

SAMPLE ITINERARY · FULL JOURNEY

5 Days in Stockholm & the Archipelago

Royal palaces, island hopping and Swedish summer life, planned by an aviation professional.

TRAVELERS	FROM	STYLE	SEASON
2 adults	Berlin	Mid-range, nature & culture	June – August

✈️ Flight options

Airline	Route	Flight time	Good to know
SAS	Berlin (BER) → Stockholm Arlanda	approx. 1 h 45 min	Direct. Check which fare includes a checked bag.
Norwegian	Berlin (BER) → Stockholm Arlanda	approx. 1 h 45 min	Direct. Often the lowest fare; bags cost extra on basic fares.

Aviation insider tip: On short European routes the cheapest fare is often the one without a checked bag. If you only travel with cabin baggage, check the size and weight limits of your fare before you pack. They differ between airlines, and gate checks can be expensive.

🛬 From Arlanda Airport to the city

Option	Time to city	Best for
Arlanda Express (train)	approx. 18 min to Stockholm Central	Fastest. Group fares are often cheaper for two or more.
Commuter train (SL Pendeltåg)	approx. 40 min to Stockholm City	Cheaper. SL ticket plus an airport access fee.
Flygbussarna (airport bus)	approx. 45 min to Cityterminalen	Budget option with room for luggage.

🏨 Where to stay

Gamla Stan

Cobbled lanes and the Royal Palace on your doorstep. Romantic and central.

Östermalm

Elegant, close to the boats at Strömkajen and Nybroplan. Great for archipelago trips.

Södermalm

Relaxed and trendy, with cafés, views and good-value restaurants.

🗺️ Day-by-day plan

Day 1 Arrival & the Old Town

11:30 Land at Arlanda and take the Arlanda Express to the city. Drop your bags at the hotel.

14:00 **Gamla Stan:** wander the narrow lanes to Stortorget, the colorful main square.

15:30 **The Royal Palace:** state apartments and the treasury. kungligaslotten.se

19:00 Dinner in Gamla Stan, then an evening walk along the water at Skeppsbron.

Day 2 Museum island Djurgården

09:30 Take the **Djurgården ferry** from Slussen. SL travel cards are valid.

10:00 **Vasa Museum:** a 17th-century warship salvaged almost intact. vasamuseet.se

13:00 **Skansen:** open-air museum with historic houses and Nordic animals. skansen.se

17:00 Fika by the water at Djurgårdsbrunn, then walk back along Strandvägen.

Day 3 Archipelago day: Sandhamn

09:00 **Boat to Sandhamn** from Strömkajen, about 2.5–3 hours through hundreds of islands. Summer departures only. waxholmsbolaget.se / stromma.se

12:00 Lunch by the guest harbor, then a walk through the pine forest to the beach at Trouville.

16:30 Boat back to Stockholm. Sit on the open deck for the best views.

Planning tip: Archipelago boats run on summer timetables and the last boat back fills up on weekends. Check the return time before you leave in the morning and buy tickets in advance if possible.

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Day 4 Södermalm & City Hall

10:00 **Stockholm City Hall:** guided tour of the Nobel banquet hall. The tower is closed for renovation. stockholm.se/stadshuset

13:00 Lunch and vintage shopping in the SoFo area of Södermalm.

16:00 **Fotografiska:** photography museum with a café overlooking the water.

20:00 Sunset from **Monteliusvägen**, a short clifftop walk with views over the city.

Day 5 Drottningholm & departure

09:30 **Drottningholm Palace** (UNESCO World Heritage): the royal family's home. Boat from Stadshusbron in summer, about 1 hour. kungligaslotten.se

13:30 Back in the city. Collect your bags and take the train to Arlanda.

15:00 At Arlanda 2 hours before your flight.

💶 Budget overview (2 adults, approximate)

Item	Estimate
Flights Berlin – Stockholm return	€200 – 400
Hotel, 4 nights mid-range	€600 – 900
Airport train both ways	€60 – 80
SL travel cards (72 h + single tickets)	€70 – 90
Museums, palace and archipelago boat	€180 – 250
Food and drinks	€400 – 600
Total	**€1,510 – 2,320**

🎫 Practical tips

- **Payment:** Sweden is almost cashless. Cards and mobile payments work everywhere.
- **Light:** in June the sun barely sets. Bring a sleep mask if you are sensitive to light.
- **Map:** all places in this plan are saved in a shared Google Maps list for easy navigation.

All bookings are made by you through the links above, so you keep full control. Times, prices and opening hours are approximate; always check before booking.

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