

- **Museums (5)**

- » **Skansen Open Air Museum**

Djurgårdsslätten 49-51

Founded in 1891, Skansen is one of the major attractions in Stockholm. See some 150 houses and farmsteads assembled here from all over Sweden. Meet Nordic animals at the Zoo, "Mini-Skansen" and summer concerts. Enjoy Swedish traditional festivals, theme days and the famous Christmas market.

Vision, mission and strategic objectives

Agreed by the Skansen Board on 19th February 2008

Vision

Skansen shall be a world-class, open-air museum, enjoyed by all and accessible to everyone.

Mission

The Skansen open-air museum's mission involves pursuing the following tasks with focus on our visitors:

- Providing insights into Sweden's heritage and natural history relative to the present day and with an eye on the future. Popular education will have a fundamental place in Skansen's operations.
- Portraying life and nature in Sweden principally from the 18th century onwards as accurately as possible based on well-documented knowledge. Skansen shall conserve the collections of buildings and physical objects as well as species of plants and animals. Skansen shall also help to preserve:

(a) The diversity of the Swedish heritage with an emphasis on silent knowledge, customs, traditions and crafts.

(b) Biological diversity with the emphasis on Scandinavian animals and plants.

- Act as an engaging and enjoyable national meeting place and an arena independent of political or religious affiliations for diverse cultural manifestations. Skansen shall conserve and develop the site and its buildings as both a natural and a historical environment. And Skansen shall promote opportunities for all visitors to meet regardless of age or background.

Within the framework of its mission, Skansen shall, without detriment to its independence, quality and credibility, create a financial base that allows it to develop from its own resources. This will include active participation in a diversity of national and international collaboration.

The expression "focus on our visitors" is a promise to visitors that entails the following aspects:

- Skansen will confirm and develop its position as a major attraction for a large and diverse public of all ages and from all nations.
- Skansen's visitors will always be offered a diversity of events of the highest quality and shall be well received. At the end of their visit they should feel pleased and eager to recommend Skansen to other people, as well as wanting to return themselves.
- All Skansen staff shall "focus on our visitors" and shall actively help to ensure visitor satisfaction.

Website

- » **Stockholm City Museum**

Ryssgården

A classic stop on any museum tour. All the basics and many interesting details about Stockholm can be found on the different floors of this historic building. The architecture alone is worth the visit. The exhibits focus on the city's development from the middle ages where sickness and poverty prevailed, to the bustling multifaceted city it is today. A rewarding experience located in a lovely part of town. Close to the famous "Gotgatan", where food of every variety is consumed, books are read and debated and umbrellas are sold in the rain.

The museum is centrally located in Stockholm at Slussen. Admission: FREE

Visiting address

Ryssgården, Slussen

Phone: +46 (0)8-508 31 600

Address for taxi access:

Peter Myndes backe 6.

Underground station: Slussen

Buses: 2, 3, 43, 53, 55, 76

Parking

Parking is available close-by at the OK garage on Katarinavägen.

Note to visitors

Photographs may not be taken inside the museum (except in "Torget" – the children's activity room). If you want to take photographs in the museum please ask at the reception desk.

Visitors are not allowed to picnic in the museum. The designated picnic area is reserved for school visits.

Baggage can be deposited in the cloakroom lockers. Unfortunately we have no possibility to deposit neither suitcases nor backpacks.

Domestic animals (dogs and cats and other pets) may not be taken into the museum.

Website

» The Jewish Museum

Hälsingegatan 2

The Jewish Museum in Stockholm is the only one of its kind in the Nordic countries. The permanent exhibitions show unique objects and settings that gives an account of the lives and traditions of Jews.

Free admission to The Jewish Museum with the Stockholm à la Carte card!

General information

Address: Hälsingegatan 2

Phone: +46(0)8 31 01 43

Bus: 4, 47

Subway: Odenplan

Website (only Sweden): www.judiska-museet.a.se

» The Royal Mews Museum

Väpnargatan

At the Royal Mews, Stockholm, you will find the finest collection in the world of 19th century carriages. The most famous one is the Seven-Glass-Coach. See also the magnificent horses and their gilded bridles. Guided tours only. Tours start at 14.00 and are maximized to the 30 persons first in line.

Free admission to the Royal Mews with the Stockholm à la Carte card!

General information

Address: Väpnargatan

Phone: +46(0)8 402 61 06

Bus: 47, 62, 69, 76

Subway: Östermalmstorg

Website: www.kungahuset.se

» The Vasa Museum

Galarvarvsvägen 14

Ahoy! The almighty pirate ship be all you need to see on your trip. HARRR! Well it's not really a pirate ship but it's as close to it as you'll get. This is the museum that displays the warship Vasa from 1628 when the world looked a whole lot different.

On August 10, 1628, she set sail for the first time. A sudden gust of wind caused her to list so that water poured

in through the lowest tier of open gun ports. She sank ridiculously quickly. This was supposed to have been the mightiest ship, and to have strengthened Sweden's command of the Baltic. Instead she sank in 100 feet of water.

This was an enormous blow to the naval ego and to the king who had decided upon the dimensions of the ship. So there it lay until 1956, when it was decided upon to try and salvage the historic monument.

This is Scandinavias' most popular museum. The smell of the sea air, the exhibits about the old Vasa crew and much more have inspired people for decades. For those wishing to scurvy back in time and let themselves be swept away to a world of dangerous oceans and embarrassing incidents then this is a must.

General information

Address: Galärvarvsvägen 14
Phone: +46(0)8 519 548 00
Bus: 44,47 or 69
Subway: Karlaplan or T-Centralen
Website: www.vasamuseet.se

• **Shops, Tours (5)**

» **[Absolut Ice Bar](#)**

Vasaplan 4

Experience Absolut Icebar Stockholm - the world's first permanent ice bar. Here, the temperature is -5°C all year round and the entire interior including the glasses, is made from 100% pure clear ice from the Torne River in Swedish Lapland.

