

STOCKHOLM EXTENSION

TRIP LENGTH: 3 Days*
*option to extend

DAYS OF DEPARTURE:
Everyday

ACTIVITIES:
Cycling x 1 day

PRICE:
On request*
*dependent on hotel choice

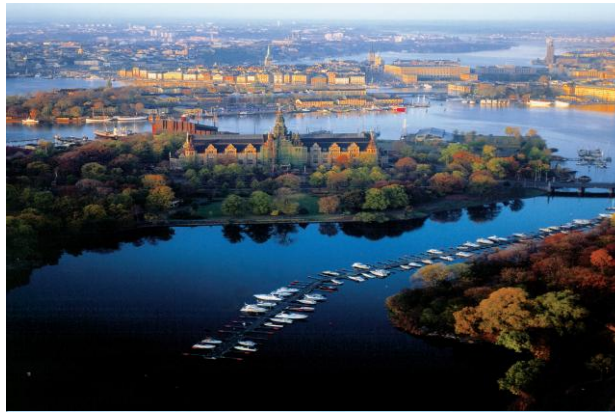
FULL ITINERARY

Day 1: Stockholm

Your STOCKHOLM EXTENSION begins with a free day to explore the picturesque city of Stockholm. Often referred to as the 'Venice of the North', Stockholm is unquestionably a unique and beautiful city all year round, not only due to its location on 14 islands with its infinite presence of water, but also because of its combination of nature, colourful architecture and ancient history. And you need never walk far to appreciate the impressive views stretching across the Baltic water as it winds past the city walls. Furthermore, stroll through 13th century Gamla Stan, Stockholm's charming old town, where you cannot help but feel its medieval atmosphere as you wander through the cobblestone streets past narrow, colourful houses of yesteryear. There is so much to see in Stockholm, appealing to so many different interests, that you are sure to find something special within walking distance of your hotel. We recommend a visit to Stockholm's open air museum, Skansen, which is famous for its Nordic Zoo and living history exhibition; over the years about 150 historical buildings have been moved here from nearly every part of Sweden. Alongside Skansen is the always impressive Vasa Museum, The Vasa ship sank on its maiden voyage on 1628 and was salvaged from the depths of Stockholm's harbour in 1961. Despite over 300 years lying at the bottom of the Baltic, the Vasa is extremely well preserved thanks to the Baltic's brackish waters. Your accommodation in Stockholm is chosen for its high standards, friendliness and location – right in the heart of the city, within walking distance of the Stockholm's very best sights, restaurants and shopping.

Accommodation: Stockholm, Hotel

Meals: None



BRIEF ITINERARY

Day 1:

Arrive Stockholm
Free day for activities:
e.g. Vasa Museum, Skansen,
Gamla Stan
o/n Stockholm

Day 2:

Self guided cycle tour around
Stockholm's Ekopark; Royal
Djurgården, Kaknäs Tower, Haga
Park and Ulriksdal Palace
o/n Stockholm

Day 3:

Free day for activities:
e.g. Archipelago visit,
Drottningholm Palace

Day 2: Stockholm

Today we include a self guided bicycle tour through Stockholm's unique Ecopark - the world's first National Park to be located within a bustling city. The Ekopark is 27 km² and is a green oasis combining cultural heritage and natural features. Here you can cycle through ancient forests, visit palaces and bathe from waterside rocks. Animals such as foxes, badgers, marten, mink and deer roam freely and the greatest number of large oak trees in northern Europe are located right here, in the city centre!

Your self guided tour takes you through this peaceful city hideaway and includes the Royal island of Djurgården where many of Stockholm's best museums are located, plus the royal residence of Rosendal and its delightful gardens and café plus the picturesque canal alongside through the island. Not to be missed along the way is the Kaknäs Tower with its 30 floor high observation deck offering fantastic views across Stockholm city. Head north and you come to Haga Park and Palace - home to the recently wedded crown princess which lies alongside the beautiful Brunnsviken inlet. Further north and you can reach as far as Ulriksdal's Palace with its well respected restaurant plus relaxing gardens and delightful views.

At the end of a long day out in the fresh air, it is time to head back to the city centre and enjoy the comforts of your hotel.

Accommodation: Stockholm, Hotel

Meals: Breakfast & lunch

Activities: Cycling

Day 3: Stockholm

Today you are free to further explore Stockholm by foot. We recommend taking a boat trip out to one of the 24,000 glorious islands in Stockholm's endless archipelago. Stretching some 80km east of Stockholm deep into the Baltic waters, it formed during the last Ice Age and is today considered to be one of the world's natural wonders. Consider perhaps a boat trip to Drottningholm Palace, the official residence of the Royal family which is on UNESCO's World Heritage list. It is the most well-preserved royal palace built in the 1600's in Sweden.

Alternatively, you may choose to take it easy and explore the trendy clothing and design shops that Stockholm is becoming increasingly renowned for.

Meals: Breakfast

EXTRA NIGHTS IN STOCKHOLM CAN ALWAYS BE ARRANGED

PLEASE REQUEST INFORMATION FOR AN EXTENSION TO YOUR STOCKHOLM VISIT

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TRIP COST INCLUDES

Accommodation

Hotel x 2*

*option to extend

Activities

Cycling x 1 day

Meals

Breakfast x 2

Picnic lunch x 1

Information pack

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

Total cost

On request*

*dependent on hotel choice