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# Stockholm Archipelago

## – close yet a world away

With nearly 30,000 islands, islets and rocks – from Arholma in the north to Landsort in the south – each has its own character. Rugged nature blends with wooded islands, rocky cliffs and sandy beaches. Take a seal safari, visit historic settings, see art, cycle, paddle, and eat locally sourced dishes and archipelago delicacies. Welcome to our unique archipelago.

### A day or two in the archipelago

For archipelago explorers these islands offer welcoming accommodation, activities and a genuine archipelago atmosphere.

#### Grinda

People visit Grinda to swim from the rocks, find child-friendly sandy beaches or to try one of the many different activities offered by Grinda Wårdshus. 1 hour and 20 minutes by boat from Stockholm. [grinda.se](http://grinda.se)

#### Sandhamn

Sandhamn is a popular harbor town. Here you will find several bars, cafés and restaurants. 1 hour by boat from Stavsås and 2 hours by boat from central Stockholm. [destinationsandhamn.se](http://destinationsandhamn.se)

#### Utö

This popular year-round island is found in the outer southern archipelago, famous for its bicycle friendly paths. Utö has Sweden's oldest iron mines and a mining museum. Here you can find well-known Utö Wårdshus, with a hotel, hostel and restaurant. [uto.se](http://uto.se)

### On a tight schedule?

Want to explore the unique archipelago, but don't have much time? There are plenty of regular boat tours and excursions departing from central Stockholm, both long and short. You can also combine a boat sightseeing with a meal on a dining cruise.

#### Fjäderholmarna

Just 25 minutes by boat from Stockholm city. Explore restaurants, cafés, shops and handicrafts like glassblowing. This is also home to one of Mackmyra's oldest whisky warehouses. [fjaderholmarna.se](http://fjaderholmarna.se)

#### Vaxholm

This idyllic archipelago town has many well-preserved wooden houses from the turn of the last century, painted in the archipelago's typical delicate pastel shades. The town is a junction for boat trips and is known for its impressive fortress. Numerous charming restaurants, cafés and small arts and crafts shops line the streets. [vaxholm.se](http://vaxholm.se)

#### Norrtälje

Norrtälje is a picturesque city with historical anodes, located about 1 h from Stockholm city by public transport. It's a perfect spot for strolling around and soak up the atmosphere and there are several boutiques and nice cafes to stop by. [roslagen.se](http://roslagen.se)

### How to get around

#### Waxholmsbolaget

Founded in 1869, Waxholmsbolaget operates daily services to hundreds of destinations in the Stockholm archipelago. [waxholmsbolaget.se](http://waxholmsbolaget.se)

#### Inter-island ferry line Nord/Sydlinjen

Perfect for island hopping. Get to know some new islands or visit some of the classics. A three-day ticket is recommended. [waxholmsbolaget.se](http://waxholmsbolaget.se)

#### Strömman

Strömman offers regular tours and excursions. "Thousand Islands Cruise" is a full-day tour that goes through the inner and outer parts of the archipelago. [stromma.se](http://stromma.se)

#### Cinderella boats

The Cinderella boats take you to some of the most popular islands in the quickest and easiest way. On board you get to enjoy yummy food and refreshing drinks in their onboard restaurants. [stromma.se/stockholm/cinderellabatarna](http://stromma.se/stockholm/cinderellabatarna)