You can book your visit to the icebar for between 1 and 60 people. Your 40 minute visit includes a warm cape, gloves, an ice-cool feeling of exhilaration and an Absolut Vodka cocktail of your choice from our drinks menu, served in an ice glass!

You can also take home a keepsake to remind you your visit to the icebar. At the entrance to Absolut Icebar Stockholm in the lobby of Nordic Sea Hotel, you will find a shop with selected souvenirs from the icebar and from Stockholm!

Entrance fee

- Online pre-booked sessions: SEK 170 per person.
- Pre-booked session on sight or by telephone: SEK 180 per person.
- Drop-in sessions: SEK 195 per person.
- Guests staying at Nordic Sea Hotel: SEK 150 per person.

It's a good idea to hold on to your glass after your first cocktail, as a refill only costs SEK 95 . All prices include VAT.

Book online - get a discount!

Book Absolut Icebar Stockholm You can book your visit by our online booking system, 24 hours a day or by calling +46 8 50 56 31 24.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept bookings by email. Please note that we can only hold your place for 10 minutes after the start of the session you have booked, unless you contact us and make a special arrangement.

Opening hours

Autumn/winter/spring (september 16 – may 31)

Sun-Thu: 16.30 - 00.00

Fri-Sat: 15.00 - 01.00 (Drop-in from 21.45)

Summer (june 1 - september 15)

Sun-Wed: 12.45 - 00.00

Thu-Sat: 12.45 - 01.00 (Drop-in from 21.45)

Opening hours and the entrance fee might be subjects to change on public holidays. April 21 - 28, Absolut Icebar Stockholm is closed and will open again on April 29.

Location

The entrance to Absolut Icebar Stockholm is located at Nordic Sea Hotel, at Vasaplan 4, in the centre of Stockholm.

» [Boat tours](#)

Svensksundsvägen 17

The first guided boat tours in Stockholm began way back in the 1930s. The boats sailed from the quay in front of the beautiful City Hall and the tours became popular with locals who wanted to see their city from the water and visiting tourists alike. Today's boats are thoroughly modernised and offer a variety of tours through the city's canals and locks. Modern technology enables us to offer daily guided tours in ten different languages, some of which are narrated by Sweden's most popular authors, writers and entertainers.

But some things never change. The classic mahogany beauty of the M/S Stegeholm still cruises gently along the more than 750 year-old waterways of Stockholm, and we can all still enjoy being on the water and taking a boat ride "Under the bridges of Stockholm".

Under the Bridges of Stockholm

If you're looking to see Stockholm from the water, this is the tour for you.

Step aboard and let us guide you to the most famous parts of the city.

We'll travel under fifteen bridges and pass through two locks connecting the Baltic Sea with Lake Mälaren.

We will pass many of the city's sights as we slide by the different parts of Stockholm. Outside the window you will see the inner city, the Old Town, the islands Södermalm, Lilla and Stora Essingen, the new area Hammarby Sjöstad and the green areas of Djurgården.

This boat tour is a perfect sightseeing trip when visiting Stockholm. Get a feel for the islands making Stockholm such a beauty on water. A truly beautiful and memorable tour!

Royal Canal Tour

We're taking you on a tour through the greener parts of Stockholm.

Leaving the inner city behind, we'll pass beautiful and famous buildings as we enter the peaceful Djurgården canal. When we head home, a fabulous view of the Stockholm skyline opens up – only to be seen from the water!

Historical Canal Tour

A journey through Stockholm's past! We'll take you from the City Hall and around the second largest island, Kungsholmen.

Travelling through narrow canals, past leafy shorelines and many interesting buildings, you will learn all about the history of this beautiful city and its development from early industrial to modern times.

[For more information and tours visit this website:](#)

<http://www.stromma.se/en/Sightseeing/Stockholm/Boat-tours/>

Strömma Turism & Sjöfart AB, Svensksundsvägen 17, 111 49 Stockholm Sweden (headquarter, no ticket sales) | E-post: sightseeing@stromma.se

» [Hop-on Hop-off Tour](#)

Kungsträdgården

Create your own itinerary on a Stockholm City Hop-on Hop-off Tour. Travel on an open-top double-decker bus as you see the sights of Stockholm at your own pace. You can get on and off the bus as often as you like at the 14 designated bus stops along the route and your ticket is valid 24 hours.

Commentary is available in eight different languages (English, Swedish, Italian, German, French, Spanish, Russian, Japanese and Finnish) through individual headphones. The Stockholm City Hop-on Hop-off Tour departs every 30 minutes, increasing to every 18 minutes during the peak season. Stops include:

- * Sweden House - Stockholm's largest tourist agency and visitor center
- * Fjaderholm and Djurgarden Boats - pier for boats to the closest islands in the archipelago, the Fjaderholm islands
- * Vasa Museum
- * Skansen - open air museum, containing historic buildings, a zoo, terrarium, folk dance performances and more
- * Djurgardsbron - the Historical Museum where you can visit the gold room and other collections
- * Stureplan - popular meeting in Stockholm, but also one of Stockholm's shopping centres
- * Stockholm Palace with Palace Church
- * Mynttorget opposite the parliament building and the Royal Palace
- * Sightseeing boats
- * Gustav Adolf Square, with the Royal Opera
- * City Hall
- * The Malaren boats - boats depart from there to the Drottningholm palace, to the former Viking settlement at Birka, and to Skokloster
- * Central Station
- * Kulturhuset - Stockholm's cultural centre.

Schedule Details

Departs:

Seasonal

March 20 to May 04
Friday, Saturday and Sunday

May 05 to October 19
Daily

October 24 to December 31
Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Departure Point:

You may board and redeem your voucher on the bus at any of the 14 stops throughout the city.
Departure Time: March 20 to May 30
10:00am - 4:00pm every 30 minutes

May 31 to June 22
10:00am - 4:00pm every 18 minutes

June 23 to August 31
10:00am - 4:00pm every 15 minutes

September 01 to December 31
10:00am - 4:00pm every 30 minutes

Valid from the time of first use, for the duration selected.
Duration: 1 day (approx.)

