

SOUTHERN SWEDEN AND DENMARK

11 days
10 nights

2
countries

travel type
Cultural



DESCRIPTION

● Day 1. Stockholm (D)

Arrival in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. Transfer from airport to your hotel. Stockholm, often called the capital of Scandinavia, consists of 14 separate islands joined by a network of bridges, and has been described as one of the most beautiful cities. Dinner and overnight in Stockholm.

● DAY 2. Stockholm (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel. Morning city tour by bus and a walking tour of Stockholm (3 h.). During the excursion you will visit two squares on Riddarholmen and Söder island, walk through the Old Town, where you will pass narrow streets and alleys of the medieval part of the city. The excursion continues through the central parts of the modern Stockholm – City Hall. Lunch at restaurant. Acquaintance of the Stockholm continues with visits to Vasa Museum and Skansen museum. Vasa museum is Scandinavia's most visited attraction. In the large ship hall stands the warship Vasa – the only remaining, intact 17th century ship in the world. The lower rig of it has been rebuilt, complete with masts, stays and shrouds. Skansen is the world's largest outdoor museum. It is a Swedish town looked like in the mid-19th century. Second part of museum includes visit of the Zoo with Nordic wild animals like the brown bear, elk and lynx. Overnight in Stockholm.

● Day 3. Stockholm – Kalmar (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel. Departure to Kalmar (440km, approx. 5 h). Stop at Näs, the birthplace of Astrid Lindgren. Visit Astrid Lindgren's childhood home, the permanent exhibition that presents her life and works and walk in the gardens – “a fairy tale without end”. Lunch at restaurant. Further drive to Kalmar. Arrival at Kalmar, small but cozy and beautiful port town, one of the oldest Swedish cities. Visit at Kalmar's biggest attraction, the Kalmar Slott, the castle that

withstood many over the course of a century. Today the Castle is a tourist center and museum. Overnight in Kalmar.

● Day 4. Kalmar – Malmö – Copenhagen (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel. Departure to Copenhagen (330km, approx. 5 h). Stop in Malmö. Lunch at restaurant. After lunch a canal tour in Malmö. Cruise on a boat through the canals and under the bridges and see the city how it looks from different side. The guide onboard will provide a good insight into Swedish history, important persons, and buildings. Free time to explore the old town of Malmö at your own. Do not miss Stora Torget and Lilla Torget, the city's main squares where you'll find lots of good shops and coffee-bars. Further drive to Copenhagen across The Øresund Bridge, an approximately 16 km long road and rail link between Sweden and Denmark. Overnight in Copenhagen.

● Day 5. Copenhagen (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel. After breakfast morning Copenhagen city tour (approx. 3 hours) is an excellent way to see main highlights of the city including Christiansborg Palace, home to the Danish Parliament, the Old Stock Exchange, Royal Theatre, Tivoli Gardens, the colorful harbor district of Nyhavn and Amalienborg Palace – Winter residence of the Royal Family to see the changing of the Guard and followed by a stop by world-famous Little Mermaid, inspired by H. C. Andersen's fairytale. Lunch at restaurant. In the afternoon we leave Copenhagen and head north, for almost a whole hour, the coastline of Sweden follows us. We drive through the magnificent Danish countryside and pass the coastline to Helsingør and Kronborg Castle. It is quite easy to understand why William Shakespeare chose Kronborg Castle as the setting for his famous play 'Hamlet'. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings and feel the atmosphere taken through the Chapel and the Knights' Hall (the longest room in Northern Europe) and the dark casemates. Transfer back to Copenhagen. Free evening and overnight in Copenhagen.

● Day 6. Copenhagen – Roskilde – Odense – Århus (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel. Departure to Århus (310 km, approx. 5 h). Stop in Roskilde. Short walk through the old streets to the Royal Dome. Visit at the Dome and continue to the famous Viking Ship Museum just a few minutes outside the town. Further drive to Odense. Stop for lunch. Afternoon walking tour of the old Odense, along Odense River through the old town, with narrow cobbled streets and small low-ceilinged houses. Tour includes visits to the gothic Saint Canute's cathedral, the only example of true Gothic architecture in Denmark and to the H. C. Andersen museum. The museum exhibits paper cuttings, drawings and many of his personal belongings. Arrival in Århus late in the evening. Overnight in Århus.

● Day 7. Århus (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Morning city tour of Aarhus introduces you to the main city's sights. During th tour you will drive through the city's old and picturesque streets out to the Aarhus harbor and on to the south part of the city, passing Marselisborg Palace, the summer residence of the Danish royal family, and the Marselisborg Memorial Park. Tour includes as well Aarhus University, the City Hall, Concert Hall Aarhus, the 'Den Gamle By' (The Old Town), Scandinavian Congress Center. Free time and overnight in Århus.

● Day 8. Århus – Frederikshavn – Gothenburg (B, D)

Breakfast at hotel. Departure to Frederikshavn (190 km, approx. 3 h). Transfer to the cruise harbor and cruise to Gothenburg by ferry (100 km, approx. 4,5 h). Arrival to Gothenburg, the country's second largest city. Transfer to hotel. Dinner and overnight in Gothenburg.

● Day 9. Gothenburg (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel. Morning sightseeing tour around Gothenburg includes the city's most important historical, cultural and contemporary sights as Göta Square, Concert Hall, Art Museum, City Theatre, Opera House. You will visit the oldest part of the city – Haga, with its beautifully preserved timber houses, boutique shops, pleasant cafés and Skansen Kronan, a small and lovely fortress, built in the 1600's, now houses a military museum. Our tour ends at the Feskekörka (the "Fish Church"), the Fish Market, that looks like a church from the outside. Though inside the market you'll find a range of artisan fishmongers and excellent seafood restaurants. Lunch at restaurant. Afternoon free at your disposal. You can Go shopping on the "Avenyn", Gothenburg's main street, visit the Botanical garden or the Museum of Fine Art, go on the rides at Liseberg – the biggest amusement park in all of Scandinavia, or choose other activity. Overnight in Gothenburg.

● Day 10. Gothenburg – Örebro – Stockholm (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel. Departure to Stockholm (485 km, approx. 7 h). The route passes areas with typical Scandinavian scenery and thick forests, which will evoke the atmosphere of the fairy-tales of Trolls, lakes, as well as agricultural areas. Stop for lunch at Örebro town. After lunch visit at Örebro Castle, a medieval castle fortification, standing in the centre of modern Örebro town, surrounded by a moat. Built for defense and once was used as prison, during the Vasa era it was rebuilt as a magnificent, royal castle. Further drive to Stockholm. Check-in at the hotel. Overnight in Stockholm.

● Day 11. Stockholm (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to airport. Departure.