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Scandinavia & the Baltic Sea



Exclusive Guest Speaker
LAURA LISWOOD

July 9 – 19, 2026

Take advantage of a rare opportunity to explore six extraordinary Scandinavian and Baltic countries on this culturally engaging itinerary. As you cruise the Baltic Sea, stop in seven different destinations, immersing yourself in ancient architecture, centuries-old history, storied landmarks, captivating cities and breathtaking, romantic scenery. Explore Tallinn's Old Town, virtually unchanged for 600 years, and discover Helsinki's Sibelius Park, an artistic homage to Finland's most famous composer. Tour Riga, with its fascinating architecture and solemn Jewish history. Explore diverse locales in Sweden. See the magnificent Neptune's Fountain in Gdansk and the shipyard where Solidarity was born. And marvel at Copenhagen's iconic sites on a canal cruise. Augment your program with optional extensions in Stockholm and Norway.

Exclusive Highlights

- Cruise from Stockholm, Sweden, to Oslo, Norway, aboard *World Navigator*, an exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship.
- Three UNESCO World Heritage sites: Historic Centre of Tallinn, Estonia; Historic Centre of Riga, Latvia; Hanseatic Town of Visby, Sweden
- Exclusive guest speaker Laura Liswood, author and co-founder of the Council of Women World Leaders.



Above: Gdansk, Poland
Cover: Visby, Gotland, Sweden

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Dear Council Traveler,

In his oft-quoted poem, "The Road Not Taken," Robert Frost awakened the determination in many to choose the road less traveled. The poem sparked the quest for adventure in those wishing to experience more from life. Intrepid world travelers manifest this idea by seeking out destinations less traveled, such as Scandinavia and the Baltic Sea.

On this powerhouse program, visit six countries and experience a kaleidoscope of cultures at the ideal time of year. Spend 11 days and 10 nights exploring Sweden, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Poland, and Denmark aboard the luxurious, exclusively chartered *World Navigator*.

Along with iconic sites, such as the canals of leafy Copenhagen and the shipyard of Gdansk, discover those less-traveled locales. In Tallinn, Estonia, walk through the medieval city center, which has remained virtually unchanged for 600 years. In Finland, explore the Old Wooden Town of Porvoo, or indulge in a quintessential restorative Finnish sauna ritual.

These excursions and more provide the perfect opportunity to take the road less traveled, which will surely make all the difference. Book today!

Other educational groups share this departure, so make your reservation today. Call (800) 942-5004 (email: travel@wacphila.org).

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Haight'.

Andrew Haight, Director of Travel

Can't travel at this time? Ask about the Council's other cruises with Gohagan & Company to England's Cotswolds and Vitenman .

Tour Host



Matthew Hughes is the President & CEO of the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA), the nation's largest nonpartisan network dedicated to fostering global understanding. A seasoned traveler and advocate for global education, Matthew has lived in South America and along the U.S.-Mexico border, is fluent in Spanish, and has explored all 50 U.S. states and six continents. He has previously served as tour host for two World Affairs Council of Philadelphia travel programs to Europe, including journeys through the Iberian Peninsula and Atlantic Europe. Before taking the helm at WACA, he led the International Relations Council, WACA's affiliate in Kansas City, and worked in global programs at People to People International. A former educator with a deep commitment to civic learning and international engagement, Matthew is excited to accompany travelers on the 2026 Scandinavia & Baltic Sea journey and share in meaningful conversations and discoveries along the way.

To secure your spot, call Travel Department at World Affairs Council of Philadelphia at 800-942-5004, text 267-802-1252 or visit www.wacphila.org/travel

**Day 1 | July 9**

Depart your home city.

Day 2 | July 10**D**

Stockholm, Sweden |
Embarkation

Arrive at Stockholm Airport.
Transfer to embark the deluxe
World Navigator and settle in.
Enjoy a delicious dinner on
board tonight and each night
of the program.

Day 3 | July 11**B-L-R-D**

Tallinn, Estonia

Tallinn's UNESCO World
Heritage-designated Historic
Centre has remained virtually
unchanged for 600 years.
Take in the ancient city walls,
and Toompea, the hill on
which Tallinn is centered.

See the Russian Orthodox
Alexander Nevsky Cathedral
and Toompea Castle.

Join your fellow travelers for
the Welcome Reception
and Dinner this evening.

Day 4 | July 12**B-L-D**

Helsinki, Finland

Helsinki, the capital of Finland,
is also known as "Daughter of
the Baltic Sea." Take a
panoramic motorcoach tour
of the city's highlights. Pass by
the colorful Market Square in
the South Harbour and stop
to see the modernist Sibelius
Monument, an artistic

homage to Finland's most
famous composer. Visit the
subterranean Temppeliaukio
Church (if no church services
are in progress) called the
"Rock Church," as it was
impressively hewn into
solid natural bedrock.

