

The Magic Season

Stockholm Archipelago
2022



Close yet a world away.

Towards the end of August the seasonal guests return to Stockholm and the true locals go back to enjoy the archipelago, in a more calm and subtle manner than during the busy summer months. The colours shift slowly from lush green and intense blue to yellow, orange and red and the sun sits low on the ocean horizon. This is the right time to go for long walks, gaze at the choppy sea and breathe the fresh air. The slower pace provides a wonderful opportunity to properly recover, relax and reflect. Importantly however, the ferries to and from Stockholm still run frequently, most shops and restaurants are still open and the water is still warm enough to take a dip in the sea. In fact, this might be the perfect time of the year to visit the archipelago.





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Landsort



Accommodation

Lotstornet Landsort
and restaurant Svedtiljas



Activities

ArcAdventure

Lotstornet Landsort
and restaurant Svedtiljas

Fågelstationen

Vision of Stockholm

At roughly 500 metres wide and 5 kilometres long, Landsort is not particularly big. Nevertheless, many not-to-be-missed highlights are found on this long, thin island. As this is the southernmost outpost of the archipelago, there is of course a magnificent lighthouse to marvel at. It just so happens that not only is it the biggest lighthouse in the archipelago but it is also the oldest in Sweden. Once you have admired this manmade triumph, why not explore one of nature's triumphs? Landsort's dramatic coastline includes some extraordinary geological features, formed when the ice sheets retreated during the end of the last ice age. A walk along the coastline, looking at the long horizon, will certainly make you feel connected with nature, and with history. Landsort is an island that stands out from the crowd with its barren cliffs, proximity to the open sea and the breeze, which during the autumn months can be quite intense. Amateur and professional ornithologist alike are drawn to Landsort as it is a haven for birds and is home to the third biggest observatory in Sweden. The entire island is a nature conservation area that invites visitors to walk through the dense forests that cover the northern part of the island, glide silently in a canoe along the coastline and finish the day by watching the low autumn sun setting over the sea.

Utö



Accomodation

Utö Vårdshus



Activities

Utö Vårdshus

Nordic Trails

In the southern part of the archipelago is Utö, a delightful island with an interesting history. One of the biggest islands in the archipelago, it is full of life all year round and all your needs and wishes will be catered for here. The history of this island differs slightly from many of its neighbours, as Utö's main industry was neither fishing nor agriculture. Instead, mining was the main source of income for the population on Utö. The island was in fact home to one of the most important iron ore mines in Sweden. As you make your way across the island either by foot or bike, why not stop and look at the deep, open mining pits which these days are water filled and serve as remnants of the island's fascinating industrial past. Additionally, make sure to include some quiet forest trails, windy cliffs and fine sandy beaches on your journey across the island – Utö is an excellent island for both hiking and cycling. Additionally, the island is part of the original route of the increasingly popular swim run races. Utö also offers its visitors the chance to include some hands-on environmentally friendly activities during their stay. For example: why not grab a good brush and scrub a cliff by the water edge free from algae?

Sandhamn



Accommodation

Sandhamn Seglarhotell
Sands Hotell



Activities

Öppet Hav
Sandhamnsguiderna

A unique historical destination in the outer archipelago – this is what awaits you when you come to Sandön, “the sandy” island. The island has a very long history that dates to the 13th century. Early on, settlers consisted of customs and boat pilots that gathered in the small village of Sandhamn. And already in 1865, tourists start coming to Sandhamn via regular steamboat traffic. Sandhamn is a true paradise for anyone who wants to enjoy a living archipelago with barren rock and white beaches. In the harbor and adjacent village, you can explore restaurants, boutiques, bars and hotels. Life here has always been different from the rest of the archipelago. There, islanders lived of fish and agriculture, while the islanders of Sandhamn lived of tourism. When you leave the harbor, you can go exploring the island by foot or bike and find weathered pine forests and long sandy beaches, like the beach Trouville. Sandhamn nowadays offers a cultural setting to many a crime mystery by Viveca Steen. So all in all, Sandhamn offers truly an escape from your everyday life, all year around.

Vaxholm



Accomodation

Waxholms Hotel
Vaxholm Bed & Breakfast
Fredriksborg Hotel

Activities

Walk through the Bogesund
Nature Reserve
Catch & Relax
Out Seglingsevenemang
Öppet Hav
Skärgårdens kanotcenter
Kayaks & Outdoor
Skypark Vaxholm
Kastellet

Perhaps one of the most photogenic places in the greater Stockholm area – if not the entire country – Vaxholm is easy to get to all year round. Just jump on board a boat and enjoy a captivating tour of the middle to northern stretch of the archipelago. Or why not take the bus – the Stockholm public transport system reaches all the way here. Vaxholm is uniquely strategically placed, as it is the only approach by boat into Stockholm. It is rather obvious then, that this place is soaked in military history, a fact made obvious mainly through the huge, impressive fortress that towers above the picturesque wooden buildings that dominate the rest of the town. Along with a visit to the fortress, visitors are recommended to take a dip in the sea – there are several lovely beaches scattered around the town. The same beaches make an excellent backdrop to a relaxing walk during late summer and early autumn evenings. Due to the fact that Vaxholm is a town, it has a lot on offer, everything from art galleries, to fishing and golfing. In addition, there are also lots of cool shops, appealing restaurants and plenty of guided group tours are offered all year round.

