

# SCANDINAVIAN ROAD TRIP & GOTHENBURG

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### DAY 1: WELCOME TO SWEDEN

After 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 rest of the day exploring the beautiful city. Stroll the well-known street **Drottninggatan** where you can shop and feel the vibe of the capital city. In **Old Town (Gamla Stan)**, you will find the **Royal Palace**, the parliament, old churches, beautiful cobble stone streets and medieval houses.

Spend the night in Stockholm.

**Attractions:** Drottninggatan, Gamla Stan (Old town of Stockholm), Royal Palace of Stockholm, Stockholm, Stockholm City Hall, Sweden

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### DAY 2: A SLICE OF THE SWEDISH COUNTRYSIDE

Today you will pick up your rental car and kick off your drive 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 well-preserved 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century buildings. Here, you can visit the **Kalmar Castle**, which has a rich history dating back over 800 years. Spend some time strolling the quaint streets of this town and let the architecture transport you back in time.

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

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### DAY 3: SWEDEN'S SPLENDID SOUTH COAST

From Kalmar, drive south along the coast to Skåne 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**. Continue to the popular attraction **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. You will continue your drive to the charming town of **Ystad** where you will spend the night.

Spend the night in Ystad.

*Driving distance: 290 km / 180 miles*

*Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)*

**Attractions:** Ales Stenar, Karlskrona, Kiviks Musteri, Simrishamn, Ystad, Österlen

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## DAY 4: 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 **Skanör** and **Falsterbo**, located on the Falsterbo peninsula, where you will encounter long stretches of white sand beaches. Next, cross the famous **Øresund 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:** Falsterbo, Malmö, Nyhavn, Skanör, Tivoli Gardens, Ystad, Øresund Bridge

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## DAY 5: A DAY IN CAPTIVATING COPENHAGEN

You have the whole day to explore **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.

Spend the night in Copenhagen.

**Attractions:** Amalienborg Palace, Christiansborg Palace, Copenhagen, Denmark, Little Mermaid, Nyhavn, Strøget shopping street

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## DAY 6: FROM COPENHAGEN TO GOTHENBURG

Today you will make your way back to Sweden. Drive from Copenhagen to **Helsingør**, where you will board a ferry with your car, to Helsingborg in Sweden. In Helsingør we recommend taking a stroll around the pretty town and visit the **Kronborg Castle**, which was made famous in William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Once in Helsingborg we recommend a visit to **Sofiero Palace & Garden**, where you will find historical parks and gardens with a stunning variety of rhododendrons. Continue driving along the west coast of Sweden until you reach **Gothenburg**.

Spend the night in Gothenburg.

*Ferry from Helsingør to Helsingborg: 20 minutes*

*Driving distance: 260 km / 162 miles*

*Estimated driving duration: 3 hours (without stops)*

**Attractions:** Gothenburg, Helsingør, Kronborg Castle, Sofiero Palace & Garden

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## DAY 7: EXPLORE GLORIOUS GOTHENBURG

After breakfast at your hotel, get ready to greet Gothenburg, Sweden's second largest city. It is recommended to walk down **Avenyn**, the main shopping street that is chock full of interesting stores and fine restaurants. Other points of interest include the **Feskekôrka** fish market and the fun **Liseberg** amusement park. Art lovers should make a stop at the Gothenburg Museum of Art followed by an afternoon Fika in Haga.

Spend the night in Gothenburg.

**Attractions:** Avenyn, Feskekôrka, Liseberg Amusement Park

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## DAY 8: FROM GOTHENBURG TO OSLO

From Gothenburg, head north to the **Bohus Fortress**, an impressive structure that was built in 1308 and today houses a museum. If you would like more time in Oslo, you can head directly to the capital city, but we recommend the scenic route to **Marstrand**, which has been referred to as Sweden's little St. Tropez. Here you can enjoy a nice lunch or take a dip in the ocean from the cliffs. You leave the car on the main land and take a short passenger ferry to the island Marstrand.

Continue your drive to Oslo. After you arrive, park your car and explore the modern city by foot. Notable attractions include the **Royal Palace** and the **Aker Brygge** area and spending some time along the beautiful harbour area.

Spend the night in Oslo.

*Driving distance: 290 km / 180 miles and if you go on a detour to Marstrand 328 km / 204 miles*

*Estimated driving duration: 3 hour and 13 min (without stops) and if you go on a detour to the island Marstrand 3 hours and 52 min (without stops)*

**Attractions:** Aker Brygge, Bohus Fortress, Marstrand, Norway, The Royal Palace (Oslo)

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## DAY 9: 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 Oslo City Hall, the Oslo Opera House, **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, Oslo City Hall, Oslo Opera House, Vigeland Sculpture Park

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## DAY 10: 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

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## DAY 11: CASTLES ON THE WAY TO STOCKHOLM

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. After a proper dose of history in Örebro, continue to the town of Eskilstuna, where you can visit the charming 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, Wadköping Museum Village, Örebro

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## DAY 12: STOCKHOLM AND DEPARTURE DAY

Enjoy one last breakfast before it's time to check out of your hotel. Passengers departing with the afternoon flight will have time for some last-minute shopping, sightseeing, or some time relaxing at a café while reflecting on your time in Scandinavia.

*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.*

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