

Inspiration for a technical Forestry Tour in Sweden

Forestry is one of the main industries in Sweden with a long tradition to take advantage of all the possibilities the nature offer.

Most of the Swedish forest is part of the coniferous forest belt that extends around the entire northern hemisphere. The length of the country results in a large difference in the growing conditions. The southern climate is similar to part of the European forests and in the north, we have the mountainous landscape.

Are you interested to learn more about how the forestry is managed? To see the process from raw material to finished product and to meet people from the industry, research and strategic organizers? Let us suggest a program for you where you can choose between the middle/north or the south of Sweden!

In all tours we can include

Forest visits to different type of stands. If possible, we see harvesting and/or planting

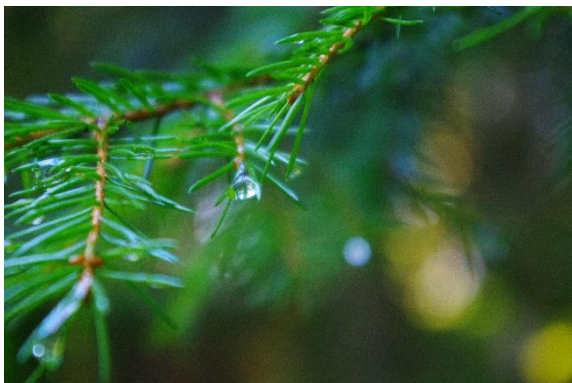
Visit to a plant school to see the regeneration of the forest as well as sales for private use

Meetings with advisors, forest managers and other supporting the owners

Meeting with representatives from official or voluntary organisations focusing on the work based on Swedish forest strategy

Meeting with entrepreneurs in nature tourism, either with focus on activity such as hiking, cooking or canoeing or on teaching about the forest and its wildlife

Local and larger production companies using wood for high quality products: construction material, matches, art, kitchen tools etcetera



Southern Sweden

Copenhagen to Stockholm via the Westcoast and region Småland

We suggest a routing with start in Copenhagen, Denmark (or Göteborg) and ending in the beautiful capital Stockholm. We'll include a couple of visits on the west coast where we can enjoy the varying coastline and its small villages. Further inland, the region "Småland" proof the typical Swedish picture of red cottages by a lake in the forest. This is where Astrid Lindgren lived and wrote her beloved children books, a place we can visit on the tour. Småland is also the centre for the traditional glass blowing and you'll also find many moose farms welcoming visitors.

Apart from the leisure visits there are several professional technical visits within forestry:

The forest in the south consists mainly of spruce and pine but there are several areas of deciduous trees such as birch and beech. Most is **privately owned**, and we will meet the owner and hear about future possibilities and demands.

Visit some of the **large forest companies and their processing plants**, like Södra – a global organisation owned by Swedish forest owners. Hear about their research and see the most modern production plants of pulp and wood on the west coast and in Småland. Derome – a private company in west Sweden. Their production plant starts with the logs and end with prefabricated houses.

The University in Växjö with focus on future use of the forest but also education for forest owners.

The tour end in Stockholm where we proudly will show you our capital, often called "the Venice of the North", with the Vasa Museum, City Hall and the Old Town with the Royal Palace.



Middle /northern Sweden

Sundsvall/Umeå or Luleå and surroundings – combined with Stockholm

Take the opportunity to combine your forestry tour with a visit to the exotic northern part of Sweden. In summer you will enjoy daylight most of the 24 hours of the day, with plenty of time to discover the mountainous landscape. In winter you might see northern light and can enjoy dogsledding and ice fishing among many other activities.

The town Sundsvall is the home of many forest companies and organisations with different processing plants nearby. **Their harbour** is one of the most important for the forest industry with regular transport to harbours on the continent. The forests in northern Sweden has a higher percentage of company owned land with the **company SCA as the main actor**. In Umeå town, 3,5 hours away, you'll find the **university for forest science and foresters**.

The main attraction is “Höga Kusten” a scenic coastline with a large mix of touristic adventures; boat tours, Swedish crisp bread factory, rock carvings and others.

And we don't want you to miss our capital – make a stop here on the way back home!

If you have other wishes or ideas of areas you want to visit in Sweden – remember 63% is covered with forest! – just tell us and we will be happy to suggest a program for you.



