



Gustavus Alumni, Parents, and Friends
Travel to Sweden & Norway
Celebrating the 140th Anniversary of the
Gustavus Wind Orchestra

American Celebration of Music in
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Custom Companion Tour January 24 – February 8, 2018

Day 1 January 24 - Wednesday

Depart Minneapolis via scheduled air service to Stockholm, Sweden

Day 2 January 25 - Thursday Stockholm (D)

Arrive in Stockholm

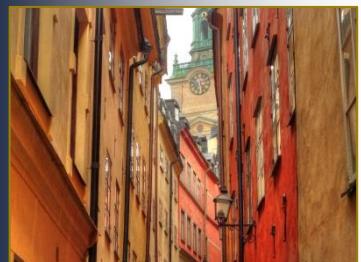
Meet your MCI Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for an orientation tour of the city including Gamla Stan

Transfer to hotel for check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner

Overnight at Hotel Radisson Blu Royal Viking

Stockholm's good looks and fashion sense could almost be intimidating. But this city is an accessible beauty, as easy to explore as it is to love. Though spread across 14 islands, connected by 57 bridges, it is compact and walkable. Each neighbourhood has a distinct character, yet they're so close together you can easily spend time in several areas. In each, you'll find trend-setting design, inventive cuisine, unbeatable museums, great shopping, pretty parks and loads of atmosphere



Day 3 January 26 - Friday Stockholm (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning guided tour of the Royal Palace of Stockholm. His Majesty the King's official residence and also the setting for most of the monarchy's official receptions. The palace is a daily place of work for The King and Queen as well as for the various departments that make up the Royal Court. The palace is built in baroque style by the architect Nicodemus Tessin and is formed as a Roman palace. The palace has more than 600 rooms divided between seven floors with a state apartment facing the city and smaller living rooms facing the inner courtyard.

Lunch, on own

This afternoon visit the Vasa Ship Museum. The Vasa is the only preserved seventeenth-century ship in the world which is considered to be a unique art treasure. Continue to the Nobel Museum which contains all essential information about the most prestigious academic prize in the world, Alfred Nobel, and the Nobel Laureates

Dinner, on own

Overnight at Hotel Radisson Blu Royal Viking



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Day 4 January 27 - Saturday Stockholm (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities

Participate with the Gustavus Wind Orchestra in the service at Hedvig Eleonora Church

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities

Attend Gustavus Wind Orchestra Concert at Sofia Church

Dinner, on own

Overnight at Hotel Radisson Blu Royal Viking



Day 5 January 28 - Sunday Stockholm / Uppsala (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Travel to the city of Uppsala, a temporal and spiritual center of power. A city tour of Uppsala includes visiting Museum Gustavianum, where you will see Uppsala University's collections, ranging from mummies, Vikings swords, art, instruments and other objects. Also visit the Botanical garden "Botan" and the Carolina Rediviva library, one of the oldest research libraries in the Scandinavian countries

Lunch, on own

Dinner, on own

Overnight at Hotel Radisson Blu



Drenched in history but never stifled by the past, Uppsala has the party vibe of a university town to balance out its large number of important buildings and general atmosphere of weighty cultural significance. It's a terrific combination, and one that makes the town both fun and functional, not to mention very rewarding for the interested traveler

Day 6 January 29 - Monday Uppsala / Borlange / Falun (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Travel to Borlange to visit the Jussi Bjorling Museum. Bjorling is one of the leading tenors of all time, and an extensive exhibition presents the world-famous tenor from Borlange

Lunch, on own

Continue to Falun

Evening dinner

Overnight at Clarion Collection Hotel Bergmästaren



An unlikely combination of industrial and adorable, Falun is home to the region's most important copper mine and, as a consequence, the source of the deep-red paint that renders Swedish country houses so uniformly appealing. It's the main city of Dalarna, putting it within easy striking distance of some of Sweden's best attractions, and the town itself is a pretty place to roam



Day 7 January 30 - Tuesday Falun (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning visit to Falun Mine to experience a thrilling encounter with Sweden's history in the mine's mighty halls and winding galleries (220 feet deep)

Lunch, on own

Afternoon school visit at Falun Conservatory of Music

Dinner, on own

Overnight at Clarion Collection Hotel Bergmästaren



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Day 8 January 31 - Wednesday Falun / Växjö (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel
Transfer to Växjö
Lunch, on own
Continue to Växjö where we visit the Kosta Glass Factory
Evening dinner
Overnight at Hotel Elite Stadshotellet

A venerable old market town, Växjö, in Kronobergs län, is an important stop for Americans seeking their Swedish roots. Karl Oscar Days commemorates the mass 19th-century emigration from the area, and the Swedish-American of the year is chosen during the festival.

