks at 1 in 18 in the world .

We will check into our hotel, the [Hotel Fretheim](#) in Flåm.

Dinner tonight is included.

Wednesday, May 30 Flåm - Bergen

After breakfast, we leave Flåm and start on the journey to Bergen. Along the way, we visit the famous Stalheim waterfall with time for lunch. After our arrival in Bergen, we will have a city tour. As one of the offices of the Hanseatic League, Bergen was, for several years, the prosperous trade center between Norway and the rest of Europe. Bergen is the second largest city in Norway and the most popular gateway to the fjords of West Norway. The city is renowned for its beautiful nature and offers excellent hiking opportunities in its immediate surroundings. The city still has relics of its Hanseatic heyday, most notably the old harbor of Bryggen, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



We check into our hotel for the next two nights, [Hotel Havnekontoret](#) in Bergen.

Thursday, May 31 Bergen

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then we take a spectacular cruise to Mostraume up the 27-kilometer long Osterfjorden in Hordaland province. Innermost in that deep fjord is Modalen, the second smallest municipality in Norway with about 380 residents. Underway, the fjord narrows between the steep mountains as we bring you safely through the strong currents of the shallow and narrow Mostraumen strait. You'll also see waterfalls that can give your face a really refreshing shower at times of peak waterflow!



This afternoon, we will return to our hotel with time for lunch on our own. This evening, we will meet for rehearsal and an evening concert at the Bergen dome church. Following the concert, we will enjoy a farewell dinner.

Friday, June 1.. After a nice breakfast, we transfer to the airport our trip home.

Included in the price:

Airfare from Indianapolis to Gothenberg, Sweden with return from Bergen, Norway
9 overnights in 4 – 4 ½ star hotels
Daily Breakfasts
4 lunches
3 dinners
air conditioned bus transportation
English speaking guide
all tours as indicated.

Not included:

Drinks during all included meals
Personal expenses
Tips for guides and bus drivers
Luggage handling
Travel insurance

Price: The price for the trip is estimated to be approximately \$3700 per person (double occupancy). A single supplement will be available at approximately \$700.00. The final price will be determined when the final payment is due. The final price may adjust slightly up until the final payment is due as exchange rates change, but we will make every effort to keep the price as close to the original quoted price as possible. Credit Card payments will be accepted with a 3.5% fee.

Special Copenhagen Pre-Tour Option
May 20 and 21, 2018
Two nights at a 5 star hotel with daily breakfast
Airport transfer to hotel and transfer to meet the group in Gothenberg.
\$700.00 per person (dbl occupancy)

Payments: To hold a spot on the trip, a deposit of \$500 per person will be required by June 1, 2017.
A second payment of \$1500.00 will be due by October 15, 2017
The balance will be billed and due by February 15, 2018

Flights: We endeavor to book flights, using economy class seats, that provide the best schedule at lowest price. Upgrades to Business Class on the same itinerary may be available. For a price quote, please let me know. You may choose to book your own airfare because you are traveling on a different itinerary or using frequent flyer miles, please let me know that you will not be using the group fare. If you would like to alter either your departing flight or your return flight and leave early or return later, we can make that change with the group fare. Please let me know the specifics of your itinerary so I can get a quote. For all flights, you will need to provide information from your passport, your name, exactly as it appears on your passport along with your date of birth, passport number and the passport expiration date.

Cancellation: Once you have made a payment, if you must cancel before 120 days prior to the trip, you will be entitled to a full refund. Between 120 days and 30 days prior to the trip, you will be entitled to a refund of the total trip cost less the cost of the airline ticket and any non refundable deposits paid to hotels and other vendors plus a handling fee of \$200.00. If you cancel less than 30 days prior, there will be no refund. If you cancel after 120 days prior and the airfare has been paid, you may be entitled to an airline credit less the change fee assessed by the airline. Usually you have one year to use the value of the ticket minus the change fee set by the airline, currently at \$300.00.

Trip Insurance: You may wish to purchase trip insurance to protect your cost of the trip in case of a last minute emergency. Upon receipt of your deposit, you will receive an application for trip insurance. Please note that insurance will only cover pre-existing conditions if it is purchased within 14 days of your initial deposit. You can also purchase and compare insurance plans on the website www.insuremytrip.com. You can purchase trip insurance to cover limited situations or you can purchase insurance that will allow you to cancel for any reason. Prices and various plans are available.

Baggage: Most carriers allow for one free checked bag on international flights. You will be charged for a second checked bag. Please check the website for specific prices. You will be allowed a small carry-on and one personal bag. Please be sure you meet the specifications for the carry on bag so you are not surprised with a charge at check in.

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Name(s)_ (as they appear on your passport(s))

#1 _____

#2 _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

#1 E-Mail _____ Cell _____

#2 E-Mail _____ Cell _____

#1 Date of Birth _____ #2 Date of Birth _____

#1 Passport Number _____ #2 Passport Number _____

#1 Passport Expiration Date _____ #2 Passport Expiration Date _____

Please register me for single occupancy _____ Please help me find a roommate _____

I/We are also interested in the Pre-tour stay in Copenhagen _____

Payment Schedule

Checks made out to: "Travel to Remember" Memo: "Choir Scandinavian Tour 2018"

Deposit of \$500 per person – by June 1, 2017

Second Payment of \$1500 per person – by Oct 15, 2017

Final Payment of balance – February 15, 2018

Please print this and mail with your checks to:

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