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Welcome to Stockholm!

Sweden the most creative place in Europe

Sweden beats the US in creativity and is the most creative place in Europe, a new report by international researchers has found.

The study, conducted by Professor Richard Florida of [Carnegie Mellon University](#) in Pittsburgh, finds that Nordic countries are challenging the economic power of the US and "old Europe", and could become talent magnets for innovative immigrants. Sweden came first in the list of creative countries, followed by Finland, the Netherlands and Denmark.

Nordic countries have the potential to attract the worlds most talented workers, giving them a competitive edge and eventually spurring stronger growth, the report says.

"The key to competition in the future is who can attract creative people on a global scale," Professor Florida told the FT.

The report measures the countries on "the three T:s" of economic growth: Talent, Technology and Tolerance. These factors indicate a country's creative potential and bear a strong correlation to economic growth, say the authors.

(Source: [Financial Times](#), Feb 17 2005)

UNESCO names Sweden world no. 1 in science and innovation

Sweden leads the world in science and innovation, according to a new international survey by the United Nations education, science and culture body [UNESCO](#). Sweden ranked in first place ahead of Japan and the United States. Finland, Switzerland, the UK and Denmark were also among the top seven nations.

Stockholm - The best capital to live in

Stockholm has the best quality of life among European capitals, according to the European Cities Monitor 2004.

Senior executives from 500 European companies were asked which European city offers the best quality of life. Stockholm was only beaten by Barcelona when including all of Europe's leading business cities.

The Swedish capital has developed into one of Europe's most interesting cities when it comes to [restaurants](#), nightlife and shopping. Whatever you want, Stockholm has it. Last year, the city placed fourth on the [International Congress & Convention Association's](#) list of the most popular [congress](#) cities in the world.

The approximately 1600 [restaurants in Stockholm](#) offer a wide variety of international cuisine. More than a handfull has star rating in the Michelin Red Guide. Scandinavian design is world famous and the city has 3600 stores of all kind. There are 100 art galleries, 70 museums, 88 movie theaters and a wide range of theaters, operas and concerts. Sweden is the largest [exporter of music](#) after the United States and the United Kingdom.

Stockholm was ranked the best European city in terms of lack of pollution. Stockholm is home to 38 parks, which make up one-third of the city's total area. Water constitutes another third and urbanized areas make up the final third. The city is surrounded with an archipelago of 24,000 islands, islets and skerries. This is a perfect setting for outdoor activities.

There are 54 golf courses in the outskirts, which are also ideal for horse riding, fishing, sailing, swimming, hiking, skiing, hunting and ice-skating. And if you prefer to take a walk, go jogging or ride your bike, even the city itself is a great alternative.

Practically all Swedes know enough English to carry on a conversation and Stockholm is safe and child-friendly. The [welfare system](#) is very generous to foreign citizens with a residence permit valid for more than one year. Dental care is free up to 18 years of age, universal health care is provided and all education, including university, is free. The city has a number of international schools.

Swedes are known to be orderly and honest people. This means things work as you expect them to. Sweden is one of the world's least corrupt countries. Reports by anti-corruption organization [Transparency International](#) rank Sweden sixth out of 146 countries.

Stockholm is the [Nordic hub](#). From here it is easy to reach other economically powerful regions in northern Europe. The city has all the advantages of a metropolis, but also the benefits of a small town. You are never far away from anything and, in terms of internal transport, the city is the fifth best in Europe.

Telecommunications are excellent, which is obvious when Sweden ranks as a world leader in the field. [Kista Science City](#), northwest of Stockholm, has the largest concentration of telecom and information technology in Europe. (Source: Business Arena Stockholm)

Events

[Stockholm Furniture Fair](#) takes place in February each year.

First Saturday in June is [The Stockholm Marathon](#) - probably the most scenic of all marathons in the world!

Late July is [Stockholm International Jazz and Blues Festival](#) Outdoor concert series held at Skeppsholmen.

Scandinavia's biggest Gay and Lesbian Pride event [Stockholm Pride](#) end of July/beginning of August.

Early August is Philharmonika i det Gröna Picnickers on the lawn of Sjöhistoria Museet get to enjoy free performances by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

[Stockholm Open](#), Tennis early October.

[Stockholm Film Festival](#), end of November. Christmas and New Years. A lot of people have discovered the magic of Stockholm when its dark, snowy and the city glitters by lights, rockets, candeels and celebrations!

Major Attractions

[City Hall](#) - Designed by [Ragnar Östberg](#), Sweden's most renowned architect, this striking building contains over eight million deep red bricks and 19 million gilded mosaic tiles. Completed in 1923, it is host to the [Nobel Prize banquet](#) each December.

