

SCANDINAVIAN ROAD TRIP AT LEISURE

ITINERARY

 DAY
1

DAY 1: WELCOME TO SWEDEN

When you arrive at Stockholm-Arlanda Airport, make your way to **Stockholm** 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 day exploring the beautiful city. Stroll the well-known street **Drottninggatan** where you can shop and feel the vibe of the capital city. Go for a walk in the surrounding area of **Östermalm**, where you will find interesting shops, cafés, and restaurants for a perfect introduction to Scandinavian culture.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

Attractions: Drottninggatan, Stockholm, Sweden, Östermalm

 DAY
2

DAY 2: THE CHARMS OF SWEDISH CULTURE

Today you will explore the heart of scenic Stockholm. We recommend exploring the capital by foot, visiting attractions such as the **Old Town (Gamla Stan)**, where you will find the **Royal Palace**, the parliament, old churches, beautiful cobble stone streets and medieval houses.

After some time at Gamla Stan, you can take a short ferry ride to the nearby island **Djurgården**, a cultural oasis with something for everyone. Here you will find the kitschy **Abba Museum**, the **Nordic Museum**, the **Gröna Lund** amusement park, and the **Skansen** open-air museum. It is ideal to spend the afternoon here, exploring the grounds and many attractions.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

Attractions: Djurgården, Gamla Stan (Old town of Stockholm), Gröna Lund amusement park, Royal Palace of Stockholm, Skansen Open-air Museum, Stockholm City Hall

 DAY
3

DAY 3: A SLICE OF THE SWEDISH COUNTRYSIDE

Today you will pick up your rental car and kick off your road trip to the south of Sweden. First you will stop by the picturesque town of Söderköping before reaching the city of **Kalmar**, a Medieval city with a rich history, making it a perfect stop for history buffs. The town features well-preserved 17th and 18th century buildings and you can visit the **Kalmar Castle**, which dates back over 800 years.

Spend the night in Kalmar.

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

Driving distance: 410 km / 255 miles

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours and 45 minutes (without stops)

Attractions: Kalmar, Kalmar Castle

DAY

4

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. 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.

Attractions: Borgholm Castle, Solliden Palace, Stora Alvaret, Öland

DAY

5

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. It is also recommended to stop for coffee in the picturesque town of **Simrishamn**. We also recommend a visit to 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 miles

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)

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

DAY

6

DAY 6: EXPLORE BEAUTIFUL SKÅNE

Get ready to see splendid Skåne and the area of **Österlen** today. Here you will find charming villages, sandy beaches and historical sites. Drive to the popular **Ales Stenar** stone ship monument, which consists of 59 massive boulders arranged in a 67 metre-long outline with a picturesque view of the Baltic Sea. Next, drive to the fishing village **Kåseberga** and sample some smoked fish and apple cider that is produced locally. Round out your day with a trip to the beach **Sandhammaren**, a 12 km long beach which is perfect for a swim or a long walk where you can soak in the scenery.

Spend the night in Ystad.

Driving distance: 55 km / 34 miles

Estimated driving duration: 1h 5 min (without stops)

Attractions: Ales Stenar, Kåseberga, Sandhammaren, Österlen

DAY

7

DAY 7: DRIVE TO CAPTIVATING COPENHAGEN

From **Ystad**, drive to Smygehuk, the southernmost point in Sweden. Here you will find cosy cafés, eclectic craft shops and fish smokeries. Continue along the south coast to the old towns of **Skånör** and **Falsterbo**, located on the Falsterbo peninsula, where you will encounter long stretches of white sand beaches. Next, cross the famous **Öresund Bridge** and arrive in the charming capital city of Denmark, Copenhagen. You can explore the beautiful harbour area of **Nyhavn** and have fun at the amusement park **Tivoli Gardens**.

Spend the night in Copenhagen.

Driving distance: 130 km / 80 miles

Estimated driving duration: 2 hours and 20 min (without stops)

Attractions: Copenhagen, Denmark, Falsterbo, Malmö, Nyhavn, Skånör, Tivoli Gardens, Ystad, Øresund Bridge

DAY

8

DAY 8: SET SAIL FOR NORWAY

Spend the morning touring Copenhagen. We recommend seeing the city by foot, visiting landmarks including **Amalienborg Palace**, **Christiansborg Palace**, and the famous **Little Mermaid** statue. An optional boat tour from the harbour is also highly recommended as you can appreciate the architecture and beauty of the city by water. Next, stroll **Strøget** street for some shopping and grab something to eat.

In the early afternoon, it's time to drive to the port and board your cruise to Oslo. You can enjoy dinner in one of the restaurants, check out the entertainment on board or just relax and watch the sunset from the deck.

Spend the night in one of the ship's comfortable cabins.

Attractions: Amalienborg Palace, Christiansborg Palace, Little Mermaid, Strøget shopping street

DAY

9

DAY 9: WELCOME TO ENCHANTING OSLO

Sailing up the scenic Oslo Fjord, you will reach the Norwegian capital in the morning. After you disembark from the ship, get ready for a day of adventure in **Oslo**. We recommend exploring Oslo by foot, spending the afternoon at sights including the historical **Royal Palace** and the mighty **Akershus Fortress**, along with the modern **Oslo Opera House**, and the **Aker Brygge** area along the harbour.

Spend the night in Oslo.

Attractions: Aker Brygge, Akershus Fortress, Christiansborg Palace, Norway, Oslo, Oslo Opera House

DAY
10

DAY 10: EXPLORE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OSLO

This morning get an early start to explore the Norwegian capital at your own pace. Highlights include driving to the beautiful **Vigeland Sculpture Park**, and the **Holmenkollen ski jump** which played a large role in the 1952 winter Olympics in the city.

Other options include visits to the **Munch Museum** and **Fram Polar Ship Museum**, as well as strolling the popular **Karl Johans street**. You will then have the rest of the day to explore at your own leisure.

Spend the night in Oslo.

Attractions: Fram Museum, Holmenkollen Ski Jump & Museum, Karl Johans Gate, Munch Museum, Oslo, Vigeland Sculpture Park

DAY
11

DAY 11: THE SCENIC ROUTE TO ÖREBRO

From Oslo, you will drive east in your rental car to Örebro. Along the way, make a stop at **Karlstad**, which is known as the city of sunshine. Karlstad is a beautiful place as it lies on the river delta where the Klara River and the mighty **Lake Vänern** meet. On your way to Örebro we also recommend a stop in **Kristinehamn** where you find a 15-metre tall Picasso sculpture which was donated to the city by the artist in 1964. Other sights here include the **Kristinenhamn church** and the **Järsberg Runestone**.

Spend the night in Örebro.

Driving distance: 325 km / 202 miles

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)

Attractions: Järsberg Runestone, Karlstad, Kristinehamn, Kristinehamn Church, Lake Vänern

DAY
12

DAY 12: LEISURE TIME IN ÖREBRO

This morning, visit the 14th century **Örebro Castle** and 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.

Attractions: Wadköping Museum Village, Örebro Castle

DAY
13

DAY 13: CASTLES ON THE WAY TO STOCKHOLM

After a proper dose of history in Örebro, continue to 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.

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
14

DAY 14: 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.

Nordic Visitor | Tel: +354 578 20 80 | info@nordicvisitor.com | nordicvisitor.com