[See Tour Map](#)

Hop-on Hop-off Tour

[Reservation Prices Online](#)

» [The antique and art district shops](#)

Ostermalm

Swedish officers and men brought home thousands of carriage-loads of war loot from central Europe in the 17th century. In the 18th and 19th centuries rococo, Louis XVI and Empire style furniture was the latest craze among aristocrats. The two latter were translated into the much admired Gustavian style in Sweden.

Their descendants have taken good care of the family heirlooms since then and Stockholm has not been conquered by a foreign army since 1520, so very little has been destroyed.

All this has created a huge supply of antiques and an auction market for fine art and antiques that is totally disproportionate to Sweden's size. A quick look in the online catalogues from the major auction houses - Auktionsverket and Bukowskis - will tell you what is being traded and why dealers and collectors from all over the world flock to their big international auctions in May/June and November/December.

With such an enormous supply and a lively market, there are antique dealers in proportion. You will find a selection below.

And there are trade fairs of course. The biggest one is the annual Antiques Fair at the Stockholm Trade Fair in February each year with 150 exhibitors and tens of thousands of visitors. The ultra elegant Grand Antiques is held every even year in Mid-November.

Auction houses:

Auktionsverket Nybrogatan 32, 114 39 Stockholm, Phone: +46 (0)8 453 67 50, www.auktionsverket.se is the world's oldest auction house - established in 1674. They have auctions more than 75 days per year, trading 60.000 objects from world class fine art to second hand stuff. Internation Auctions twice a year, so called city auctions every second week with illustrated on-line catalogues. Info on their site.

Bukowskis Arsenalsgatan 5, 111 47 Stockholm, Phone: +46 (0)8 614 08 00, www.bukowskis.se is the market leader in fine arts and antiques. This is where you turn heirlooms into cash when your manor needs a new roof and your bank account has dried up. Their subsidiary Auktionskompaniet at Regeringsgatan 47 (next to NK) takes care of the lesser objects.

Specialized auctions:

Kaplans auktioner Biblioteksgatan 5, 111 46 Stockholm, Phone: +46(0)8 545 016 00 www.kaplan.se specializes in jewellery and watches.

W.A. Bolin AB Stureplan 6, 114 35 Stockholm, Phone: +46(0)8 545 077 70 specializes in exclusive jewellery. Established in 1796 in St Petersburg, the company has been court jeweller to four Russian czars and three Swedish kings.

Ahlströms Myntauktioner Norrmalmstorg 1, 111 46 Stockholm, Phone: +46(0)8 10 10 10. Specializing in coins banknotes, medals and orders of distinction.

Antique and fine art dealers

Note: dealers with underlined address are all within a few blocks of each other in the eastern central part of Stockholm, so this area is convenient for browsing.

Afrodite Antik Odengatan 92 113 22 Stockholm +46(0)8 31 75 00

J.M. Alfort Antikhandel Sibyllegatan 47, 114 42 Stockholm +46(0)8 660 63 15 jorgen@alfort.bonnier.se. Specialising in Swedish furniture and decorative items 1750-1830. Call for appointment.

Antikaffären Ariadne Köpmangatan 22 (Old Town) 111 31 Stockholm +46(0)8 411 85 35

Antikt & Modernt Upplandsgatan 44 113 28 Stockholm +46(0)8 30 74 31

Antique Maps & Prints, C.E Thomas Köpmantorget 2 (Old Town) 111 31 Stockholm +46(0)8 10 73 01

Apollo Antik- & Konsthandel Tegnérsgatan 5 111 40 Stockholm +46(0)8 21 90 98
One of Sweden's largest store. Glass, porcelain, art, jewellery, silver, furniture.

Award Antik Karlavägen 15 114 31 Stockholm +46(0)8 611 27 07

Bacchus Antik Upplandsgatan 46 113 28 Stockholm +46(0)8 30 54 80

M. Berglöfs Antivitetshandel Kommendörsgatan 14, 114 48 Stockholm +46(0)8 667 33 05 berglofs.antik@tele2.se. Old Master paintings, 17th and 18th century furniture and mirrors, art deco and modernism.

Lars Broberg Antikhandel Grev Turegatan 56, 114 38 Stockholm +46(0)8 660 40 26
mariaulrikabroberg@hotmail.com. Helping several museums to build major collections of furniture, art and objects from the 16th century to 1840.

Björn Kreuters Konst & Antikhandel Köpmangatan 18 (Old Town) 111 31 Stockholm +46(0)8 21 03 33

Bord och Stol i Stockholm Upplandsgatan 42 114 40 Stockholm +46(0)8 30 84 14

Carlén Antikviteter Upplandsgatan 40 113 28 Stockholm +46(0)8 31 34 01

Charlott's Antik Gamla Smycken Odengatan 54 113 22 Stockholm +46(0)8 34 57 97

Dala Antiktjänst Dalagatan 36 113 24 Stockholm +46(0)8 32 12 02

Domino Antik Upplandsgatan 25 113 60 Stockholm +46(0)8 33 78 58

Lars Edelstam Konst & Antikviteter Linnégatan 26, 114 47 Stockholm +46(0)8 611 49 80 www.edelstam-antik.se
Specialising in Swedish gustavian furniture and decorative objects.

Epok Odengatan 83 113 22 Stockholm +46(0)8 34 13 40

Förr eller Senare... Skomakargatan 24 111 29 Stockholm +46(0)8 10 25 23

Gamla klockor Roslagsgatan 22 113 55 Stockholm +46(0)8 15 26 36

Galleri Frenberg Nybrogatan 48, 114 40 Stockholm +47(0)8 661 29 01. www.frenberg.nu. Specialising in
carpets, both oriental and Swedish.

