

Cultural Tour (Luxury)

FACTS AND INFORMATION

Tour Dates:	June 17-28 -2009
Duration:	12 days, 11 nights
Arrival:	Gothenburg
Departure:	Stockholm
Price pp:	SEK 34 000 (Incl. Tax)
Group size:	Max 20 people
Additional:	Lapland or Copenhagen

THE HEART OF CULTURAL & CULINARY TRADITIONS

Folkdance, folk music, domestic food, arts, handicraft and the local people. All important ingredients of representing the concept of Swedish culture. And you will have a piece of them all when travelling our Cultural and Culinary Traditions tour. By visiting our cultural treasures as the royal theatre of Drottningholm or the glassblowers old villages in the forests of Småland. But also by learning about Swedish culture and culinary traditions in the most inspiring way; by experiencing them your-self together with a group of charming Swedes. Try out Swedish handicraft, learn how to dance the traditional folkdances and have the possibility to meet and dine with Swedes in their homes! Welcome to join our Cultural and Culinary Traditions Tour!

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1-3

The perfect way of starting a Cultural and Culinary Traditional Tour. That is how we look at the first three days of this unique tour. Staying on the west-coast, having lessons of Swedish traditions, folkdances, songs and music and the possibility to make Swedish handicraft together with professionals. We prepare the different dishes for the Smorgasbord and enjoy the opportunity to a unique meeting with locals. Swedish families invite you to their homes for a homemade meal and good company. This is a possibility to fully meet and chat to ordinary people in a Swedish small town. Furthermore you will spend a whole day celebrating a traditional midsummer and crayfish party at the beautiful castle of Nääs, a few miles northeast of Gothenburg. To the tunes of accordions and together with locals we show what we learned in folkdances and folk-ballads. And as the evening starts to set in this longest day of the year, we set the tables and strike into the traditional smorgasbord that we prepared last day. More local and traditional than this is difficult to experience in any place in the world.

Day 4-5

The next stop will be the picturesque village of Smögen, the heart of the Swedish west coast. The lands-cape is breathtaking with its unique rock formations and red wooden cottages. Here, the fishing industry is in focus and the area is rich in traditions and Swedish food specialties, such as shrimps and the popular West coast sallad. The area also contains the world famous rock carvings in Tanumshede, a prehistoric pictorial treasure from the Bronze Age with the pictures carved in the smooth rock. The Rock Carvings in Tanum were inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1994. The Swedish west coast has long been a popular tourist destination for the Swedes themselves. Small, picturesque cottages built on the rocky archipelago coastline, make the waterfront simply magnificent. Stroll along the wharfs at late sunset, listening to the chatter from the many restaurants or the pleasant sound of the ocean.

Day 6-8

The tour continues by bus to the Kingdom of crystal, passing the beautiful town Gränna which is famous for its making of peppermints candies and Swedish crisp bread. The third day will be spent in the Kingdom of Chrystal. Here you can enjoy a close-up view of the glassblowers transforming the molten glass into beautiful glass works. You can even get the chance to try and blow one yourself! The night will be spent according to tradition in the Kingdom of Crystal: dinner will be cooked and served in the glassworkers' smelting house!

Day 9-12

Culture and Stockholm is often synonymous. Here you find the Royal Castles, containing Swedish art, architecture and interior design spanning four centuries. The palaces are a large part of our common Royal culture heritage in Sweden and provides us with a unique opportunity to study a milieu that holds a central part in Swedish history. Wander through the parks and gardens and allow our knowledgeable guides make your visit into an extra special experience. In 1991 the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO designated the theatre, together with Drottningholm Palace, the Chinese Pavilion and the surrounding park, as being of international cultural heritage significance and listed on the UNESCO's list of world heritage. The Theatre is a unique 18th century theatre – the world most preserved theatre – with an advanced scenery machinery still used.

In Stockholm you also find the stunning building of the City Hall, which venues the annual Nobel Prize festivities. Not many people have had the possibility to join the festivities, but when travelling with us you will have a genuine Nobel price dinner. The same porcelain, the same menus and splendid architecture. We also have walk through the Old Towns narrow alleys and architecture that stretches all way back to the 13th century, which tells the legends about the cannonball stuck in one of the old houses, the rune stone placed in the middle of the area and the tiny alley of Märten Trotzig, no more than 3 ft wide!

INCLUDED

- 11 nights at first class hotels, Double Occupancy
- 11 Breakfasts
- 7 Three course meals
- 5 Lunches
- 1 First class Touring coach
- A traditional midsummer celebration with food, beverages and good company
- Lessons of Swedish Folkdance
- Lessons and possibility to try out Swedish handicraft together with professionals
- Cooking class with professionals: Swedish delicatessen
- Class: Making of Peppermint Candies
- Private guiding of the rock carvings of Tanumshede
- Entrance fee at the museum of Viltlycke
- Glass-tour of Kosta Bodas birth village of Kosta
- Try out making your own glass-art
- Private Guiding of the Royal Palace
- Private Guiding of Drottningholm Palace and Drottningholm Palace theatre
- Entrance fee China Castle
- Stockholm City Sightseeing Tour
- Pick-Up and Drop-Off at the Airports
- Luggage Storage/Handling
- A guide that will follow your group during the whole trip