Gamla Stan - The Old Town. Stockholm Old Town is located on a small island in the very heart of the city. Within its bounds are a multitude of historical sights, including the [The Royal Palace](#), the [Parliament](#), and the [House of Nobilities](#), as well as the world's most long-established bank, [the Bank of Sweden](#), founded in 1656.

[The Vasa Museum](#) - The worlds oldest restored warship, Vasa, is on exhibit at its new museum on the island of Djurgården. She capsized moments into her maiden voyage in 1628 and was salvaged 333 years later from the sea floor. The Vasa Museum is one of the most popular sights in Scandinavia.

Ecopark - The most popular section of this vast and unbroken expanse of nature within the city is Djurgården, which houses the Vasa Museum, Skansen, and more.

[The Nordic Museum](#) - Known for its collection of folk art, peasants local costumes, and Sami art, the Nordic Museum mounts frequent exhibits of Swedish cultural life since the 16th century.

[The Royal Palace](#) - The Swedish Crown Jewels and the Royal Armory are among the exhibits in the 18th century palace. The Changing of the Guard takes place daily, June-August. (Note: some parts of the palace are not open daily and are closed on state occasions.)

[The Gold Room at the Museum of National Antiquities](#) - This impressive underground exhibit features some of Sweden finest golden treasures from all eras of history. Roman coins can be found alongside deftly wrought Viking bracelets and brooches. There are over 3,000 objects in all.

[Skansen](#) - Established in 1891, Skansen is the worlds oldest open-air museum. It holds 150 authentic, age-old houses from all regions of Sweden, including windmills and a church, in which wedding ceremonies are still held. All major Swedish festivities are celebrated here, and both visitors and locals can join in the fun.

[The Drottningholm Palace](#) - Home to the Swedish Royal Family, Drottningholm is located on an island in the outskirts of Stockholm. The palace is famed for its beautiful situation, its well-tended parks, and the unique [Drottningholm Theater](#), which is the worlds best-preserved 18th century theater.

The Stockholm Archipelago

For all its wonderful castles and museums, restaurants, shops and night life, no trip to Stockholm is complete without at least a short excursion to the archipelago. It consists of 24,000 islands, from big to small, some inhabited, others large enough for only a smattering of wildflowers. In the nineteenth century the archipelago became a favorite retreat for the wealthy and famous, who began to build summer residences here. More recently the archipelago has become an experience shared by people from all walks of life--during the peak summer months the areas 10,000 permanent residents are joined by weekenders and vacationers from the city, who fill the [cottages](#) and homes of the islands and the pleasure boats that cruise the waterways in between.

Day trips to the larger islands of the archipelago can be made by car or bus; however, to see the islands at their best requires a boat. There is a wide variety of scheduled and charter boats available, most departing regularly from downtown Stockholm outside the Grand Hotel. Some are "jazz and shrimp" evening cruises. If you love sailing, you might consider renting your own boat; however, if you are in Stockholm for only a short stay the best mode of travel is by steamship, especially one of the authentic century-old steamers. Among the few ships of their kind still in operation, these grand vessels offer a trip into the graceful travel of the past as well as the captivating beauty of the archipelago.

Exploring the archipelago thoroughly could take a long, pleasant lifetime. For those on a more limited schedule, however, here are a few of the more enchanting ports of call.

[Fjäderholmarna](#) - This conveniently-located little cluster of islands is a favorite excursion for Stockholm residents, who come to meander among its historic buildings, its small shops and restaurants, and its bustling harbor area. Fjäderholmarnas fine aquarium is especially popular among the islands younger visitors.

[Vaxholm](#) - For many, the island of Vaxholm typifies the attractions of Archipelago life, from the intimate scale of the harbor town to the striking natural beauty of the island itself. Vaxholm island is situated astride what used to be the primary waterway from the Baltic to Stockholm, and so its exceptionally picturesque harbor is graced by a brooding 16th century fortress. Now a museum, the fortress houses exhibits chronicling the history of life in the Archipelago as well as displaying an extensive collection of weaponry, maps, and other materials related to its own colorful history.

[Birka](#) - Set on the verdant island of Björkö, Birka is a town with a fascinating historical and archaeological heritage. It was Sweden's first sizable community, having established substantial trading links with Europe more than 1,200 years ago. Today Birka is a [UNESCO](#) UNESCO World Heritage site, and its past has been brought alive in the recently-opened Viking Museum, which offers visitors a glimpse into everyday living conditions in Birka more than a millennium ago.

