

SAMPLE PLAN

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Independent travel advice

THURSDAY TO SUNDAY

4 Days in Stockholm

Royal rooms, a salvaged warship, an island boat and the best views in town, in an order that fits how the city really opens.

Sample budget: about $1,000

for 2 adults, 4 days. Hotel, tickets, transport and meals, without flights.

Thu ····· Fri ····· Sat ····· Sun

A sample for fictional travelers: 2 adults, summer season. Flights are not part of this plan. Facts checked 30 October 2026.

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE

Four days, one easy route

THURSDAY

Palace & Old Town

Arrive, drop your bags and start with the Royal Palace, then the lanes of Gamla Stan.

FRIDAY

Museum island

Ferry to Djurgården for the Vasa Museum and Skansen, or swap in Viking, ABBA or Spritmuseum.

SATURDAY

Into the archipelago

A boat to Vaxholm for the day, then an evening at Fotografiska, open until 23:00.

SUNDAY

City Hall & Södermalm

A morning tour of the Nobel banquet halls, the view from Monteliusvägen, then home.

Why City Hall on Sunday

Saturdays are wedding days there, and the Gallery of the Prince is closed to tours.

Why one travel card

The SL 72-hour card ($36) covers metro, buses and the Djurgården ferry. It should also cover your boat to Vaxholm.

Why Fotografiska at night

It is open until 23:00 every day, so a full day on the water does not cost you a museum.

GETTING IN AND STAYING

From Arlanda to your hotel

OPTION · CHEAPEST FIRST	TIME TO CITY	GOOD TO KNOW	2 ADULTS, ONE WAY
Flygbussarna airport bus Lowest price	approx. 40 min	To Cityterminalen, next to Central Station. Fares vary. Book	from $26
SL commuter train	approx. 40 min	$20 each with the airport fee. Already have an SL ticket? Pay only the $16 fee. How to buy	$40
Arlanda Express train	18 min	Runs every 12–15 min. SL tickets are not valid. Early Bird: $20 each, 5+ days ahead. Book	$40–50

WHERE TO STAY

Gamla Stan

Cobbled lanes, with the palace on your doorstep. Romantic, and lively in the evening.

Norrmalm

Closest to Central Station and the airport links. Practical for a short trip.

Södermalm

Relaxed, with cafés and views. Close to Slussen for the Djurgården ferry.

WHERE TO SLEEP

Four hotels, cheapest first

HOTEL	AREA	WHY STAY HERE	APPROX. PER NIGHT	BOOK
Scandic Gamla Stan Lowest price	Gamla Stan	A chain hotel in the Old Town, at Lilla Nygatan 25. Well reviewed.	from $105*	Book
Freys Hotel	Norrmalm	2 minutes from T-Centralen, with easy links to Arlanda.	from $109*	Book
Hotel Rival	Södermalm	A boutique hotel on Mariatorget, a square with its own metro stop.	$190–230	Book
Lady Hamilton	Gamla Stan	A romantic hotel in a building from the 1470s, next to the palace.	$205–230	Book

Read these prices as a guide

They are rates for 2 adults from booking sites on sample dates, not offers. *Both "from" prices are autumn or winter rates, so expect to pay more in summer. Your trip is 3 nights. Book a free-cancellation rate if your plans may change.

DAY 1 · THURSDAY

Palace & Old Town

An arrival day with short distances. Everything is within walking distance.

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12:30 **Check in or drop your bags.** Buy the SL 72-hour card (3 days, $36 each) in the SL app or at a station.

The 72 hours start at your first ride, not when you buy it.

13:30 **The Royal Palace.** The Royal Apartments, the Treasury and Museum Three Crowns are all on one ticket.

Allow about 2 hours. It was open 10:00–16:00 when checked, so go early.

16:00 **Gamla Stan on foot.** Stortorget, the colorful main square, then the narrow lanes around it.

18:00 **Skeppsbron.** An evening walk along the water, with boats and the palace behind you.

19:30 **Dinner in Gamla Stan.** Try Swedish meatballs or herring, the two classics.

Dinner: approx. $20–35 per person for a main course, drinks extra.

TODAY'S TICKETS

Royal Palace, $22–24 each · Buy
SL 72-hour card, $36 each · How to buy

Check the week before

The Royal Apartments can close, fully or in part, for the King's official receptions. The closed dates are listed on the palace opening-hours page.

DAY 2 · FRIDAY

Museum island

Djurgården is green, close to the center and best reached by water.

2

09:30 **Ferry from Slussen to Djurgården.** Line 82, included in your SL card.

10:00 **Vasa Museum.** A 17th-century warship that sank on its first voyage and was raised 333 years later.

Allow about 2 hours. Card payment only, and no large bags.

12:30 **Lunch at the museum or at Skansen.** The Vasa restaurant looks out over the water.

Lunch: approx. $15–25 per person.

13:30 **Skansen.** Open-air museum with historic houses and Nordic animals.

Summer hours 10:00–18:00 in 2027. Tickets are cheapest online.

17:00 **Walk along Strandvägen** to Östermalm, past the boats and grand 19th-century facades.

19:00 **Dinner in Östermalm,** an elegant area with plenty of choice.

