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Sample Tour Program

featuring Copenhagen, Dragør, Oslo, fjords, and
Stockholm

day 1 – Overnight flight

Begin your 9-day performance tour of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, with today's overnight trans-Atlantic flight.

day 2 – Copenhagen

Arrive at Copenhagen Airport, where your **full-time bilingual tour manager** will welcome you abroad. Transfer into the city, and enjoy free time for lunch with your tour manager. Check-in to your hotel, and refresh from your journey. Later this afternoon, enjoy admission to **Tivoli Garden**, one of the oldest amusement parks in the world. A national treasure founded in 1843, there is something here for everyone, from modern day travelers to historic visitors such as Walt Disney. The rides are nostalgic and designed to complement the exotic and lush architecture, lighting, and gardens. Experience the sights and sounds of the park, including a shared **dinner**.

day 3 – Copenhagen

Breakfast is served at the hotel, and each morning for the remainder of your trip. A **local guide** will lead your panoramic and walking tour of Copenhagen to familiarize you with the important landmarks of Denmark's cultural capital center. Highlights include the famous Little Mermaid statue, Church of Our Savior, The National Museum, and Royal Theater, Amaliensborg Palace and its flower gardens, and Christiansborg Palace. Entrance is included to **Rosenborg Castle**, to see the Royal Collections and Crown Jewels. Your stroll will take you through Old Town, including Town Hall Square and the bronze statue of Hans Christian Anderson. **Present an area concert this evening at a local venue custom selected for your ensemble! There is the opportunity to make this an exchange and joint performance with a local ensemble. A warm-up rehearsal is provided prior to your performance. Dinner** is served at a local restaurant.

day 4 – Overnight Ferry

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning visit the typical Danish village of Dragør, on the southeastern coast of Amager island. Charming for its harbor front, picturesque cobblestoned streets, and well-preserved buildings, you can also enjoy a visit to the **Dragør Museum** and its maritime exhibitions. Alternatively, you may wish to visit the fortress of Kronborg, and its Renaissance castle; Kronborg is well known as "Elsinore" the setting for Shakespeare's tragedy, Hamlet. There is free time for lunch and further exploration on your own or with your tour manager, before transferring to the ferry terminal. Relax on board your comfortable ship, enjoy its amenities, and enjoy a delicious **smorgasbord dinner** before retiring to your private cabin for the **overnight ferry crossing** from Denmark to Norway.

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day 5 – Oslo

Breakfast on the ferry. Disembark in Oslo this morning, and join a **local guide** for a sightseeing of the capital city. Oslo is a mixture of the ancient and the modern, all in close harmony with nature. The city is surrounded by mountains and islands all within the city limits, and the center has a cosmopolitan feel with trendy shops and cafes. A panoramic tour shows you the Royal Palace, Parliament, City Hall, the National Theatre, and the Oslo Cathedral. You will also stroll through the magnificent Frogner Park, and visit the beautiful Vigeland Sculpture Park. The afternoon is at leisure, and there is time at the hotel to freshen-up. **Present an area concert this evening at a local venue custom selected for your ensemble! A warm-up rehearsal is provided prior to your performance.** **Dinner** is served at a local restaurant.

day 6 – Oslo

Breakfast at the hotel. Today's full-day tour takes you through Norway's breathtaking UNESCO-protected fjords and mountain scenery, including a scenic rail journey. Starting from Oslo, set out on a train journey through mountain terrain on the Bergen Railway. Upon arrival in Myrdal, change trains to the legendary Flam Railway—offering panoramic views of some of the wildest and most magnificent nature in the Norwegian fjords. Enjoy a fjord cruise along the picturesque Aurlandsfjord, and dramatically narrow and mountainous Naeroyfjord. Arrive in the old Viking village of Gudvangen, where you will board your coach for a journey through Naeroydalen's charming villages and natural landscape, through to Voss, and then back to Oslo by train. A truly memorable and spectacular day, however you may consider lengthening this program by adding overnight stays in Flam, Voss or elsewhere, to experience additional and unique activities. **Lunch** and **Dinner** are included during today's 16-hour excursion.

day 7 – Stockholm

Breakfast at the hotel. Your journey continues as you board a **high-speed train** from Norway to Sweden; travel time is approximately five hours. One of the world's most beautiful cities, the capital of Stockholm is more than 700 years old and built on 14 islands facing the Baltic Sea, connected by dozens of bridges. Visit the island of Djurgarden, regarded as Stockholm's amusement and recreation center, with great park lands. Home to the **Skansen Open Air Museum**, the oldest in the world, and showcasing the whole of Sweden with houses and farmsteads from every part of the country. The museum is home to wild Nordic animals such as wolves, moose, lynx, wolverines, seals, and otters. Cooperation with conservation bodies aims to ensure an exchange of knowledge and help reintroduce rare breeds into the wild. Continue to your hotel and check-in. From Pippi Longstocking to ABBA, the culture has long fascinated the world, and Sweden has a prominent tradition of choral music, partly derived from the cultural importance of folk songs. Today's musical highlight is a tour of **ABBA The Museum**, devoted to one of the world's biggest pop groups, with 380 million albums sold. Walk in the footsteps of ABBA together with a **museum guide**, and enjoy the interactive parts of the museum on your own. Experience what it is like to be the fifth member of ABBA on stage together, virtually see what you look like in their legendary costumes, sing karaoke at the Polar Studio, and try your dance moves in one of their world-famous music videos. Enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant.

day 8 – Stockholm

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy sightseeing with **local guide** beginning with a visit to the **Stockholm City Hall**, where the Nobel Prize receptions are held every year. Visit the famous Blue Hall with its walls covered with pieces of gold and colored glass mosaic. Afterward, step back hundreds of years and take a stroll in Gamla Stan, Stockholm's Old Town, with its cobbled alleys, narrow streets, houses, shops, and soaring church spires. See the Royal Palace, and view the Changing of the Guards in the outer courtyard. Visit the **Vasa Ship Museum**. Built in 1628, it is the largest battleship of its kind, and once considered to be one of the world's largest and most prestigious warships—it sank when launched, and spent over 300 years at the bottom of the sea, until it was raised in 1961 and restored to much of its former glory. The remainder of your final full day in Scandinavia is free for you to relax, shop for a final memento of your time abroad, or continue explorations. **Present an area concert finale this evening at a local venue custom selected for your ensemble! A warm-up rehearsal is provided prior to your performance.** **A special farewell dinner** is included.

day 9 – Departure

A final **breakfast** is served at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your return flights home. Your tour manager will assist with airport check-in, and there is time for one last goodbye!