[Sandhamn](#) - This diminutive community, with a year-round population of less than 150, is best known as the host of one of Sweden's biggest sailing events - the Round Gotland Race. Sandhamn's skyline (if a village can be said to have a skyline) is dominated by the signal tower of the [Royal Sailing Club \(KSSS\)](#), which occupies an 18th-century custom-house. Around the KSSS are the town's tiny, closely-built houses, shops, and restaurants.

Gay Stockholm

Sweden is one of the most liberal countries in the world and gays and lesbians have the same rights in all aspects as heterosexuals. You can get married, adopt kids, gay and lesbians are protected against discrimination etc. There are numerous celebrities who are openly gay; artists, politicians, singers, actors etc. Being gay or lesbian in Sweden is therefore easier than in many other countries.

The peak of the year is the [Stockholm Pride](#), which usually takes place in late July or early August. But during the whole year around Stockholm has a welcoming [gay scene](#).

Sport in Stockholm

Swedes love sports - and they are good at it!

The Swedish sport movement can be traced back to the early 19th century and the [Pehr Ling](#) gymnastics, a recreational movement that would keep its position as the largest fitness activity in Sweden many years into the 20th century. It was also the main sport activity practised in schools through half that century. The sport movement took its first steps in the 1880s and 90s, when for example football, bandy and athletics took its first steps in Sweden towards becoming modern sports.

Prominent Sports People - Some current internationally acclaimed soccer players from Sweden include [Zlatan Ibrahimovic](#), [Henrik Larsson](#) and [Fredrik Ljungberg](#). Historically acclaimed soccer stars include the trio of players known as Gre-No-Li who still enjoy legendary status in Italy's AC Milan. Gre-No-Li were the 1950 soccer players called Gunnar Gren, Gunnar Nordahl and Nils Liedholm.

The Swedish national soccer team has seen some success at the World Cup, finishing second when they hosted the tournament in 1958, and third twice, in 1950 and 1994. Their best showing in the European Football Championship came when Sweden hosted Euro 92. They reached the semifinals. Something Swedes are proud of is that England has not defeated Sweden since 1968. Revered in Italy and England is [Sven-Göran Eriksson](#), the Swede who leads England's national team.

Famous Swedish [NHL](#) hockey players include [Markus Näslund](#), [Peter Forsberg](#), [Mats Sundin](#), [Niklas Lidström](#), [Börje Salming](#) and [Pelle Lindbergh](#).

Successful tennis players include former world No.1 [Björn Borg](#), [Mats Wilander](#) and [Stefan Edberg](#). In skiing sports, [Ingemar Stenmark](#), [Pernilla Wiberg](#) and [Anja Pärson](#) have all dominated alpine skiing at some point, and so have Sixten Jernberg, Gunde Svan and Thomas Wassberg in cross country skiing. In ski jumping, Jan Boklöv revolutionised the sport with his new V-style technique.

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A number of Swedes have been internationally successful in athletics. In the 1940s runner Gunder Hägg dominated middle distance. In recent years, stars include high jumpers such as the European record holder Patrik Sjöberg, Olympic and World Championships medalist [Kajsa Bergqvist](#), and Athens Olympic gold medallist [Stefan Holm](#). Two other Swedish athletes won gold medals in the 2004 Olympic Games: heptathlete [Carolina Klüft](#) and triple jumper [Christian Olsson](#). Other famous Swedish athletes include the heavyweight boxing champion and International Boxing Hall of Famer - Ingemar Johansson; World Golf Hall of Famer - [Annika Sörenstam](#) and multiple World Championships and Olympics medalist in table tennis - [Jan-Ove Waldner](#).

Notable in motorsports are: Multiple Speedway World Champion [Tony Rickardsson](#); British Touring Car Champion Rickard Rydell and the IRL and Indy 500 champion [Kenny Bräck](#), F1 Grand Prix winner, [Ronnie Peterson](#) and [Björn Waldegård](#) who won the Safari Rally in 1977, the Monte Carlo Rally in 1969 and 1970 as well as the British RAC Rally in 1977.

Events

Open to everyone:

[Vasaloppet](#)
[Lidingöloppet](#)
[Vansbrosimningen](#)
[Vätternrundan](#)
[Stockholm Marathon](#)

Open to elite only:

[DN-galan](#)
[Sweden Hockey Games](#)

Elite leagues:

Allsvenskan
Elitserien

[Allt om Sport](#)

Low fares airline

There is a lot of cheap flights to and from Stockholm. Here is few of them:

[Ryanair](#)

Europes biggest low fares airline and a trendsetter in the business. [Ryanair](#) flies from two airports in the Stockholm region: [Skavsta Airport](#) and Vasteras, both located around 1 hour and 20 minutes from central Stockholm. There are buses that departs to the Central station in Stockholm in conjunction to each flight.

