



THE VIKINGS
ICELAND, DENMARK & NORTHERN GERMANY
WEDNESDAY 1 TO FRIDAY 10 JULY 2015
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It is a mistake to dismiss the Vikings as mere raiders, rogues and tough traders. These popular stereotypes strongly differ from the complex picture that emerges from decades of archaeological excavation in their heartland - Iceland, Denmark, and northern Germany. To deepen our understanding of the Viking cultural legacy we travel to the principal areas where they established and sustained their egalitarian well-ordered society. We emerge with a far more complete story of them as poets, lawmakers and originators of the modern jury system, and as great artists; as perceptive people who valued design, and fine craftsmanship. Yes, they were fierce and fearsome, yet were also a culturally well-developed people with a strong ethos and sensitivity to the natural world. Striking archaeological remains are testimony to the full extent of their nature.

COST £3965 members, £4015 non-members, £350 single room supplement, £350 deposit, includes flights London-Hamburg, Copenhagen-Reykjavik and Reykjavik-London, nine nights accommodation, all breakfasts, six dinners with wine, all lectures, all entrance fees, all private minibus travel during the tour, all gratuities, VAT.

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

09:00 Meet at London Heathrow
10:55 BA Flight to Hamburg
13:25 Arrive Hamburg Airport
14:15 Minibus to Haithabu Museum
15:30 Visit Haithabu Museum of Viking Finds and Danevirke earthwork
17:15 Minibus to Hotel
17:30 Arrive Zollhaus Zu Gottorf Hotel (Schleswig-Holstein)
19:00 Group dinner

THURSDAY 2 JULY

09:00 Minibus to Jelling
10:40 Visit Jelling monumental runestones
12:30 Lunch in Jelling
13:30 Minibus to Fyrkat
15:00 Visit Fyrkat Viking Centre
16:00 Minibus to Lindholm Hills
16:45 Visit Lindholm Hills burial site
17:30 Minibus to Aarhus
18:45 Arrive Royal Aarhus Hotel
19:30 Group Dinner

FRIDAY 3 JULY

09:00 Leave for Trelleborg
11:00 Arrive Trelleborg Viking Centre
12:30 Leave Trelleborg for Roskilde
13:30 Arrive Roskilde, lunch
15:00 Roskilde Ship Museum
17:00 Leave for Copenhagen
17:30 Arrive Bertrams Gulsmeden Hotel
19:00 Group dinner

SATURDAY 4 JULY

09:00 Short walkabout in Copenhagen
10:30 Coffee
11:00 Walk to National Museum
13:00 Lunch
14:30 National Gallery of Denmark
16:30 Return to Bertrams Gulsmeden Hotel

SUNDAY 5 JULY

- 10:30 Leave for Hirschsprung Collection
- 11:00 Visit Hirschsprung collection
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Free time or optional Ny Carlsberg Glyptothek with Nicholas, return to Bertrams Gulsmøden Hotel

MONDAY 6 JULY

- 10:00 Minibus to Expressionist Gruntvig Church
- 11:30 Minibus to Copenhagen Airport
- 14:00 Fly to Reykjavik
- 15:10 Arrive Reykjavik, minibus to Saga Museum
- 16:30 Visit Saga Museum
- 18:00 Day ends, arrive Hotel Holt, Reykjavik
- 19:30 Group dinner

TUESDAY 7 JULY

- 09:30 Minibus to Settlement Exhibition
- 10:00 The Settlement Exhibition, Landnámssýningin
- 11:00 Minibus to Reykjavik National Museum
- 11:30 Visit National Museum, lunch
- 15:00 Visit Culture House
- 16:30 Return to Hotel Holt
- 19:30 Group Dinner

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY

- 09:30 Minibus to Reykjavik Art Museum
- 10:00 Visit Reykjavik Art Museum, coffee
- 11:30 Minibus to Ásmundur Sveinsson Sculpture Museum
- 13:00 Lunch, visit Ásmundur Sveinsson Sculpture Museum
- 14:30 Minibus to Árbær Open Air Museum, visit
- 16:00 Return to Hotel Holt

THURSDAY 9 JULY

- 09:00 Leave hotel for day excursion to Icelandic landscapes: Thingvellir, Stong Farmhouse in Thorsdalur, Geysir and Gullfoss (lunch)
- 16:00 Return to Hotel Holt
- 19:30 Group dinner

FRIDAY 10 JULY

- 13:30 Minibus to Reykjavik Airport
- 16:10 Fly to London
- 20:10 Arrive London Heathrow