Grinda



Accommodation

Grinda Wärdshus



Activities

Grinda Wärdshus

Öppet Hav

Cath & Relax

Out Seglingsevenemang

Skärgårdens Kanotcenter
Kayaks & Outdoor

Grinda is one of the most easily accessible islands in the archipelago and as such is popular amongst Stockholmers, especially due to its many excellent places to go swimming. A nature conservation area, this charming island is full of adventures for the whole family. What the adventure consists of is of course completely up to each visitor, but there certainly is plenty on offer. A much-loved farm has become essential in keeping the beautiful landscape open and alive. And of course, the clucking hens and the grazing cows provide some captivating entertainment for the youngest visitors. A 2.5 km path winds across the island and offers stunning views of the sea as well as pleasant walks through meadows and flat rock forests. In the summer and autumn evenings, Grinda turns into a bit of a magnet for people from neighbouring islands as well as from Stockholm to come and enjoy something to eat and drink. Of course, it would not be an archipelago island if there were not plenty of possibilities to cycle, swim or to rent a kayak or canoe. However, above all Grinda invites you to relax, recover and gaze out towards the sea.

Möja



Accommodation

Möja Vandrarhem Hostel



Activities

Möja Vårdshus

Wikströms Fisk

Möja Vandrarhem Hostel

Vision of Stockholm

Located in the middle of the archipelago, Möja is characterised by spectacular natural scenery. During the autumn months, the evenings on Möja are especially dark and esoteric and visiting city dwellers will be amazed by the number of stars visible in the night sky. During the day, the same city dwellers should make sure to visit the village of Berg, which lives up to every dream of archipelagic picturesque. Alongside its scenic, winding canals and narrow straits visitors will find features typical for the outer archipelago, such as untouched nature, steep cliffs and a windswept coastline. Adventurous visitors can rent a kayak and paddle out and explore this part of the archipelago, a stunning nature conservation area. If you do not feel that this type of exploration is for you, there are several places where you can rent a bike and then cycle out to discover these beautiful islands. Lastly, any visitors to Möja should make sure to have lunch at the local restaurant, the family run Wikströms fisk. This place is well worth a visit, as it will give visitors the opportunity to eat fish and seafood like a local.

Finnhamn



Accommodation

Finnhamn Vandrarhem



Activities

Finnhamn Vandrarhem

As one of the archipelago's most versatile and well visited islands, Finnhamn has a lot to offer. Historically, the island of Finnhamn got its name from the Finnish sailing- and cargo ships that used the harbor at the sheltered bay of Stora Jolpan, on their way to and from Stockholm. Nowadays, Finnhamn is the collective name of a group of islands. The entire island is part of a protected nature reserve since Finnhamn harbours many types of nature. Take a stroll along the hiking friendly trails meandering through the lush greenery and pastures on the western part. Or explore the barren cliffs of the eastern island and get a feel of the sea and the remote wilderness. This coastline is typical the further east you travel into the outer archipelago. The presence of deciduous forest is quite unusual being this far out in the archipelago, thus the island has a rich birdlife and allows you to enjoy the colors of yellow and orange greenery which are present during the autumn. Finnhamn also might have the best view of the whole archipelago too. In 1914, a wealthy merchant built a summer house, high up on a rock and named it "The View". Over time it became a signum Finnhamn and has for many years housed the Finnhamn hostel.

Between the city & sea



Accomodation

Djurönäset
Elite Hotel Marina Tower
Furusunds Vårdshus
Grand Hotel Saltsjöbaden
Hotel J
Häringe Slott
Marholmen
Nynäs Havsbad
Quality Hotel Nacka
Siggesta Gård
Skepparholmen
Smådalarö Gård
Säby Säteri
Åtellet

Activities

Nordic Trails
Out Seglingsevenemang
Stockholm Adventures
Öppet Hav

For visitors to Stockholm who also wish to experience the archipelago, an alternative hotel arrangement to stay in the centre of the capital would be to stay the first and last nights outside the centre of town. Perhaps a hotel in Nacka or Värmdö would suit anyone longing to combine a holiday in Stockholm with a fresh sea breeze and some island jumping? These two municipalities literally have the archipelago on their doorstep, at the same time as being located just a quick bus journey away from Stockholm city centre. Or why not stay on one of the islands a bit further out in the archipelago? The ferry connections into the capital and all that it has to offer are excellent. And of course, the return to the tranquillity and the nature in the archipelago will be even more longed-for and appreciated after an eventful day in the busy city.



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