From Vasteras airport you can fly to [London](#) Luton Airport. From Skavsta Airport you can fly to Brussels, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Gdansk, Girona, Glasgow, Hamburg, Kaunas, [London](#) Stanstead Airport, Milan, Paris Beauvais, Riga, Rome and Shannon.

[Wizzair](#)

Wizzair flies from [Skavsta Airport](#) to Budapest, Gdansk, Katowice/[Cracow](#), Kaunas and Warsaw at low prices.

[Hapag-Lloyd Express](#)

Hapag-Loyd flies between [Stockholm Arlanda Airport](#) and Hannover and Stuttgart.

[Air Malta](#)

You can fly between [Stockholm Arlanda Airport](#) and Malta.

[German Wings](#)

German Wings flies to [Berlin](#), Hamburg and Cologne and [Stockholm Arlanda Airport](#).

[Iceland Express](#)

Iceland Express flies between Reykjavik and [Stockholm Arlanda Airport](#).

[Sterling](#)

Sterling is one of the bigger low fares airlines operating in Sweden and flies between [Stockholm Arlanda Airport](#) and Alicante, Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, [Berlin](#), Bologna, Copenhagen, Crete, Edinburgh, Faro, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, Malaga, Montpellier, Nice; Palma de Mallorca, Paris Beauvais, Prague, Rome and Tenerife.

[Virgin Express](#)

Virgin does not currently fly on Stockholm.

[Blue1](#)

Finnish carrier Blue1 flies from [Arlanda Airport](#) to Helsinki, Kuopio, Oulu, Rovaniemi, Tampere, Turku and Vaasa.

[Snowflake](#)

SAS low price brand Snowflake takes you to and from [Stockholm Arlanda Airport](#) and Helsinki, Brussels, Tallinn, Paris, Nice, Athens, Dublin, Milan, Pisa, Rome, Split, Amsterdam, Moscow, St Petersburg, Zurich, Geneva, [London](#), Manchester, Edinburgh, Prague, Istanbul, [Berlin](#), Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg and Budapest.

[Scandinavian Airlines SAS](#)

Swedens leading airline offers an extensive routing network in the world, in cooperation with its partners in [Star Alliance](#). SAS flies on [Stockholm Arlanda Airport](#) and [Stockholm Bromma Airport](#)

[FlyMe](#)

FlyMe flies to Helsinki, Gothenburg, Malmoe and Ostersund.

[Fly Nordic](#)

FlyNordics destinations are Alicante, Barcelona, Bergen, [Berlin](#), Bordeaux, Dublin, Grenoble, Gothenburg, Kiruna, Copenhagen, Lulea, Malaga, Malmoe, Munich, Nice, Oslo, Tallinn, Turin, Umea and Ostersund.

[Malmo Aviation](#)

Fly from [Stockholm Bromma Airport](#) and Brussels, Gothenburg, Malmoe and Umea.

[Norwegian](#)

Between Oslo and [Stockholm Arlanda Airport](#).

[Skyways](#)

Skyways flies to 22 domestic destinations in Sweden and to Alicante, Amsterdam, Arrecife de Lanzarote, Athens, Barcelona, [Berlin](#), Bologna, Budapest, Chania, Edinburgh, Faro, Copenhagen, Las Palmas, Malaga, Milan, Nice, Palma de Mallorca, Paris, Prague, Rome and Tenerife.

[SkyEurope](#)

SkyEurope takes you between [Stockholm Arlanda Airport](#) and [Krakow](#).

[Viking Airlines](#)

Fly to Beirut and Athens from [Stockholm Arlanda Airport](#).

[Wideroe](#)

Norwegian airline Widerow flies between [Stockholm Arlanda Airport](#) and Trondheim and Sandefjord Airport Torp.

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Cruise Ships

Are you arriving by [Cruise Ship](#)? Read more in this special guide.

Pictures of Stockholm

Stockholm is considered to be one of the most [beautiful cities](#) in the world.

Accommodation in Stockholm

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[Jet lag](#) - Travelling through time zones can be a hassle. This website will help you with techniques for reducing jet lag. Travel tips include comments on exercises, use of alcohol, melatonin, sleeping pills and anti jet lag diet.

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Are you planning to visit a city where [Checkin](#) does not have apartments? This is a guide to apartment businesses around the world [Apartments in other cities](#).

The [Casino Cosmopol Stockholm](#) - The international Casino Cosmopol Stockholm is located in a historical building with a ceiling height of 18 meters and a fantastic atmosphere. At 31 tables you can play games like American Roulette, Black Jack, Caribbean Stud, Punto Banco, Big Wheel, Sic Bo and Poker. There are also 300 gambling machines or one-armed bandits if you wish to try your luck. Casino Cosmopol Stockholm has two restaurants and 3 bars and music entertainment. Make your stake at Casino Cosmopol Stockholm! Casino Cosmopol Stockholm is open every day between 1 pm and 5 am. Dresscode: Neat clothing is required. Minimum age: 20 years. Passport /ID-card required.