Gamla lampor Nybrogatan 3 114 34 Stockholm +46(0)8 611 90 35

Hagelins Antik Karlavägen 22 114 31 Stockholm +46(0)8 678 35 25

Hopareboden Österlånggatan 31 111 31 Stockholm +46(0)8 10 75 30

Jackson Design Sibyllegatan 53 114 43 Stockholm +46(0)8 665 33 50 www.jacksons.se. Specialists in
Scandinavian design from 1880-1980.

L.Y. Johansson Smycken och Antik Kommendörsgatan 20B 102 48 Stockholm. lars-y.johansson@bredband.net
Jewellery, silver, furniture and decorative objects from rococo to empire style.

Karla Antik & Inredning Karlavägen 71 114 49 Stockholm +46(0)8 660 74 73

Kenth Lindströms Moderna & Antika AB Roslagsgatan 7 113 55 Stockholm +46(0)8 612 29 90

Knutsson Antik- o. Konsthandel Kommendörsgatan 9 114 48 +46(0)8 660 81 70

Lundgrens Antikhandel Kommendörsgatan 20A 114 48 Stockholm ian@lundgrensantik.nu. Chandeliers, furniture,
art and objects from the 17th to 19th centuries. International clientel.

Medusa Antik Kåkbrinken 10 111 27 Stockholm +46(0)8 23 90 35

Modernity Sibyllegatan 6 114 42 Stockholm +46(0)8 20 80 25 www.modernity.se. 20th century design by major
Scandinavian designers.

Moser & Klang Konsthandel Riddargatan 12 114 35 Stockholm, +46(0)8 611 55 16, Scandinavian art by major
artists from 1880-1930.

Mästerby Antik Roslagsgatan 9 113 55 Stockholm +46(0)8 612 53 60

Norrmalms Uppköpsaffär AB Roslagsgatan 19 113 55 Stockholm +46(0)8 15 70 24

Nostalgalatset S:t Eriksgatan 101 113 31 Stockholm +46(0)8 34 00 61

Novara Guld Silver Antik AB Karlavägen 59 114 49 Stockholm +46(0)8 661 67 00

Ostindiska Kompaniet Linnégatan 19 114 47 Stockholm +46(0)8 667 28 25

Polstjernen Arsenalsgatan 5 111 47 Stockholm +46(0)8 611 39 73

Rehns Antikhandel Sibyllegatan 26 114 42 Stockholm +46(0)8 663 34 51 rehns@telia.com. Swedish and
international art and antiques.

Kurt Ribbhagen Birger Jarlsgatan 13, 111 45 Stockholm. +46(0)8 545 07 860. Specialising in silver, jewellery and
gemstones, new or antique.

Skajs Antikhandel Lästmakargatan 6, 111 44 Stockholm +46(0)8 611 76 80 mikael.skaj@telia.com. Specialising in
Swedish antiques from the 18th century.

Steven Harrison Antik Karlavägen 74 114 59 Stockholm 08-661 87 12

Antik Inger o. Dan Roslagsgatan 21 113 55 Stockholm +46(0)8 15 80 24

Thunér Antikhandel Sibyllegatan 45 114 42 Stockholm +46(0)8 662 52 28 info@thunerantikhandel.com. Swedish objects from 1750 to 1830 mainly furniture and mirrors.

Tropius Antik AB Nybrogatan 42 114 40 Stockholm +46(0)8 662 33 37 wahlstrom.antik@telia.com. Specialising in empire style furniture art and objects. Exquisite exhibition.

Wasa Antik Upplandsgatan 66 113 44 +46(0)8 33 00 80

Wigerdals Värld Upplandsgatan 24 113 60 Stockholm +46(0)8 31 64 04

Viking Antikhandel Grev Turegatan 46 102 42 Stockholm +46(0)8 510 139 38. Specialising in manorial interior objects and furniture.

J P Willborg Sibyllegatan 41 114 42 Stockholm 08-783 02 65 www.jpwillborg.com. Antique carpets, textiles and african art.

P.S.T Windahl Fine Oriental Antiquities and Works of Art Storkyrkobrinken 3, (Old Town) 111 28 Stockholm, pw@nordisk-kommunikation.com. Chinese art with emphasis on the Song-dynasty.

Wirén B E Kindstugatan 13 (Old Town) 111 31 Stockholm +46(0)8 411 26 24

Vita Valvet Antik Odengatan 90 113 22 Stockholm +46(0)8 32 82 05

Zedell Konst o Antikvitetshandel Köpmangatan 3 (Old Town) 111 31 Stockholm +46(0)8 21 02 39

Åmells Birger Jarlsgatan 14, 114 34 Stockholm +46(0)8 611 41 93www.amells.com. If power shopping is your plan, this is the place. Sweden's leading dealer in fine art by old masters and Scandinavian turn-of-the century painters.

Gudrun Ödman Antikhandel Grev Turegatan 45 114 38 Stockholm +46(0)8 660 78 51.
<http://www.gudrunodmann.com> Focus on Swedish gustavian furniture and decorative objects from the 18th > century until 1840, as well as selected charming artifacts from later dates.

Östermalms Fyndmarknad Karlavägen 89 115 22 Stockholm +46(0)8 662 74 38

» [The Gröna Lund Tivoli](#)

Allmänna Gränd, Djurgården

Gröna Lund is the funniest place in Stockholm! Gröna Lund has been the tivoli of Stockholm since 1883. Experience the thrills of the highest Free Fall in Europe, the view from 80 meters is breathtaking! Don't miss the thrilling Roller-coaster and the Catapult. There are also many attractions for small kids and plenty of restaurants and cafés.

Free admission to The Gröna Lund Tivoli with the Stockholm à la Carte card.

General information

Address: Allmänna Gränd, Djurgården

Phone: +46(0)8 587 501 00

Bus: 44, 47

Tram: The Djurgårdslinjen Trams

[Website: www.gronalund.com](http://www.gronalund.com)

• [Arch. Sites](#) (4)

» [City Hall](#)

Hantverkargatan 1

From the City Hall, which is the main symbol for the capital of Sweden, the City of Stockholm is being governed. Around 200 politicians and civil servants have their offices in this building.

