

# 7Days Sweden Seascape Tours

Special Private Tour for minimum 10 person

Valid on 01Apr - 30Sep 2010

## Day 1 Sin – Stockholm: City tour

On arrival at Arlanda Airport, you will 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. The rest of the day and evening at your own leisure.

Overnight at Hotel on a Bed and Breakfast Basis



## Day 2 Stockholm: Leisure (B)

Day at leisure. Why not explore the following attractions at your own leisure and own cost:

- Boat Trip to Fjäderholmarna - Stockholm's closest archipelago island
- Boat Trip to Birka - an official UNESCO World Heritage Site and usually referred to Sweden's first town.
- Skansen - A museum that offers visitors a unique experience of life in Sweden in the earlier days.
- Nobel Museum - Tells the history of the world's most prestigious award.

The rest of the day and evening at your own leisure.

Overnight at Hotel on a Bed and Breakfast Basis



## Day 3 Stockholm – Stegeborg (B/L/D)

Depart from Stockholm at 09h00. Today, you will pass through two locks, Lake Mälaren (Sweden's third largest lake) and enter the Baltic Sea. One of the locks' that you will pass through is the largest in Scandinavia being 135 metres long. En route you will pass Drottningholm Palace. Drottningholm Palace, a 17th-century palace and an UNESCO World Heritage Site has been the residence of the Swedish Royal Family since 1981. Along the way you will also pass the small town of Trosa which dates back to the 14th century.

Overnight on board the ship on a Full Board Basis

Please note: Full Board Basis (FB) = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



## Day 4 Stegeborg – Motala (B/L/D)

In the early hours of the morning, approx. 00h15 you will pass Stegeborg Fortress. Stegeborg Fortress which dates back to the early Middle Ages is beautifully situated on a small island overlooking the bay of Slätbaken. Today you also enter the Göta Canal through the first of 58 narrow locks at Mem where the Göta Canal was inaugurated in 1832. We will visit the convent of Vreta which dates back to 1100 and was the first nunnery in Sweden. You will be taken on a guided walk (approx. 3km, partly uneven) to see the church and the remains of the convent. At Borensberg, a village en route, you will see one of the hand-operated locks still in use in the canal. We overnight in Motala which is called today the "Capital of the Göta Canal". In Motala you will visit the Motor Museum which has the largest exhibition of antique cars and motorcycles in authentic surroundings, collection of radios, toys, household appliances and more.

Overnight on board the ship on a Full Board Basis



### Day 5 Motala - Lake Vänern (B/L/D)

We leave Motala and head out into Lake Vättern. Lake Vättern is Sweden's second largest and one of the deepest lakes (128 metres deep) in Sweden. Along the way you will visit Karlsborg Fortress, one of northern Europe's largest buildings for a guided tour. The tour is a journey through time and space, and full of surprises. Through two narrow, wood-lined passages and small lakes full of lilies, we steer into Lake Viken. Lake Viken (91.8 metres above sea level) serves as the water reservoir for the western section of the Göta Canal. We will travel to Sjötorp where there is set of eight locks and also remains of some old shipyards. Here you will visit the old warehouse, where the Visitor's Centre and Sjötorp Canal Museum are located. At the museum you will see old pictures of Sjötorp, the interiors of several old ships and a large collection of ships engines. We sail across Lake Vänern, Sweden's largest lake and the third largest lake in Europe. Overnight on board the ship on a Full Board Basis

### Day 6 Vänersborg – Gothenburg (B)

In the morning we enter the Trollhättan locks. The impressive lock stair case at Trollhättan consist of four locks and has a total drop of 32 metres. Of the three parallel lock systems here, only the biggest one (from 1916) is still in use. We will pass through the last lock on our journey, Lilla Edet which was built in 1916. The original lock was opened in 1607 and was the first lock in Sweden. We end our journey in Gothenburg in the late afternoon at Packhuskajen 10, near the spectacular Opera House and Maritime Centre. Overnight at Hotel on a Bed and Breakfast Basis

### Day 7 Stockholm – Singapore (B)

Transfer from hotel to airport.

**Tour Fare: S\$4378 per person based on twin sharing**

**Add S\$550 p/p if less than 10 person**

(Package price subject to change without prior notice)

**Airport tax: \$491 (subject to change)**

**High season surcharge \$110 on: 01 – 02APR / 29 – 30APR / 27 – 28 MAY / 06 – 07AUG / 09 – 10SEP.**

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**Hotels: Elite Hotels ([www.elite.se/eng/node/838](http://www.elite.se/eng/node/838); [www.elite.se/eng/node/163](http://www.elite.se/eng/node/163))**

