

SOUTHERN SWEDEN AND DENMARK

11 days
10 nights

2
countries

travel type
Cultural

This is a trip through the charming fairy tale-like Scandinavian province, where you will discover a laid-back atmosphere and culture of smaller towns, as well as highlights of the Swedish and Danish capitals:

- Odense – the town of H. C. Andersen, the Royal Dome in Roskilde (UNESCO Heritage site), Aarhus and Gothenburg – the second major cities in Denmark and Sweden both combining the lively atmosphere of a modern and cosmopolitan city with the charm of a small town.
- Visit some great castles, including the Kronborg Castle (also known as Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' castle) and the Danish Royal Residence – Frederiksborg Castle.
- The most beautiful capitals of Scandinavia – Copenhagen and Stockholm.

DESCRIPTION

● Day 1, Stockholm

Arrival in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. Transfer from airport to your hotel. Enjoy the city on your own. 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.

Meals: D Overnight: Stockholm

● Day 2, Stockholm

Highlights: Stockholm city tour, Vasa museum During the morning Stockholm City tour 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. Acquaintance of the Stockholm continues with visit to Vasa Museum, the 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. Meals: B + L Overnight: Stockholm

● Day 3, Stockholm – Kalmar

Highlights: museum of Astrid Lindgren, Kalmar Castle Morning departure to Kalmar. Stop en route 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". Afternoon arrival in Kalmar, a 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. Meals: B+L Overnight: Kalmar

● Day 4, Kalmar – Malmo – Copenhagen

Highlights: boat tour in Malmo, crossing the Oresund Bridge In the morning we head to Copenhagen and make a stop to take a canal tour in the Swedish summer capital – Malmo.

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 Oresund Bridge, an approximately 16 km long road and rail link between Sweden and Denmark. Meals: B+L Overnight: Copenhagen

● Day 5, Copenhagen

Highlights: Copenhagen city tour, Kronborg Castle Morning Copenhagen city tour 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. In the afternoon we leave Copenhagen and head north to see "the Danish Riviera", We drive along the coastline of Sweden, 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). Meals: B+L Overnight: Copenhagen

● Day 6, Copenhagen – Roskilde – Odense – Aarhus

Highlights: Odense city tour, H. C. Andersen museum, Roskilde city tour, Royal Dome in Roskilde, Viking Ship Museum Morning departure to Aarhus and stop in Roskilde. Short walk through the old streets to the Royal Dome – the UNESCO Heritage site. Visit at the Dome and continue to the famous Viking Ship Museum just a few minutes outside the town. Further drive to Odense. Afternoon walking tour of Odense, along Odense River through the old town, with narrow cobbled streets and small low-ceiling houses. Tour includes visits to the Gothic Saint Canute's cathedral and to the H. C. Andersen museum. The museum exhibits paper cuttings, drawings and many of his personal belongings. Arrival in Aarhus late in the evening. Meals: B+L Overnight: Aarhus

● Day 7, Aarhus

Highlights: Aarhus city tour Spend the day in Aarhus, the second-largest city in Denmark with a perfectly preserved old town. It combines a lively atmosphere of a modern and cosmopolitan city with a charm of a small town. During the morning city tour you will see the city's old town and other the major sights, i.e. summer residence of the Danish royal family, the Aarhus University and the City Hall. Meals: B Overnight: Aarhus

● Day 8, Aarhus – Frederikshavn – Gothenburg

Highlights: cruise between Denmark and Sweden Morning departure to Frederikshavn, where you take a cruise to the Swedish city Gothenburg. Free evening in Gothenburg, Sweden second largest city. Meals: B Overnight: Gothenburg

● Day 9, Gothenburg

Highlights: Gothenburg city tour Morning sightseeing tour around Gothenburg includes the city's most 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 and Skansen Kronan, a small and lovely fortress, housing a military museum. Our tour ends at the Feskekörka (the "Fish Church") and the Fish Market, where you'll find a range of artisan fishmongers and excellent seafood restaurants. Afternoon free at your disposal. You can choose between many activities like shopping on the "Avenyn", Gothenburg's main street, visiting

the Botanical garden, the Museum of Fine Art or going on the rides at Liseberg – the biggest amusement park in all of Scandinavia. Meals: B+L Overnight: Gothenburg

● Day 10, Gothenburg – Örebro – Stockholm

Highlights: Örebro Castle Morning departure to Stockholm. 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 and visit at Örebro Castle, a medieval castle fortification. Built for defense and once was used as prison, during the Vasa era it was rebuilt as a magnificent, royal castle. Free evening in Stockholm. Meals: B+L Overnight: Stockholm

● Day 11, Stockholm

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to airport. Departure.