



# Scandinavia Adventure

20 June - 07 July 2025



**Day 1:** Hamburg Arrival

**Day 2:** Hamburg: Explore the city

**Day 3:** Hamburg - Keil, ferry to Gothenburg (100 km)

**Day 4:** Gothenburg - Trollhattan (165 km)

**Day 5:** Trollhattan - Moss (260 km)

**Day 6:** Moss - Gol (280 km)

**Day 7:** Gol - Pollfoss (280 km)

**Day 8:** Pollfoss - Sogndal (250km)

**Day 9:** Sogndal - Geilo (160 km)

**Day 10:** Geilo - Hovden (285 km)

**Day 11:** Hovden - Stavanger (294 km)

**Day 12:** Explore Stavanger, Ferry to Hirtshals (10 km)

**Day 13:** Hirtshals - Copenhagen (350 km)

**Day 14:** Copenhagen - Rest day

**Day 15:** Copenhagen - Bornholm (100km)

**Day 16:** Bornholm - Ystad - Trelleborg- Ferry to Travemunde (100 km)

**Day 17:** Travemunde - Hamburg (130 km)

**Day 18:** Departure day





# Itinerary

When one thinks of Scandinavia, images of vast open spaces, imposing mountains, and deep, majestic fjords come to mind. Come join us on an incredible adventure and experience the grandeur of nature and much more.

In addition to mountains and fjords, the region offers spectacular coastlines, sandy beaches, bridges, tunnels, ferries, and fantastic roads. Scandinavian cities are distinct with their historic architecture, waterfront neighbourhoods, clean streets, green spaces, efficient public transit systems, and modern touches.

To make it even more appealing, especially to a motorcyclist, Scandinavia has beautifully maintained roads that are seldom straight, and long Scandinavian summer days with daylight of 20 hours.

You might have heard of the Danish word “Hygge” which means cosy and much more. It can be a feeling of cosiness; it can also be a meeting between people that is hygge. On this tour, we will strive to create some real Scandinavian “Hygge”.

Experience the stunning Scandinavian landscapes, the people and their way of living, and come home with unforgettable memories.

*\*Note: The planned itinerary and distances are listed on the following pages; however, we reserve the right to adjust the route and duration for timing or safety.*

### **Day 1: 20 June (Friday)- Arrival Day in Hamburg**

Arrival in Hamburg either by plane or by train via Frankfurt. Take a cab or pre-booked transport from the airport or the Main train station (Hauptbahnhof) to our hotel close to the harbour of Hamburg and the famous old St Michaelis church.

Settle in, catch up on sleep or have a walk around the area. There are eateries around the hotel, ask the hotel staff for information. If time allows, you can visit Elphilharmonie, a stunning- and highly controversial- music hall located in the middle of the old harbour. It is considered Hamburg's equivalent of the Sydney Opera House.

We will all meet in the evening for a first catch-up.

**Riding distance:** N/A

**Overnight:** Hamburg

### **Day 2: 21 June (Saturday) - Hamburg (Rest Day)**

After breakfast, we will take a tour through parts of beautiful Hamburg, taking in the atmosphere of this amazing trading town.

We will see the old St Michaelis church and will go up to the top of its tower for a birds-eye view of the town. A visit to the harbour with its old storage buildings alongside the canals is also must.





Later in the afternoon, the motorcycle rental company will bring the inner bags to our hotel so that you can pack them at your leisure.

In the evening we will have our welcome dinner at the hotel. Afterwards, you are free to explore the world-famous Reeperbahn in St Pauli.... the Soho of Hamburg. Worth a look.... or just have a quiet drink in one of the many bars around.

**Riding distance:** N/A

**Overnight:** Hamburg (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Day 3: 22 June (Sunday) Hamburg to Kiel- Ferry to Gothenborg**

Today our adventure begins. After the rider briefing, we will be transferred to the motorcycle rental station where you will have time to get accustomed to your bikes. It will be around lunchtime when we take off, via smaller roads, towards the port town of Kiel on the Baltic Sea.

In the evening, we take a mini cruise (with our bikes) overnight to the Swedish town of Gothenborg.

**Riding Distance:** 100 km

**Overnight:** Stenaline Ferry (Breakfast, Dinner on ferry)





#### **Day 4: 23 June (Monday) Gothenborg to Trollhatten**

An early breakfast on the ferry and enjoy the views as we cruise between islands and bays into Gothenborg, where we expect to arrive at 9.15 am.

Our first full riding day will take us North out of town. We ride along the Swedish Skargaard - Archipelago Coast with its beautiful islands and coastline. A typical Swedish impression awaits you. The tour is sprinkled with some small ferry hops.

