

# Oslo & Stockholm

Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Under the luminous skies and starry nights of Scandinavia, join me on a *Met Classics* journey to Oslo and Stockholm, and discover why the art world has so enthusiastically embraced Norway and Sweden as its newest contemporary art scenes. Throughout this journey, it will be my pleasure to study great masterpieces with you through close looking and shared conversation, as well as an honor to introduce you to special guests as well as superb private collections in these historic cities.

Energized by an exceptional commitment to the arts, Norway has seen an upswell of spectacular contemporary art collections, both private and public. Together, we'll experience several newly opened, groundbreaking art spaces in Oslo. Among the highlights, we'll delight in a visit to Norway's new National Museum; a special tour of the newly opened Munch Museum, a dazzling work of architecture housing the extraordinary work of Edvard Munch; and a visit to the Renzo Piano-designed Astrup Fearnley Museum, with its international collection of contemporary art.

Meanwhile, Sweden continues to attract lovers of Old Master paintings while expanding its contemporary art collections. In Stockholm, marvelous palaces will inspire awe with a vast array of royal treasures, including Adrian de Vries's marble statues at Drottningholm Palace, "Sweden's Versailles" and the residence of the nation's royal family. We'll explore works by Munch and Bruno Liljefors in the former private home of the early 20th-century art collector Ernest Thiel, and enjoy both a close look and a curator-led visit at the splendid Nationalmuseum, home to one of the world's great Rembrandt collections. A rare treat will be an after-hours reception and tour at the Vasa Museum, which houses a marvelously well-preserved 17th-century battleship recovered from the Stockholm harbor after 300 years.

We'll also sail the 60-mile Oslofjord and glide through the Stockholm archipelago on scenic twilight cruises. Performances, private events, and charming garden tours will round out this special program. I hope you will consider joining me for this magical midsommar art experience in two of the world's most beautiful cities.

Sincerely,
Rika Burnham
Lecturer
The Metropolitan Museum of Art



# **Traveling with You**

Rika Burnham

Rika Burnham is a leading theorist and practitioner of art museum gallery teaching. Author of Teaching in the Art Museum: Interpretation as Experience, and lecturer at Columbia University, she has served as Head of Education at The Frick Collection, Museum Educator at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Project Director for TIME/Teaching Institute in Museum Education at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and was appointed Getty Research Institute Museum Scholar in 2002 and 2018. She holds a degree in art history from Harvard University and was awarded the degree of Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts from Massachusetts College of Art and Design in 2014.

# **Trip Highlights**

- Enjoy a private tour of the Snøhetta-designed **Oslo Opera House**, followed by an evening performance of Tchaikovsky's ballet *Sleeping Beauty*
- Cruise on a boat along the scenic Oslofjord while basking in the shimmering evening lights of midsummer, and glide along a river on a vintage steamboat from a royal palace toward Stockholm (pending confirmation)
- Discover Oslo's newest museums on private tours, including the vast National Museum, one of Europe's largest art spaces, and the Munch Museum, which houses more than 26,000 works by Norwegian master Edvard Munch
- Join a curator at Stockholm's Nationalmuseum, which displays an incredible collection of Rembrandt masterpieces alongside a vast array of European paintings from Old Masters to the Impressionists
- Go behind the scenes of Sweden's royal residence, the UNESCO-listed Drottningholm
   Palace, which holds a perfectly preserved 18th-century theater



Opera House, Oslo













Photos clockwise from top right: Map of the region; Chinese Pavilion, Drottningholm Palace, Stockholm, photo by Sana Argus Tirén, photo ©Kungl. Hovstatera; Summer homes on the Oslofjord, Oslo; Edvard Munch, *The Dance of Life*, 1925, Munch Museum, Oslo; Colorful houses in *Gamla Stan*, Stockholm; Vigeland Park, Oslo. Front cover: Kistefos Museum, Oslo. Back cover: Vasa Museum, Stockholm (top) and Drottningholm Palace, Stockholm (bottom).

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May 31-June 9, 2023



National Museum, Oslo, photo courtesy of Visit Oslo, by Didrick Stenersen

### **Departure**

Wednesday, May 31

Depart for Oslo on an overnight flight, (group flight pending).

# Oslo, Norway

Thursday, June 1

After a morning arrival, transfer to the Hotel Continental. This afternoon, explore the 200 sculptures made from bronze, granite, and cast iron in Vigeland Park, the world's largest sculpture park made by a single artist, Gustav Vigeland. Later, gather for a welcome drink and dinner with remarks from Rika Burnham.