The City Hall of Stockholm is one of the most beautiful and well known buildings in the world and the most exclusive ballroom in Stockholm, frequently used for e.g. the yearly Nobel Banquet. Behind the brick walls, several different activities take place.

The City Hall is known for its hospitality, its unique art treasures, magnificent banquettes and an intriguing history attracting close to 400,000 visitors a year.

In the City Hall of Stockholm civil marriage can be arranged.

Guided tours of the City Hall

Welcome to experience one of Sweden's most interesting and impressive buildings with a guided tour! Tours are available daily in Swedish and English at 10am and 12noon for individuals with no advance reservation, all the year round. During certain periods of the year tours are available more frequently and also in other languages.

Since the only way to visit City Hall is by taking part in a guided tour, the City Hall does not have general opening hours, but is only open for visitors when there is a guided tour. For more information about public tours, please visit the page "Public tours" in the menu to the left.

If there are more than 10 people in your group it is necessary to book a private guide, since the number of tickets to the public tours is limited. Read more about private bookings on the page "Private tours" in the menu to the left.

The guided tour takes approximately 45 minutes and goes through the official part of the City Hall, for example to the Blue Hall and the Golden Hall, from a historical, architectural and cultural point of view.

In addition to the guided tours arranged by City Hall's own staff, authorized Stockholm guides are allowed to bring tour groups into the premises.

If you have a group that is interested in having your own guided tour of City Hall you can book a private tour. Groups of more than 10 people must have a guide of their own since the number of tickets for public tours is limited. Private tours are primarily conducted in Swedish or English but it's possible to arrange private tours in other languages as well - please ask.

Private guided tours are conducted daily, during daylight hours from Monday to Sunday. Guided tours may only be booked at the start of the hour e.g. 09:00, 11:00 etc. The last time of the day available for a booking is 4pm.

Website: <http://www.stockholm.se/-/English/The-City-Hall-/>

» [**House of Parliament**](#)

Sveriges riksdag

Well the name of the place is pretty self explanatory, but why go see it? The truth is, when Sweden decided to skip the whole "The King Rules the Nation" bit, it also decided that a governing body was in order and this building happens to be where all the decision-making officially takes place today. Of course we all know that most decisions take place on the golf -course but this building nonetheless offers a satisfactory and viable option to putting.

There are bleachers in the main hall open to the public, so listening in on a debate is easy. Although if it's not a matter of life and death, most representative chairs will be empty. Of course there is something oddly poetic about watching a politician speaking to an enormous and almost empty hall.

The building itself is situated right between the centre of town and the Old Town, on an architectural pedestal surrounded by water. The beautiful surroundings and friendly staircases that can be found outside and around the building offer many locals a place to sunbathe, eat ice cream and write heated letters to political figures. Basically this is one of the city's favorite places for loitering, you never know who you'll see.

General information

Address: Sveriges riksdag

Subway: Gamla Stan or T-Centralen

Website: www.riksdagen.se

» [**Old Town**](#)

Gamla Stan

This is where it all started 750 years ago - on the small Old Town Island, barely 500 meters in diameter. A great

place for a leisurely walk. Several of the city's major sights are here too - the Royal Palace with the Crown Jewel Exhibition, the Royal Armoury and the Tre Kronor Museum, the Cathedral from the mid-13th century and the House of Nobility. Other sights include the 16th century German Church, the Nobel Museum and the Royal Coin Cabinet.

Stockholm has not been involved in any war since 1520, so there has been no destruction by wars. The streets still follow the medieval layout, but numerous buildings have been added, re-built or extended, particularly in the 17th century when Sweden was one of Europe's major military powers and the centre of a vast empire that encompassed the whole of the Baltic Sea coastline. Most historic buildings date from that time, so Stockholm's Old Town has a distinct 17th century look and feel.

If you follow the two semi-circular shopping streets Västerlånggatan and Österlånggatan, you will walk the route that once went along the medieval city-wall. They connect at Järntorget (The Iron Market), once the world's #1 place for re-loading of iron, mined in central Sweden. On the square is also the old building for the Bank of Sweden, where the world's first bank-notes were printed.

Don't miss the interesting alleys that cross these streets. There is lots to explore here. Köpmangatan runs between the Great Market and Österlånggatan and is lined with antique shops.

Adjacent to the Old Town are two other small islands. To the west Riddarholmen (The Island of Knights) with the Riddarholmen church from the 1280ies and to the north Helgeandsholmen (The Island of the Holy Spirit) with the Parliament building.

» [The Royal Palace](#)

Slottsbacken

With 608 rooms, the Stockholm Royal Palace is the biggest palace in the world still used by a head of state - King Carl XVI Gustav. The palace houses several of the greatest and most interesting sights in Stockholm - the Royal Apartments, the Hall of State, the Apartments of the Orders of Chivalry, the Treasury, the Tre Kronor Palace Museum, the Armoury and the Museum of Antiquities of Gustav III. The Changing of the Guards ceremony takes place Wednesdays and Saturdays at 12.15 and on Sundays and public holidays at 13.15.

The palace has been built on top of the foundations of a previous medieval castle - Tre Kronor (Three Crowns), dating back to the mid 13th century - which was ravaged by fire in 1697. The remnants of the old castle can be seen in the Tre Kronor Palace Museum. The construction of the new palace lasted for 57 years, from 1697 to 1754 and was the largest single construction project in Europe during this time. The Royal Apartments are magnificent, ranging in style from baroque to rococo to Gustavian neo-classicism and on to the eclectic styles of the 19th century.

Free admission with the Stockholm à la Carte card to the Royal Palace, The Hall of State, The Royal Apartments, The Apartments of the Orders of Chivalry, The Royal Armoury and The Royal Palace Tre Kronor Museum!

General information

Address: Slottsbacken
Phone: +46(0)8 402 61 30
Bus: 2, 3, 43, 55, 59, 76
Subway: Gamla stan

Website: www.kungahuset.se

• [Churches \(3\)](#)

» [Adolf Fredrik's Church](#)

Hollandargatan 16

In former times there was a wooden chapel on the site now occupied by the Church of Adolf Fredrik. St Olofs' chapel had been built in 1674 on a former burial-ground.

