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FROM KIEL TO KIEL

12 August – 22 August 2009 10 days



Where Fjords and Mountains Are at Home

The landscape of the Far North spreads out in front of you, and the majestic fjords extend deep into the picturesque nature. Breathtakingly beautiful, lonely mountains glide past you, setting the stunning scene for a very special event: the Ocean Sun Festival brings together world stars of classical music on board the EUROPA where they will enchant you with their voices and instruments. Truly a unique experience. A list of featured artists is scheduled for release in November 2008.

Itinerary

⚓ = at anchor

Wed 12 Aug	Individual travel arrangements to Kiel Kiel/Germany departure 5:00 pm	Tue 18 Aug	Geiranger 9:00 am – 4:00 pm ⚓ Hellesylt 5:30 – 6:30 pm ⚓
Thu 13 Aug	Copenhagen 8:00 am – 12:00 midnight	Wed 19 Aug	Relaxation at sea
Fri 14 Aug	Relaxation at sea	Thu 20 Aug	Oslo 9:00 am – 11:00 pm
Sat 15 Aug	Bergen 7:00 am – 12:00 midnight	Fri 21 Aug	Göteborg 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm
Sun 16 Aug	Vik 9:00 am – 1:30 pm ⚓ Flam 4:00 – 6:00 pm	Sat 22 Aug	Kiel/Germany arrival 9:00 am Individual travel arrangements from Kiel
Mon 17 Aug	Molde 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm		



Kiel

Before you board the EUROPA in Kiel, an individual pre-cruise programme entices you to take a side trip to Hamburg: e.g. stay in a luxury hotel and explore the diversity of the Hanseatic city.

Copenhagen/Denmark

The Danish beauty on the Oresund delights visitors with its Scandinavian charm and its symbol: the **Little Mermaid**. But there is more to see during a city and harbour tour*: the **Amalienborg Palace**, residence of the royal family, the **Tivoli Amusement Park** from 1843 or the **city quarter Christianshavn**. Seen from above, the Danish capital is no less fantastic, sending you on a **flight*** to the palaces of North Seeland and to the Oresund Bridge. A wonderful way to start your cruise.

Bergen/Norway

Norway's secret capital looks back on a long history: established by King Olav in 1070, the Hanseatic League settled here in the 14th century. Today, the area where the merchants used to live is the UNESCO World Heritage Site **Bryggen**. The colourful warehouses built of wood give you a wonderful insight into long-past times. You will then go to **Floyen***, the city's local mountain, for the best possible views. But you can climb even higher: continue hiking **up the Rundemanen** and take delight in the beautiful view of Bergen and its picturesque surroundings. The composer **Edvard Grieg** lived in **Troldhaugen***. Listen to his works in a piano recital, then visit the **Fantoft Stave Church**.

Vik (Sognefjord)/Norway

A small church from the 12th century stands at Norway's longest and deepest fjord: the **Hopperstad Stave Church***, a wooden memento from the days of the Vikings. If you leave the EUROPA for an **overland excursion*** in Vik, you will be taking off on an **impressive tour through the Norwegian nature**. The route leads you through Fjordland and up into the melancholic landscape of the mountains with their moors and lakes. After a delightful trip with the Bergen – Oslo railway, take your seat in the Flambahn – one of the steepest mountain railways in the world which takes you down to Flam in serpentine curves and through 20 tunnels, past waterfalls, deep gorges and remote mountain farms.

Flam (Aurlandsfjord)/Norway

The small village of Flam is at the southern end of the narrow fjord and invites you to a contemplative visit onshore until the guests from the overland excursion join us again.

Molde (Moldefjord)/Norway

Its protected location at the feet of high mountains and the mild climate make it possible for the red flowers to bloom here despite the high latitude, earning the sobriquet "City of Roses" for Molde. The mountain Varden, one of the destinations of your **city tour***, is on the periphery of the city. Enjoy the wonderful view over the fjord landscape from here; if the weather is kind, you can see all the way to the snow-covered peaks of the Romsdal Alps – or start off on a **hike*** along the old Varde path, which was already used by Kaiser Wilhelm I.



Geiranger (Geirangerfjord)/Norway

While passing the torrential waterfalls and steep mountainsides, admire the Geirangerfjord from the most beautiful perspective: from the water. But looking down from the mountains on the picturesque fjord is a unique sight as well: travel with us **from Geiranger up to the Herdal summer meadow***, enjoy the wonderful views along the way and taste the cheese made from the milk of the goats, cows and sheep on the meadow. Or take off today on a fantastic **overland tour to Hellesylt***: marvel at the **impressive view looking out over the Geirangerfjord**, the picturesque UNESCO World Natural Site, on the Dalsnibba, enjoy the look at the Styrn Lake along the way and hike past remote mountain cottages as you traverse the **enchanting Norwegian landscape**.

