

**Jim Gold International Folk Tours
and Lee Otterholt present:**

Norway, Denmark, Sweden!

June 13-27, 2023

**Oslo, Gothenburg,
Helsingborg (Elsinore),
Copenhagen!**

Led by Lee Otterholt

- ★ See ALL THREE Scandinavian countries!
- ★ Dance with local groups in all three countries!
- ★ For dancers, non-dancers, and anyone with a love of travel and culture!
- ★ Ferries from Sweden to Denmark and from Skjælland to the Jutland Peninsula. Cruise from Denmark to Norway!
- ★ Midsummer festivities in Sweden!
- ★ Price includes city tours, hotels, breakfasts, 4 dinners, cruise and all dance events!
- ★ [29 Reasons Norway Is The Most Beautiful](#)

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Tuesday, June 13: Fly to Oslo on airline of your choice.



Day 2: Wednesday, June 14: Arrive Oslo. Take train to “Nationaltheatret Stasjon” (The “National Theater Train Station” is one stop beyond Oslo S, the main train station in Oslo.) Walk approx. 3 blocks to Thon Hotel Europa, St. Olavsgate 3, Oslo and check in. The tour starts when we meet in lobby at 6pm to get to know each other and go out to eat a Welcome Dinner at an historic restaurant in Oslo. Visit Vigeland sculpture Park.

Day 3: Thursday, June 15: Sightseeing in Oslo including new Opera House, Folk Museum, Kon-Tiki Museum, Akerhus Fortress and Norwegian Resistance Museum. Possible meeting with Norwegian folk dance group. Overnight Thon Hotel Europa.



Day 4: Friday, June 16: Drive to historic Sandefjord. Explore historic town and beautiful Land's End peninsula. Begin weekend workshop at Skiringssal College: Join 50-70 other international folk dancers from all over Norway in a weekend of dancing, live music and instruction, led by Lee Otterholt. Dinner and overnight at Skiringssal College.



Day 5: Saturday June 17: Weekend Workshop continues. All meals included from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch.

Day 6: Sunday, June 18: Weekend Workshop concludes with lunch at Skiringssal College. After tearful farewell to new folk dance friends, drive through picturesque towns on the south coast of Norway to Kragerø (birthplace of Thor Heyerdahl). Ferry to Denmark. Overnight in beautiful Skagen.

Day 7: Monday, June 19: Explore picturesque Skagen at the very tip of the Jutland peninsula. Nature walk to where the Skagerrak meets the Kattegat Straight. (You can stand with a foot in each sea!) or visit museum of famous local artists. Meeting with local Danish folk dance group in Hjørring in the evening.



Day 8: Tuesday, June 20: Drive down Jutland peninsula to Århus and take ferry to Sjælland (the island that Copenhagen is on.) Check in to Thon Partner Hotel Høje Taastrup in Høje Taastrup, just outside of Copenhagen.



Day 9: Wednesday, June 21: Take train into Copenhagen. Guided city tour in the morning. Free in the afternoon. (Visit Tivoli?) Train back to our hotel in Høje Taastrup.

Day 10: Thursday, June 22: Drive to Helsingør and visit Hamlet’s castle, “Elsinor” (actual name: Kronborg Castle). Ferry to Sweden then drive up Swedish West Coast to Grand Hotel Alingsås outside of Gothenburg.

Day 11: Friday, June 23: drive in to Gothenburg to celebrate Midsummer’s Eve there during the day, then drive to back to Grand Hotel Alingsås and the nearby Nääs Castle where we will be guests at a dance party with live music and many Swedish dancers in

the “Lekhuset” (“Playhouse”) on the grounds, then witness a dramatic recreation of a Medieval Torch Dance Ceremony at midnight. (!)

Day 12: Saturday June 24: Morning free to explore the Nääs Castle area then witness the recreation of a 19th Century “bondbröllop” (“farmer’s wedding”) at Nääs Castle in the afternoon. Overnight again at Grand Hotel Alingsås.



Day 13: Sunday, June 25: Drive to historic Fredrikstad, stopping at Tanum to see ancient “helleristinger” (petroglyphs). Walking tour of the Old Town within the Fredrikstad Fortress. Overnight at Quality Hotel in Fredrikstad.



Day 14: Monday, June 26: Drive up beautiful west shore of the Oslo Fjord, visiting the quaint town of Drøbak (where Lee lived before moving to the US) and dancing with local international folk dancers there before arriving back at the Thon Hotel Europa in Oslo and a (tearful!) farewell dinner.

Day 15: Tuesday, June 27: Fly back to US. (The Thon Hotel Europa is very close to the Nationaltheatret Train Station. Trains run from there to OSL airport all day and night.)

Land Only: \$3495

Extension: “Norway in a Nutshell”

Extension is **SELF-GUIDED**. You can book and pay for various alternatives through www.norwaynutshell.com/original-tour One possible tour is:

Day 14: Tuesday, June 27: Morning train to Bergen, over the top of the Norwegian mountains. Explore Bergen afternoon and evening. Overnight in hotel.

Day 15: Wednesday, June 28: Take morning train to Voss, then bus to Gudvangen to fjord cruise through spectacular scenery to Flåm. Then take Europe's steepest railroad from sea level at Flåm to the snowy mountain tops at Myrdal to catch the train back to Oslo. Overnight at Comfort Hotel Børsparken in Oslo.

Day 15: Thursday, June 29: Fly back to US. (Comfort Hotel Børsparken is close to Oslo S train station. Trains run from there to the OSL airport all day and night.)



About Lee Otterholt:

Lee Otterholt, born in the USA of Norwegian-American parents, has lived and worked most of his life in Norway as a professional dancer, teacher, and choreographer. He founded the Center for International Folk Dance in Oslo; he was also professor of dance folklore at the Norwegian National College of Ballet, and University College of Oslo. Lee established folk dance and performing groups in Norway, taught at festivals and workshops throughout Europe, United States, and East Asia, and is the author of folk

dance and instructional manuals used in Norwegian schools. Lee was one of the choreographers for the Opening Ceremony of the Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer.

There are NO COVID ERA TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS whatsoever when traveling to Norway. You can check at: <https://www.visitnorway.com/plan-your-trip/coronavirus-and-travelling-to-norway>

REGISTRATION: I can't wait to go! Enclosed is my registration deposit of \$200 per person. Single supplement: \$795. Hotel taxes and service charges: \$185. Gratuities not included. Program subject to change without notice. Program subject to change without notice. Cancellations 90 days prior to departure: Total refund: Less than 90 days: No refund. Total balance due March 1, 2023.

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