The [Gröna Lund Amusement Park](#) - Gröna Lund has been the tivoli of Stockholm since 1883. Experience the thrills of the highest Free Fall in Europe, the view from 80 meters is breathtaking! Don't miss the thrilling Roller-coaster and the Catapult. There are also many attractions for small kids and plenty of restaurants and cafés.

Museums in Stockholm

Stockholm has a fantastic range of museums. They are spread out all over the city, but with a concentration on the island of Djurgården.

The Aquaria Water Museum www.aquaria.se - Explore the tropical rain forest, the seven seas and Nordic lakes. Experience a thunderstorm in the rain forest. Get close with sharks or follow free swimming sea trout leaping from the Baltic Sea into the museum. The Aquaria Water Museum in Stockholm also houses a coffeshop beautifully located on the sea shore with a stunning view. There is also a souvenir shop.

The Bergius Botanical Garden Museum www.bergianska.se - Bergius Botanical Garden Museum is a true eldorado for plant enthusiasts and botanists. The famous Victoria house shows the largest water lily in the world. In Edvard Anderson's Conservatory you can travel in 30 seconds from South America to Africa to Australia to the Mediterranean enjoying the wide selection of tropical plants from all over the world.

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Edvard Andersons Conservatory Museum at Bergius Gardens www.bergianska.se - At Edvard Anderson's Conservatory you can travel in 30 seconds from South America to Africa to Australia to the Mediterranean enjoying the wide selection of tropical plants from all over the world. The conservatory is located in the Bergius Botanical Garden Museum. A true eldorado for botanists!

The Museum of Dance www.dansmuseet.nu - Indian demons, African masks and Russian Ballet costumes are exhibited and displayed in a magnificent former bank palace from 1918, beautifully situated next to the Royal Opera House and facing the Royal Palace. The Museum of Dance has become a true centre of dance, theater and art.

Drottningholm Palace Museum www.royalcourt.se - A former Royal summer residence, the Drottningholm Palace is today home of the Royal family. A beautiful example of baroque park and magnificent rooms from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. The Drottningholm Palace is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Arrive in style with the steamer boat to Drottningholm. Don't miss to visit the Chinese Pavilion, also on the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites and the Drottningholm Court Theatre.

Drottningholm Court Theatre Museum www.drottningholmsslottsteater.dtm.se - The Drottningholm Court Theatre is beautifully situated in the Drottningholm Royal Park which is a UNESCO World Heritage site. This theatre is truly a unique attraction with its original 18th century stage decorations and a remarkable 200 year old stage machinery. Opera and ballet performances during May - September. Don't miss to arrive in style with the steamer boat to Drottningholm. Also visit the Drottningholm Palace and the Chinese Pavilion both of them sites on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

The Chinese Pavillion Museum www.royalcourt.se - See the unbelievable Chinese Pavilion where king Gustav III and his court spent their summer days. Originally this beautiful palace was a royal birthday present! The Chinese Pavilion at the Drottningholm Palace is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Arrive in style with the steamer boat to Drottningholm. Don't miss to visit the Drottningholm Palace also on the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites and the Drottningholm Court Theatre.

The Butterfly and Bird House Museum www.fjarilshuset.se - Visit this oasis with tropical heat all the year! Experience the thrill of walking amongst hundreds of live, free flying, tropical butterflies past waterfalls and pools filled with beautiful koi carp fish. There is a separate birdhouse, a botanical garden and an Asian garden.

Gripsholm Castle Museum www.royalcourt.se - This renaissance Castle was built more than 450 years ago. Gripsholm contains furniture and interiors from four centuries. This is also the home of Sweden's National Portrait Gallery. The picturesque town of Mariefred is also worth a visit. Enjoy a spectacular trip onboard the coal-fired steam-ship s/s Mariefred to the Gripsholm castle on Lake Mälaren!

The Pavillion of Gustav III Museum www.royalcourt.se - Built in the 1780's the Pavilion of Gustav III was the retreat for king Gustav III when he wanted to be alone with his friends. The pavilion is an architectural masterpiece of the most famous architect of the period Masreliez. The furnishings and decor are among the finest examples of late 18th century Swedish Gustavian style. Guided tours only at the Pavilion of Gustav III.

