

# ISLANDS, ISLETS AND SKERRIES OF THE BALTIC

**TRIP LENGTH:** 3 days

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:**

Guided sea kayaking tour x 1 day  
Free sea kayaking x 2 days

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES :**

Hiking

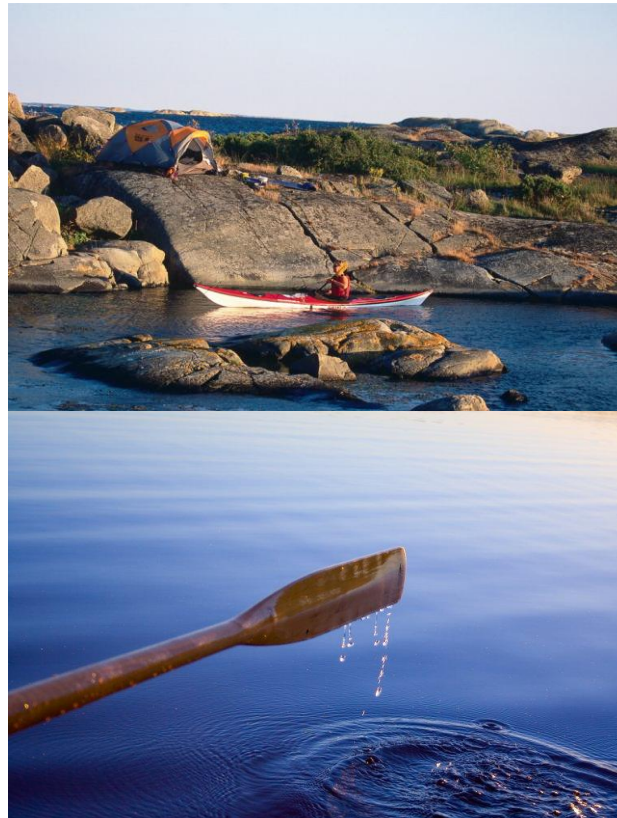
**DAYS OF DEPARTURE:**

Everyday

**PRICE:**

4295 sek per person incl.  
VAT/moms based on two  
people sharing

**NOTE: a minimum of four  
people are required for  
this guided trip**



**BRIEF ITINERARY**

**Day 1:**

Transfer from Stockholm to  
Norråva  
Prepare kayaks and equipment  
Guided kayak tour from  
Norråva to Gällnö  
**o/n Gällnö**

**Day 2:**

Free kayaking without guide from  
Gällnö to  
eg. Stora Kalholmen via  
Hjälmo nature reserve and Träskö  
Storö  
**o/n Stora Kalholmen**

**Day 3:**

Free kayaking from  
eg. Stora Kalholmen to Norråva via  
Grinda, Lådna nature reserve  
and Karklö  
Transfer from Norråva to  
Stockholm

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**TRIP COST INCLUDES**

**Accommodation:**

Hostel x 1  
Camping x 1\*  
*\*All camping equipment provided*

**Activities:**

Sea Kayaking x 3 days  
Guide kayak tour x 1 day

**FULL ITINERARY**

**Day 1: Stockholm → Norråva → Gällnö**

ISLANDS, ISLETS AND SKERRIES OF THE BALTIC begins with a transfer from Stockholm to the start of your sea kayaking trip at Norråva where you are met and provided with your sea kayaks. After your introduction, you head out with your guide to experience the archipelago waters at first hand. Stockholm's archipelago began its journey out of the ocean about 800 million years ago. Today, it is a collection of some 30,000 islands, islets and skerries with their unique smooth, polished surfaces created from the retreating ice. The landscape varies between the windswept remote outer

archipelago to the lush inner archipelago. The ocean is never more than a moment away.

Today you are accompanied by a guide who will teach you the ways of the water before you head out alone for the remaining two days of your trip. The middle archipelago is an area teeming with islands both large and small and therefore is so appealing to sea kayakers who are always within sight of a new island to discover. The waters are sheltered due to the high volume of islands but this is a popular area to visit and therefore many boats zigzag their way through the waters. Your guide will help you to handle the traffic, navigate the waters best and provide you with plenty of local knowledge about this beautiful and unique archipelago.

Your destination for tonight is an island called Gällnö where you are such to experience a genuine archipelago atmosphere with its green meadows, beaches of smooth rock plus traditional red wooden housing and a long standing island community.

**Accommodation: Gällnö, Hostel**

**Meals: Lunch & dinner**

### **Day 2 & 3: Stockholm's central archipelago islands;**

Sea kayaking is often dependent on wind and water conditions. We are therefore unable to guarantee an exact itinerary for your three day trip. However, a journey around the central archipelago islands can be assured. Your guide will discuss the best route in light of the conditions on Day 1 of your trip. The most likely islands to be visited are described below.

#### **Grinda, Gällnö & Hjälmö-Lådna nature reserve**

These islands offer you the chance to experience the central archipelago region in its true colours. You witness a genuine archipelago environment where farming and settlement have been so well preserved to allow you a genuine insight into archipelago history. The characteristic flat rocks of the area make for great bathing spots and the mixed forest together with the leafy pastures and open landscape give great natural variety. Grinda and Gällnö islands have nature trails across the islands to allow you to come closer to the landscape.

Wildlife and birdlife are plentiful on the islands; foxes, badgers, martens and deer all roam freely on the islands whilst osprey and sea eagles hover overhead.

Life on the islands dates back the middle ages when the population was made up of farmers. Farming still exists on many islands today and farms can be visited. Gällnö is still today a populated island with around 30 year round inhabitants enjoying the archipelago life.

#### **Day 2:**

At the end of another active day in the fresh archipelago air, you paddle your way back to Norråva and say farewell to your equipment and are then transferred back to Stockholm.

We hope that this trip will allow you to discover some of the islands that make up a part of this remarkable archipelago lying secretly in the Baltic Ocean as well as to take home many memorable new experiences.

#### **Meals:**

Breakfast x 2

Lunch x 3

Dinner x 2

#### **Transfers**

Stockholm to Norråva (Day 1)

Norråva to Stockholm (Day 3)

#### **Luggage/equipment transfers**

Nordic Trails to deliver camping equipment and food at Gällnö hostel for ongoing journey (Day 1)

#### **Information pack:**

Including detailed trail routes in English, maps, contact number etc  
Nordic Trails representative  
Full trip briefing  
24hr emergency service

#### **Total cost:**

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