The lunch stop will be special, in preperation of the IKEA opening in NZ. We will have a famous lunch in a truly Swedish IKEA store restaurant. After lunch, we make our way to Trollhatten. It is famous for lying at the Gota Kanal (390km in length) that connects the Swedish West Coast - Gothenborg with Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. We will take a look at the locks and stay in Trollhattan overnight.

**Riding Distance:** 165 km

**Overnight :** Trollhatten (Breakfast)

#### **Day 5: 24 June 2025 (Tuesday): Trollhattan to Moss**

We start a little later today and will ride the beautiful Swedish countryside with its picturesque and colourful wooden houses sprinkled over it.

Lunch will be in Ed, a small Swedish town, where we stop at a moose farm to check out these large imposing animals. Before we end up at our final destination today, we will cross the border to Norway...almost unnoticed.

**Riding Distance:** 260 km

**Overnight** Moss (Breakfast, Lunch)



### **Day 6: 25 June 2025 (Wednesday): Moss to Gol**

In the morning, we will take a 45min ferry ride across the Oslo Fjord to Horten. From there we start riding inland towards the more mountainous areas of South Norway. On route, we will see our first Stave Church. These churches were built between 1100 and 1350. They are synonymous with Norway and absolutely unique. Only 29 of almost 2000 that were built remain today. The Rollag Stave Church was built in the second half of the 12th century.

Lunch options are limited today so we will take a picnic lunch from our hotel in Moss.

Our day ends in Gol, a ski town at the base of several ski areas.

**Riding Distance:** 280 km

**Overnight:** Gol (Breakfast, Lunch)

### **Day 7: 26 June 2025 (Thursday): Gol to Pollfoss**

Today we start early after breakfast as we have another long day riding. The rewards are stunning roads and scenery in the mountains. We cross the Valdresflye, a mountain plateau. The ride provides endless vistas hovering free and light above the mountain plateau.





Lunch will be in Vagamo in a quaint café. After lunch, we ride to Lom where we will pop in to visit a Stave Church.

Today's ride wraps up a true Norwegian mountain hotel, with an on-site sauna.

**Riding Distance:** 280 km

**Overnight:** Pollfoss (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Day 8: 27 June 2025 (Friday): Pollfoss to Sogndal**

After leaving our hotel we wind up to Mt Dalsnibba with its viewing platform – called the Geiranger Skywalk - 1500m high above the Fjord where there are unimpeded views down to the Fjord, the surrounding mountains and Blabreen Glacier.

We continue to ride through beautiful mountainous areas and along lakesides. Stunning scenery awaits at every turn!

We end our ride in the town of Sogndal, tucked among one of many fjords.

**Riding Distance:** 250 km

**Overnight:** Sogndal (Breakfast)



### **Day 9: 28 June 2025 (Saturday): Sogndal to Geilo**

Today we ride the Aurlandfjellet (Aurlands mountains), one of 18 Norwegian Scenic Routes. It is dominated by mountaintops and large mountain planes. After riding the planes, we arrive at the Stegastein Lookout platform with breath-taking views down to the Aurlandsfjord. Time to wind down the pass heading to Marianne's Café and bakery in Aurlandsvangen for an early lunch.

Be prepared for a special ride after lunch. We wind up the next pass. This one is partly chiseled into the mountain! A very Norwegian thing is building tunnels – a necessity to connect people via roads. Today we experience our fair share of them. Be prepared for hairpins in tunnels!

The day ends in Geilo, an epic ski town in winter and in summer an Eldorado for mountain bikers and hikers. Enjoy a rest at our lodge or find time for a dip in the pool.

**Riding Distance:** 160 km

**Overnight:** Geilo (Breakfast)

### **Day 10: 29 June 2025 (Sunday): Geilo to Hovden**

Today we head further south towards Lysebotn and Stavanger. The roads are winding, and the scenery is stunning. We start to understand why in Norway power is so cheap: the mountain lakes build a massive power reservoir!





Our lunch stop today is special. In the little town of Rjukan, we take a 100-year-old cable car – the Krossobanen- up the mountain and lunch in the café on top of the hill! It was built in 1928 as a gift from the local power company so that townspeople could get up high in winter to see the sun. It was the first cable car built in Northern Europe.

**Riding Distance:** 285 km

**Overnight:** Hovden (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### **Day 11: 30 June 2025 (Monday): Hovden to Stavanger**

After riding beautiful mountain areas and past lakes we arrive at one of the highlights for motorcyclists in Norway. The pass down to Lysebotn Fjord. For many years the town was only accessible via boat. Only in 1984, the 29km road was opened. It rises over 900m above sea level up a very steep cliff, going through 27 hairpin turns, including one turn inside an 1100m long tunnel. Enjoy the ride down...and later up again!

