

# CLIA ITINERARY EXPERIENCE FACTSHEET

## NORTHERN EUROPE (BALTICS)

### ITINERARY - 7 NIGHTS

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| • <b>Day 1:</b> Departing Copenhagen | Denmark   |
| • <b>Day 2:</b> Warnemünde           | Germany   |
| • <b>Day 3:</b> Gdynia               | Poland  |
| • <b>Day 4:</b> Riga                 | Latvia  |
| • <b>Day 5:</b> Helsinki             | Finland   |
| • <b>Day 6:</b> Stockholm            | Sweden  |
| • <b>Day 7:</b> At Sea               |  |
| • <b>Day 8:</b> Disembark Copenhagen | Denmark   |



### Key port:

## COPENHAGEN, Denmark

Embark (Day 1) and Disembark (Day 8)

Docking: At Pier

Copenhagen is as wonderful, wonderful as the Danny Kaye song suggests. Arrive two or three days pre-cruise or plan to stay after to see the (very small) Little Mermaid statue, tour Carlsberg Brewery, peek into designer shops on Strøget, the main shopping street, ride the roller coasters at Tivoli Gardens fun fair and join locals at the lively bars and restaurants in Nyhavn.

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# Day One & Eight

## COPENHAGEN, Denmark

**Docking:** At pier

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### In a nutshell

Visitors love Copenhagen for its relaxed, easy-going lifestyle, while cruise lines are drawn to modern port facilities that can berth some of the world's biggest ships and an easy-to-reach airport with global connections. It is the busiest port in Northern Europe, handling hundreds of thousands of cruise passengers and hundreds of calls and turnarounds each year.



### Arrive early

Get a bit of Danish hygge with a couple of nights in the city famed for the Little Mermaid statue, colourful Nyhavn and Tivoli Gardens amusement park.



### Getting there

British Airways, SAS, Easyjet, Norwegian and Ryanair have non-stop flights from the UK to Copenhagen Kastrup Airport (CPH). Flight time from London is one hour, 40 mins. The airport is six miles from the city. Transfers to the city are available by train (15 mins) and bus (35 mins).

### Climate

Summers average about 20/22C; winters are cold and wet, with snow likely from December to March.

### Opening times

10am-6pm Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm Saturdays. Some shops open from 11am to 4pm on Sundays. Most museums are closed on Mondays.

# Day Two

## WARNEMÜNDE, Germany

**Docking:** At pier

**Walking ashore?** Ships dock about five mins walk from Warnemünde; 10 mins walk from the town you're at the beach.

**Gateway to:** Berlin (2.5 hours by train) and the former Hanseatic city of Rostock (20 mins by train).

**Hero excursion:** Full-day Berlin tours include: the Brandenburg Gate, the tree-lined boulevard of Unter den Linden, a last remaining section of the Berlin Wall, the Reichstag and the Holocaust Memorial.

**Active excursion:** Collect a bike in Warnemünde and pedal along the coast, through forest and back to the ship.



# Day Three

## GDYNIA, Poland

**Docking:** At pier

**Walking ashore?** Cruise ships dock in various locations depending on their size so berths could be anything from 10 to 30 mins walk from Gdynia.

**Gateway to:** Gdansk (45 mins by train).

**Hero excursion:** Tour the Old Town's massive churches, squares and restored merchants' houses, then head to Oliwa Cathedral for an organ recital.

**Active excursion:** Pair a tour of Gdansk with a visit to Stutthof Concentration Camp. It's a harrowing experience with a lot of walking.



# Day Four

## RIGA, Latvia

**Docking:** At pier

**Walking ashore?** The Old Town is about 15 mins walk from the main cruise port.

**Gateway to:** Riga

**Hero excursion:** Get to know Riga's grand squares, medieval streets and long, tragic (and sometimes quirky) history on a walking tour of the city.

**Active excursion:** Get your balance on a city sightseeing tour by Segway.



# Day Seven

## SEA DAY



# Day Six

## STOCKHOLM, Sweden

**Docking:** At pier

**Walking ashore?** Ships dock in various locations. From Stadsgården it's an easy walk into town. From Frihamnen, it's a shuttle bus or taxi transfer. A few ships dock at Nynasham, about an hour by train from the city.

**Gateway to:** Stockholm

**Hero excursion:** Pair city sightseeing with the Vasa Museum, built around a warship that sunk in Stockholm harbour on its maiden voyage in 1628.

**Active excursion:** Hang on tight for a high-speed RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) ride through the Stockholm archipelago.



# Day Five

## HELSINKI, Finland

**Docking:** At pier

**Walking ashore?** Small ships dock at South Harbour, 15 mins from the Market Square, big ships use Hernesaarenranta, about 45 mins walk from the city.

**Gateway to:** Helsinki

**Hero excursion:** See Helsinki from the sea and land on a boat trip through the Helsinki archipelago followed by a tour that ticks off Helsinki Cathedral, the Market Square and quirky Sibelius monument.

**Active excursion:** Go kayaking between the islands and historical forts that dot the Helsinki Archipelago.



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### SELLING TIPS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Sell to first-timers or more experienced cruisers?

There's lots to interest everyone here, but the Baltic usually appeals more to clients who have done the Mediterranean and are looking for their next move.

#### When to go?

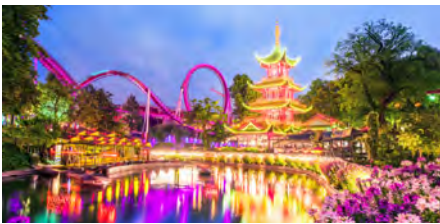
Baltic cruises operate between April and September.

#### At sea to port ratio?

Baltic cruises are port intensive because there is so much to see and ports are very close, but there is usually a day at sea for guests to catch their breath.

#### Currency?

Denmark uses the Danish krone; Sweden uses the Swedish krona; Poland uses the złoty; Germany, Riga and Finland use the euro.



### Children?

- There are beaches in **Warnemünde**.
- There are zorbing tours in **Riga**.
- In **Stockholm**, they can harness up for a tour over the city's rooftops.
- Add a night or two in **Copenhagen** and they'll have hours of fun at Tivoli Gardens.

### Opportunities for exercise

- Shun the shuttles and walk from the pier at Hernesaarenranta along the waterfront and through the park into **Helsinki**.
- Opt for an 'on your own' tour to **Berlin** and walk around sights the others are seeing by coach.

### Food & souvenirs

- Kill two birds, so to speak, with a currywurst lunch in **Berlin** – sliced sausage covered with ketchup and sprinkled with curry powder – and a jar of the sauce to take home.
- In **Poland** don't miss pierogi (dumplings).
- In **Stockholm**, the raggmunk (potato pancake).
- For souvenirs, it has to be amber from **Riga**.

### *Photo Moments Of The Cruise!*



Take a selfie with the last remaining bit of wall in Berlin.



Smile for the camera as you ride the wooden coaster in Tivoli Gardens.



Say cheers in the Ice Bar in Hotel C by Stockholm's Central Station.