10D9N : Baltic Bliss & Winter Wonders



Trip Overview

Cold winds are blowing across the roofs of these emblematic Baltic cities. As the holidays approach, immerse yourself in the warm atmosphere of Scandinavian and Baltic cities, where lights twinkle amidst the fragrances of cinnamon. Like a starry sky, the illuminations of these strongholds will plunge you into a winter wonderland, where the history and hearts of the inhabitants entice you to spend a moment frozen in time. Through these traditions, you will be captivated by the concerts, markets, and culinary discoveries.

The itinerary may be altered based on port approvals and to comply with applicable government regulations. Please also note that the sailing programme, shore visits and activities cannot be guaranteed, as they are subject to weather conditions.

Trip Highlights

- Discovery of Hygge and the warm way of life of the emblematic cities of the Baltic, aboard Le Commandant Charcot, a luxurious cocoon opening out onto the exterior
- Scandinavian and Baltic towns with rich heritages (Tallinn, Stockholm [overnight stay], Riga and Gdansk, etc.) and dreamlike scenery (sailing in the Stockholm archipelago, etc.).
- Among your included excursions: Chopin concert, art and architecture in Riga, gothic heritage in Tallinn.

Trip Itinerary

Destination:	Finland
Departure Location:	Helsinki
Return Location:	Helsinki
Tour Validity:	24 Nov 2026 - 21 Dec 2026

Day 01: Helsinki

Seated in the southern peninsula of Finland, **Helsinki** offers the buzz of a cosmopolitan city that has opted for both elegance and beauty. Explore its historical centre where the soft hues of neoclassical buildings are juxtaposed with spectacular modern constructions. The bustling **Kallio** district is teeming with boutiques and restaurants where you can taste some local specialities like graavilohi - a sweet, marinated, aromatic salmon dish. **Keskuspuisto** park, a stone's throw from the centre, is a good place to sit and unwind.

Day 02: Stockholm

The capital of Sweden occupies an archipelago in the east of the country at the junction of Mälar Lake and the Baltic sea. In **Gamla stan,** meaning "old town" in Swedish, you can stroll at your leisure in picturesque medieval streets until you reach the majestic Royal Palace. On the green island of **Djurgården**, you can visit several very different kinds of cultural centres: the Vasa museum is dedicated to a 17th century three-mast, the ecomuseum of Skansen presents traditional customs, and the ABBA museum is dedicated to the legendary pop group. For a fantastic, all-encompassing view of Stockholm, you can take a ride in **SkyView,** a glass-encased sphere gondola that takes you to the top of the world's largest building, the Ericsson Globe, a Stockholm landmark.

Day 03: Visby, Gotland

This old Hanseatic city lies to the west coast of Gotland, a Swedish island in the Baltic sea. Pass through the spectacular Visby fortifications and visit the **old town, a** UNESCO World Heritage site. You'll discover the grand Visby homes of rich merchants as well as the lovely low wooden houses in the little cobbled streets. Don't miss **Saint Mary's cathedral** with its octagonal steeples, as well as Powder tower along the fortifications. Make sure you stop over in one of the rose-adorned cafés; indeed roses abound in this town where you can taste one of the island's specialities, namely saffron pancakes with red fruit.

Day 04: Gdansk

This ravishing city on the Baltic sea is nicknamed "the golden door of Poland", and you'll understand why when you see its beautiful Hanseatic architecture. You'll be charmed by the mouldings and gables that enhance the colourful façades of the houses. Along the **Vistula Quays,** you can take a pleasant stroll among the crafts shops. In elegant Mariacka street, the **amber jewellers** will most certainly tempt you into their boutiques. You can visit the church of Saint-Mary and its astronomic clock. Not far, the majestic Long Market square offers the famous Artus Court and the rich Gdansk History Museum.

Day 05: At sea aboard Le Commandant Charcot

Spend exceptional moments sailing aboard Le Commandant Charcot, the world's first luxury polar exploration vessel and the first PC2-class polar cruise ship capable of sailing into the very heart of the ice, on seas and oceans which the frozen conditions render inaccessible to ordinary ships. Le Commandant Charcot is fitted with oceanographic and scientific equipment selected by a committee of experts. Take advantage of the on-board lectures and opportunities for discussion with these specialists to learn more about the poles. Participate in furthering scientific research with PONANT and let us discover together what these fascinating destinations have yet to reveal to us.

Day 06: Riga

At the place where East meets West on the edge of the Baltic Sea, **Riga**, the capital of Latvia, will charm you with its contrasts. Although it is one of the oldest cities in the **Baltic states**, with a unique atmosphere that is imbued with the memory of its medieval past, Riga is also tangibly dynamic and modern. As you stroll through its **old town**, you will enjoy its exceptional architecture, its cathedrals, the remains of old walls and the typical narrow streets. Nicknamed “the Paris of the North” in the 1930s, this cosmopolitan city boasts a rich heritage.

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Day 08: Tallinn

Opening onto the Baltic sea, to the far north of Estonia, the town of **Tallinn** will win you over with the picturesque charm of its architecture. You can meander through its little streets in the heart of the medieval centre where its gothic **town hall** has been standing since 1404. The **Kiek in de Kök tower, the Orthodox Alexander Nevski cathedral,** or **Toompea castle** give visitors a taste of this town’s rich past. The city was particularly active during the medieval period, as is demonstrated by the very beautiful monuments from this period that are still visible. Don't hesitate to lose yourself in the heart of Tallinn, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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What's included

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 24 hour room service (special selection)
- Butler service (special selection)
- Free unlimited WIFI onboard
- Evening entertainment and events
- 09 Night Cruise Accommodations

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- International air ticket
- Airport transfer
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses

Price & Cost

Date	Price	Ship
24 Nov 2026	**RM 38,860**	**Le Commandant Charcot**
Prestige Stateroom (pperson)	RM 38,860	Available
12 Dec 2026	**RM 38,860**	**Le Commandant Charcot**
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