



# Stockholm, her archipelago and the surrounding countryside

Surrounding Stockholm is the heart of the Swedish countryside and an extensive archipelago.



The area provides a winning combination when partnered with the capital and her sights and attractions.

## 1 Vasa Museum

In 1628 the Vasa warship sank in Stockholm's harbour on its maiden voyage. Today, it is the focus of a fascinating exhibition. Highly recommended.



## 2 Attractions

30% of Stockholm is dedicated to parkland and 30% to waterways. This natural landscape is a primary draw for visitors. In addition, the city boasts a variety of world-class museums.

## 3 Activities

From cycling in the city, kayaking and sailing in the archipelago, walking in the countryside, fishing in the lakes and rivers to wildlife experiences, there is so much on offer in the region.



## 4 Gamla Stan

Get wonderfully lost in the maze of lanes that form the historic centre of Stockholm. Here you will find the square of Stortorget, the Cathedral, the Royal Palace and an abundance of quaint cafes.

# Stockholm

Boasting 26 parks, over 100 art galleries, 80 fascinating museums and a stunning archipelago. Stockholm has a depth and vibrancy that enraptures and offers something for everyone.

## Freys Hotel, Stockholm

Situated off Vasagatan in the heart of Stockholm, the Freys Hotel is just a stone's throw from the city's main shopping streets, the central train station and the Arlanda Express terminal. Recently renovated, this hotel offers a comfortable and well-positioned base from which to explore this historic city. A Belgian restaurant, hotel bar and inner courtyard garden await guests after a day's exploration.

**Accommodation:** 127 rooms including single, standard and superior rooms and a suite.

- Airport: 40km Stockholm Arlanda
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Prices from £524 per person\*



## Victory Hotel, Stockholm

The Victory is the flagship of the Bengtsson family's private hotel chain and one of Stockholm's most elegant hotels. Housed within a 17th century townhouse in the heart of Gamla Stan, this beautiful property bears testimony to the development of the city over the years, retaining both its original exterior and many period features.

**Accommodation:** 45 air-conditioned rooms including single, standard and deluxe rooms, junior suites and a suite.

- Airport: 40km Stockholm Arlanda
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Prices from £625 per person\*

Inside, the building has been carefully remodelled and modernised to offer accommodation of a high standard and is decorated throughout in a maritime theme. A unique and characterful property.



## Skeppsholmen Hotel, Stockholm

A stay at the Skeppsholmen Hotel is unlike any other hotel in Stockholm. No where else can you be so close to the city centre, yet feel so far away. In fact the island, from which the property derives its name, is a tranquil green oasis which stands in complete contrast to the islands which surround it. It is this location which sets the hotel apart.

**Accommodation:** 78 rooms including standard, superior x-large and deluxe rooms and junior suites.

- Airport: 40km Stockholm Arlanda
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Prices from £593 per person\*

A relaxing, personable and modern property only 15 minutes walk from Gamla Stan, the Royal Palace and the departure piers for boats to the archipelago.

\* Guide prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room (3 nights), flights from London to Stockholm Arlanda and return private transfers. Regional airports and single room supplements on request. Please visit our website for further information on these and other featured properties.

# Stockholm archipelago

Consisting of more than 30,000 islands, rocks and skerries the spectacular Stockholm archipelago has to be seen to be believed. Take a day cruise from the city or stay for a while.



# Stockholm countryside

This is a destination for nature lovers with a remarkable natural beauty and a wealth of wildlife encounters on offer. There are also interesting towns, Royal Palaces and historic houses to visit.

## Färnas Hjärta, Färna

Färnas Hjärta is a wonderful find in the north-west corner of Västmanland, an unspoiled region that offers the glorious blend of historical sites, forests, rivers and lakes. This is a destination for nature enthusiasts and wildlife lovers with lynx, moose, beavers and wolves all residing locally.

Owner-managed by Joyce Goes and Marnix Bijl, Färnas Hjärta exudes a feeling of home. Spacious, bright accommodation combines with attentive, personal service. Whether you require assistance to book an excursion or wish to learn more about

the county, the owners are on hand and always willing to share stories of their experiences.

**Accommodation:** 6 rooms including standard and deluxe rooms and a three-bedroom apartment.

- Airport: 182km Stockholm Arlanda
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Rural location

Prices from £584 per person\*



## Utö Vårdshus, Utö

Utö is one of the largest islands in Stockholm's southern archipelago, and its ambience and scenery could be no further from that of the capital. It is a landscape of small hamlets, shingle beaches, rocky promontories, woodland and farmland where you can kayak, walk, cycle and swim.