The Church of Adolf Fredrik was designed by the architect Carl Fredrik Adelkrantz and built between 1768 and 1774. It was named after King Adolf Fredrik, who laid the foundation stone.

The church is in the shape of a Greek cross with extended arms to the east and west. It was built in the spirit of neo-classicism with elements of the rococo.

The interior is dominated by the linked pilaster columns supporting a heavy and continuous cornice which extends around the room. The windows are round-arched and the arms of the transept feature relatively shallow tunnel vaults. A dome is suspended above the crossing.

The exterior has remained largely unaltered since the 18th century. The interior, on the other hand, has been subject to a number of changes, chiefly in the 1890s and 1950s. The altar and pulpit, however, survive from the

earliest days of the church.

The church contains two sculptures by Johan Tobias Sergel, probably the most celebrated artist in Sweden at the time when the church was built. One of the works is the Cartesius Monument, in which Truth, symbolised by a globe, is liberated from the veil of Falsehood. King Gustaf III, who followed the building of the church with great interest, was the initiator of the work.

This monument is in honour of the French philosopher René Descartes (Cartesius) who had been attached to the Swedish court during the reign of Queen Kristina. His body lay buried in the churchyard from 1650 until 1666, when his remains were returned to his native country. The other sculpture by Sergel is the altarpiece, also commissioned by Gustaf III. It depicts Christ rising from the tomb on Easter morning.

The paintings in the dome date from 1899-1900 and are the work of Julius Kronberg. The font and the sepulchral tablet in memory of the discoverer Sven Hedin are made of Orrefors crystal and designed by Liss Eriksson. The organ was made by the organ builder Grönlund in 1966, yet its original facade has been retained.

Internal restoration of the church took place during 1996-97 under supervision of the architect Uno Söderberg. The work has included cleaning of the church walls and arches, and conservation work on the altarpiece, altar and pulpit. A chapel has been created in the south transept, making it possible to gather small groups together for church services in a more intimate atmosphere.

Two antique chandeliers, which had been removed during an earlier restoration, have been reinstalled along with a number of new gilded chandeliers specially designed by Uno Söderberg. These are intended to provide a glitter similar to that of a living flame through their interplay with the gold which can be seen around the room.

Around 1900 the church had more than 60.000 parishioners. The parish was split into three in 1906, and following extensive office development programmes in former residential areas since the Second World War, this number has been reduced to around 7.000.

Adolf Fredrik church has a rich tradition of music, providing the setting for many musical services and concerts. The church's position in the centre of Stockholm means that many of those who take part in services, musical events and other parish activities do not themselves live in the parish; they either work nearby or travel in from other parts of the city. The Church of Adolf Fredrik has thereby acquired a double function, as both a parish- and a city church.

A large number of people pass through the churchyard each day, either on their way to work or going about their daily lives. Among the many graves both old and new, there are several which usually attract attention. These include the graves of the prime ministers Hjalmar Branting and Olof Palme, and those of the actors Anders de Wahl and Thor Modéen.

General information

Address: Holländargatan 16

Phone: +46 (0)8 20 70 76

Subway: Hötorget

Website: www.adolffredrik.se/

» [St. Jacobs Church](#)

Vastra Tradgardsgatan 2

This is a church which inspires ooohs and aaahs from start to finish. The magnificent interior and beautiful exterior make it a fascinating place to visit. This is also a "user friendly" church, which is kind enough to offer services in both Swedish and English for those interested. It opened in 1643 and the bustling city has since then grown around it. Since it's situated in the centre of the city it is easy to get to and adjacent to many other interesting sites.

General information

Address: Västra Trädgårdsgatan 2

Phone: +46/0)8 723 30 38

Subway: Kungsträdgården

» [Storkyrkan, the Cathedral](#)

Trangsund 1, Gamla stan

The cathedral parish of Stockholm, situated in central Stockholm, in the very heart of the city, has many missions. The parish exists for the residents of the Gamla Stan, Clara and Jacob areas, as well as for those passing through, working in or visiting the city as a whole. Stockholm Cathedral (Storkyrkan) also fulfils a number of important roles within the diocese of Stockholm and at a national level.

The three churches, Storkyrkan, St Clara and St Jacob, run an extensive and diverse programme that includes services, music, teaching, outreach and mission work. An estimated 800,000 people visited these three churches in 2006. As well as visitors there is a huge amount of voluntary work that goes on; initiatives run by choirs, concerts and activities run by assistant organisations.

General information

Address: Trångsund 1, Gamla stan

Phone: +46(0)8 723 30 16

Bus: 2, 3, 43, 53, 55, 59, 76

Subway: Gamla stan

Website: www.stockholmsdomkyrkoforsamling.se

• Gardens, Parks (3)

» [Rosendal Garden](#)

Rosendalsterrassen 12 D

Rosendal's Garden is an open garden, with the main purpose of presenting biodynamic (organic) garden cultivation to the general public.

Other educational and cultural activities are also important, such as courses, lectures, excursions, and exhibitions on subjects like environment, horticulture, organic cooking, or garden art. Notable features of the garden are the Orchard with some hundred apple trees, many planted in the 1860s; the Wine garden with its selected hardy vines; and the magnificent Rose garden with over a hundred varieties of rare old roses.

Our plots and greenhouses yield a wide selection of biodynamically grown vegetables, flowers, herbs and pot-plants, most of it sold in the Plant Shop or the Garden Shop, or used for cooking in the Café.

In the café, we serve coffee and tea, sandwiches, pastries, and light lunch dishes, with nothing but organically grown ingredients. All bread, pies, buns, cookies and cakes come from our own Bakery, boasting a wood-fired stone oven built in 1998.

