



A GENERAL AGRICULTURAL TOUR TO SWEDEN GOTHENBURG – STOCKHOLM

The best of south Sweden

Sweden is a long country, the south is close to the continental climate and the very north offers a wild mountainous landscape. The best variety of agriculture is offered in the part from our capital Stockholm and south. On a tour in Sweden we want to show you the typical landscape; forest, open land and water.

We want you to meet representatives for traditional livestock- and grainfarming, forestry, bioenergy, small scale foodproduction and tourism. Accompanied by the technical visits you will also get to try the traditional food and most famous touristic sights.

(B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Day 1 Gothenburg (-/-/D)

Arrival in Gothenburg, where your English speaking tour leader will meet the group. Transfer by coach into the city centre of Gothenburg and Check-In in your hotel.

Short sightseeing

If time allows Sightseeing by bus together with an authorized Gothenburg guide. Sweden's second largest city, is undergoing a transformation from industrial seaport to contemporary cultural and international sports venue. Perhaps the most surprising change in Gothenburg is in its restaurants and other eateries. The city has gained an international reputation for innovative cuisine using local produce, mainly north Atlantic fish and shellfish. Gothenburg is a gateway to the Western Archipelago, with its peerless isles and barren grey skerries and they are easily accessible by boat from the city.

Visit Gothenburg Botanical garden

Sweden's largest botanical garden with approx 13 000 species. Situated within walking distance of Slottsskogen, Göteborg's Botanical Gardens are some of the biggest in Europe.

More information about the botanical gardens:

www.gotbot.se/kulturvast_templates/Kultur_ArticlePageWide.aspx?id=56241

Dinner and overnight in Gothenburg



Gothenburg



Poseidon



City of Gothenburg

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Day 2 Gothenburg – Lidköping 250 km

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Check out and travel along the **picturesque west coast** where the fishing villages have become popular places to visit.

Have a nice lunch in a typical west coast restaurant

Visit to cattle breeder who is also part of an organic sales company. Depending on the time of year we will see the cattle in the field

Continue east towards the town city Lidköping. The nature will change from the harsh coast, through forestry to a rich grain producing area.

Visit to a **typical family owned arable farm**, 300-500 hectares

Check in to hotel in Lidköping or nearby

For English speaking groups we can offer dinner together with local farmers.

Day 3 Lidköping and surrounding 100 km

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Meeting in with representative of LRF, Lantbrukarnas Riksförbund, The Federation of Swedish Farmers or SLU, Swedish University of Agriculture

General information about Swedish agriculture and discussion about specific topics of interest.

Visit to Viking Genetics

A Swedish-Danish breeding company outside Skara. Hear about the Swedish breeding program and the success of export.

More information about Viking Genetics: www.vikinggenetics.com

The day continue in this **rich agricultural region for informative visits with successful farmers**.

Possible visits: dairy, beef, biogas, wind power, vegetable, fruit or small scale local produce



West Coast

Shrimp sandwich

Harvest

Sightseeing on the plateau mountain Kinnekulle

The area around the nature reserve Kinnekulle is peaceful and quiet. The richness of biotopes is remarkable – flourishing deciduous woods, conifer forests, copses, forest meadows, pastures and limestone flats with rare flowers in the spring. Along the coastline there are plenty of old castles, some of them are partly open to the public and can show beautiful gardens.

Lunch will be served in a nice countryside restaurant

Visit of the medieval stone church in Husaby

Sweden's first Christian king, Olof Skötkonung, was baptized here in 1008. The oldest and most unusual section of the church is the grand tower in the west, built in the 1000s. The church has many interesting furnishings, including the "bishop's chair", one of Sweden's oldest pieces of furniture and gives a good picture of the catholic and protestant centuries in Swedish Christian histour

Travel back to the same hotel, for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 Skara - Linköping ca 300 km (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel and check out

Travel south towards Jönköping and the eastern part of south Sweden. We will pass a landscape of rolling green hills known for its large dairy production. It has also become a successful area for local and small scale produce.