**Day 9 February 1 - Thursday Växjö / Maleras (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Morning excursion to Maleras where you will be able to see glass production processes, visit crystal and jewelry shops and walk around the Exhibition Hall to see the latest art glass pieces
Lunch, on own
Return to Växjö for a guided tour which includes a visit to the House of Emigration
Evening dinner, on own
Overnight at Hotel Elite Stadshotellet

**Day 10 February 2 - Friday Växjö / Gothenburg / Oslo (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Transfer to Oslo via Gothenburg, the second largest city in Sweden
Lunch, on own
Continue to Oslo
Attend Gustavus Wind Orchestra Concert in Jakob Church
Evening dinner
Overnight at Thon Hotel Opera

**Day 11 February 3 - Saturday Oslo (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel
City sightseeing tour of Oslo includes a visit to the Kon-Tiki Museum. Here you can experience original vessels and up-to-date exhibits on Heyerdahl's expeditions, including Kon-Tiki, Ra, Tigris, Easter Island, Fatu-Hiva, Tùcume, Galapagos, and a 30-metrecave tour
Visit the Gustav Vigeland Sculpture Park
Lunch, on own
Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities
Evening dinner, on own
Overnight at Thon Hotel Opera

**Day 12 February 4 - Sunday Oslo / Voss (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Transfer to Voss. Your journey will take you through the dramatic scenery of Norway as you pass mountains and fjords
Lunch, on own
Evening dinner
Overnight at Fleischer's Hotel

There are few places you can get so many experiences springing from nature and culture as in Voss. Voss is situated between Norway's most famous fjords, the majestic and breathtaking Hardanger and Sognefjords, and is a natural starting point for exploring Fjord Norway



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Day 13 February 5 - Monday Voss (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy one of the most popular tours of Norway - "Norway in a nutshell"; We will start the tour with the drive to Gudvagen where you will take the boat tour to Flam. During the boat ride you will explore the Aurlandsfjord and the Naeroyfjord, the narrowest part of the Sognefjord. We continue the trip by taking the famous Flam Railway heading from Flam to Myrdal. During the one hour ride you will see one of the most picturesque mountain sceneries Norway has to offer: panoramic views of beautiful mountains and breathtaking waterfalls

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities

Evening dinner, on own

Overnight at Fleischer's Hotel



Day 14 February 6 - Tuesday Voss / Bergen (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Bergen, a big city with a small town charm and atmosphere

Lunch, on own

Afternoon visit to Troldhaugen, home of composer Edvard Grieg. E. Grieg lived here for 22 years and composed many of his best-known works. It is now a living museum comprising an exhibition center with shop and cafe, concert hall, composers' cabin and Grieg's villa dating from 1885

Attend Gustavus Wind Orchestra Concert at St. John's Church

Evening dinner, on own

Overnight at Radisson Blu Royal



Surrounded by seven hills and seven fjords, Bergen is an utterly beguiling city. The beautiful UNESCO World Heritage-listed Bergen is its centerpiece, and nature, be that mountains, fjords or sea, is never far away. But you'll also discover a dynamic cultural life, one a city 10 times its size would be proud of. Dive into its booming local food and coffee scene, fascinating art collections and excellent music



Day 15 February 7 - Wednesday Bergen (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning city tour of Bergen which will take you through the charming streets of Bergen focusing on the down town area surrounded by harbor with the UNESCO listed Wharf, magnificent city park and adjoining museums

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities

Farewell Dinner

Overnight at Radisson Blu Royal



Day 16 February 8 - Thursday Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Bergen's airport for return flight



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COST INCLUSIONS

With Round-trip Airfare from: <u>Minneapolis, MN</u>	Airfare Season*	35-39 Paying	30-34 Paying	25-29 Paying	20-24 Paying
TOUR #1 (14 nights/16 days) STOCKHOLM, UPPSALA, FALUN, OSLO, VOSS, BERGEN	Low	\$4,872	\$5,049	\$5,233	\$5,609
Land Only (self-arranged air)		\$3,526	\$3,688	\$3,850	\$4,192

Travel season dates are generally as follows: Low (24Dec-31Mar, 01Apr-06Apr, 29Oct-14Dec, 24Dec-22Mar); Shoulder (16Dec-23Dec, 07Apr-11May, 20Aug-28Oct, 15Dec-23Dec, 23Mar-31Mar); High (12May-30Jun, 01Jul-19Aug); Travel seasons are subject to change without notice from the airline.