The biodynamic principles include a constant focus on quality. Besides environmental considerations in all gardening work, all produce used in our food processing is selected with utmost care. The garden crops are served at our tables, and leftovers go back to the compost heap, providing first-rate soil for next year's growth. Visitors can actually feel the continuity of a connected whole.

Since 1984, a self-supporting foundation manages the garden, without grants or subsidies. The proceeds from café, bakery, and shops directly support garden maintenance.

SOME HISTORY

Generations of gardeners at Rosendal – ¢The Rose Valley¢ in Swedish - have contributed to the fruit we reap today.

As early as the late 17th century, the area can be seen on maps as a grouping of shepherd cottages, which by the early 18th century had developed into small farms. In 1791, king Gustav III donated the manor to governor de Besche, who erected a large wooden villa. In 1817, the area was sold to Jean Baptiste Bernadotte, who later on would become Swedish king Karl XIV Johan. The grounds were cleared, drained, and laid out as an English-style park, turning it into a summer paradise.

The present palace was built by architect Fredrik Blom, finished in 1827, with an adjoining winter garden. The Rosendal palace today is a museum, one of the finest authentic empire-style interiors in the country. In 1848, king Oscar I built the orangery that is still here today (the winged round building by the rose garden). Here, the people of the Oscanian court strolled under palm trees and other exotic plants. The queen, Josefina, was an ardent garden enthusiast, and developed the gardens to include a number of greenhouses with remarkable flower beds.

Gardening at Rosendal took a new turn in 1861, when the Swedish Horticultural Society received permission from the queen to use the area. Modelled on the Royal Horticultural Society in England, the Society worked for the promotion of a "more widespread and orderly gardening in Sweden", through education and training of

gardeners, and charitable distribution of free plants, bushes, and trees to "landowners without means".

In 1878, the garden had 23,000 pot-plants of 1,000 varieties, 235,000 saplings in the tree nursery stock, plus 400 fruit-trees of many different kinds (some hundred of which still remain today in Rosendal's orchard). Not only did this serve a pedagogical purpose on the spot, but seedlings and plants were generously given to home-owners and elementary schools nationwide; over 700 young gardeners went off to work all over the country after finishing their two-year training; exhibitions and contests were arranged - all in the name of horticultural dissemination!

The training school was closed in 1911, and the Society's work at Rosendal was phased out. The old greenhouses on the terrace were pulled down and replaced by a new one. The gardening activities never entirely ceased, but took a more modest scale as the Royal Administration leased the grounds to private commercial garden centres, until it took over the plantations again in the 1960's.

General information

Directions: Ten minute walk after the last stop, follow the signs.

Phone: +46(0)8 545 812 70

Bus: 47 to last stop

Subway: T-Centralen

Website: www.rosendalstradgard.se

» [The Bergius Botanical Gardens](#)

Frescati

This garden, on the shore of Brunnsviken, will give any visitor a reason to stay outside just a little while longer. The garden has more than 100 years on its back and is now considered part of Swedish cultural heritage.

The garden's main purpose is to be a tool for education and research in the fields of botany and biology, but also to serve as a fountain of knowledge and be a recreational place for any and all visitors.

The botanical garden which is situated right by the shore, with low landscaping and trees and bushes from the northern hemisphere is a perfect place for recreation all year round. For those looking to see more exotic plants there is a Japanese pond, an exotic greenhouse and much more.

Quite frankly it's difficult not to find something beautiful in Bergius, and a visit is always a pleasant one.

General information

Address: Frescati, Stockholm

Phone: +46 (0) 8 545 91 700

Bus: 40 to Bergiusvägen

Subway: Universitetet

Homepage: www.bergianska.se (Swedish only)

» [The Ecological park](#)

Ekoparken

The world's first urban national park, consisting of a continuous stretch of greenery extending from the Fjäderholmarna islands to Djurgården, and on to Haga-Brunnsviken, Frescati and Ulriksdal.

The scenery varies between meadows, lakes, hardwood forests and park-like areas. The park is important ecologically, as it is home to a large number of plants and animals, including many species of rare birds.

The buildings and cultural landscapes found in Ekoparken reflect the development of Stockholm and Sweden since the 17th century. Swedish kings such as Karl XI and Gustav III laid the foundations for the park by establishing the Djurgården hunting grounds and the Gustavian park around Haga-Brunnsviken and Ulriksdal.

General information

Phone: +46 +46(0)8 587 140 40

Website: www.ekoparken.com

- **Ports (1)**

- » **Stockholm Port**

Stadsgården 167

All inner-city harbours are equipped for international cruise ship arrivals. Their central location makes Stockholm a unique cruise destination with city sights, museums and galleries, shopping, cafés and restaurants all within easy reach.

Piers in Stockholm:

Nybroviken 5 - Right in the city centre, 5 min walk to the Old Town.

Skeppsbron - Next to the Royal Palace in the Old Town. Walking distance to most shops and attractions.

Mooring Bouy - Right in the Old Town. Walking distance to most shops and attractions.

Stadsgården 160 - 10 min walk to the Old Town; 20 min to the city centre.

Stadsgården 165/167 - 20 min walk to the Old Town; 30 min to the city centre; 10 min by taxi or bus.

Värtahamnen 523 - 3 km; 10 min by taxi or 20 min by bus.

Frihamnen 650 - 3 km; 10 min by taxi or 20 min by bus.

Frihamnen 634/638 - 3 km; 10 min by taxi or 20 min by bus.

Passenger terminal

A dedicated cruise terminal is planned for Frihamnen and will be ready for the 2008 cruise season.

Practical Tourist information

Tourist Information Centres

Tourist Information Centres are located at Frihamnen 638 and Stadsgården 165/167 quays, and are open during cruise calls.

- The Stockholm Tourist Centre is located in Sweden House in Kungsträdgården at Hamngatan 27.

Tel: +46-8-508 285 08

City maps

Available at the quays and in Tourist Information Centres.

Shopping opportunities in port areas

Souvenir shops are located in Tourist Information Centres.

Restaurants/cafés

Frihamnen cruise terminal will have a café.

