

Stockholm News and Highlights 2021

Stockholm is a fast-growing and ever-changing city with new hotels, attractions and restaurants popping up all over! Each year, Stockholm is also host to a wide array of public events, sport events and festivals. This year is no exception, the city offers its visitors new exciting accommodation, cuisine and experiences. Here is a selection of news and highlights in 2021.

Hotels

Ruth Stockholm (July 1, 2021)

Hotel Ruth Stockholm is a new boutique hotel in the neighborhood of Vasastan in central Stockholm. Ruth is a sister hotel to Frantz located on Södermalm. They are both owned by the Pettersson family and managed by two young sisters. Besides 62 inspiring and elegant rooms there is also a bar, lounge and a restaurant where you can enjoy strawberry cake and alcohol free sparkling wine for breakfast!

Visit: hotelruth.se

Villa Dagmar (May 6, 2021)

Centrally located in picturesque and dynamic neighborhoods, Villa Dagmar is the sister property to the more classic Hotel Diplomat and part of the legendary food hall of Östermalm. This luxurious boutique hotel features 70 rooms and suites, meeting and event spaces, spa, a flower shop and a restaurant.

Visit: hotelvilladagmar.com

Gastronomy

Brasserie Astoria (March 15, 2021)

The 3-star Michelin Chef Björn Frantzén has established a new restaurant in the classic former theatre Astoria. This 19th century building has a history of international glory as being one of the popular meeting spots for urban Stockholmers back in the 20s. Astoria has a large dining room as well as a generous bar area and a separate intimate dining room for drop-in guests.

Visit: bjornfrantzen.com

Hernö Gin Bar (September 2021)

Hernö Gin is the first dedicated gin distillery in Sweden and 2021 they celebrate 10 years. One of the highlights during the celebration is the opening of a gin cocktail bar with a wide range of cocktails and a showroom in Stockholm. The premises, in the cool neighborhood Södermalm, offers over 200 square meters of Hernö Gin feeling in a fantastic building from 1913.

Visit: hernogin.se

AIRA (Guide Michelin Star 2021)

AIRA is Chef Tommy Myllymäki's new restaurant located in the Royal Park of Djurgården in Stockholm. The gastronomic experience at AIRA is focused on nordic produce, using traditional cooking techniques and flavours from all around the world.

Visit: aira.se

Oxenstiernan (July 2021)

Oxenstiernan is the silversmith, and jeweler Sebastian Schildt's new restaurant, combining art and design with food and wine. It's located in Oxenstiernska Malmgården, a country estate for the Oxenstierna family during the 18th century. Elvira Lindqvist is creative leader at the restaurant with an ambition to build a menu based on the best ingredients from local producers. Many Swedish designers have also been contributing to the restaurant.

Visit: oxenstiernan.se

La Tour (August 26, 2021)

La Tour is a new restaurant with a power dining concept, by the chef Pontus Frithiof. La Tour is located on the 23 floor of the DN building on Kungsholmen in Stockholm. La Tour will include an à la carte section and three smaller chambre séparées as well as an orangery and a balcony with a fantastic view. The kitchen is European with a focus on the French cuisine but also an innovative vegan menu.

Visit: pontusfrithiof.com/pontus-frithiof-la-tour/

Meeting & Event Facilities

Scandinavian XPO (February, 2021)

Ten minutes from your gate at Stockholm Arlanda Airport you'll find Scandinavia XPO – a brand new meeting and event arena. The arena offers 421 hotel rooms, restaurants, cafe, three exhibition halls, conference rooms and various other facilities. The venue can accommodate up to 8,500 visitors at a time, but the large exhibition halls can also be divided into smaller spaces to handle events and meetings of all kinds and sizes.