This afternoon, choose your
excursion: visit the charming
village of Porvoo, or indulge
in a quintessential restorative
Finnish sauna ritual.

Day 5 | July 13**B-L-D**

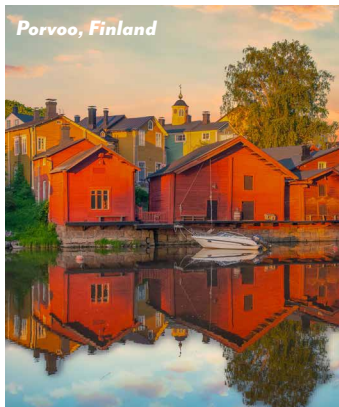
Day at Sea

Spend a full day at sea
taking in the scenery,

Helsinki, Finland



Porvoo, Finland





enjoying onboard lectures and mingling with fellow passengers. Enjoy three delicious meals and the many luxurious amenities on board.

Day 6 | July 14 **B-L-D**

Riga, Latvia

Choose your included excursion in this historic city: Tour the UNESCO-inscribed Historic Centre of Riga and beyond, focusing on the vast variety of architectural styles. Or learn of the moving Jewish history of Riga, long a multicultural melting pot. Visit the former sites of the Great Choral Synagogue and Old Jewish Cemetery, and tour the New Ghetto Museum.

Day 7 | July 15 **B-L-D**

Visby, Sweden

Disembark for your chosen excursion in Visby, a charming town on Sweden’s largest island, Gotland. This well-preserved medieval town — dating back to the 12th century — is a UNESCO World Heritage site and is filled with natural beauty and ancient history. Choose to take a walking tour of the Old Town and the fascinating Gotlands Museum, or embark on a guided tour of the medieval sights — admiring the city walls, towers, alleyways and churches.

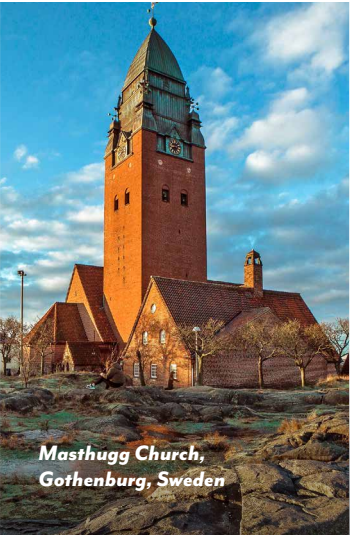


St. Roland Statue, Riga, Latvia

Day 8 | July 16 **B-L-D**

Gdansk, Poland

Today, choose from two tours of the city. On an Old Town walking tour, begin at the Green Gate. Stroll along the Motława River and see the iconic Gdansk Crane. Walk the Royal Route to the magnificent Neptune’s Fountain; the 14th-century Artus Court, inspired by Britain’s King Arthur; and St. Mary’s Church. Or choose the Solidarity tour, beginning at the historic Gdansk Shipyard, where the



*Masthugg Church,
Gothenburg, Sweden*



Visby, Sweden



Christianborg Palace, Copenhagen, Denmark

Solidarity Movement — the first independent trade union in the Soviet Bloc — began in 1980. Visit the Monument to the Fallen Shipyard Workers of 1970 and the European Solidarity Centre.

Day 9 | July 17 **B-L-D**

Copenhagen, Denmark
Begin at the site of the old fish market, Gammel Strand, to embark on a sightseeing cruise through the canals and port of Copenhagen. Pass Christiansborg Palace, the Naval Church and the Old Stock Exchange before

entering the harbor, where you will see the ancient Battery Sixtus and the fortress, Three Crowns. Spend time at leisure exploring Copenhagen on your own this afternoon.

Day 10 | July 18 **B-L-R-D**

Gothenburg, Sweden
Today, choose from two tours: A walking tour of this compact and welcoming city, known for its Amsterdam-style canals, leafy boulevards and welcoming atmosphere. Or take a coach tour through the scenic Swedish

countryside to Tjölöholm Castle. Stroll the gardens and manor, one of Scandinavia's leading Arts and Crafts properties. This evening, bid adieu to your fellow travelers at the Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 11 | July 19 **B**

Oslo, Norway | Disembark | Return to Home City
Following breakfast, disembark and transfer to Oslo Gardermoen Airport for your return flight home.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.



Exclusive Guest Speaker | Laura Liswood

Laura Liswood co-founded the Council of Women World Leaders with President Vigdís Finnbogadóttir of Iceland and President Mary Robinson of Ireland, and serves as its Secretary General. The Council is composed of female presidents, prime ministers and heads of government; membership now stands at 90 women, many from the Baltic and Scandinavian regions.