Hellesylt (Sunnlyvenfjord)/Norway

Spend some quiet hours in the contemplative town on the Sunnlyvenfjord while waiting for the guests from the overland tour to return on board the EUROPA.

Oslo/Norway

If the national flag is waving over the royal palace, the monarchs are currently present in their official residence in Norway's capital. A **panoramic trip*** through Oslo will show you a great Gesamtkunstwerk: the Vigeland Sculpture Park with its 14-metre-high monolith made of 121 human bodies intertwined in one another. You can also marvel at the mountain Holmenkollen with the famous ski jump from above: **take off on a flight* over Oslo**.

Göteborg/Sweden

The Götaplatsen is at the end of the **boulevard Avenyn**. In the middle of this square, the waters of the **Poseidon Fountain** splash merrily over the 8-metre-high bronze figure of the god of the sea – one of the best-known sights of this likeable Baltic Sea metropolis; you will become familiar with its many beautiful facets during a city tour*.

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Every journey has to end sometime – but perhaps not quite yet: take the opportunity of an individual post-cruise programme and go for walks along the Alster and Elbe in Hamburg.

*These arrangements are not included in the cruise price. The shore activities listed here are in the planning stage and subject to changes. Approximately three months prior to the start of the cruise you will receive information about one shore excursion in each port of call which will be conducted in English.



- ★ UNESCO World Heritage Site: Bryggen, the seaport of Bergen*
- ★ UNESCO World Natural Site: the Norwegian Geirangerfjord
- ★ Overland excursion through the Fjordland from Vik to Flam*
- ★ Overland excursion from Geiranger to Hellesylt*
- ★ Flight over Oslo, the Norwegian capital*
- ★ Ocean Sun Festival – the classical music festival onboard the EUROPA with concerts ashore and aboard

CRUISE PRICES IN EURO¹

Cruise EUR		0919
Cat.	Suite-Type	Price per person
0	Guaranteed suite ²	3,990
1	Suite	4,690
2	Suite	4,860
3	Suite	4,990
1-3	Suite, single occupancy	6,360
4	Veranda Suite	5,890
5	Veranda Suite	6,290
4-5	Veranda Suite, single occupancy	8,410
6	Veranda Suite	6,570
7	Veranda Suite	6,910
6-7	Veranda Suite, single occupancy	9,520
8	Penthouse Deluxe Suite	10,630
9	Penthouse Grand Suite	– on request –
10	SPA Suite	7,890
11	Extra bed for 3rd person	2,860
Included surcharge (ship)		100
Early Booking Discount ³		14/01/2009

¹ Cruise prices including fuel surcharges (ship)

² You pay only the guaranteed price shown for double occupancy. Accommodation will be provided in a suite of Category 1 to 7, subject to availability. You will receive your exact suite number on board at the beginning of the cruise.

³ If you book your cruise 210 days (approx. seven months) or earlier prior to departure, you will receive an early booking discount of 5% on the cruise price.

The Cruise Price Includes

- Cruise in the booked category
- Fresh fruits and champagne will be waiting for you in your suite on the day of your arrival
- Full board on the ship: early bird breakfast, breakfast, late morning bouillon, lunch and dinner, afternoon coffee and tea with pastries, hot waffles, midnight snack and Captain's cocktail; individual meal selections also possible
- Fresh fruit juices and vegetable juices will be available for your enjoyment during breakfast hours
- Entertainment programme (changes daily) with activities on board, interesting courses, discussion groups, science lectures, film showings, seminars on contemporary topics, a sophisticated evening programme and much more
- Use of the ship's own bicycles (subject to availability)
- Adventure Zodiac trips (depending on route and weather conditions); all landings or tours in the ship's own Zodiacs or tenders (admission fees or guided tours by local tour guides not included)
- Television in every suite with integrated music programmes, contemporary and classical video and listening programmes, news, weather map, reports, interviews, travel reports, latest travel information, e-mail, Internet (subject to charge), and much more
- Mini bar filled with soft drinks and beer in the suite
- Bottled water during shore excursions
- Use of board facilities free of charge: auditorium with film showings and geography lectures, library with more than 1,000 volumes, board games, snorkelling equipment, ironing room, Business Centre, entertainment programme, sauna, fitness area, golf simulator, art workshop, laptop use (subject to availability), table tennis, and much more. The use of the Internet and services of the OCEAN SPA, the photographers and video producers and the boutique merchandise are subject to charge
- Waterproof, warm parkas and rubber boots which we will loan to you as appropriate for the destination of the Zodiac landings
- Your comprehensive EUROPA cruise materials including detailed country information, shoulder bag, document bag, luggage tags, travel guide, maps and personal stationery
- German ship and cruise managers and a service crew (speaking German and English) including concierge, hostess, cruise advisor, tourist office, tour guides, etc.
- Harbour and airport fees (as per January 2008)
- Travel cancellation expenses insurance
- Bankruptcy insurance