At the heart of Utö Vårdshus, an owner-managed guesthouse, is a courtyard, bar, nightclub and panoramic restaurant where guests meet and unwind. The cabins are fully equipped and are located apart from the communal areas, bedrooms and

suites allowing guests to be as independent as they desire.

**Accommodation:** 50 simply decorated guest rooms including standard rooms, suites, 12 one bedroom cabins and 18 two bedroom cabins.

- Airport: 40km Stockholm Arlanda plus 2 hour ferry
- Archipelago location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Prices from £928 per person\*



## Gripsholm Vårdshus, Mariefred

Gripsholm Vårdshus occupies an enviable position in the heart of Mariefred, a quintessentially Swedish village with narrow streets and wooden houses, on the shores of Lake Mälaren. This former monastery is Sweden's oldest inn, receiving guests since 1609.

Over the years the property has been completely reconstructed and modernised, whilst preserving the unique heritage of the property.

Across the water from the guest house stands the imposing, red-brick Royal Castle of Gripsholm. A must-see for any visitor to Mariefred.

**Accommodation:** 46 rooms including single, standard and deluxe rooms, junior suites, duplex suites and royal suites divided between the main building and an annexe.

- Airport: 107km Stockholm Arlanda
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi (public areas)
- Restaurant
- Village centre location

Prices from £1,261 per person\*

## Grinda Vårdshus, Grinda

Life on the small island of Grinda, in Stockholm's central archipelago, is unhurried and relaxed. Unspoiled archipelago nature, secluded spots for swimming, far-reaching viewpoints and gentle countryside combine to create the perfect holiday environment.

Grinda Vårdshus is located on the northwest coast of the island a stone's throw from the harbour of Hemviken. Comprising of five independent buildings, the Inn offers 30 simply decorated guestrooms, a reception with fireplace, a bar and restaurant with panoramic terrace.

**Accommodation:** 30 rooms. The rooms are c.2 minutes walk from the main building.

- Airport: 40km Stockholm Arlanda plus 1 hour 30 minutes ferry
- Archipelago location
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Prices from £897 per person\*



## Trosa Stadshotell and Spa, Trosa

The Stadshotell and Spa is located in the heart of the idyllic coastal town of Trosa, 45 minutes drive from Stockholm.

Surrounded by picture-perfect red wooden houses and meandering waterfront trails, this former town hall has been carefully remodelled and transformed into a comfortable and well-appointed hotel. Enjoy the local culinary delights in the hotel's restaurant, relax in the spa, take a gentle stroll around the town, or simply use the hotel as a base.

**Accommodation:** 44 rooms including single, standard, and family rooms, junior suites and a duplex suite.

- Airport: 110km Stockholm Arlanda
- Bed & Breakfast
- Coastal location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Spa facilities

Prices from £934 per person\*



\* Guide prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room (7 nights) and flights from London to Stockholm Arlanda. Regional airports and single room supplements on request. Boat tickets payable locally. Please visit our website for further information on these and other featured properties.

\* Guide prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room (7 nights), flights from London to Stockholm Arlanda and car hire. Regional airports and single room supplements on request. Please visit our website for further information on these and other featured properties.

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

## Stockholm and her archipelago

### Departures:

Daily between Apr – Sep

**Duration:** 7 nights

**Prices from:** £909 per person

The local name for this area is "Skärgården", literally meaning garden of skerries - unforested rocks which rise up from the sea. It is said that the Stockholm archipelago consists of 30,000 islands, rocks and skerries and the options for exploring this idyllic seascape are endless. Our twin-centre, 7-night holiday to Stockholm and the island of Utö is an ideal introduction to the destination allowing time to explore the inner and outer archipelago.

### Day One:

On arrival at Stockholm Arlanda airport self transfer to the Freys Hotel in the centre of Stockholm. Overnight at the Freys Hotel in Stockholm (page 13).

### Days Two, Three and Four:

The Swedish capital is spread over 14 islands, connected by bridges and tunnels. It is a modern city at the forefront of design, fashion and technology yet it remains wonderfully calm, natural and proud of its heritage.

Surrounding Stockholm there is also much to explore. A highlight for the Sunvil team is Sweden's best preserved Royal Palace at

Drottningholm, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the residence of the Swedish royal family. We would also recommend a day excursion to one of the islands of the central archipelago. It is only on a boat excursion that you will appreciate the diverse nature of this destination and the ever-changing landscape.

Overnight at the Freys Hotel in Stockholm.