The Gustavsberg Porcelain Museum www.porslinsmuseum.net - The Gustavsberg Porcelain Museum exhibits a wide variety of beautiful china and porcelain products made at the factory between 1825 and 1990. Hunt for bargains in the factory shop! There is a studio with porcelain painters where you can paint your own platter and bring home.

The Hallwyl Collection Museum www.hallwylskamuseet.se - This private palace is a real treasure trove! See fabulous collections of antique furniture, paintings, silver, ceramics, jewellery, weapons and preserved interiors. A visit to the museum is like moving back more than a hundred years and entering a bygone time.

The Royal Stables Museum www.royalcourt.se - At the Royal Stables in Stockholm you will find the finest collection in the world of 19th century carriages. The most famous one is the Seven-Glass-Coach. See also the magnificent horses and their gilded bridles. Guided tours only.

The Jewish Museum www.judiska-museet.a.se - The Jewish Museum in Stockholm is the only one of its kind in the Nordic countries. The permanent exhibitions show unique objects and settings that gives an account of the lives and traditions of Jews in Sweden.

Junibacken - the world of Astrid Lindgren www.junibacken.se - Wanna meet Pippi Longstocking and other characters of master story teller Astrid Lindgren? Her works are translated into dozens of languages, ranging from Azerbaijani to Zulu, and are sold in more than 130 million copies worldwide. At Junibacken you can meet all the exciting characters from the books just by taking a ride on the little train that goes in to the world of her books. There is also a large bookstore and café.

Kulturhuset Cultural Centre www.kulturhuset.stockholm.se - This huge glass building, built in 1974, has come to symbolize Stockholm and the development of modernism in Sweden. This is a cultural focal point in Stockholm with exhibitions, performances and a library. There are restaurants, cafés and you can also buy Swedish design here.

The Toy Museum - At the Toy Museum you can see thousands of toys displayed in exhibitions that thrill everyone no matter of age! See dolls and dolls houses, tin figures, mechanical toys and cars and much more. There is also a Mickey Mouse-eum, a mechanical music room, a playroom and a theatre for children.

The Liljevalch Art Gallery www.liljevalchs.com - The Liljevalch Art Gallery Museum inaugurated in 1916, is one of the oldest art galleries in Europe and exhibits Swedish and international 20th century art. Every spring since 1944 stockholmer's and visitors are enjoying the annual spring exhibition where young Swedish coming artists are exhibited and widely discussed! Don't miss this! Nextdoor to the gallery is the very popular café Blå porten.

The International Puppet Theatre Museum www.marionetteatern.com - The International Puppet Theatre Museum is one of the finest collections in Europe with more than 4,000 objects of theatre-puppets from all over the world. Marionettes, shadow puppets, rod- and glove puppets, masks etc. The adjacent Marionett Theatre has performances for children and adults.

Millesgården www.millesgarden.se - Fountains are glittering in the sun at the most spectacular museum in Stockholm, the Millesgården Sculpture Park Museum, Stockholm. It's built on terraces carved into the cliffs of the island Lidingö, with a magnificent view over the city of Stockholm. But the view has a worthy rival in all to be seen in the park! Here you will find world famous monuments, sculptures and fountains made by Carl Milles. Visit also Carl and Olga Milles home where Olga Milles paintings can be seen in the study. Gift shop and café.

The Museum Ships www.vasamuseet.se - Embark and explore the inside of a steam powered ice-breaker; Sankt Erik from 1915 was Sweden's first ocean-going ice-breaker! See the captain's bridge and his lounge. Embark also Finngrundet; a lightship, the last one in use which served in the Baltic Sea from 1903 to 1969.

The National Museum of Fine Art www.nationalmuseum.se - The National Museum of Fine Art have all the great masters from 16th to 20th century. Fantastic paintings and sculptures by Rembrandt, Rubens, Boucher, Renoir, Degas and Gauguin and the Swedish masters Anders Zorn and Carl Larsson. There are also significant collections of drawings, engravings and handicrafts from the Renaissance to the present day. The picture shows the painting "The Birth of Venus" by Francois Boucher from appr. 1740 - one of the artists major works.

The Nobel Museum www.nobel.se/nobelmuseum - At the Nobel Museum, Stockholm, you can follow the changes of the 20th century through the Nobel Prize and the Laureates. Explore the work and ideas of more than 700 creative

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minds presented through multimedia and artefacts in the exhibition "Cultures of Creativity". See the dynamite and the mould that changed the world! Don't miss the creative shop! Or take a break and have some Nobel Ice Cream at the café - it's the same flavour and recipe as the one served as dessert at the Nobel banquet last December!

The Observatory Museum www.observatoriet.kva.se - The old observatory offers a panoramic view of the city. During the 18th and 19th centuries research within the fields of astronomy and meteorology was conducted here by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. When the weather permits you can see the cupola and look in the telescope.

