

City Hall

The City Hall is a master piece of the 20th century architecture and one of the best known symbols of the city. Visit the Blue Hall where the Nobel Banquet takes place every year on December 10th and the Golden Hall with its mosaic walls in 18-carat gold, created by artist Einar Forseth.

Address: Hantverkargatan 1

Website: www.stockholm.se/cityhall

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday guided tours at 10:00am and 12:00pm

Gamla Stan (Old Town)

Gamla Stan dates back to the 13th century, and consists of medieval alleyways, cobbled streets, a variety of restaurants, cafes and shop. North German architecture has had a strong influence in the Old Town's construction. Stortorget is the name of the scenic large square in the centre of Gamla Stan, which is surrounded by old merchant's houses including the Stockholm Stock Exchange Building. Don't forget to visit Mårten Trotzig's Alley; it's charming and quite narrow, measuring only 35 inches across!

As well as being home to the Stockholm Cathedral, the Nobel Museum, and the Riddarholm church, Gamla Stan also boasts Kungliga slottet, Sweden's baroque Royal Palace, built in the 18th century after the previous palace Tre Kronor burned down.

Millesgården

Home of the famous Swedish sculptor Carl Milles. This park is spectacularly situated on terraces carved from the steep cliffs of the island of Lidingö. They are beautifully laid out with Milles' monumental bronze sculptures nestled into the gardens and terraces. Many of Milles' work are to be found reproduced in various parts of the world. Art gallery, museum shop and bistro with wine and beer.

Address: Herserudsvägen 32

Website: www.millesgarden.se

Opening hours; Tuesday-Sunday 12:00-5:00pm

Nobel Museum

The Nobel Museum illustrates a century of creativity. Follow the changes of the 20th century through the Nobel Prize and the Laureates. Explore the work and the ideas of more than 700 creative minds presented through short films, original artifacts and computers, in the exhibition "Cultures of Creativity." See the dynamite, the mould and the books that changed the world! Visit the Nobel Museum in the heart of Stockholm, the Old Town/Gamla Stan. The Nobel Museum also has an inspiring Book- and Gift shop well worth a visit.

Website: www.nobelmuseet.se

Opening hours: Tuesday 11:00am-8:00pm; Wednesday-Sunday 11:00am-5:00pm (Monday closed)

Skansen Open Air Museum

Skansen is the oldest open air museum in the world. With its collection of 150 old buildings from all different provinces of Sweden and representing varied socio-economic groups it is a rural Sweden in miniature. It is a venue for traditional annual festivities, markets, folk dance display and several other events. Also found in the park is a Nordic Zoo with reindeers, elks, wolves, lynxes, seals and otters.

Address: Djurgårdsslätten 49

Website: www.skansen.se

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday 10:00am-4:00pm

The Royal Palace

The oldest part of Stockholm, Gamla Stan (The Old Town), is dominated by the Royal Palace. It took almost 60 years to complete this gigantic building; from 1697, when the Old Three Crown burnt to the ground, until 1754 when the new one stood ready. With its 608 rooms, the Royal Palace of Stockholm is the largest in the world still being used by a head of state; both King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia have their offices in the Palace.

Visit the Reception Rooms with their magnificent interiors from the 18th and 19th centuries, the Hall of State with Queen Christina's silver throne, and the Apartments of the Orders of Chivalry. Don't miss Gustav III Museum of Antiquities, The Tre Kronor Museum and The Treasury and the changing of the guards that takes place at noon each day.

Address: Slottsbacken

Website: www.kungahuset.se

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 12:00pm-3:00pm

The Vasa Museum

This magnificent modern museum from 1990 houses the Royal Flagship Vasa which sank on her maiden voyage in the harbor of Stockholm in 1628. The authentic wooden Galleon lay for 333 years at the bottom of the harbor before she was salvaged, conserved and restored. Today this 95% original is a national treasure and sight to behold.

Address: Galärsvägen 14

Website: www.vasamuseet.se

Opening hours: Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm; Wednesday 10:00am-8:00pm