Toilets

Toilets are located next to the Tourist Information Centre in Frihamnen.

Currency exchange

Numerous currency exchange offices are located in the city centre. Euros, US dollars and credit cards are widely accepted.

ATMs/cash machines

No ATMs are available in port areas, but there are plenty in the city centre.

Internet access

Internet access is available at the Tourist Information Centres at the quays, at the Stockholm Tourist Centre and at various cafés throughout the city.

Telephones/telephone cards

These are available at Tourist Information Centres.

Post boxes

Stamps and post box services are available at Tourist Information Centres in the ports.

Transportation

Taxi to/from the City Centre to Arlanda Airport

45 minutes, approximately SEK 400–475

Taxi to/from the City Centre to the ports

Stadsgården: 10 min, approximately SEK 120

Frihamnen: 15 min, approximately SEK 150

Taxi services

Taxi Stockholm, Tel: +46-8-15 00 00, www.taxistockholm.se
Taxi 020, Tel: +46-20-20 20 20, www.taxi020.se
Taxi Transfer, Tel: +46-20-35 00 00, www.transfer.se
Taxi Kurir, Tel: +46-8-30 00 00, www.taxikurir.se
Limousine service
Freys Limousine Service, Tel: +46-8-30 91 00, www.freys.se
Car rental
Avis, Tel: + 46-31-725 67 11, www.avis.se

Buses, metro and commuter trains

Stockholm's public transport system covers the entire Stockholm region. Bus tickets must be pre-bought from a ticket machine before boarding. Ticket machines at the ports and at some city locations accept credit cards. A one-hour ticket (one zone) costs SEK 40. The Stockholm card or the SL Tourist Card entitles the holder to unlimited travel on public transport in and around Stockholm.

Bus and boat sightseeing/shuttle

Boat and bus sightseeing tours depart every 30 minutes for guided city tours, and shuttle busses stop regularly for further exploration on foot. Passes are valid for 24 hours.

Hop On Hop Off Boat Sightseeing: SEK 100, Children SEK 50

Hop On Hop Off Bus Sightseeing: SEK 220, Children SEK 50

Boat Shuttle Service: SEK 35 one way, SEK 60 return

On foot

Walk along the quayside from Stadsgården to the Old Town, guided by a blue line marked on the ground. Walk duration approx. 20 minutes. From Frihamnen, we recommend taking a bus or taxi.

Shopping

General opening hours

Weekdays: 10 am–7 pm

Saturdays: 10 am–6 pm

Sundays: 12 pm–5 pm

Tax-free shopping

Non-EU residents have tax-free shopping privileges for goods intended for use outside Sweden. Refunds are 12.5%-17.5% on every purchase over SEK 200 in shops affiliated with Global Refund. See below for information on tax-free shopping:

Tax refunds in three easy steps

1. Shopping: Shop where you see the Global Refund Tax Free Shopping sign and simply ask for your Global Refund Cheque.

2. Go through customs: On leaving the country or the EU, show your purchase, receipts and passport to customs officials and have your Global Refund Cheques validated.

3. Obtain your refund: Collect your refund in cash at a nearby Cash Refund Office, or send the cheque to Global Refund for a bank cheque sent to your address or direct crediting of your credit card.

Global Refund also boards many cruise ships on arrival in Stockholm, making VAT refunds on Swedish purchases even easier. Please contact your cruise ship staff for the latest information.

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• **Palaces, Castles** (1)

» **[Gripsholm Castle](#)**

Mariestad , Lake Maaleren

Gripsholm Castle is located in the small town of Mariestad on Lake Maaleren outside Stockholm. A stunning renaissance castle, it was first built in 1540. The castle contains exceptional Renaissance interiors as well as a theatre and the world's oldest and largest portrait collections.

Seen today along the shore of Lake Mälaren, with pleasure craft docked not too far away, Gripsholm Castle looks pleasant and peaceful. But it is actually a massively constructed brick and stone fortification, built by King Gustav Vasa (founder of the Vasa dynasty) in the 16th century as a refuge for his family in case Stockholm was attacked.

This is not the first castle on the site; an earlier castle was built in the 13th century, and even older Viking fortifications found a home here.

What would a traditional castle be without a drawbridge? This structure, complete with iron counterweights, was

designed to raise the bridge in a hurry, forcing any attacking force to contend with either the moat or, on the opposite side of the castle, Lake Mälaren itself.

Real estate agents today might say the most important factor for any home is "Location, Location, Location." While this is true, to some extent, for castles, the most obvious "castlelike" characteristic is "Security, Security, Security." After crossing the drawbridge, you confront this massive set of doors, connecting to a tunnel, then another set of doors. And if an attacking force makes it through all of this --

-- they must then fight their way through a courtyard, with protected defenders on all sides, and then face this tunnel leading into an inner courtyard. Not really visible in this dark tunnel are openings allowing defenders to do unpleasant things to unwanted visitors.

The royal family apartments are off the inner courtyard, overlooking Lake Mälaren.

The view from the top of the turrets, looking out over Lake Mälaren, is definitely quite lovely. But it is also constrained: as a fortification, Gripsholm Castle doesn't really offer convenient windows for looking out on the lake, only narrow defense portals for firing weapons at attackers.

Residents of the castle, instead, got to look out windows and see -- the castle courtyard, and the massive brick walls. During the cold, damp winters, with the sun rising around 10:30 a.m. and setting around 2:30 p.m., this must have been a cheery place to stay.

The Swedish kings may have thought so, too: at various times, Gripsholm Castle has been used to imprison various members of the royal family, or other nobility.

Entrance to the royal apartments is by way of this staircase, tacked to the wall of the inner courtyard. It looks like an afterthought, and it was: as originally designed, Gripsholm Castle was supposed to be difficult to enter. Several hundred years later, in a more "civilized" age, these stairs were added to make life a bit easier.

The castle is now a museum, housing a massive collection of paintings of Swedish kings, dating back to the dawn of Swedish history.
