

Feel like a princess in Royal Stockholm

For visitors wanting to experience the Royal spirit of Stockholm, the possibilities are nearly endless. Stockholm has several Royal settings with many interesting attractions and beautiful natural scenery. Why not go shopping at purveyors to His Majesty the King and see several magnificent castles, some of which also offer overnight lodging? We've collected several ideas for how to feel like a princess in Stockholm.

The Royal Palace in Gamla Stan

A walk through majestic halls, where kings and queens once lived and worked, evokes a grand and solemn feeling. With its 608 rooms, the Royal Palace in Gamla Stan is one of Europe's biggest. Part of the Palace is built on the remains of the first one, Tre Kronor, which was almost completely destroyed in a fire in 1697. For a long time, the Royal family called the Palace home, but in 1981, they moved to Drottningholm, just south of Stockholm. Today the king and queen maintain their offices at the Palace, producing a unique situation: the Palace is open to the public while the Royal couple is working there.

Large areas of the Palace are open to the public; however, in addition to walking through splendid rooms and halls, visitors won't want to miss some of the building's museums. Livrustkammaren displays fascinating objects that belonged to previous sovereigns. The unique collection includes the fancy-dress costume that Gustav III wore the night he was murdered (1792) and Streiff, the horse (now stuffed, of course!) Gustav II Adolf rode into the Battle at Lützen (1632). In Skattkammaren (The Treasury), you can look at the monarchy's most important symbols, the regalia that are still worn at Royal weddings, baptisms, and funerals. A model of the old Palace before it was ravaged by fire, along with objects saved from the flames, are on display at the Tre Kronor Museum. You can also visit Gustaf III's Museum of Antiquities, The Royal Chapel and The Bernadotte Library.

Don't miss the changing of the guard

One event you won't want to miss when you're in Stockholm is the changing of the guard, which takes place every day at noon. With pomp and circumstance, the participants ride horses or march through the city to the Palace. The main guard has been at Kungliga Slottet since 1523, and today, military units and bands from all over the country participate. From May through August, the changing of the guard generally takes place at 12:15 p.m. except on Sundays and holidays, when the ceremony begins at 1:15 p.m. If you would like to get a closer look at the king's horses, magnificent coaches, and handsome uniforms, stroll over to Hovstallet on Våpnargatan, not far from the Palace. A guide will take you through the Royal Mews.

Additional Royal Attractions





- **Djurgården** - It doesn't take much time or planning to visit one of Stockholm's Royal lands. These oases are surprisingly close to the center of the city. One particular island, Kungliga Djurgården, is a favourite haunt among Stockholmers and tourists alike, in part because of all the attractions and activities it offers, but also because of its natural surroundings, which give visitors some respite from the hustle and bustle of city life. You can get to Djurgården by boat or bus or on foot. Simply stroll down Strandvägen until you reach Djurgårdsbron.
- **Beautiful Hagaparken** - Hagaparken, founded by Gustav III, at the end of the 18th century, greets the visitor with beautiful architecture and relaxing natural surroundings. Among its many interesting cultural-historical buildings are Kinesiska Pagoden (Chinese Pagoda), Haga slott (Palace), Koppartälten (Coppertent) and the Gustav III pavilion, all of which are all open during the summer months. The Fjärilshuset (Butterfly House) is open year round. Haga Slott (palace) is the official residence of Crown Princess Victoria and Prince Daniel.
- **Ulriksdals Palace** - Ulriksdals Palace, built in 1644, has been used by Royalty since the days of Karl XI. King Gustav VI Adolf and his family lived here during most of the 20th century. The apartments furnished by among others, Carl Malmsten, contain many exquisite antiques. Centrally located in the grounds by the Palace lies the greenhouse, nowadays used as the Orangery museum. The Palace theatre, known as Confidencen, built in 1753 is also well known.
- **Drottningholms Palace** - Drottningholms Palace, now the Royal family's permanent residence, is located near Stockholm. Magnificently situated on the water, the Drottningholm Palace is on UNESCO's World Heritage List. It is the most well-preserved Royal Palace built in the 1600s in Sweden. The combination of the exotic Chinese Pavillion, the Palace theatre (Drottningholm Slottsteater) and the magnificent Palace gardens make the visit to Drottningholm a unique experience. During the summer, boats travel to and from Drottningholm at regular intervals with departures from the City Hall. Strömma has boat tours where they serve a three-course set menu and a guided tour of the palace park is also given.