Later we will ride to Stavanger an historic coastal town. On the way, we will stop at a cavernous tourist shop. We will stop for a coffee and toilet break. There is time to go deep into this amazing shop! Stock up for presents!

If you have time in the evening, take a walk to Stavanger's historic part of the town. Remember daylight is for 19 to 20 hours!

**Riding Distance:** 294 km

**Overnight:** Stavanger (Breakfast)



## **Day 12: 01 July 2025 (Tuesday) Stavanger - Rest day - overnight ferry**

Free day to explore Stavanger. Plenty to see and do in this historic seatown: visit the maritime museum, do some shopping or sit in a café and let the world go by.

Late in the afternoon, we will gather at the hotel and ride to the ferry. The ferry sails through the night and drops us off in the morning in Hirtshals, a small Danish town at the top of Denmark.

**Riding Distance:** 10 km

**Overnight:** Ferry Scandlines (Breakfast, Dinner)

## **Day 13: 02 July 2025 (Wednesday) Hirtshals to Copenhagen**

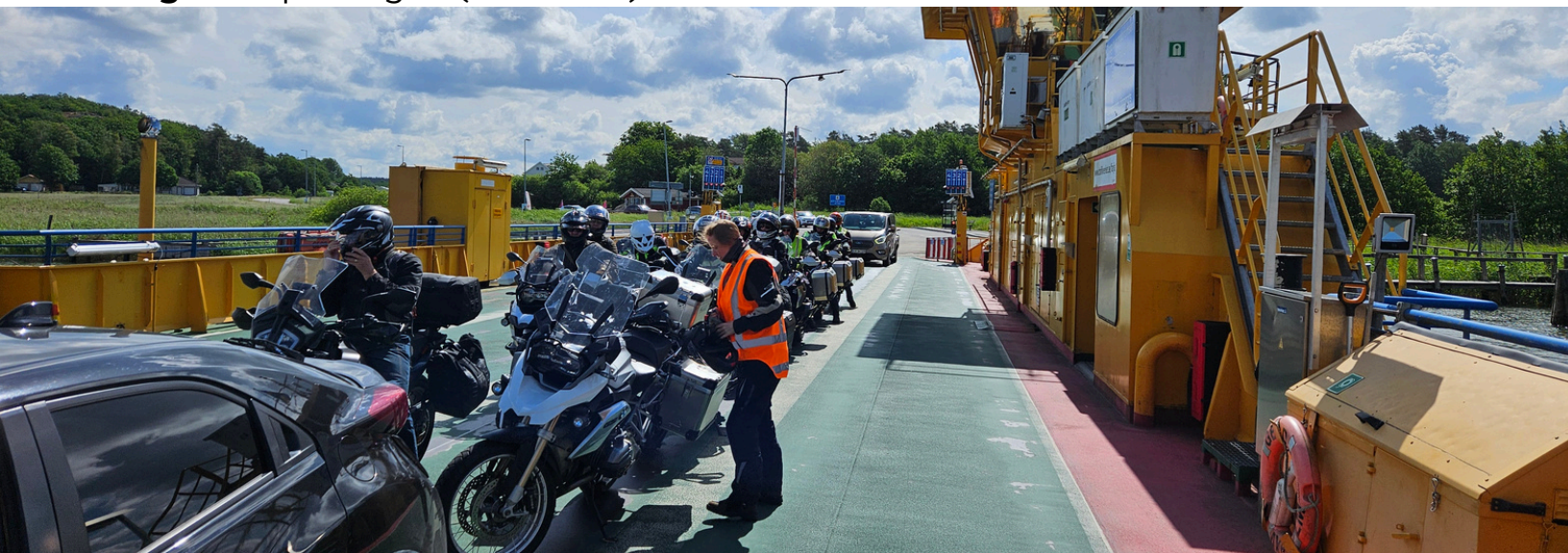
After breakfast onboard the ferry we disembark (around 08.00) and ride to Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. You will immediately see how different Denmark is from Norway: the land is very flat with lots of green farming land and different houses.

Today, we take the motorway on purpose. Top speed is 130km. So take the opportunity to ride faster than you are allowed in NZ or Aussie...

After about 2.5 hours we reach Aarhus, a coastal university town on the Baltic Sea. From here we take a short ferry ride (1.20hrs) to the island of Sjælland. From there it takes us about 1.5 hours to Copenhagen where we spend the evening and the next day. En route, we stop at Roskilde Viking Ships Museum to see some of these amazing ships.

**Riding Distance:** 350 km

**Overnight:** Copenhagen (Breakfast)





## **Day 14: 03 July 2025 (Thursday): Copenhagen - Sightseeing opportunity**

Today we will spend the day in Copenhagen. A town with more bicycles than cars! A real buzzing and hip town!

