Experience the astonishing natural beauty and delightful cultures of Europe’s Nordic nations. Discover some of Scandinavia’s most remote and spectacular coastlines, from the picturesque fishing village of Skagen in Denmark to Sweden’s enchanting Weather Islands and Norway’s fjord-laced western coast. Stroll past brightly-colored fishing huts clinging to rocky outcrops, kayak amid tiny islets and vast fjords, and explore beautiful cities where contemporary life gracefully mingles with centuries of history.

**DAY 1-2: Copenhagen, Denmark**
Arrive on an overnight flight to Copenhagen. Enjoy a boat tour of the city’s canals and see its historic waterfront before embarking the National Geographic Explorer. Cast off this afternoon, sailing north toward the Kattegat strait. (L,D)

**DAY 3: Skagen, Denmark**
Dotted with yellow and red clapboard houses, Skagen is perched along windswept dunes at the northern tip of Denmark. Explore this charming fishing village, discover rich birdlife with our naturalists, and delve into the history of the Skagen Painters—a community of Scandinavian artists who settled here beginning in the late 19th century, drawn by the town’s magnificent landscapes and remarkable light. Cap off the day with a taste of the famous “Skagen sild,” a local herring dish best enjoyed with a cold Danish beer. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: Weather Islands, Sweden**
Today, journey across the Skagerrak Strait to Sweden’s westernmost archipelago: the Väderöarna, or Weather Islands. This seascape of rugged islets, skerries, and picture-perfect villages boasts some of the most stunning scenery in Scandinavia. Set out by kayak or Zodiac to encounter seal colonies and an array of seabirds, and explore the islands’ stunning vistas on foot. (B,L,D)
Day 5: Oslo, Norway
Sail up the epic Oslofjorden to discover the delights of Norway’s cosmopolitan capital. Visit the Fram Museum and learn about the early Norwegian polar expeditions, or spend time with our National Geographic photographer at Vigeland Park, training your lens on more than two hundred life-size human figures by native sculptor Gustav Vigeland. Alternatively, tour a gourmet food market to learn about—and taste—Norwegian culinary specialties. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Risør
Sail back down the Oslofjorden and anchor outside the coastal town of Risør, adorned with white wooden houses. Enjoy a walk through the quaint center, viewing historic 17th-century buildings that were once home to merchants and sailors. Later, take a short Zodiac ride to nearby Stangholmen skerry for a walk to its lighthouse. Conditions permitting, perhaps go kayaking near one of the island’s ancient “potholes”—small lagoons formed over the centuries by waves. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Grimstad
Arrive early this morning on the shores of Grimstad. Join us for a hike through the Einerfjellet hills, or explore Grimstad’s many hidden lanes and alleyways on a walk through town with a local historian. (B,L,D)

Day 8-9: Exploring Norway’s Fjords
Spend two days exploring Norway’s stunning fjords, considered one of Europe’s greatest natural attractions. Our explorations may take us deep in the Hardangerfjorden—the fourth-longest fjord in the world—where we’ll cruise beneath staggering cliffs, snow-dusted mountains, and rolling valleys dotted with tiny settlements. From our quiet anchorage, head out with naturalists to explore the area on a variety of Zodiac, kayak, and hiking excursions. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Bergen/Disembark (B)
Arrive in beautiful Bergen, perched on a fjord and ringed by seven hills. After breakfast, disembark our ship and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B,L,D)

2021 Departure Dates:
21 May

Advance Payment:
$1,000

Sample Airfares:
Economy: from $900
Business: from $2,080
Airfares are subject to change

Cost Includes:
All accommodations aboard ship, meals as indicated, alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship, excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of kayaks and snorkeling equipment, services of Lindblad Expeditions’ Leader, National Geographic photographer, naturalist staff and expert guides, services of a ship physician, all gratuities, and all port charges and service taxes.

Cost Not Included:
Air transportation, extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, travel protection plan, internet, and laundry.
We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or lost of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. and Canadian residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased.

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### (2) Cancellation Plan
Review our cancellation plan:

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