Royal Shopping - By appointment to His Majesty the King of Sweden

Only the best will do for kings and queens and why should you be satisfied with anything less? Of Sweden's 130 purveyors to the court, about sixty are located in Stockholm. In order to become a Royal purveyor, a business must have made regular deliveries of goods or services to the Royal household for an extended period of time.

A regal shopping trip might begin at Svenskt Tenn on Strandvägen, where interior design is the focus. On the same avenue, Gaudy makes and sells jewellery and ornaments that the Royal celebrities wear. If you take a short cut through Stockholm's more fashionable neighbourhoods on Östermalm, you will be rewarded with handmade chocolates from Ejes Chokladfabrik on Erik Dahlbergsgatan. The list of Royal purveyors is long: Leather products at Palmgrens, jewellery and silver at W.A Bolin or Atelier Borgila, antiques at Bukowskis Auktioner, glassware at Orrefors and Kosta Boda etc.
www.hovlev.com.



“I slept at a Palace...”

A number of Palaces and manor houses located in the Stockholm area come to life during guided tours. Even more exciting, some of these Palaces offer overnight accommodations. Why not complete your Stockholm experience with a night in one of these grand old abodes? Life at Palaces and country estates makes it easy to feel like a prince. Sports and recreational activities, excellent food, and wine tastings in splendid surroundings will combine to make your stay very special.

Palaces and Estates where you can stay (km from Stockholm)

Gripsholms Vårdshus, Kyrkog. 1, Mariefred (65 km). www.gripsholms-varldshus.se
Görvälns Slott, Järfälla (25 km). www.gorvelnsslott.se
Häringe Slott, by road 73, Västerhaninge (35 km) www.haringeslott.se
Krusenberg herrgård, road nr 255, south of Uppsala. (50 km) www.krusenbergherrgard.se
Kohlswa Herrgård, Herrgårdsallén 14, Kolsva, Köping. (150 km) www.kohlswa-herrgard.se
Såstaholm, Såstaholms Allé 12, Täby (25 km) www.sastaholm.se
Smådalarö Gärd, road 227, Dalarö. (45 km) www.smadalarogard.se
Söderköpings brunn, Skönbergagatan 35, Söderköping. (177 km) www.soderkopingsbrunn.se
Södertuna Slott, by road 57, Gnesta. (70 km) www.sodertuna.se
Sundbyholms Slott, Eskilstuna. (110 km). www.sundbyholms-slott.se
Krägga Herrgård, Bålsta. (50 km) www.kragga.se/
Trosa Stadshotell, V. Långg. 19, Trosa, (65 km) www.trosastadshotell.se
Ulfsunda Slott, Margretelundsvägen 125, by road 279, Bromma. www.ulfsundaslott.se
Villa Söderås, Elfvik, Lidingö. www.villasoderas.se

Facts and links

The Swedish Royal family consists of HM King Carl XVI Gustaf, HM Queen Silvia, HRH Crown princess Victoria married to HRH Prince Daniel, HRH Prince Carl Philip, HRH Princess Madeleine. www.royalcourt.se

Boats: Strömman (Sightseeing), www.stromma.se
Changing of the guards, www.hogvakten.mil.se
Confidencen, Ulriksdals Slottspark, Bergshamra, Solna, www.confidencen.se
Collection of Palaces round Mälaren www.malarslott.se
Drottningholmsteatern, Drottningholm, Ekerö, www.dtm.se
Fjärilshuset (Butterflies), Hagaparken. www.fjarilshuset.se
Gröna Lund, L. Allmänna Gränd 9, Djurgården. www.gronalund.se
H.M Konungens Hovstall (Royal Mews), Våpnargatan 1, Östermalm. www.royalcourt.se
Junibacken, Galärvarvsv, Djurgården. www.junibacken.se
Koppartälten (Coppertents), Hagaparken. www.koppartalten.se
Rosendals Trädgård, Rosendalsterrassen 12, Djurgården. www.rosendalstradgard.se
Skansen, Djurgårdsslätten 49-51, Djurgården www.skansen.se
Thielska Galleriet, Sjötullsbacken 6-8, Djurgården. www.thielska-galleriet.se
Waldemarsudde, Prins Eugens v. 6, Djurgården. www.waldemarsudde.se
Vasamuseet, Galärvarvsv. 14, Djurgården. www.vasamuseum.se