Visit to a local **producer of Swedish crispbread** – “Knäckebröd” using flour from “old times” grain – and selling for export



Kinnekulle



Husaby Church



Cows

Visit to Åsle Tå, a well preserved cottage environment from old times, and a medieval church.
www.asleta.se

On our way we will pass the city of Jönköping, nicely situated by lake Vättern and famous for its Match museum and the factory of Husqvarna.

Possible visit at Huskvarna OR

Visit the small town Gränna, known as “**the peppermint rock town**”. After the visit to the peppermint cookery where you will see how the candy is made there will be lunch served by the water over viewing Lake Vättern.

Östergötland is one of the main agricultural regions of Sweden, with a very rich farming soil, “the black earth”. Väderstad is a familyrun company and one of the leading European companies in soil tillage and seed drilling with its factory in the middle of this farmcovered area. Visit possible www.vaderstad.com

Arrival to Linköping, one of the cities in Sweden with a 1000 year history
Dinner and over night in Linköping

Day 5 Linköping - Stockholm 250 km (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Short tour through the town with its Cathedral and old town with houses and roads kept from the beginning of the last century.

Farmvisit to a **combined farm with grain, forest** and either dairy, beef or pigs (no entrance to pigstable)

The Göta Canal was one of the largest civil engineering projects ever undertaken in Sweden. The Canal stretches from Sjötorp on Lake Vänern to Mem on the east coast. It has a length of 190 km and a total of 58 locks. The Canal was opened in Mem 1832.

www.gotakanal.se/en/Gota-Canal/ On our way we will pass the canal and maybe see some of the locks being opened.

Or even better – give it some hours and **enjoy a boat ride on the canal** enjoying the landscape and experience to travel through the locks



Åsle Tå



Väderstad – Rapid



Peppermint rocks



Visit to an ostrich and turkeyfarm with their own slaughtertry and farmshop OR

Visit to a sheep farmer OR

Visit to De Laval. The international dairy equipment company De Laval (Alfa Laval) has its head office and exhibiting farm outside Stockholm, could be visited if there is interest.

Stockholm

At arrival to the capital of Sweden – Stockholm, you will make a guided tour by bus to get a first picture of the city. Stockholm is generally referred to as Beauty on Water, or Venice of the North, which is understandable, as the city is built upon 14 islands. It is surrounded by Lake Mälaren, and by the Baltic Sea. The mixture of old and new, greenery and water, picturesque narrow streets and engaging modern broad ones provides an attractiveness you rarely meet elsewhere.

Check in to your central hotel

Open-air museum Skansen

Nice farewell dinner at the famous Open-air museum Skansen. Skansen is the first open-air museum in the world. Skansen is also a zoological park specialising mainly in Scandinavian fauna. It is located on one of the central islands, Djurgården, still own by the Swedish Crown. Skansen was founded in 1891 for the purpose to show how people had lived and worked in different parts of Sweden in times gone by. Over the years about 150 historical buildings have been moved here from nearly every part of Sweden. Most of them dated from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Alternative farewell dinner

Dinner cruise on an old former steamboat taking you in to the archipelago with its 24 000 islands and cobs in the Baltic Sea

