

IDYLLIC SWEDEN
Copenhagen and Southern Sweden
7 Nights / 8 days
Self-drive



This tour will take you from the pulsating city of Copenhagen for a round trip in southern Sweden with its varied nature, great cultural life and interesting history. This is the perfect tour for those how would like to have a relaxed holiday with the opportunity to make small stops along the road without worrying about the time. In this region, small lakes, deep forests, great fields, long beaches and typical Swedish red cabins are never far away. This is truly one of the most beautiful and authentic sides of Sweden – it's the idyllic Sweden!

Day 01: Arrival in Copenhagen

Arrival in Copenhagen according to your own itinerary.

Welcome to the Capital of Denmark! In this charming city one thousand years of history awaits you in the medieval streets; the same streets walked on by every generation of the world's oldest royal family, the same streets and canals which have inspired artists for centuries and been home and workplace to meticulous craftsmen and famous designers. Sights of interests are The Royal Palace Amalienborg, The Little Mermaid statue and The Tivoli Garden.

Accommodation at First hotel Kong Frederik

Day 02: Copenhagen – Helsingør-Helsingborg – Växjö (236 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will be heading north towards Helsingør also known as Elsinore. William Shakespeare called the city this in his famous play Hamlet which takes place at Kronborg Castel. During the summer the Castle is open for visitors with guided tours in English daily. From Helsingør you will make a short ferry crossing to Sweden and the city of Helsingborg. Continue driving up north through a landscape full of small lakes and deep forests. In this region the world famous furniture store IKEA was founded by Ingvar Kamprad who grew up not far from Växjö.

Accommodation at Clarion Collection hotel Cardinal in Växjö.

Day 03: Växjö – The Kingdom of Crystal– Kalmar (134 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. From Växjö you will continue driving east through the Kingdom of Crystal. The tradition of glass blowing started in this region more than 500 years ago. The huge forests and many lakes in Småland were a pre-condition for the growth of glassworks in the 1700's. Wood from the forest kept the glass furnaces burning and the sand from the lake bottoms was transformed into magnificent glass. At the beginning of the 1900's there were around 100 glassworks in the region. On your way to Kalmar you will be passing two of the greatest and world famous glassworks Orrefors and Kosta (Kosta Boda). We warmly recommend a visit where you will see the making of the glass and you might even get to try the fine art of glass blowing.

In the Crystal shop you can buy all the famous and beautiful glass at factory prices.
Accommodation at First Hotel Witt in Kalmar

Day 04: Kalmar

Breakfast at the hotel. The history of Kalmar dates back to the 11th century which makes it one of Sweden's oldest cities. One of the most famous landmarks of Kalmar is the Kalmar Castle which was originally built during the 12th century. However, the Castle acquired its present appearance in the 16th century, when the Vasa kings Erik XIV and Johan III rebuilt it in the style of a Renaissance palace and furnished it in a continental manner.

The Castle is open daily for visitors during the summer season.

Just outside Kalmar the Island of Öland is located. Kalmar and Öland are connected through a bridge, built in 1972 that was considered to be the longest in Europe until recent. Öland is famous for its many windmills and long sandy beaches. The island offers a great variety of nature and on the southern part you will find 'Stora Alvaret' which is limestone pavement where many rare plant and animal species lives. A day excursion to Öland is definitely recommended while staying in this region!

Accommodation at First hotel Witt in Kalmar

Day 05: Kalmar – Brösarp (232 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will be heading further south and to the province of Skåne. On your way the landscape will change from deep forests to an open landscape with great yellow rape fields. The village of Brösarp is located in the heart of Österlen. This region is famous for its beautiful nature and landscape, picturesque coast communities and apple gardens. Your home for the next two nights is The Brösarp Gästgifveri - a cosy and authentic guesthouse with manors from 1684. This is the place for total relaxation and pleasure.

In the evening you will enjoy a true gourmet experience as you will be served a well composed 3-course dinner with ingredients from the local area at the hotel.

Accommodation at Brösarp Gästgifveri

Day 06: Brösarp

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we suggest a day excursion along the coast and to the spectacular Ales Stenar – Ale's Stones is 59 mysterious stone monoliths arranged by our ancestors approx. 5000 years ago. The formation of the stones is in the shape of a ship, but nobody knows for sure what the original purpose was behind this ancient, powerful symbolism. Perhaps it was a meeting place for rituals, held to mark the changing of the seasons? Many different interpretations have been put forward for these majestic stones. Ale's stenar is often compared with the famous Stonehenge monument in England.

On your way back we recommend a stop in Kivik and the Kivik Äppelmusteri – which produces products such as cider, juice, jams etc. from apples growing in the area. The 'factory' is open daily during the summer and it is possible to visit the great garden and the small shop.

3-course dinner in the evening at Brösarp Gästgifveri.

Accommodation at Brösarp Gästgifveri

Day 07: Brösarp – Copenhagen

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will be heading back to Copenhagen. Drive along Sweden's southernmost coast line towards Malmö, the third largest city in Sweden. From here you will enter the Öresundsbridge that connects Sweden and Denmark. The construction of the bridge started in 1995 and was finished in 1999. The bridge covers half way between Denmark and Sweden and the rest is connected by an underwater tunnel that starts from the artificial island 'Peberholmen' – Pepper Island which was built together with the bridge.
Accommodation at Comfort hotel Europa

Day 08: Departure from Copenhagen

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure according to your own itinerary.

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Hotel Description:

The price is based on accommodation in good tourist class hotels (3- 4 stars), if any of the hotels are fully booked we will find alternative hotels of the same standard.

Services included:

- 7 nights hotel accommodation in shared double room with shower/WC, including breakfast
- Ferry crossing Helsingør – Helsingborg
- 2 x 3-course dinner at the Brösarp Gästgifveri
- Bridge toll Malmö – Copenhagen

Rental Car: Prices available upon request

Prices are valid from 01.05.10 – 31.08.12. Prices outside this period are available upon request.