### Day Five:

After breakfast, self transfer to the island of Utö in Stockholm's southern archipelago (payable locally). Utö Vardshus is located 450m from Gruvbyn harbour on Utö.

Overnight at Utö Vardshus on Utö (page 14).

### Days Six and Seven:

Days at leisure. Time to explore the 10km long island of Utö and the neighbouring island of Ålö. The island is a complete destination where you can be as active or as relaxed as you desire. Take a self-guided tour through the historical iron-ore mines, join an island tour by boat, explore the inland countryside on foot or by bicycle, kayak amongst the surrounding skerries or swim in the crystal clear waters, the choice is yours.

A stay on Utö, even for a couple of days, will recharge your batteries. It may only be 2 hours from the centre of Stockholm but, it feels like a different world.

Overnight at Utö Vardshus on Utö

### Day Eight:

After breakfast, depart Utö for your return journey to Stockholm (payable locally). On arrival in Stockholm, self transfer to the airport for your return flight home to the UK.

### Price includes:

- Return flights to Stockholm Arlanda airport
- 4 nights at the Freys Hotel, Stockholm (Bed & Breakfast)
- 3 nights at Utö Vardshus, Utö (Bed & Breakfast)
- Single room supplement on request

Notes: This itinerary is subject to change depending on the boat schedules from Stockholm to Utö. Ferry tickets payable locally.

Itinerary: 10 days / 9 nights

## The capitals of Scandinavia: Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo

### Departures:

Daily

**Duration:** 9 nights

**Prices from:** £1,437 per person

The cities of Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo are some of the most picturesque and natural in Europe with their lush parklands, shimmering waterways, medieval centres, world-class museums and innovative, modern architecture attracting visitors. Our 9 night itinerary visits the capitals of Scandinavia and offers free time for exploration.

### Day One:

On arrival at Copenhagen Kastrup airport, self-transfer to the Admiral Hotel in Copenhagen. Overnight at the Admiral Hotel in Copenhagen (page 67).

### Days Two and Three:

Days at leisure in Copenhagen. For a first time visitor, we would recommend that you explore the city on foot or by using one of the city bikes. The centre of Copenhagen is compact and easily navigable – you can reach most sites from anywhere in the inner city within a 20-minute walk. Another option is to take a 1-hour cruise along the canals of the city, passing the Little Mermaid, the Royal Palace, the Opera House and the Black Diamond library - this is a great way to learn about the city and to see the primary sites.

Overnight at the Admiral Hotel in Copenhagen.

### Day Four:

After breakfast, depart Copenhagen by train and travel to the capital of Sweden, Stockholm (c.5 hours). On arrival in Stockholm, self-transfer to the Skeppsholmen Hotel in the centre of the city. Overnight at the Skeppsholmen Hotel in Stockholm (page 13).

### Days Five and Six:

Free time in Stockholm. Opportunity to explore one of the most natural cities in Europe. Do not miss the fascinating Vasa Museum, Skansen, the ABBA Museum and the Fotografiska Museum. We would also recommend visiting the Ladugårdsgärdet Park and climbing to the top of the Kaknästornet TV Tower, the tallest building in the city for a breathtaking panorama.

Overnight at the Skeppsholmen Hotel in Stockholm.

### Day Seven:

After breakfast, depart Stockholm by train and travel to Oslo (c.6 hours). On arrival in Oslo, self-transfer to the Saga Hotel. Overnight at the Saga Hotel in Oslo (page 43).

### Days Eight and Nine:

Days at leisure in Oslo, a remarkably low key and casual city. At the head of the Oslofjord, the Norwegian capital is compact and easy to get around.

The central sights of Akershus Fortress, the Royal Palace, Opera House and the harbourfront are all within a 15-minute walk of the main street of Karl Johans gate. The museums of the Bygdøy peninsula, the sculpture park of Ekebergparken, the National Gallery and the natural park of Holmenkollen are other unmissable attractions in the city.

Overnight at the Saga Hotel in Oslo.

### Day Ten:

After breakfast, self transfer to Oslo Gardermoen airport for your return flight to the UK.

### Price includes:

- Flights to Copenhagen Kastrup airport, returning from Oslo Gardermoen airport
- 1st class train transfers from Copenhagen to Stockholm and from Stockholm to Oslo
- 3 nights at the Admiral Hotel, Copenhagen (Bed & Breakfast)
- 3 nights at the Skeppsholmen Hotel, Stockholm (Bed & Breakfast)
- 3 nights at the Saga Hotel, Oslo (Bed & Breakfast)
- 48 hour Oslo Pass
- Single room supplement on request