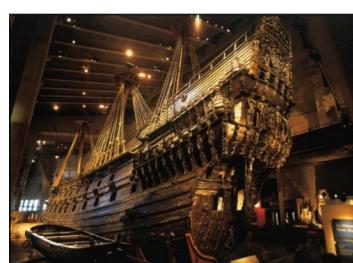
Overnight in Stockholm



City Hall



Lake Mälaren



Vasa Ship Museum

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Breakfast at the hotel

Sightseeing in Stockholm with a Visit to the Vasa ship museum

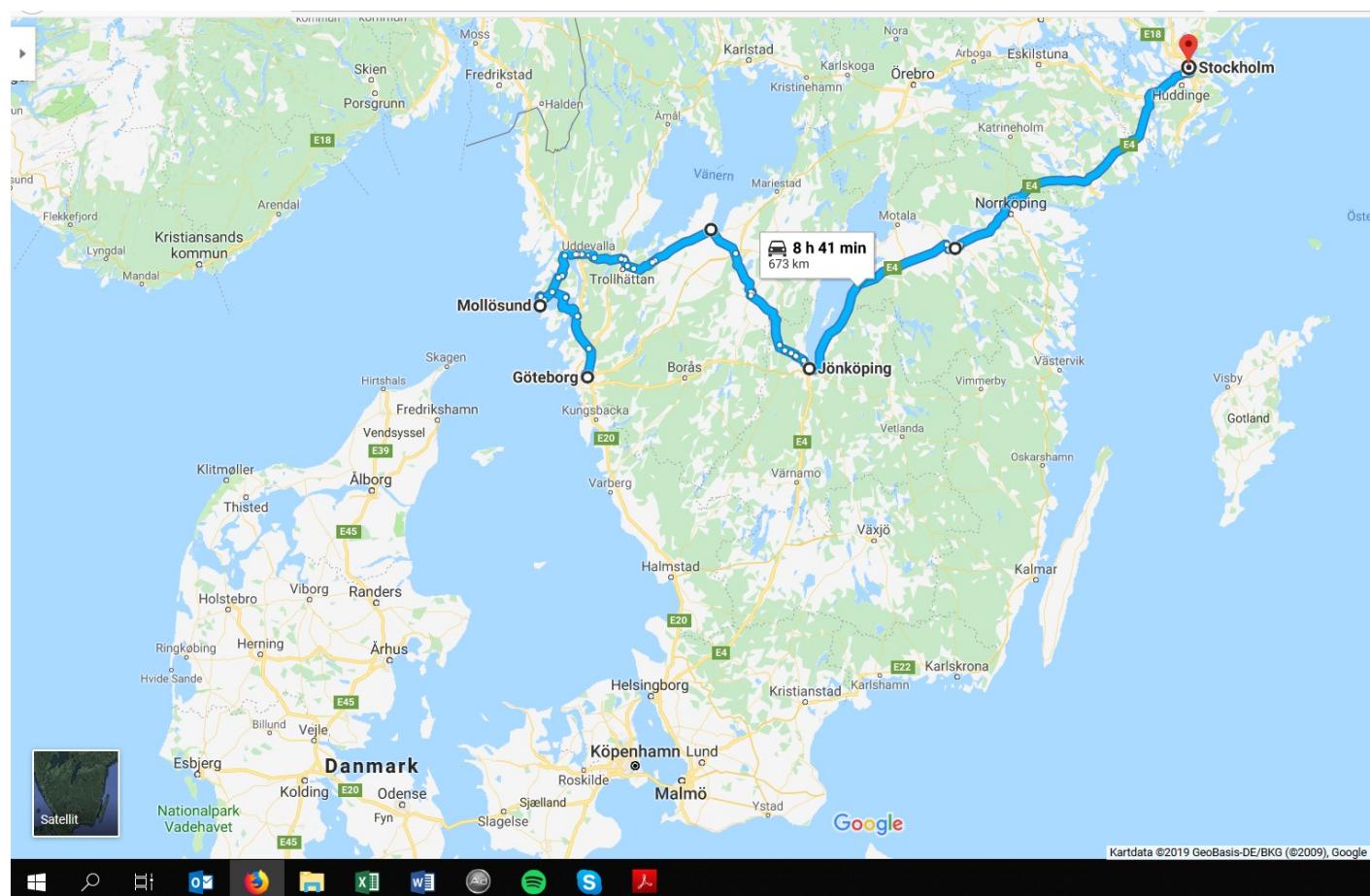
The tour will include a visit to the Vasa Museum. The warship Vasa sunk on the way leaving Stockholm on her maiden voyage in 1628. She was brought up to land 1961 and restored. Today Wasa is a worldwide sensation in her museum.

More information about the Vasa museum: www.vasamuseet.se/en

Lunch in the Old Town own in Stockholm's Old Town

Free time for shopping or transfer to the airport, depending on the flights departure.

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