There is a lot to see and do. You could really meld in with the locals by hiring a bicycle and checking out this very cycling-friendly city.

Yes, the Danes have their own king after queen. Margarete II stepped down last year. She was the longest serving queen after Elzabeth of England. She was a very much loved people's queen. Her son, King Frederik, is married to Queen Mary, a Tazzie girl that he met at the Sydney Olympics 2000.

In the evening we visit the famous Tivoli Garden, a permanent fun fair in the centre of town. It opened in 1843 and is the third-oldest, operating amusement park in the world. Lots of great dinner options available at Tivoli Gardens.

**Riding Distance:** N/A

**Overnight:** Copenhagen (Breakfast)



### **Day 15: 04 July 2025 (Friday): Copenhagen to Bornholm Island**

In the morning, we leave via Sweden to Ystad where we take another short ferry to Bornholm where Michael Becker and his partner Pernille live.

We ride over the longest bridge in Scandinavia, the Oeresundbridge. It consists of approximately 8 kilometers of bridge, 4 kilometers of tunnel, and a 4-kilometer artificial island- a total of 15.9 kilometers connecting Denmark with Sweden. A 6-lane motorway runs on top of the bridge, while train tracks run underneath.

We arrive on Bornholm Island in the afternoon and do some sightseeing while riding to our overnight stop in Allinge. We will enjoy a delicious group dinner this evening.

**Riding Distance:** 100 km

**Overnight:** Allinge, Bornholm Island (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Day 16: 05 July 2025 (Sat): Bornholm to Ystad to Trelleborg- Ferry to Travemunde**

A leisurely day on the island awaits you. This historic island has much to offer: culture, art and good local products. We ride across the island to see and taste some of the highlights. One of them is the remains of an old castle from the 11th century. You will also find round churches here, the Rundkirken. They are unique, and you only find them on Bornholm.

In the evening we take the ferry back to Ystad in Sweden (1.20hrs) and then ride to Trelleborg where we take the overnight ferry to Travemunde in Germany.

**Riding Distance:** 100 km

**Overnight:** TT Line Ferry (Breakfast)





### **Day 17: 06 July 2025 (Sunday) Travemunde to Hamburg**

After disembarking from the ferry in the morning, we take a leisurely ride back through the North German countryside.

In the afternoon we arrive back in Hamburg, drop off the bikes and check in to our hotel. In the evening we have our farewell dinner - time to recall shared memories from the trip.

**Riding Distance:** 130 km

**Overnight:** Hamburg (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Day 18: 07 July 2025 (Friday) Departure Day**

The day we all part after this epic adventure.

If you liked it, tell everyone to join us in 2026! We wish you safe travels home or wherever are headed. We hope to see you on one of our other tours!

**Note:** We reserve the right to adjust the route and duration for timing or safety.





## **Motorcycles and Luggage**

We have partnered with a motorcycle rental company in Hamburg that offers a variety of BMW and KTM bikes. The motorcycles are all late models and come with pannier bags, a top box and inner bags. We will carry our luggage on this tour, so please pack accordingly (there will be room in the support van for any non-riding participants' luggage and a little extra room for any overflow). Your suitcases can be stored at the rental depot.

Motorcycles will be distributed on a first come basis and we suggest you have a second and third choice.

## **Motorcycles Available**

BMW R1250GS

KTM 890 Adventure (some factory lowered)

KTM 1290 Adventure

Incl: Panniers, top box, inner bags, navigation unit

**Support Vehicle:** We will have a small van going on the tour which will be able to take a couple of non-riders. It can take small amounts of luggage but not the luggage for all tour participants.

## **What is Included**

- 18 night's accommodation based on sharing Twin/Double in 3 and 4-star hotels or onboard overnight ferries
- Daily breakfast; lunches and dinners as mentioned in itinerary
- Motorcycle hire or seat in the support vehicle.
- Accompanying tour support vehicle
- Three overnight ferry crossings
- All other ferry crossing fees
- Personally guided by Michael Becker and Angela Bruce





### **Excluded Services:**

- International flights Domestic flights
- Airport Transfers
- Excluded meals as per the itinerary
- Personal expenses, medical etc

### **TOUR PRICES - per person**

Please note that tour prices are based on Twin share\* -

- **Rider:** NZD15,900
- **Pillion on Motorbike:** NZD12,900
- **Passenger in Tour Vehicle:** NZD12,900
- **Single Supplement/Own Room:** +NZD3,000

\*(if you are travelling solo OR do not wish to share you will be required to pay the Single Supplement)

### **DEPOSIT:**

NZD2000 PER PERSON

Deposit details for New Zealand residents

Kiwibank Account: By The Backroads Ltd Number: 38 9023 0063240 01

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