

TRAVEL NEWS with Kevin Flanagan



Nordic Odyssey

My friend, travel journalist Ed Finn, is just back from a Nordic Odyssey.

“I visited Norway, and took the famous seven-hour train from Oslo to Bergen,” Ed said, “before heading off to Gothenburg in Sweden for EuroPride.” Ed stayed at the Gothia Towers, “an amazing hotel overlooking the famous Liseberg roller coaster amusement park. The fish market and Haga area there are uber cool.”

Ed took a road trip to Charlottenberg in Sweden before discovering the wonders of Helsinki in Finland. “I stayed with Hilton Hotels in this fab spot on a beach by the Baltic Sea. I’d highly recommend any of your readers to plan their own Nordic Odyssey.”

Ed is planning a Northern lights trip to Tromsø at the Arctic Circle in November. We’ll keep you posted!

For more info: Oslo-Bergen train - www.nsb.no, Hilton Hotels - www.hilton.com, Nordic Info - www.nordicvisitor.com

Christmas Shopping in Chicago

Shop at the Christkindlmarket, Chicago’s largest open air Christmas festival. Or, for something a little more unusual head to the Holiday Market in Lincoln Park Zoo. The Zoolights festival lights up the grounds with luminous displays and holiday celebrations including light shows, ice sculpture demos and holiday shopping.

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Clodagh Dooley’s Pick of the Week: Transylvania

On the theme of skiing, two of



Ed Finn on his Nordic Odyssey

my close friends have just booked a skiing trip for after Christmas. Check out this deal from Travalue.ie. Visit Transylvania for seven nights between January and March 2019, from €869pps. Located at the foot of the Postavarul Mountain and next to a ski slope, the Ana Hotels Sport Poiana Brasov. It offers a six-day lift pass, ski equipment and six four-hour ski lessons. For adventures away from the slopes, visit the nearby medieval city of Brasov, said to be the home of Count Dracula!

For more details on this offer: www.itaa.ie/2018/09/06/ski-transylvania