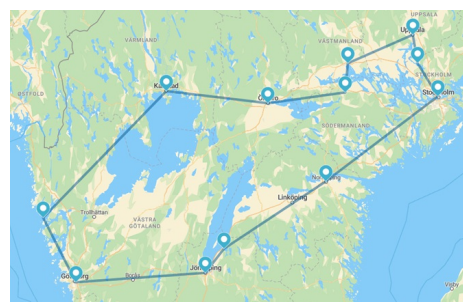




Sweden, 8 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route from Stockholm to Gothenburg

Sweden is a country of contrasts. A fusion of impressive medieval castles with the most sophisticated urban design; of endless forests and snow-capped mountains with state-of-the-art technology; of solstice celebrations with the Nobel Prize; and of traditional craftsmanship with the most modern and iconoclastic art. This road trip will let you discover the two sides of Sweden, an ideal country for driving enthusiasts, with quiet roads that snake through stunning locations, where each break from the wheel is a true pleasure. You'll get to see the cities that laid the foundations of what is now the Swedish state, such as Uppsala and its Viking vestiges, or Sigtuna and its medieval churches and fortresses. And you'll also explore the modern and vibrant cities that have placed Sweden at the top of the list of world democracies. These include the capital Stockholm, a city where one-third of its surface is covered by waterways and another third by green spaces; Gothenburg, which has its own personality that sets it apart from the rest of the country; and Västerås, an eminently industrial city that in recent years has become a tourist hotspot. Gastronomy is another of the strong points of Sweden, as the freshest ingredients possible are used to create dishes that masterfully fuse tradition and modernity. Discover Sweden, where nature and tradition coexist harmoniously with cutting-edge modernity and creativity.



URBAN

Departure date: Departures from July 2026 till July 2027

From: London

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - STOCKHOLM

Flight departure from the city of origin to Stockholm. Arrival in the Swedish capital and rental car pick-up. Depending on the time of day, we recommend taking a ferry or a boat tour to the beautiful island of Djurgården, either from the Nybroviken or the Slussen piers on the Söderström River, where you'll see signs for the "Round Tour in Djurgården" cruise. (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). In the urban oasis of Djurgården, you can visit Skansen, the oldest outdoor museum in the world where 150 buildings from all over the country are preserved to offer an overview of the Swedish way of life over the past few centuries... Disassembled piece by piece, transported to the museum and then reassembled! But the attractions of Skansen don't end here, as it also has a huge zoo that includes all the native species of the region. The museum site stretches over an area of 300,000 m², so your visit will easily take more than two hours. (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). You can leave the island of Djurgården, home also to the Vasa Museum that exhibits an authentic refloated galleon from 1627, by taking a boat back to the port or a stroll along the streets of Stockholm following the course of the canals. (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). Here you'll find countless bars and restaurants where you can enjoy a good dinner of either international or local cuisine. Make sure you try traditional Swedish recipes such as "råraka" (pancakes prepared with caviar and potatoes), "kottbullar" (small meatballs fried in lard), "hjortronparfait" (cloudberry parfait), and one of the most popular savoury options in Stockholm, the "smörgåsbord", a buffet with more than forty different dishes. For night owls, Stockholm is one of the most outstanding destinations in Europe, with an intense and vibrant nightlife spread across several of its neighbourhoods. Östermalm is home to the most famous and fashionable bars and clubs in the city, frequented by hundreds of locals and tourists alike. There's usually a cover charge and you should dress up, as you might not be allowed in otherwise. To the north of the city is the Vasastan area, with a host of bars and pubs for all tastes, while the hipster and bohemian movement is found in the Södermalm district, residence of many local artists and venue for concerts of the current Swedish music scene. As a rule, clubs in Stockholm open until five in the morning, although times may vary in some areas. Overnight stay in Stockholm.

