

CLASSIC SWEDEN

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DAY 1: WELCOME TO SWEDEN

After you arrive at Stockholm-Arlanda Airport, make your way to **Stockholm**'s scenic city centre. Many travellers opt to take the express train to Stockholm Central Station, but we also offer direct private transfers. After settling in at your hotel, spend the rest of the day exploring the beautiful city. Stroll the well-known street **Drottninggatan** where you can shop, take photos and feel the relaxed vibe of the capital city. In charming **Old Town (Gamla Stan)**, you will find numerous attractions, including the **Royal Palace**, the parliament, old churches, beautiful cobble stone streets and medieval houses.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

Attractions: Drottninggatan, Gamla Stan (Old town of Stockholm), Royal Palace of Stockholm, Stockholm

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DAY 2: CHARMING TOWNS & HERITAGE

Today, start your road trip towards the southern coast of Sweden. On your way, stop by the 18th century Tullgarn Palace park, an ideal location to take a short walk before stopping in the charming town of **Trosa**. Next, travel through **Linköping** where you can visit the open-air museum "Old Linköping", displaying how a small town in Sweden looked 100 years ago. You can visit the houses and see how Swedish people lived in the old days.

Continue driving until you arrive in the small town of **Vadstena**, which lies along the lush Lake Vättern. In Vadstena you will find the **Vadstena Castle**, one of Sweden's best-preserved Renaissance castles.

Spend the night in Vadstena.

**Please note limited opening hours of the car rental during Sundays and public holidays. See tour information for further details.*

Driving distance: 267 km / 166 mi

Estimated driving duration: 3 hours (without stops)

Attractions: Lake Vättern, Linköping, Trosa, Vadstena, Vadstena Castle

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DAY 3: A SLICE OF THE SWEDISH COUNTRYSIDE

Drive the scenic route along the **Lake Vättern**, stopping in **Gränna** where striped candy canes were invented 1859. Visit one of the confectionery shops and see how this delicious candy is made. Next, drive through the scenic Swedish province of **Småland** towards the city of Kalmar where you will find the **Kingdom of Crystal (Glasriket)**. Here you can find over 50 glassworks factories and shops, many of which are open to visitors and offer unique hand-blown glass souvenirs in all shapes and colors. End the day in **Kalmar**, a town full of history, featuring well-preserved 17th and 18th century buildings and the **Kalmar Castle**, which dates back over 800 years.

Spend the night in Kalmar.

Driving distance: 309 km / 192 mi

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)

Attractions: Gränna, Kalmar, Kalmar Castle, Kingdom of Crystal, Småland

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DAY 4: A DAY OF LEISURE IN LOVELY ÖLAND

Today you will explore **Öland**, a region that has sandy beaches along a beautiful coastline, and a vast landscape where you can enjoy the scenery and bask in the solitude of the area. After crossing the bridge, we recommend a visit to the historical site of **Borgholm Castle**, followed by a stop at **Solliden Palace**, the summer residence of the Swedish royal family. Next, visit the southern part of the island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, **Stora Alvaret**, which is a giant limestone plateau that has a unique biodiversity and history.

Spend the night in Kalmar.

Driving distance: 141 km / 88 miles

Estimated driving duration: 2 hours and 23 minutes (without stops)

Attractions: Borgholm, Solliden Palace, Stora Alvaret, Öland

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DAY 5: SWEDEN'S SPECTACULAR SOUTH COAST

From Kalmar, drive south along the coast of **Blekinge**, where you find the naval city of **Karlskrona** which is a World Heritage site. Continue to **Skåne**, the most southern part of Sweden, where we recommend a visit to **Kiviks Musteri** and the apple orchards or stop for coffee in the picturesque town of **Simrishamn**. Next, visit the fortress of **Glimmingehus** which dates back to the middle ages before continuing your drive to the charming town of **Ystad**.

Spend the night in Ystad.

Driving distance: 290 km / 180 mi

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)

Attractions: Blekinge, Glimmingehus, Karlskrona, Kiviks Musteri, Simrishamn, Skåne, Ystad

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DAY 6: QUAIN TOWNS, SANDY BEACHES & GARDENS

From **Ystad**, make your way to Smygehuk, the southernmost point in Sweden where you will find cosy cafés, eclectic craft shops and traditional fish smokeries. Continue driving along the south coast and we recommend taking a small detour to the old towns of **Skanör** and **Falsterbo**, located on the Falsterbo peninsula, where you will see long stretches of white sand beaches.

Once in Helsingborg we recommend a visit to **Sofiero Palace & Garden**, where you will find historical parks and gardens with a stunning variety of rhododendrons. Continue driving along the west coast of Sweden to **Halmstad**. In Halmstad you find long sandy beaches, nature reserves, art like the sculpture Picasso's Head of a Woman - An artistic masterpiece and a lot more.

Spend the night in Halmstad.

Driving distance: 219 km / 136 mi

Estimated driving duration: 3 hours (without stops)

Attractions: Falsterbo, Halmstad, Skanör, Sofiero Palace & Garden

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DAY 7: FROM HALMSTAD TO GOTHENBURG

After breakfast at your hotel, get ready for your drive to **Gothenburg**. Sweden's second largest city. It is recommended to walk down **Avenyn**, the main shopping street that is full of interesting stores and fine restaurants. Other points of interest include the **Feskekôrka** fish market and the fun **Liseberg** amusement park. Art lovers should make a stop at the Gothenburg Museum of Art followed by an afternoon Fika in Haga.

Spend the night in Gothenburg.

Driving distance: 144 km / 90 mi

Estimated driving duration: 1 hour 40 min (without stops)

Attractions: Avenyn, Feskekôrka, Gothenburg, Liseberg Amusement Park

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DAY 8: LAKES, CASTLES & ÖREBRO

This morning, on your way to **Örebro**, stop by **Lake Vänern** in Sjötorp just north of Mariestad to see Göta Canal, is one of the most remarkable waterways in the world and one of the communication links between Sweden's two largest cities. Continue your drive to Örebro, and stop to see the 14th century **Örebro Castle**, which is located in the middle of city centre. We recommend a walk through the **Wadköping** open-air museum, with buildings that date from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Next, visit the large public park Slottsparken (Palace Park), that is thick with trees and has small footpaths and natural creeks.

Spend the night in Örebro.

Driving distance: 292 km / 181 mi

Estimated driving duration: 3 hour & 26 min (without stops)

Attractions: Göta Canal, Lake Vänern, Wadköping Museum Village, Örebro, Örebro Castle

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DAY 9: CASTLES ON THE WAY TO STOCKHOLM

On your way back to Stockholm we recommend a stop in the town of Eskilstuna, where you can visit the open-air museum **Rademachersmedjorna**. This area is famous for its many castles and manor houses, including the 16th-century **Gripsholm Castle**. After a day of sightseeing, continue east for your return to Stockholm, where you will drop off your rental car, and spend the rest of the day at leisure in Stockholm.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

Driving distance: 197 km / 122 miles

Estimated driving duration: 2 hours 16 minutes (without stops)

Attractions: Gripsholm Castle, Rademachersmedjorna Blacksmith Community

DAY 10: STOCKHOLM AND DEPARTURE DAY

Enjoy one last Scandinavian breakfast before it is time to check out of your hotel. Passengers departing with the afternoon flight will have time for some last-minute shopping or the chance to visit a museum or two that you missed earlier in the trip.

Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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