The Postal Museum www.posten.se/museum - The Postal Museum welcomes you to a cavalcade of Swedish postal and philatelic history. In an imaginative way the main exhibition tells us about the history of stamps and postcards and includes everything from unique rarities to stamps depicting the Swedish royal family.

The Riddarholmen Church Museum . www.royalcourt.se - This Swedish Pantheon has been the royal burial church for Swedish royalty and aristocracy for 700 years. It is the only remaining abbey church in Stockholm and was built in the late 1200s as a Grey friar monastery, beautifully located on the historical island of Riddarholmen.

The House of the Nobility Museum www.riddarhuset.se - The House of Nobility was commissioned in the 17th century by the Swedish nobility, to whom it still belongs. The building by Simon de Vallée remains one of the most exquisite works of architecture in northern Europe. The walls of the Session Hall is decorated with 2325 escutcheons of the Swedish aristocracy.

Rosendal Palace Museum www.royalcourt.se - The Rosendal Palace is a royal residence and an outstanding example of the Swedish interpretation of the French Empire style. The ornate interior have been virtually untouched since 1823. Furniture and textiles truly make the Rosendal Palace an outstanding example of the Swedish Empire style.

Rosersberg Palace Museum www.royalcourt.se - The Rosersberg Palace is a 17th century palace with well preserved interiors from 1795-1825. Stylistically, these interiors come midway between the neo-classical epoch and the empire period - the Palace interiors are often referred to as "Karl XIIith Empire".

K. A. Almgrens Silk Weavery Museum www.kasiden.se - Here is the full story of Jaquard's invention in 1804 and how the fifth generation of Almgrens still create silk fabrics for palaces and manors. Today this silk mill is one of the oldest preserved industrial environment in Scandinavia and the only remaining mill north of the Alps.

Skansen Open Air Museum www.skansen.se - Founded in 1891, Skansen is the major number one attraction in Stockholm. See some 150 houses and farmsteads assembled here from all over Sweden and meet the historical interpreters wearing period dress in the house. The buildings are surrounded by cultivated beds and gardens, there is also a traditional herb garden and a magnificent rose garden. Skansen is also a zoological garden with Scandinavian wild and domestic animals and a childrens zoo in the summer with small animals. Enjoy Swedish traditional festivals and numerous of other events such as theme days, concerts and the famous Christmas market.

The Skansen Aquarium www.skansen-akvariet.se - At Skansen's Aquarium you can see all sorts of exciting creatures - giant spiders, pygmy marmosets, crocodiles and snakes. You can actually come very close and visit with the cute and very vivid lemurs! See also several large aquariums with beautiful fishes and corals and there is also a large rainforest for the kids to explore.

Skokloster Palace Museum www.skoklosterslott.se - The Skokloster Palace is one of the world's foremost baroque museums. It was built 1654-1676 by Carl Gustaf Wrangel. A great monument to the 17th century when Sweden was one of the leading powers in Europe. Don't miss the never completed Banquet Hall, today a great example of a constructions site from the 17th century. The Skokloster Palace is one huge cabinet of art with unique interiors containing 50,000 exhibits: furniture, paintings, textiles and weapons. Giftshop and café.

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The Tramway Museum www.sparvagsmuseet.sl.se - At the Tramway Museum you can see the development of public transportation from tramcars pulled by horses to the underground metro of today. See the oldest electrical motor vehicle in the world and more than sixty other vehicles. Let the kids try to drive a tram themselves!

The Stockholm Royal Palace Museum with the Royal Apartments, The Hall of State and the Apartments of the Orders of Chivalry www.royalcourt.se

With 608 rooms, the Stockholm Royal Palace is the biggest palace in the world still used by a head of state - King Carl XVI Gustav. The palace houses several of the greatest and most interesting sights in Stockholm - the Royal Apartments, the Hall of State, the Apartments of the Orders of Chivalry, the Treasury, the Tre Kronor Palace Museum, the Armoury and the Museum of Antiquities of Gustav III. The Changing of the Guards ceremony takes place Wednesdays and Saturdays at 12.15 and on Sundays and public holidays at 13.15. The palace has been built on top of the foundations of a previous medieval castle - Tre Kronor (Three Crowns), dating back to the mid 13th century - which was ravaged by fire in 1697. The remnants of the old castle can be seen in the Tre Kronor Palace Museum. The construction of the new palace lasted for 57 years, from 1697 to 1754 and was the largest single construction project in Europe during this time. The Royal Apartments are magnificent, ranging in style from baroque to rococo to Gustavian neo-classicism, like the Pillar Hall shown here, and on to the eclectic styles of the 19th century. At the Royal Treasury, the Swedish state regalia are exhibited deep down in the vaults underneath the Royal Palace. The symbols of Swedish monarchy are still in use for weddings, christenings and funerals. Among the oldest priceless objects are the sword of Gustav Vasa and the crown, orb, sceptre and key of Erik XIV and numerous other sovereigns.