#### Oslo

#### Friday, June 2

Enjoy a morning tour of Oslo's newest and grandest art space—the National Museum, which opened in June 2022. A highlight is the newly created room featuring Edvard Munch's most famous work, the 1893 painted version of The Scream. Have lunch in the nearby wharf area, Aker Brygge, then stroll through the intimate Renzo Piano-designed Tjuvholmen Sculpture Park and its sculptures by artists such as Louise Bourgeois, Anish Kapoor, and Ellsworth Kelly. Later, visit the Renzo Pianodesigned Astrup Fearnley Museum, one of Europe's first private art museums dedicated to contemporary art, featuring works by Jeff Koons, Cindy Sherman, Olafur Eliasson, and Cai Guo-Qiang. B, L, D

#### Oslo

Saturday, June 3

Tour the strikingly angular, newly opened Munch Museum, featuring thousands of works by Edvard Munch, from his monumental canvases to his woodcuts. After lunch, stand in awe before the sleek Deichman Biørvika Library, named the world's best library in 2021. Then, go behind the scenes at the Snøhettadesigned Oslo Opera House, clad in Italian marble and white granite and displaying artworks by the likes of Olafur Eliasson. In the evening, attend Tchaikovsky's ballet Sleeping Beauty at the Opera House, enjoy a snack during intermission, and meet one of the ballet's principals backstage after the performance. B.L.S

#### Oslo

#### Sunday, June 4

In the green rolling hills outside Oslo, see one of Europe's most intriguing contemporary art spaces, the Kistefos Museum, which consists of two art galleries, an industrial museum, and a sculpture park. Transfer to the Henie Onstad Art Center, founded by the Oslo-born, Olympic champion figure skater Sonja Henie (1912–1969) and her art collector husband. This evening, board a boat for dinner and a cruise along the Oslofjord.

B, L, D

# Oslo / Stockholm, Sweden

Monday, June 5

In the morning, transfer to the airport and fly to Stockholm. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch and stroll through the city's extraordinarily well-preserved medieval Old Town (Gamla Stan). Then, visit the Royal Palace, a Baroque confection that has over 600 rooms and five museums. In its Royal Armoury, behold its glittering royal costumes and medieval armor as well as coronation carriages and coaches from the Royal Stable. Then, venture

to Gustav III's Museum of Antiquities, which displays stunning classical sculptures that King Gustav III collected on his travels. Tonight, dine aboard a boat on a cruise through Stockholm's Archipelago.

#### Stockholm

Tuesday, June 6

Tour the Thielska Gallery, the former home of art collector Ernest Thiel (1859-1947). View his modern art collection, including works by his friends Carl Larsson, Bruno Liljefors, and Edvard Munch. Walk to the nearby Prins Eugens Waldemarsudde, which showcases the landscape paintings of Prince Eugen as well as his collection of Swedish art. Stroll through the beautiful park with its flowers and sculptures. After an afternoon and lunch at leisure, gather this evening at the Vasa Museum for an after-hours, private reception and tour. This museum houses the wellpreserved 17th-century ship Vasa, the only surviving ship of its era, recovered after three centuries at the bottom of Stockholm harbor. Dinner is at leisure. B, R



Prins Eugens Waldemarsudde, Stockholm

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#### Stockholm

#### Wednesday, June 7

After a morning and lunch at leisure, venture outside the city to the home of the Swedish royal family, Drottningholm Palace, located on Lovo, an island in Lake Mälaren. Set in a delightful baroque garden, the UNESCOlisted building dates from the 1660s and represents a magnificent legacy of Sweden's imperial past. Walk through its French formal garden with sculptures by Adriaen de Vries, and view the palace's Chinese Pavilion, whose interiors are adorned with hand-painted paper and silk wall coverings, lacquered screens, and Asian decorative objects. After an early dinner, attend a performance at the Drottningholm Palace Theater, whose original machinery and stage sets are still in use (pending confirmation). B. D

#### Stockholm

#### Thursday, June 8

Explore the Nationalmuseum's diverse collections, including its extraordinary holdings of Rembrandt paintings and Impressionist canvases. After lunch, follow the winding paths at Haga Park, created by King Gustav III and Sweden's finest example of an English landscape garden. Stop at the park's charming follies and the royal family's private summer palace. Return to Stockholm for a festive farewell dinner. B, L, D

#### Stockholm / Return

#### Friday, June 9

After breakfast, depart the hotel this morning for your flights home.

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Stockholm

#### **Program Rate**

\$11,999 per person, double rate \$13,999 single rate

#### **Rate Includes**

- Eight nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, S=Snack, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/ tea with all meals; house wine at welcome and farewell dinners
- Internal, economy-class, one-way flight (Oslo-Stockholm)
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and porterage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

#### Not included in rate

International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

#### Accommodations



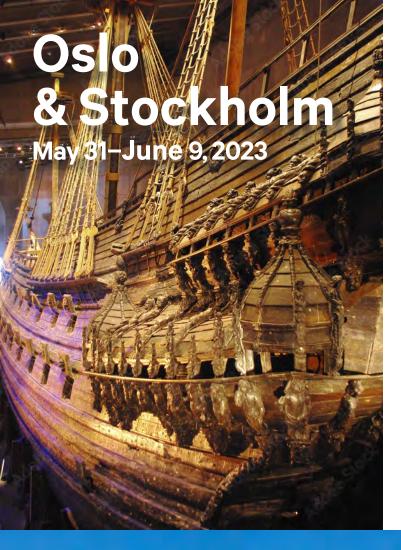
#### Hotel Continental, Oslo

Located in the heart of Old Oslo opposite the National Theater, the hotel is a blend of country house and Nordic cool. Rooms offer comfortable beds, with award-winning contemporary art adorning the walls.

#### The Grand Hôtel, Stockholm

This centrally located hideaway enjoys a rich heritage dating to 1874 and combines classic style with a modern touch in its color choices and furniture pieces. Visit their Nordic Spa & Fitness, and enjoy sumptuous cuisines in its restaurants, including the Michelin-starred Matbaren.

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