● DAY 2 · STOCKHOLM

Today you can explore the Swedish capital, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. A place where cutting-edge modernity intermingles with historical allures, a city where almost a third of its surface is covered by canals and waterways, and another third by parks and green spaces, the most in any European city. What's more, Stockholm is packed with attractions for all tastes, starting with the town hall, built in 1923 on a small island. This beautiful building is one of the capital's iconic landmarks and inside it is the Golden Hall, the scene each December for the Nobel Prize gala dinner, and the Blue Room (which is actually brick red!). There's also a tower where you can marvel at a spectacular panoramic view of the city. The Royal Palace is another of Stockholm's architectural treasures and you can admire it as you stroll along the narrow streets of Gamla Stan (Old Town). It's also where you'll get to see one of the most popular attractions in Stockholm: the changing of palace guard at twelve noon (in summer, there are more and even accompanied by a band). Another of the Swedish capital's strong points is its array of museums, such as Fotografiska Museet, with one of the largest collections of modern photography in the world, or the Nobel Museum, which reviews the history not only of the prizes but also of the life of Alfred Nobel himself, who bequeathed the money to create these accolades after his death. And then there's the Moderna Museet, which houses works of contemporary art by Swedish and international artists from the 20th century to the present day, with works by Picasso, Dalí and Matisse, among others, and the National Museum, Sweden's main museum of art and design, with collections of ancient paintings and sculptures by artists such as Rembrandt, Rubens, Goya, Renoir, Degas and many others. (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). And if you fancy a bite to eat, there are hundreds of food stalls across town serving up local delicacies, such as those located in the popular and lively Östermalmshallen food hall. Overnight stay in Stockholm.

● DAY 3 · STOCKHOLM - SIGTUNA - UPPSALA - VÄSTERÅS

After forty-eight kilometres towards the northeast on the E4 motorway you'll get to today's destination, the beautiful city of Sigtuna, which stands majestically on the northern shore of Lake Mälaren and back in the tenth century was the first capital of Sweden. As soon as you leave the capital, you'll come across the Klarastrandsleden toll, which costs 35 crowns. (Note: Not included). The city and its surroundings are in themselves a gigantic open-air museum, with treasures dating from the Viking era to the Renaissance, when the town lost importance in favour of Stockholm or Gothenburg. You can see the ruins of the temples dedicated to Saints Olof, Per and Lars; the Church of Saint Mary (Mariakyrkan, in Swedish), which is a beautiful example of Gothic architecture in Scandinavian-style brick; the palaces of Steninge and Rosersberg; and the Castle of Skokloster, whose interior dating from the mid-seventeenth century has been preserved intact. (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). If you want to learn all about the extensive history of Sigtuna, head to the Sigtuna Museum where you can see great exhibitions and examples of the importance of this city key to the origins of the country. (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). And how about becoming a detective and an Indiana Jones-style archaeologist for a few hours? Sigtuna offers you this opportunity thanks to the 150-plus runestones scattered around the city and whose mysteries you can decipher thanks to a "futhark" (runic alphabet), which you can ask for at the museum itself or at the Tourist Office on the picturesque high street, "Stora Gatan". Naturally cobbled, there's a great selection of Swedish craft, design and fashion stores here, as well as restaurants and cafés. Once you're ready to depart, head northbound on Route 155 for thirty-three kilometres to Västerås, an eminently industrial city, which in recent times has been making a great effort to highlight its tourist attractions and attract more visitors. In fact, it's planning to change its name to "Västerås-Mälarstaden", which means "Västerås, the city on the shores of Lake Mälaren", as the town has the largest commercial port and yacht marina on the shores of a lake in the whole of Scandinavia. One of its goals is to attract golf tourists, as several of the country's best courses are located within a forty-kilometre radius of Västerås. What's more, the city now boasts the highest sky bar in Sweden, on the 24th floor of the famous skyscraper known colloquially as "Skrapan". And let's not forget spectacular festival of classic American cars that is held every July in the city centre. Overnight stay in Västerås.