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- **AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip transportation by scheduled airline carrier. Air fares are subject to change pending space availability at the time of group booking.
 - Includes up to \$500 for U.S. Government airline taxes, fees, and estimated fuel surcharge.
- **COACH TRANSPORTATION:** Local modern deluxe motorcoach transportation within Europe upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Hotel accommodations in superior tourist-class (3 & 4-star) hotels chosen for location, reputation, cleanliness, and service. The price is based on double occupancy, all rooms with private facilities. All hotels mentioned in this quote are used as reference only and are subject to availability at group rates at the time of booking. This offer is based on staying at the following accommodations, or similar:

Stockholm:	Radisson Blu Royal Viking	Uppsala:	Radisson Blu
Falun:	Clarion Collection Hotel Bergmästaren	Växjö:	Elite Stadshotel
Oslo:	Thon Hotel Opera	Voss:	Flieschers Hotel
Bergen:	Radisson Blu Royal		

- **MEALS:** Daily breakfast and six dinners (as noted in the Tour itinerary). Please note that breakfast is not included on day of arrival and dinner is not included on day of departure.
- **ENTRANCE FEES:** The following Entrance fees are included:
 - **Tour 1** – Vasa Ship Museum, Royal Palace, Uppsala University Main Building with Carolina Rediviva Library and Botanical Gardens, Falun Mines, Viking Museum, Kontiki Museum, House of Migration, Mälars Glass Factory, E. Grieg Museum, Norway in a Nutshell Tour
- **TOUR ITINERARIES:** Electronic versions of the tour itinerary are available listing hotel addresses, telephone and fax numbers.
- **TOUR MANAGEMENT:** One full-time, multi-lingual Tour Manager will be on each motorcoach through the entire tour. MCI's European office staff is easily available 24 hours daily (even on weekends) to render assistance whenever needed.
- **EXCURSIONS:** Conducted by licensed, professional guides as outlined in the day-by-day Tour itinerary.
- **GRATUITIES:** Tips to hotel personnel (including meals) are included. Tips to tour manager(s), licensed guides, and motorcoach driver(s) are not included.
- **INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTING:** These costs are based on having MCI handle the accounting and payment processing for each individual on tour.
- **EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVES:**
 - 1 Flight bag • 2 Luggage tags • 1 Souvenir Photo Video • 1 Souvenir T-shirt
- **TRAVEL NOTES:** Pre-departure Travel Notes are available to each participant containing useful information about travel preparation, destination information, useful packing and cultural conditioning suggestions.
- **LIABILITY INSURANCE:** \$2M MCI Tour Liability Insurance coverage.
- **TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Individual insurance coverage is included in all MCI programs with MCI arranged airline transportation.

Summary of coverage:

- \$10,000 – Travel Accident
- \$300 – Baggage Coverage
- \$1,000 – Medical Expense
- \$600 – Trip Cancellation/Interruption/Delay



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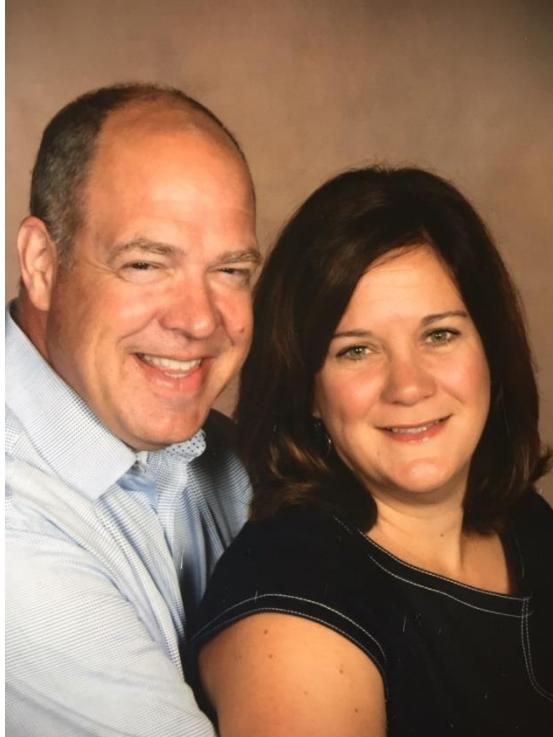
COST EXCLUSIONS

- Travel Visa for non-U.S. passport holders.
- Tips to Tour Manager(s), city guides and motorcoach driver(s).
- Transportation to and from Minneapolis Airport.
- Drinks at dinners.
- Meals not mentioned in the tour itinerary.
- Airline luggage fees, if applicable.
- Difference between current and actual costs for the airline taxes and the estimated fuel surcharge, if applicable.



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Thomas and Meredith Young

Thomas '88 and Meredith Young are excited to serve as your companion tour hosts. The Youngs have lived and worked in Sweden and look forward to sharing their personal reflections on Scandinavian life and culture. Thomas is Vice President for Advancement at Gustavus and serves as one of the College's active links to Sweden. Meredith taught in a K-3 classroom in Gothenberg, Sweden, at the same time Thomas led the first fundraising campaign for higher education at Chalmers University of Technology. Thomas grew up in Stockholm and speaks Swedish fluently. He's also a proud Gustavus Wind Orchestra alumnus. The Youngs look forward to ensuring your trip to their "home-away-from-home" is meaningful.



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