The Museum of Antiquities of Gustav III is the oldest art museum in Sweden. King Gustav III was a devoted collector of antique art. The museum was recently renovated. Here you will find classical sculptures purchased by the king himself on his journeys to Italy in 1783-1784.

Storkyrkan, the cathedral of Stockholm www.sthdomkyrko.com - This church is first mentioned in writing in 1279 and became a Lutheran Protestant church in 1527 and is today the cathedral of Stockholm. The interior holds many unique artefacts; the most famous is the statue of S:t George and the Dragon made in wood by Bernt Notke in 1489.

The Strindberg Museum www.strindbergsmuseet.se - The Strindberg Museum was the home of the famous Swedish writer August Strindberg (1849-1912). Here you can see his desk, paintings and photographs. Visit also his library. The Strindberg Museum gives guided tours, lectures and performances. There is also a bookshop.

The Museum of Technology www.tekniskamuseet.se - The Museum of Technology is a true heaven for both children and adults! Visit Teknorama where science can be explored and experienced hands-on in over 100 exciting experiments. See exhibitions of Swedish engineering and learn about all the inventions made by the Swedes. There are extensive archives and a library.

Tullgarn Palace Museum www.royalcourt.se - The Tullgarn Palace is situated south of Stockholm, off the E4 near Vagnhärads. It was built in 1720 and became a royal palace in 1772. See the well preserved State Apartments of Prince Fredrik Adolf. This was the favourite summer residence of King Gustav V (1858-1950).

Ulriksdal Palace Museum www.royalcourt.se - The Ulriksdal Palace, Stockholm, was built in 1644. Last it was in use was by King Gustav VI Adolf and Queen Louise between 1923 and 1973. Visit their apartments fully furnished with beautiful antiquities. Guided tours only! Visit also the Orangery, a late 17th century building, that for some years now has been a museum of Swedish sculpture. Don't miss the Confidence, the 18th century court theatre situated in the park.

The Vasa Museum www.vasamuseet.se - The Vasa is the world's only surviving 17th-century ship and one of the foremost tourist sights in the world. The ship is displayed in a purpose-built museum in Stockholm.

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Waldemarsudde Art Museum www.waldemarsudde.com - Prince Eugen's Waldemarsudde Art Museum was the home of the artist-prince Eugen at the turn of the last century. See his large collections of Scandinavian art from 1880-1940. Most of his own works are exhibited here along with beautiful floral decorations. The museum has beautiful gardens at the waterfront.

The Historical Museum of Wine & Spirits www.vinosprithistoriska.se - At the Historical Museum of Wine & Spirits you can get an inside look at the technical and cultural history of spirits and alcoholic beverages. Smell the spices that are used to flavour the famous Swedish aquavit and listen to Swedish drinking songs. Visit a turn-of-last century wine merchant and a Swedish distillery. This museum is an Absolut must!

The Baltic Sea Aquarium www.fjaderholmarna.nu - Take the free boat tour to Fjäderholmarna and the Baltic Sea Aquarium. Explore the submarine life of Stockholm and the archipelago. See all the different kinds of fishes from the Baltic Sea. Enjoy the big fat perches sneak around rocks, sunken ships, empty bottles and skeletons!

The Army Museum <http://www.armemuseum.se/uk/frameuk.htm> - Pause for a while in the Ordnance Yard and listen to the wingbeats of history! Here you have the great Arsenal building with its two wings. There was already an arsenal here in the 17th century.

The Palace Guard frequently marches off from the Ordnance Yard for the changing of the guard at the Royal Palace.

The National Museum of Ethnography www.etnografiska.se

The Museum of National Antiquities www.historiska.se - Welcome to The Museum of National Antiquities in Sweden! The museum is responsible for Swedish cultural history and art from the Stone Age to the 16th century.

The Museum of Modern Art www.modernamuseet.se

The Royal Coin Cabinet Museum www.myntkabinettet.se - The Royal Coin Cabinet is a specialized museum with a national responsibility in areas such as the history of money and finance as well as medals.

The Nordic museum www.nordiskamuseet.se

The Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities www.ostasiatiska.se

The Swedish Museum of Natural History <http://www.nrm.se/welcome.html.en>

The Maritime Museum www.maritima.se - The Maritime Museum reflects all sides of life at sea. The permanent displays cover big subjects such as merchantshipping and shipbuilding techniques.