● DAY 4 · VÄSTERÅS - ESKILSTUNA - ÖREBRO - KARLSTAD

From Västerås, head northbound on Route 56 towards Eskilstuna, where you can see the picturesque houses of its historical quarter on the Eskilstunaån River, which connects Lakes Hjälmaren and Mälaren. This town is one of the birthplaces of Christianity in Sweden and its history begins back in medieval times, when the Anglo-Saxon missionary Eskil arrived in the town of Tuna and set up his monastery, which currently cherishes the relics of the now Saint Eskil himself, who died at the end of the 11th century. Hence its name "Eskilstuna", a town famous throughout the country thanks to "Parken Zoo", a complex founded in 1898 that combines a zoo (famous for its white tigers) and an amusement park that will delight adults and kids alike. The tour then continues to Örebro, a beautiful city with many attractions and pleasant parks and boulevards. We recommend a visit to its medieval castle, which you can make out on the horizon as soon as you reach the town. Almost square in shape and with mighty towers at the four corners, this picture-postcard fortress was built in the middle of the 13th century on an island in the Svartån River. Locals say that this magnificent building reflects the 700-plus years of politics, fashion and lifestyles of each historical period ever since its construction, which makes it even more attractive. What's more, you can choose between a typical guided tour... Or sign up to a theatrical tour (only in English), which brings the castle to life before your very eyes! (Note: Check the prices and schedules of the suggested activities. Not included). This picturesque fortress is nestled in the old town of Örebro, known as "Wadköping", where you can also visit many wooden villas built in the eighteenth to nineteenth centuries and the replica of an old town with workshops, schools and period stores. Following the course of the river, you can take a leisurely walk in the town's largest park (Stadsparken, in Swedish), which has been voted the most beautiful in Sweden, so get your camera ready for many a photo. What's more, the popular "Krämaren Åhléns" shopping centre is just nearby. Just one kilometre south of the central Örebro is the "Gustavsvik" Water Park, the largest in all of Scandinavia and which welcomes more than seven hundred thousand visitors each year, making it one of the most popular tourist attractions in the country. If you're after an excellent view of the town, don't miss the so-called "mushroom" (svampen, in Swedish), or the Örebro Water Tower, which receives the nickname due to its appearance. As well as acting a vantage point, it houses the "Aqua Nova" museum and exhibition centre. About 110 kilometres westbound on the E18 motorway is your next destination, the town of Karlstad, where you'll arrive in the late afternoon. Head straight to "Stora Torget", the huge square that concentrates all of the town's life, from restaurants to late-night bars. Very close by, in the direction of the river, you'll see one of Karlstad's main landmarks, the statue of a young Eva Lisa Holtz with a huge smile on her face. Known as "Sola i Karlstad" (the Sun in Karlstad), Eva Lisa was a cheerful waitress who worked at the Stadshotellet in the eighteenth century, famous for her beauty and sunny disposition. Overnight stay in Karlstad.

● DAY 5 · KARLSTAD - LYSEKIL - GOTHENBURG

Karlstad is one of the sunniest cities in Sweden, as well as one of the top destinations for inland and nature tourism. It stands at the mouth of the majestic Klarälven River on the magnificent Lake Vänern, one of the largest in Europe and with more than twenty thousand islands. Here, you can learn more about the life and work of one of Sweden's most renowned poets, Gustaf Fröding, at the artist's house-museum located in Alsters Herrgård, just outside Karlstad. Or about the history of Värmland, with an exhibition of objects and images from the Ice Age to the present day at the Värmlands Museum, located in Sandgrundsudden. Right behind is the gallery of Lars Lerin, one of the top watercolour painters in Sweden today. (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). Karlstad is also home to the famous Klässbols Linneväveri, an important textile workshop that supplies fabrics and linens to the Royal Household, embassies... And even the Nobel Prize gala dinner! One of the sought-after items of linen is another essential souvenir. Then drive towards the western coast of Sweden, a rugged region known as Bohuslän dotted with steep cliffs and more than 8,000 islands. Located at the mouth of the Gullmarn fjord (Gullmarsfjorden, in Swedish), Lysekil is an important tourist destination in a protected marine environment, which is why there are numerous activities available related to the native wildlife, such as bird-spotting or seal-watching. It's also the home of "Lysekil caviar", an exquisite delicacy made with cod roe, sugar, onion, tomato sauce and salt. A true experience for your senses. Onward journey to Gothenburg (Göteborg, in Swedish), the second largest city in Sweden, passing through the Ringömotet toll that costs 22 crowns. In Gothenburg, enjoy what the Swedish call "fika", the traditional coffee break which is said to be the secret of the country's productivity. If you have the chance, pop to the famous Husaren coffee shop (Haga Nygata, 24), the place to try the best "kanellångd", typical (and delicious) cinnamon rolls. You can spend the rest of the afternoon exploring this city with its own personality that sets it apart from the rest of the country. One great idea is a stroll through Haga, a neighbourhood brimming with picturesque stone and wood houses and where there's no lack of craft shops and vintage stores. Or you can go to the Liseberg amusement park, which with more than 2.8 million visitors per year is the most popular tourist attraction in Sweden thanks to its forty-plus attractions, including ferris wheels, roller coasters or the tallest drop tower in Europe, the exhilarating "AtmosFear". (Note: Check the websites for prices and schedules. Not included). As for nightlife, we recommend the fantastic bohemian and chic atmosphere of the Linné district (between Långgatorna and Linnégatan Streets), which is the trendiest district in town with all kinds of restaurants, cafes and bars. Overnight stay in Gothenburg.

