

5Days Classical Stockholm And Surrounds

Valid on 01Jan - 30Dec 2010 (Minimum 10 person)

Day 1 Singapore – Stockholm

(Meals on Board/D)

On arrival at Arlanda Airport, you will be met by an English speaking guide and transferred to the city for a city orientation tour. You will visit the Vasa Museum and the City Hall with the possibility of a photo stop at Fjällgatan. The imposing City Hall, known locally as Stadshuset, is renowned for its architecture, its murals and as the site of the Nobel Prize Banquet. This magnificent redbrick building is the result of a 12-year effort by the elite of Swedish construction workers, sculptors, artists and craftsmen. The main features are the two courtyards and the numerous splendid halls, the most famous of these being the Blue Hall, where the Nobel festivities unfold each year and the Golden Hall renowned for its mosaics. Pass through the city center to the neighbouring island of Djurgården, Stockholm's recreation center. While on the island visit the Swedish warship Vasa once considered to be one of the world's largest and the pride of Sweden's mighty navy. The present museum is built around the 17th century warship, which sank in Stockholm's inner harbour on her maiden voyage in 1628. Its discovery in 1956 and subsequent salvage in 1961 is one of the most important events in marine archaeology. Painstakingly restored to much of its original magnificence, the Vasa represents an authentic piece of living history. Leaving the Vasa cross the Old Town (Gamla Stan) on a drive up to Fjällgatan for a splendid panoramic view of Stockholm. Three Course Dinner awaits on a board a boat this evening!
Overnight at the Hotel of your Choice on a Bed & Breakfast Basis.

Day 2 Stockholm - Millesgården and Skansen

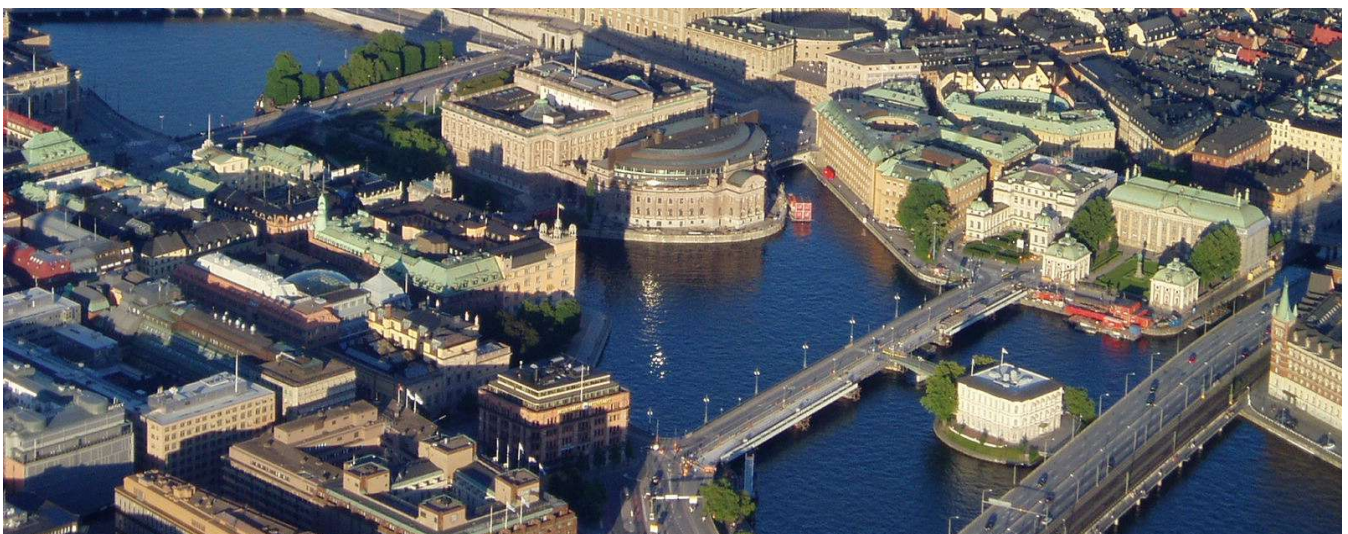
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An opportunity to discover the island of antiquity in the heart of the city and experience Milles' world-famous sculptures in a dramatic park setting. Travel along Strandvägen passing through Diplomat Town en route to Lidingö. Just beyond downtown Stockholm, sculptor Carl Milles' estate and studio await on Lidingö Island. The large estate of beautifully terraced gardens overlooking the Baltic Sea is an ideal setting for Milles' world-famous sculptures and displays of antique collections. Continue to Skansen situated on the Island of Djurgården, once the Royal Hunting grounds. Set in a rustic parkscape and spread over several acres overlooking the city, Skansen was the world's first open-air museum. It is really a miniature replica of historical Sweden. There are churches, bell towers, farmhouses, restaurants and workshops but also enclosures of wild animals like the reindeer, elk, wolf, bear and seal. Most of the buildings are authentic, having been dismantled at their original sites and transported to the area. Leaving Skansen, drive through the city centre before returning to your hotel. The rest of the day and evening at your own leisure.
Overnight at the Hotel of your Choice on a Bed & Breakfast Basis.

Day 3 Stockholm – Birka

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This morning we take a boat trip to Birka, UNESCO World Heritage Site and usually referred to Sweden's first town. Birka is situated on the island of Björkö located in Lake Mälaren. It was established in the middle of the 8th century and was an important trading centre for the vikings which handled goods from Scandinavia as well as Central and Eastern Europe. The rest of the day and evening at your own leisure.
Overnight at the Hotel of your Choice on a Bed & Breakfast Basis.



Day 4 Stockholm - Sigtuna and Uppsala (B/L)

Combine the small idyllic town Sigtuna, situated by Lake Mälaren with the university city of Uppsala, an ancient centre of culture, religion and education. Uppsala is today the seat of the Archbishop of the Swedish Church and home of Uppsala University, an internationally renowned institution of higher learning. Arriving in Uppsala, cross the river Fyrisån that winds through the center of this historic, attractive town up the hill to Uppsala Castle, founded by King Gustav Vasa in the 1540's and from where there is a magnificent view over the whole town and the surroundings. Continue to the impressive, 13th century Cathedral, one of the largest in northern Europe. The Cathedral took 150 years to complete and apart from the tombs of many famous Swedes, contains religious tapestries and articles of silver and gold. Travel north of the city to Old Uppsala, once the religious and political capital of the Vikings where yearly sacrificial feasts were held in honour of the Norse Gods. Here there are approximately 1500 years old burial mounds of the Kings of the Yngling Dynasty, Aun, Adil and Egil. The small church of Old Uppsala became the seat of the first archbishop of Sweden in 1164. Following lunch continue through the countryside to Sigtuna beautifully set on Lake Mälaren. The first Christian King of Sweden founded Sigtuna about 1,000 years ago when it became the first capital of Sweden. Even today the real strength of Sigtuna lies in its religious and educational foundations. During your visit, tour the points of interest including its main street "Stora Gatan", which is one of the oldest streets in Sweden still having the same location it had during the 11th century. Visit one of the many interesting church ruins in Sigtuna and the Maria Church, the oldest brick building in this part of the country, dating back to the 13th century. Overnight at the Hotel of your Choice on a Bed & Breakfast Basis.

Day 5 Stockholm - Singapore (B)

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

Tour Fares: S\$3278 per person based on twin sharing
Add S\$1630 p/p if less than 10 person

(Package price subject to change without prior notice)

Tax: S\$491 (subject to change)

Airlines: Thai Airways

Hotels: Elite Hotel Stockholm Plaza (www.elite.se/eng/node/838;))