Visit: scandinavianxpo.com/

Museums & Attractions

Space (November 27, 2021)

SPACE, a new and unique seven-floor hub will open on Nov 27. The hub combines gaming, music, and content creation – the key ingredients of digital culture – all under one roof. Space also houses a high tech multipurpose arena. **Avicii Experience**, a tribute museum to the true icons of modern popular culture will also be part of Space. **Fat Cat Brasserie**, serving Japanese & Korean cuisine, will open already on Oct 29. Visit: space.cc and aviciixperience.com

Vrak- Museum of wrecks (September 23, 2021)

A new maritime archaeology museum on Djurgården in Stockholm. The museum allows visitors to dive into the past with the help of various digital solutions. On the seafloor of the Baltic Sea, there is a unique cultural heritage, wrecks and other historical relics from the Stone Age to the present time. Vrak is the sister museum of the Vasa Museum in Stockholm, and part of the government agency the Swedish National Maritime and Transport Museums. **Vrak Café & Bar** is located on the ground floor adjacent to the museum's entrance with a lovely terrace at Wasahamnen, one of Stockholm's most central guest harbours. Visit: vrakmuseum.se/en

Major Exhibitions

ABBA Voyage

The announcement of the long-awaited concert from one of the biggest pop acts of all time with ABBA's avatars accompanied by a 10-piece live band, in a custom-built arena at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London, was followed by ABBA fans from all over the world. At ABBA The Museum you can follow the journey in a new installation with interviews with Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson and the producers of the show. The museum's own contribution to the installation is an album of letters, created by the fans who longed for new music already in the 1980s. Visit: abbathemuseum.com

The Nobel Prize banquet – behind the scenes (August 2021 – March 2023)

An exhibition where you can get a sense of what it feels like to attend the gala. You can follow the chefs' creative process as they transform Swedish ingredients into a delicious and beautiful menu. You'll see dresses that left a lasting impression and carried strong messages about different topics, such as the climate change. Listen to the trumpet fanfares and the acceptance speeches given by laureates at the event. Visit: nobelprizemuseum.se

Paris of the North – NK's French Couture Atelier 1902–1966 (September 2021–September 2022)

Timeless elegance, exquisite craftsmanship and tailor-made dreams. On 17 September a new exhibition opened at Nordiska Museet. It transports you to the golden age of haute couture and the northernmost outpost of Paris fashion – the French Couture Atelier at the NK department store in Stockholm. Visit: nordiskamuseet.se/en

Architect of Death and Life (until August 28, 2022)

Sigurd Lewerentz (1885–1975) is one of architectural history's most revered, and most mythologized architects and perhaps

even more influential today than he was in his own time. The exhibition at ArkDes displays the architect's creative world: the famous landscape and chapel at the Woodland Cemetery in Stockholm (now a UNESCO world heritage site) but also his early, lesser known designs for shops and commercial interiors. Visit: arkdes.se

The Viking World (June 24, 2021 --)

The world's largest Viking exhibition opened at The Swedish History Museum. The exhibition contain more than 1,500 original objects, digital interactive environments, three-dimensional copies to investigate and physical interactive exhibits for all the senses. The exhibition will place the traditional image of the Vikings in a new, dramatic light. Visit: historiska.se

Events

Christmas spirit in Stockholm

Coziness, candles, saffron buns, glögg – the hot mulled wine, traditional food, Lucia and gingerbread cookies mean Christmas time in Stockholm.

At the Christmas market at the open-air museum Skansen you can not only purchase candy, sausage, arts and crafts at the stalls but also dance around the Christmas tree and make your own Christmas ornaments.

Arkdes has exhibited the Gingerbread House exhibition since 1990. A competition in which children, adults, amateurs and professionals alike are invited to create side by side.

For more Christmas highlights in Stockholm visit: visitstockholm.com/see-do/attractions/christmas-in-stockholm/

Nobel Week Lights (Dec 4-13, 2021)

Last year's event Nobel Week Lights will come back this year. This celebration of lights weaves together art and technology in a playful new way to celebrate the Nobel Laureates. Buildings and some special places in Stockholm serve as stages for spectacular and artistic light installations.

Visit: nobelweekslight.se

#Stockholmsjul (Nov 14, 2021 – mid Jan, 2022)

On Nov 14 the Christmas lights included in the project #Stockholmsjul are lit up. Over 40 streets, places and squares in Stockholm are decorated. This year Gamla Stan, the Old Town is included in the project. Stars, elks, reindeer and many other ornaments brighten up the darkness at this time of the year and transforms the city into a cozy winter wonderland.

Visit: stockholmsjul.se

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