● DAY 6 · GOTHENBURG - JÖNKÖPING - GRÄNNA - NORRKÖPING

One of the best ways to discover the many allures of Gothenburg is to stroll along Kungssportsavenyn, known simply as Avenyn (Avenue), the main artery that leads to Götaplatsen Square, the true cultural treasure of the city. Some two kilometres long, Avenyn boasts the largest concentration of bars and restaurants in Gothenburg, as well as the Stora Theatre (Grand Theatre) and the Municipal Library. Götaplatsen Square is also home to the Konstmuseum (Museum of Fine Arts) and its spectacular exhibitions that cover from the 15th century to the present day; the Göteborgs Konserthus (Gothenburg Concert House) and its neo-classical architecture; and the Göteborgsoperan (Gothenburg Opera House) located on the banks of the Göta Canal, the latest major cultural investment in the region and completed in 1994. And also the sculpture of Poseidon, one of the most recognisable landmarks in the city, where taking a photograph with the god of the seas is a must. We recommend leaving Gothenburg after lunch to leave plenty of time for the rest of the journey.

It's a long drive, so depending on the time you can make one or two stops. Here are some highlights of the route, so you can choose which you most fancy. Off we go! You can take Route 40 to the ultra-modern Jönköping, one of the cities with the highest density of restaurants in the country and which lies 148 kilometres away, passing through the Kungsbackaleden toll, which costs 22 crowns. And from there to Gränna, which is an idyll for sweet-toothed tourists, as it's Sweden's main production centre of the so-called "polkagrisar", a candy stick made with mint but which also comes in many different flavours. Onward with the journey. Enjoy the magnificent natural panoramas that accompany you along the east coast of Lake Vättern on the E4 motorway heading north until you reach Norrköping, 130 kilometres away. This town is perched at the mouth of Lake Vättern with the Baltic Sea, site of a spectacular system of canals called "Morata Ström" which earn it the nickname of the Scandinavian Venice. A short stroll along the main street "Drottninggatan" will take you to the City Tower, which is the major landmark of Norrköping. Another icon of the town is the Egges Theatre, which in 1776 staged the first performance of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet".

Overnight stay in Norrköping.

● DAY 7 · NORRKÖPING - STOCKHOLM

We face the final stretch of the route, keep in mind that Stockholm is located about 162 kilometers from Norrköping on the E4 highway, so we recommend that you do not leave too late for the capital. Accommodation in Stockholm.

● DAY 8 · STOCKHOLM - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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| ✓ Return flight. | ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Stockholm. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Stockholm. |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Vasteras. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Vasteras. | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Karlstad. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Karlstad. | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Gothenburg. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Gothenburg. | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Norrkoping. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Norrkoping. | ✓ Rent-a-car. |
| ✓ Insolvency protection. | | |

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Possible toll charges.

Destinations Visited

Stockholm



Sigtuna



Uppsala



Vasteras



Eskilstuna



Orebro



Karlstad



Lysekil



Gothenburg



Jönköping



Gränna



Norrköping



Important remarks

- Take advantage at the first hour of the day to get the Stockholm tourist card "Stockholm Pass" at their multiple sales points, most Pressbyrå kiosks, 7-Eleven, some hotels and municipal tourist offices. This will allow you to free access to more than 60 attractions such as museums, tourist attractions, boat tours and unlimited trips on the "hop on-hop off" buses. We recommend purchasing the option of 24 hours or the 48 hours, depending on the time you have set aside for discovering the charms of the capital of Sweden. The price of this tourist card for the 24 hours option ranges between 645-770 crowns (65-75 euros) for adults and 323-408 crowns (30-40 euros) for children (6-15 years), while for the 48 hours it ranges between 845-1,095 crowns (85-95 euros) for adults and 423-588 crowns (40-50 euros) for children (6-15 years). It can also be purchased via the Internet. You will also receive a free city guide when you pick up the card at the destination or when you receive it at home.

- Driving in Sweden: 1. It is mandatory for vehicles to drive with headlights on at all times, even on the brightest day of summer. 2. Speed limits on the road. 2.1 Residential areas up to 30 km / h. 2.2 Urban centers up to 50 km / h. 2.3 Roads up to 70 km / h. 2.4 Dual carriageway (highways) and motorways up to 110 km / h. 3. Winter tyres with or without spikes, chains or similar must be used between 1 December and 1 April. 4. You have to carry in the car a red warning triangle and a reflective yellow vest to use in case of breakdown or accident. For emergency repairs you must call the Assistancekåren service. The toll-free number in Sweden is +46 20 912

912. 5. Alcohol consumption. The legal limit is 20 milligrams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood. There are severe penalties for drivers that exceed the allowed limit. 6. There are few tolls in Sweden, almost all are automatic. All drivers, regardless of nationality, have to pay at the Swedish tolls.

- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.

- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.

- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.

- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.

- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.

- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.