Dinner: approx. $20–35 per person for a main course, drinks extra.

TODAY'S TICKETS

Vasa Museum, $24 each (May–Sept) · Buy
Skansen, approx. $33 each (varies) · Buy

Don't pay for speed that isn't there

The Vasa Museum says pre-bought tickets give no priority in the queue. Buy on arrival if you like, and come early in summer.

FRIDAY, YOUR WAY

Three more museums on the same island

The Viking Museum

Viking life in Stockholm, with a ride through a Viking story.

Open Mon–Fri 11–17, Sat–Sun 10–17
Adult approx. $20–23, check before booking

Buy tickets

ABBA The Museum

Costumes, music and the band's story. Book a time slot online for the best price.

Open Summer 2026: 9–20, or 10–20 in May and late Aug
Adult $27–35, varies by period

Prices and tickets

Spritmuseum

Sweden's drinking culture, with a restaurant, a bar and tastings on site.

Open Every day 11–22
Adult $19, ages 0–14 free

Buy tickets

Small swap

Keep the Vasa Museum in the morning. Replace Skansen with one of these three after lunch.

Full swap

11:00 Viking Museum · **14:00** ABBA after lunch · **17:00** Spritmuseum, with dinner or a drink before the ferry back.

Cost of the full swap

$132–154 for two instead of $114 for Vasa and Skansen, so about $20–40 more.



DAY 3 · SATURDAY

Into the archipelago

A real island day with no car and no tour group.

TODAY'S TICKETS

Fotografiska, $20 each · Buy
Boat: on your SL card · Boat fares

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09:30 **Boat from Strömkajen to Vaxholm.** Waxholmsbolaget, approx. 1 hour.
Choose your exact departure the day before. Timetable

10:45 **Vaxholm on foot.** Wooden houses, the harbor and the view of Vaxholm Fortress on its islet.

12:30 **Lunch by the harbor.** Try smoked fish if it is on the menu.
Lunch: approx. $15–25 per person.

15:00 **Boat back to the city.** Sit outside for the views if the weather allows.

17:00 **Rest at the hotel.** You have earned it.

19:00 **Fotografiska.** Photography museum on the Södermalm waterfront, open until 23:00.
Stadsgårdshamnen 22, a walk from Slussen. Eat on Södermalm first: approx. $20–35 per person for a main course.

Before you board

Your SL card should be valid as far as Vaxholm, but not beyond. Ask the crew or check at the pier, since I could only confirm this from SL's older notice and travel guides.

DAY 4 · SUNDAY

City Hall & Södermalm

A calm last morning, with a little time to spare before you leave.

4

10:00 **Stockholm City Hall.** A 45-minute guided tour of the Blue Hall and Golden Hall. A tour is the only way inside.

English tours usually run on the hour, 10:00–15:00. Tickets are released one week ahead.

11:30 **Monteliusvägen.** A short clifftop path on Södermalm with a wide view over the city.

12:30 **Lunch and a stroll in SoFo,** Södermalm's area of small shops and cafés.

Lunch: approx. $15–25 per person.

15:00 **Collect your bags** and head for Central Station or Arlanda.

Going by air? Check your airline's bag-drop closing time before choosing your train.

TODAY'S TICKETS

City Hall guided tour, $15 each · Book

Two things guides often miss

The City Hall Tower is closed for renovation and is expected to reopen in 2029. And your 72-hour card ends about 72 hours after Thursday's first ride, so buy a single ticket (approx. $4) for any later trip.

COSTS AND PRACTICAL DETAILS

What the plan costs for two

2 ADULTS	BUY OR BOOK	USD
Scandic Gamla Stan, 3 nights ($105 each)*	Book hotel	from $315
SL 72-hour cards ($36 each)	SL	$73
Arlanda transfers, both ways	Bus · Train	approx. $53–91
Royal Palace	Palace tickets	$44–48
Vasa Museum	Museum tickets	$48
Skansen	Skansen tickets	approx. $66
City Hall guided tour	Tour tickets	$30
Fotografiska	Museum tickets	$39
Single SL tickets on Sunday	SL app	approx. $9
3 lunches for 2 ($15–25 each)	Pay on site	approx. $90–150
3 dinners for 2, main course ($20–35 each)	Pay on site	approx. $120–210
Total with cheapest hotel and meals		**approx. $885–1,080**

*The hotel price is an autumn rate from a booking site, so expect to pay more in summer. Tickets are at summer prices. Meal prices are typical, not quotes. Breakfast, drinks and flights are not included. Skansen's price varies by season. You pay in Swedish kronor. I converted at about SEK 9.9 to $1 (23 October 2026), so your card rate may differ. From October to April, the Vasa Museum costs about $20 and Skansen closes earlier.

GOOD TO KNOW

- **Payment:** carry a card. The Vasa Museum takes cards only, and Sweden is close to cashless.
- **SL ticket check:** travelling without a valid ticket costs a penalty fare of about $187.
- **Discounts:** ages 0–18 enter the Vasa Museum free, and ages 0–15 enter Skansen free.
- **Booking:** you buy every ticket yourself, directly from each supplier. I add no fee on your travel.

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