An award-winning speaker, Liswood is the only person to have traveled around the world to meet with all the female heads of state and heads of government. Her interviews are chronicled in her book and video documentary, “Women World Leaders: Great Politicians Tell Their Stories.”

Liswood holds an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and B.A. and J.D. degrees. She is admitted to practice law in California and Massachusetts, and is the author of four books. An adventurous traveler, she has bicycled across Siberia and the Silk Road.

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION



Stockholm, Sweden

July 7 to 10 (Program Begins: July 8)

Stockholm boasts a harmonious blend of medieval, Renaissance and modern architecture. Visit the magnificent City Hall, site of the annual Nobel Prize banquet. Walk through the historic Gamla Stan, or Old Town, and visit the Vasa Museum, housing the world's only preserved 17th-century warship. Accommodations are for two nights at the *Hotel at Six*.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$995

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,295

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

POST-TOUR EXTENSION



Norway

July 19 to 23

In Oslo, enjoy a city tour with stops at Vigeland Sculpture Park and the Opera House. Then travel through pristine fjordlands on the famed Flåm Railway, one of the world's most scenic train rides. Relish a cruise into UNESCO World Heritage-designated Nærøyfjord, and transfer to Stalheim for one night at the historic *Stalheim Hotel*. In historic Bergen, visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Bryggen, the old wharf; and Troidhaugen, the historic home of composer Edvard Grieg. Accommodations are for four nights at ideally located hotels.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$2,695

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$3,395

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

INCLUDED FEATURES



- 9 nights aboard the exclusively chartered deluxe *World Navigator*.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Included Meals | 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 9 dinners.
- Complimentary nonpremium liquor, house wine, beer and nonalcoholic beverages and minibar service throughout the cruise.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director accompanies you throughout the program. (1 for every 40 guests).
- Expert lecturers and local guides enrich your experience with their knowledge and insight.
- Exclusive Guest Speaker Laura Liswood, author and co-founder of the Council of Women World Leaders.
- Specially arranged cruise in Copenhagen, Denmark.
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- Complimentary travel mementos.

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TERMS ***The Special Savings Rate is valid if booked by 10/30/2025 and paid in full at booking.**

These Special Savings consist of \$500 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.

- Single supplements apply in select categories at 160% of the per person cabin fare, plus taxes, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Special Savings still apply. (Cabin fare is the standard rate less taxes.)
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2026 DEPARTURE DATE | July 9 to 19 | Tour Begins: July 10

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Special Savings Rate*
I	Stateroom with full picture window; ample storage space (no wardrobe); sitting area. 183 sq ft Deck 3, fwd.	\$9,495	\$8,495
H	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa & vanity. 270 sq ft Deck 5, fwd.	\$10,295	\$9,295
G	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa & vanity. 270 sq ft Deck 6, fwd.	\$10,595	\$9,595
F	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony with top-drop electric window; sitting area with sofa. 270 sq ft Deck 5, aft.	\$11,595	\$10,595
E	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony with top-drop electric window; sitting area with sofa. 270 sq ft Deck 6, aft.	\$11,895	\$10,895
D	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa & vanity. 270 sq ft room Deck 5, mid.	\$12,895	\$11,895
C	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa & vanity. 270 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$13,195	\$12,195
B	Deluxe stateroom with Juliette balcony featuring teak furnishings; walk-in closet. 300 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$14,195	\$13,195
A	Deluxe stateroom with private balcony featuring teak furnishings; walk-in closet. 300 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$14,695	\$13,695
JSII	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa. Butler service. 382 sq ft Deck 5, mid.	\$15,695	\$14,695
JS	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa. Butler service. 382 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$16,195	\$15,195
DS	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; walk-in closet; living room with sofa. Butler service. 445 sq ft Deck 5, mid.	\$17,195	\$16,195
NSII	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; double sinks & tub; walk-in closet & wardrobe; living room with sofa & vanity. Butler service. 465 sq ft Deck 5, mid.	\$19,695	\$18,695
NS	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; double sinks & tub; walk-in closet; living room with sofa & vanity. Butler service. 465 sq ft Deck 6, mid.	\$20,195	\$19,195

All suites and staterooms feature: ocean views, 2 twin beds or 1 queen bed; private bath with L'Occitane products, walk-in deluxe shower; wardrobe; flat-screen TV with infotainment system; plush robes and slippers; Egyptian cotton linens, duvet and pillow menu; Nespresso coffee; teas; personalized bar service; climate control; personal safe and hair dryer.

All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes (unless otherwise stated)

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 - Beverage Package
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